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(From right) Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich, Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge, Tourism PS Susan Koech and the Treasury Chief Economist Kennedy Nyakundi at a Nairobi court where they were charged over the multi-billion-shilling Kimwarer and Arror dams scandal. PHOTO: BERNARD MALONZA

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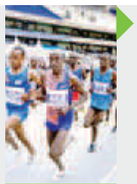
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State set to hire 3,200 interns from next month

Public Service Commission says every constituency will be allocated specific slots of the Sh25,000-stipend jobs

We hope to distribute the slots to all the constituencies with each getting at least 30 slots— Kirogo

by Mercy Mwai and Anthony Mwangi
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Advertisement for more than 3,200 internship opportunities in government will start next month, the Public Service Commission (PSC) announced yesterday.

PSC is currently preparing the policy document on the functions of the interns and expects to conclude the final recruitment process in mid-September.

Under the proposal, each intern will be paid a monthly stipend of Sh25,000 to enable them cover basic expenses such as transport and lunch.

Appearing before the National Assembly's committee on National Cohesion, PSC chairperson Stephen Kirogo said the recruitment exercise would be based on population and follow provisions of the Constitution.

Thirty slots

"We hope to distribute these slots to all the constituencies and we have planned that each constituency gets slots. We want to focus on the constituencies so that each MP can ensure that there is fairness," he said.

Parliament has approved Sh1 billion for the recruitment of and remuneration of interns in the programme aimed at reducing the pressure on the national government's bloated wage bill.

The move also seeks to reduce pressure on PSC, given that over 60,000 government employees are expected to retire by June 2020.

The decision is in line with PSC circular of October 13, 2016, on Internship Policy and Guidelines.

Marginalised groups

At the same time, the commission said it was in the process of harmonising appointments to end monopoly of public positions by members of some ethnic communities.

The commission, he said, was in consultation with 13 minority groups, which have for a long time been marginalised, to ensure that whenever a position arises they apply for the positions.

Meanwhile, unemployed graduates could soon start receiving a standard monthly pay, if a proposal by two Members of Parliament succeeds.

The draft proposals by MPs Didmus Barasa (Kimilili) and Caleb Amisi (Saboti) seeks to have fresh graduates and unemployed youth paid a maximum monthly stipend to sustain them for the period they are unemployed.

The legislators have separately sponsored amendments to the Employment Act and Social Assistance Act, 2013 to ensure youths are cushioned from harsh economic times.

Amisi wants the Social Assistance Act amended to provide for Sh3, 000 hardship allowance every month to the youth.

Barasa wants the Employment Act amended to have all employers to have at least five per cent of their workforce made up of paid interns.

The MPs made the recommendations to the National Assembly's Budget and Appropriations Committee chaired by Kikuyu MP Kimani Ichung'wa.

The proposed amendment by Amisi reads in part: "The principal object of this Bill is to amend the Social Assistance Act, No. 24 of 2013 to provide that a person who qualifies as unemployed youth shall receive a hardship allowance every four months in the form of assistance from the government."

Amisi further wants Section 22 of the Act amended to include youth among those who qualify for the social assistance.

Such youth would be required to register with the National Employment Authority.

Currently, there are 2.6 million unemployed youth – according UNDP's projection - with the numbers estimated to be increasing by 200,000 every year.

Annual returns

Barasa is also seeking to have the Employment Act, No. 1 of 2007 amended to provide for absorption of diploma and graduate interns by private sector employees.

The interns will be entitled to Sh25,000 every month for the period they are engaged by their employees, if the amendments succeed.

"It also seeks to make provision for a requirement for all employers to file annual internship compliance returns with the Director of Employment," said Barasa.

Barasa's proposal will cost the taxpayer Sh26.5 billion if each of the country's 110, 604 interns are absorbed at an average Sh20,000 monthly pay.



INTERNSHIP PLAN

The Public Service Commission will, beginning next month, advertise 3,200 internship opportunities in government with each parliamentary constituency allocated specific number of slots.

Parliament has approved Sh1 billion for the recruitment of and remuneration of the interns who will be paid Sh25,000 per month to cover basic expenses like transport and lunch.

Public Service Commission chair Stephen Kirogo when he appeared before the National Cohesion committee of the National Assembly, yesterday. PHOTO: KENNA CLAUDE.

Students in poison plot set free

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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Three students of Makueni Girls Secondary School arrested last week on allegations of planning to poison a schoolmate because of a disagreement over a boyfriend have been freed.

They were released yesterday after the school said the case would be handled internally.

The three students are accused of attempting to poison their colleague by lacing her lunch with chemicals stolen from the school laboratory.

According to police investigations, the trio targeted the girl with whom they were fighting over a boy at Makueni High School.

One of the three girls reportedly botched plan by revealing it to the class prefect, who reported it to the deputy principal.

Despite the deputy principal having reported the matter at Makueni Police Station under occurrence book number 18/7/2019, she denied knowledge of the matter yesterday.

Flu is under control, MP Shah says

by Kirera Mwiti
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MP Shah Hospital yesterday said there was no cause for alarm over influenza outbreak, saying it had taken measures to control the disease.

A patient admitted to the facility with symptoms was in a stable condition, it said in a statement.

The hospital acknowledged that a patient who was admitted last Thursday with flu symptoms died the next day.

"We would like to advise members of the public not to panic. Those with flu-like symptoms should ensure they follow coughing etiquette and hand hygiene practices," said the statement.

WEATHER TODAY

•Nairobi	26°
•Mombasa	28°
• Kisumu	28°
• Nyeri	21°
• Wajir	33–°

Declare auditor's office vacant, senators tell Uhuru

by Hillary Mageka
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A committee of the Senate yesterday asked President Uhuru Kenyatta to start the process of appointing new Auditor General and Controller of Budget to avoid a crisis when the tenure of the current office holders ends.

The terms of Auditor General Edward Ouko and Controller of Budget Agnes Odhiambo end on September 16 and August 26, respectively.

The County Public Accounts and Investment Committee warned that leaving the two offices vacant for too long could result in a financial crunch in the counties.

Replacements

"The process of their replacement be initiated early enough so that by the time Ouko and Odhiambo leave, substantive holders will be in place," committee chair Moses Kajwang (Homa Bay) said when they grilled Garissa Governor Ali Korane over 2017/18 financial year audit queries.



The committee said that besides the recruitment process being extensive, the law does not provide for the appointment of interim officials.

"There is no provision for an acting Auditor General or Controller of Budget," said Kajwang *(pictured)*.

The President is required to place an advertisement in the Kenya Gazette, two newspapers of national circulation and in at least two national radio and television stations, declaring vacancies in the two office and invite applications.



When wild animals seek and actually execute revenge

Animals have since time immemorial suffered at the hands of poachers, most of the victims unable to do anything about it. Sometimes, however, some fight back…



When crocodile ate it's hunter

Scott Van Zyl had hunted crocodiles for years. When he separated from his guide and went into crocodile-infested waters, everyone expected he would return home. After a few days, though, his friends became worried. A team sent to find him followed his tracks into a river overrun with the reptiles. They shot two suspiciously full crocodiles and found bits of him being digested inside one of the animals' stomachs.



Buffalo apparently had decided enough

It was another successful outing in May of 2018 for longtime South African hunter Claude Kleynhans. He recorded his ghastly achievement through a camera and started loading the buffalo carcass onto his vehicle. However, another buffalo decided that would be his last kill. It surprised him with a deadly charge and gored his femoral artery, killing him almost in-

Tiger that hunted down meal snatcher

In 1997, tiger poacher Vladimir Markov shot and wounded a Siberian tiger, before stealing the deer meal it was feasting on. Later that night, the tiger stalked meal-snatcher to his cabin. When investigators found Markov, all that remained were a few stumps of bone sticking out of his boots, a bloodied shirt with an arm still inside, a severed hand, and a head with the face torn clean off the skull.

Hippos, lions team work

In 2010, poachers setting up traps in Kruger National Park were chased off by a band of hippos. One of the fleeing poachers ran right into a pride of lions. By morning, all that was left of him was his skull and a pieces of torn clothing.



Jumbo fell on poacher, crushing him to death

Theunis Botha made his living hunting elephants in the wilds of South Africa. His signature move was using a pack of dogs to drive terror into those massive beasts, herding them into one place so that his party could gun them down. During his last hunt, three of the elephants stampeded towards the hunters. Botha and his friends opened fire. But a fourth elephant charged them from the rear. Botha's friends turned their guns on the jumbo. The elephant fell on Botha, crushing him to death.

The rhino that fought back

Luteni Muharukua was part of a gang hunting down rhinos in Namibia's Etosha National Park. The men had lost sight of a particular rhino they had been tracking when the animal burst out of the darkness with that valuable horn pointed directly at them. Naturally, they panicked and fled. Muharukua tripped and the rhinoceros crushed him up badly. His friends carried his broken body up a mountain where they hid from the rhinoceros until daybreak. When the police found them in the morning, it was almost a relief to have their wrists in chains.



Rotich, Thugge now charged with Sh51b dams fraud

Anti-Corruption Chief Magistrate Ogoti orders suspects to surrender travel documents, keep off their offices

If they are willing to accede to these conditions, we will have no problem with what they have requested. The amount of monies that this republic has lost through these accused persons is immense - Taib

by Bernice Mbugua
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Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji yesterday tabled documents before a Nairobi court to show that National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich conspired with 15 others to defraud the government of Sh51 billion.

The 16, who were later released on bond or cash bail, faced charges in relation to the construction of the Sh63 billion Kimwarer and Arror dams scandal. Rotich and Treasury Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge were each released on Sh50 million bond or a cash bail of Sh15 million.

Anti-Corruption Chief Magistrate Douglas Ogoti while releasing them, ordered that they surrender their passports within 48 hours and keep off their offices unless accompanied by investigating officers. Other accused persons were released on various bond or cash bail terms depending on the charges brought against them.

Tender document

All the accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges. Last night, Rotich, Thugge and Wahungu were released from custody while the rest who could not raise the bond and cash bail requirements spent the night at the Industrial Area Remand Prison.

Rotich and Thugge were charged alongside Tourism Principal Secretary Susan Jemtai Koech and Chief Economist and Head of Europe II Division Kennedy Nyakundi Nyachiro, National Environment Managemnt Authority (Nema) director Geoffrey Wahungu and 11 tender committee members.

Rotich was charged in two separate files relating to Kimwarer and Arror dams, same as the tender committee members.

According to the charge sheet, the embattled CS conspired with his PS and nine others to defraud the Government of Kenya over Sh24 billion in respect of development of Kimwarer multi-purpose dam.

He allegedly entered into a loan facility agreement disguising it as a government-to-government loan guaranteed by the Italian government, knowing that the tender document contained in the request proposals for the dam project was a concessional agreement.

"The Kimwarer multi-purpose dam project was a concessional agreement where the intended concessionaire was to be the borrower and financieand not the government of Kenya," read the charge sheet.

Rotich, Thugge and 10 others faced a similar account in another file where they are accused of conspiring to steal more than Sh27 billion in respect to development of Arror multi-purpose dam.

Rotich was further charged with six counts of abuse of office in two files while Thugge was charged with 10 counts of abuse of office.

The CS allegedly used his office to confer a benefit to CMC di Ravenna-ITINERA joint Venture and the parties involved by unlawfully executing a facility agreement for the funding of the development of both dam projects, thereby creating an obligation against the Kenyan Government to pay over Sh51 billion.

Rotich faced another count of willful failure to comply with applicable procedure and guidelines relating to the management of public funds. The court heard that he failed to ensure that the agreement in respect of the Arror and Kimwarer multi-purpose dams entered between the Government of Kenya, the said Italian companies and the Attorney General was lawful.

The CS alongside his PS and the Chief Economist were also accused of financial misconduct by causing an improper payment of public funds amounting to Sh10 billion belonging to the Government of Kenya, being the total sum paid in respect to Arror multi-purpose dam project.

Rotich together with other suspects, who had spent the night at Muthaiga Police Station were woken up at around 5am and at around 6.20am, they left for Pangani Police Station where other suspects who had been brought from Eldoret joined them.

The police van then proceeded to Parklands Police Station where detectives picked Wahungu.

They arrived at the Milimani courts some few minutes to 7am and taken to the holding cells in the basement where they stayed until 8.30am when they were taken to the courtroom where another corruption case against former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero was going on. It was not until around 9.30 am that Rotich and his colleagues were finally paraded before the magistrate to take a plea. All the time, Rotich remained pensive, only engaged in brief chats with his lawyers with his eyes glued to the roof, perhaps pondering what awaited him.

The session lasted until around 12.30pm when the court adjourned for the magistrate to write his ruling.

Lenient bail terms

Only Kioko Kilukumi and Kipchumba Murkomen for the accused were allowed to address the court with the latter sending the courtroom into laughter when he stated: "I plead with the court to grant them lenient bail terms that are not punitive as the charges against them do not indicate that they diverted the money for their personal use. Take the case of Ms Jemtai, who only joined the government last year, where does she get big amount of money for bail. She is still living from hand to mouth."

Special prosecutor Taib Ali Taib, for the DPP submitted that he was not against accused being released on bail, as it is their constitutional right. "If they are willing to accede to these conditions, we will have no problem with what they have requested. The amount of monies that this republic has lost through these accused persons is immense," Taib submitted.

"We will be praying to the court if these requirements are met and acceded to by the accused persons, we will be praying to this court to fix the terms of such bail to commensurate to the billions whose loss has been occasioned by these accused persons," he added.

The charges were read out to them in a packed courtroom at the Milimani Law Courts, following their arrest on Monday when the Director of Public Prosecutions approved their arrest and prosecution. "It is a proposition that we make on a without prejudice basis to our right to respond and one that we are making good faith, to save the court's time," the prosecutor said.

On Monday, while ordering their arrest, Haji had said the Treasury had negotiated a commercial facility, increasing the amount to approximately Sh63 billion, which is Sh17 billion more than necessary.

According to the alleged commercial contract, the Kimwarer dam was to cost Sh20 billion while Arror was to cost Sh18 billion.

Haji had also said the country lost money through exchange rates after the Treasury entered into a facility contract in Euros while the commercial contracts were in US dollars.

Out of Sh63 billion in respect of the projects, as at January 2019, the Kenya Government had paid advance payment, commitment fee, insurance and other costs, totalling Sh19.7 billion.

Out of this, Sh11 billion for insurance was paid upfront. "In contrast, if the borrowing was justified, a government guarantee would have sufficed at no cost to the Government of Kenya and Mwananchi," Haji said.

Cancelled flight

Yesterday, the prosecution team led by Taib Ali Taib, assisted by Alexander Muteti, Victor Owiti and Emily Kamau, asked the court to give the accused bail terms commensurate with the billions lost. Taib further asked the court to direct them to deposit their travel documents in court. The defence team, which included Kilukumi, Murkomen, Katwa Kigen, Jinaro Kibet, Mahat Samane, Phillip Nyachoti, Kevin Anami, Mwai Mugo and Stephen Kimathi, agreed with all the proposals, except the suggestion that bail terms be in billions of shillings.

Kilukumi asked the court to release the accused on reasonable bond terms, saying the conditions should not be punitive in such a way that they will fail to secure suspects' release. Kilukumi told the court that Rotich had cooperated with the police.

He argued that the accused persons were Kenyans with a fixed abode and were well known to the prosecution and had no intention of running away. The court heard that PS Jemtai was on her way to the airport when she learnt that she was required to report to the police.

"She cancelled her flight and went to the DCI. She is a responsible lady and has every intent to clear her name," Kilukumi told the court. She was released on Sh30 million bond or a cash bail of Sh6 million.

Nema director general Geoffrey Wahungu and tender committee members were each released on Sh2 million bond or a cash bail of Sh750,000 bail.

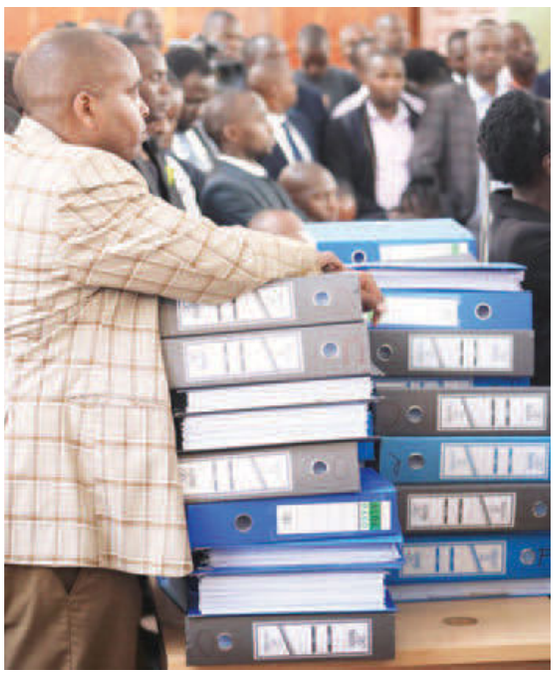
Other accused persons who were not in court yesterday were ordered to report to detectives latest by Friday or warrants of arrest would be issued against them.

The case will be mentioned on August 8.

AT A GLANCE

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The CS alongside his PS and the Chief Economist were also accused of financial misconduct by causing an improper payment of public funds.



The prosecution team displays files on the multi-billion-shilling dams scandal at Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi, yesterday.
PHOTO: BERNARD MALONZA

Minister, PS spent night on cell floor

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National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich and his Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge spent the night at Muthaiga Police Station from where they were taken to court yesterday. Police sources said the CS was not accorded any preferential treatment and used the same facilities with other suspects, including spending the night on the cell floor without a blanket or mattress.It was only in the morning that the CS was brought breakfast by his wife before they were taken to court.Rotich and Thugge, together with other suspects, were woken up at around 5am and at around 6.20am were taken to Pangani Police Station where they were joined by other suspects who had been brought from Eldoret.

The police van then proceeded to Parklands Police Station where Nema boss Geoffrey Wahungu was picked.

Sources said the decision not to give the two special treatment may have been informed by the action taken against the station's command after officers allowed State House Digital Communication boss Dennis Itumbi's friends unlimited access to the station.

Past utterances return to haunt Ruto

Political foes latch on DP's earlier contradiction of investigating agencies, call for his resignation

by Seth Onyango
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Deputy President William Ruto's past utterances regarding the Kimwarer and Arror dams scandal have come back to haunt him following the arrest of Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich.

In February, Ruto contradicted investigative agencies, asserting that no cash had been misappropriated or lost in the multi-billion-shilling projects.

He defended the initiative, arguing that contrary to media reports that Sh21 billion was lost in the dams' projects in Elgeyo Marakwet county, only Sh7 billion was in question.

"You have heard that the government has lost Sh21 billion in Kimwarer and Arror dams which is a flat lie. The money in question is about Sh7 billion and for every coin that has been paid, we have a bank guarantee," he said.

IMPLICATIONS

Rotich and his alleged accomplices were charged yesterday with multiple counts, including abuse of office, financial misconduct and conspiracy to commit an economic crime.

And according to observers, the ripple effects could have far reaching implications on DP's political fortunes.

But the arrest and arraignment of Rotich, his Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge and other top ministry officials left him with egg on the face, seen as someone who defended blatant graft.

Charged yesterday

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Deputy President William Ruto addresses supporters at a past event. His remarks on Kimwarer and Arror dams saga have returned to haunt him. PHOTO: FILE

And according to observers, the ripple effects from the unfolding events at the National Treasury could have a far reaching implications on DP's political fortunes.

Yesterday, their predicament had begun to swirl around Ruto even as his political nemeses were quick to exploit political dividends from the saga calling on him to step aside.

Ruto's kryptonite would be his dismissal of the scandal as a flat lie in late February.

His contentions about the alleged corruption had put him on a collision course with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Exaggerate facts

He accused the media, which had publicised the probe, of attempting to make a mountain out of a molehill.

Interestingly, however, DCI insisted that it was probing loss of Sh21 billion.

Tellingly, the National Treasury also confirmed that it indeed allocated Sh21 billion to the' project and hence the reason Rotich had been asked to record a statement.

Nonetheless, Ruto assured that no public funds had been lost or will be lost in the alleged scandal.

No loss

"No money will be lost because we are a responsible government, we have engaged every arm of government to make sure that public resources are safe and therefore the correct info must be used as we target the fight against corruption so that we can nail the true culprits," he assured then.

Politically, Rotich's arrest is expected to send shockwaves in Ruto's camp and entrench a peddled narrative that his side is corrupt.

It may also send panic, especially among his allies in Rift Valley and Mount Kenya, who may beat a retreat to avoid being caught up in the melee.

This could demobilise Ruto's political machinery for his 2022 presidential election which had begun to gather momentum owing to his aggressive charm offensive across the country.

As the drama unfolded the DP put on a brave face as he lined up to welcome the Botswana Mokgweetsi Masisi at State House.

Ruto, appeared unmoved with the unfolding developments regarding the' saga.

Asked if Rotich's arrest was part of a bigger ploy to demobilise Ruto, his Communication Secretary David Mugonyi told *People Daily* the writing was on the wall.

"Read the charges it will answer your question," he said.

During an interview on K24 on Sunday, Ruto accused his rivals of engaging in a smear campaign to taint his name, using a barrage of corruption allegations as a tool.

"That corruption narrative is a convenient narrative, because they have looked around and they can't find…they can't say William Ruto is incompetent, they can't say Ruto doesn't have passion, doesn't have ideas, is not focussed, they say anything that will persuade anybody," he said.

Arrests, prosecution expose widening rift in Jubilee Party

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The arrest and prosecution of Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich, Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge and his East African Community counterpart Susan Koech over the Kimwarer and Arror dams graft saga has widened the rift in the ruling party.

While President Uhuru Kenyatta insists the war on graft is sincere and must be won, his deputy William Ruto has been on record terming the manner in which the fight is being carried witch-hunt.

And after the Monday arrests, the DP's lieutenants fired more salvos at the President and the investigating agencies they claim are being used to embarrass the DP and his allies.

Bad blood

Outspoken Kapseret MP Oscar Sudi claimed Rotich's arrest and that of other senior members from the Kalenjin community was a clear indication of bad blood between President Uhuru and their de factor kingpin Ruto, but which was being hidden.

In a statement posted on his Facebook page titled "welcome to propaganda charade season II", the controversial MP also listed other graft cases involving parastatal heads from his community, as well as leaders allied to the DP as he sought to justify his claims.



Treasury CS Henry Rotich's lawyers Kipchumba Murkomen, Katwa Kigen and Kioko Kilukumi at Milimani Law Courts, yesterday. PHOTO: CHARLES MATHAI

Some of the cases which he mentioned include the arrest and prosecution of former Kenya Power MD Ken Tarus alleged theft of Sh30 billion from the utility firm and arrest of former Kenya Pipeline Company MD Joe Sang over Sh1.9 billion deal at the Kisumu Oil Jetty.

"We knew these plans right from the beginning; the plan was to maliciously prosecute those Cabinet Secretaries who are presumed to be allied to DP just to portray him in bad light. We know that the mission is to end up sacrificing Henry Rotich and Charles Keter. That's why; personally I don't believe that there is a genuine fight against corruption in Kenya," the statement read in part.

We are exercising PR stunts to lie to Kenyans -Murkomen

PR stunts

On Monday, Elgeyo Marakwet Senator Kipchumba Murkomen termed the war against graft as a public relations exercise.

"Looking at those being arrested and those being left out, we are exercising PR stunts to lie to Kenyans that we are fighting graft," he told journalists outside the DCI headquarters.



Who'll succeed Rotich as exit from Treasury looms?

The embattled Treasury CS becomes the first in his position, since independence, to be charged in court

by Fred Aminga
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The charging of National Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich and his Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge over the Sh63 billion Arror and Kimwarer dam scandal could mark the beginning of the end of their careers in the public service.

The two have been placed in the middle of a theft syndicate that siphoned billions of shillings meant for the construction of two dams in Elgeyo Marakwet county.

Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji fingered Rotich and 27 others for charges ranging from conspiring to defraud and financial misconduct, and urged them to resign immediately.

Analysts are in agreement, saying this is in tandem with President Uhuru Kenyatta's proclamation that those mentioned in corruption, including CSs and heads of parastatals, should step aside immediately.

Rock the boat

They say this is compounded by the fact that Treasury's centrality in Kenya's economic growth and Uhuru's Big Four agenda, relied heavily on a functional and efficient Treasury providing financial leadership and advice.

Michael Mburugu, a partner at consulting firm PKF, says the prosecution of the Treasury heads was the kind of action the country has been waiting for, given the depths detectives and prosecutors went to, to seek evidence including travelling overseas.

"For now, the least we expect is an acting minister. I also expect more arrests," he said.

Francis Kamau, a partner at Ernst Young audit firm, says with Uhuru seeking to leave a clean legacy, he is not bothered about friendships, and anyone trying to rock the boat has no place in his Cabinet.

"He might actually take advantage of that to target other ministries involved and dissolve Cabinet," he said.

Kamau says given the limited time the President has left in his tenure, he could look for someone with a high turnaround, probably an insider.

"Uhuru wants to leave a legacy and he needs a technocrat who can hit the ground running," he added.

Samwel Nyandemo, who teaches economics at the University of Nairobi, told *People Daily* that the government was moving in the right direction in the fight against corruption by targeting the so-called big fish.

He, however, warned that while this is the first time since independence a Finance minister is in court over corruption, fiscal and monetary policy, the demonetisation process, budget actualisation and payments processes expected to stimulate economy cannot wait longer.

Build confidence

Nyandemo says, going forward, the office needs to adopt a bolder approach to business to command fiscal discipline and build confidence locally and internationally.

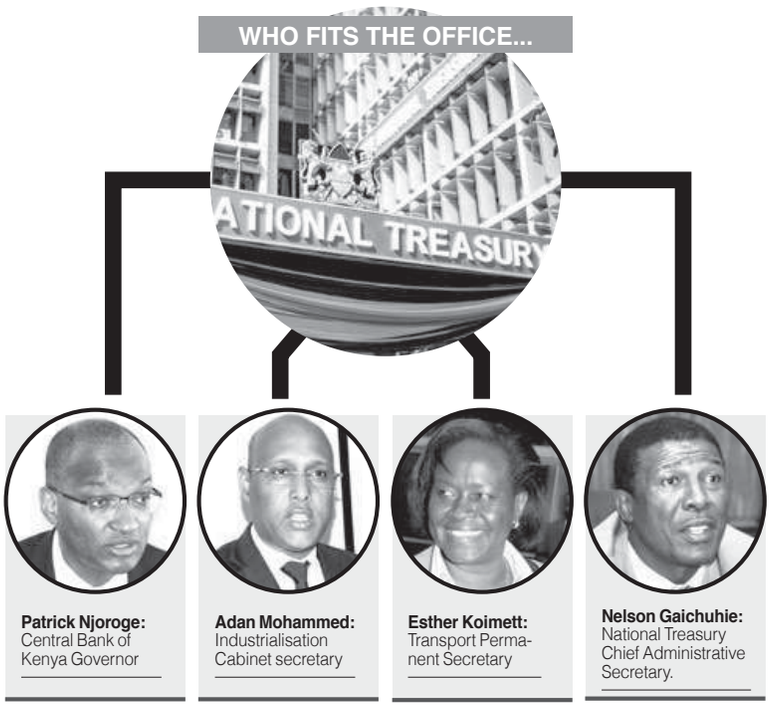
Kamau says as it stands, Chief Administrative Secretary Nelson Gaichuhie is the most senior civil servant at Treasury.

During his term in Parliament, representing Subukia from 2007 to 2017, he served as vice-chairman of the Finance Planning and Trade Committee, and a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and Appointments Committee. He would easily take charge and ensure continuity at Treasury.

Kamau also named old hand Dr Geoffrey Mwau "who is clean and can hit the ground running if called upon".

The experts also mentioned Esther Koimett, Transport PS and former Investment Secretary at Treasury as a possible replacement for Rotich.

The name of Justus Nyamunga, the Secretary, Budget and Policy Strategy at State House, was also mentioned. Others are ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi, Former Devolution PS Irungu Nyakera, Industrialisation CS Adan Mohamed and Central Bank of Kenya Governor Patrick Njoroge.





Dragon of corruption engulfs high-fliers in positions of influence

by Eric Wainaina
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Arrest threatens to bring his illustrious career to an abrupt end

Until Monday this week, Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich who has been at the helm on the high profile docket since May 2013, was a poster of a successful professional in the financial sector and who many envied.

The Harvard University-trained economist has worked for reputable institutions both locally and internationally where he amassed experience before joining the Cabinet.

The CS holds a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, a Masters in Economics and a Bachelors Degree in Economics, both from University of Nairobi.

Before becoming the CS, he worked at the research department of the Central Bank of Kenya and between 2001-2004, he was attached to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) office in Nairobi as an economist.

Rotich has also served as a director on several boards of State corporations, including; Insurance Regulatory Board and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics.

But his arrest on Monday over the Kimwarer and Arror dam's tenders is threatening to not only disgrace his reputation but also bring his illustrious career to an abrupt end.

Rotich, Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge and his East African Community counterpart Susan Koech and other government officers were paraded in court yesterday over multi-billion graft in the two projects located in his backyard.

And based on the past precedence and President Uhuru Kenyatta's warnings to graft lords, including his "closest political ally" who will be implicated in corruption that they carry the cross irrespective of their standing in society, Rotich could move from grace to grass.

Already, the Director of Public Prosecution Noordin Haji is reported to have written to the Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua (*pictured*) seeking to have all government officers linked to the scam leave office.

Other high profile government officials who have been reduced to almost nothing after being forced out of office include former Transport and Infrastructure CS Michael Kamau who is fighting to clear his name against charges of abuse of office.

Graft claims also brought the career of former Energy and Petroleum secretary Davis Chirchir to an abrupt end over his alleged role in corruption involving officials of the defunct Interim Independence Electoral Commission (IIEC).

Former Cabinet Secretaries, who however, survive the tide to remain afloat, either in government or in politics include Felix Kosgey who was forced out of the Agriculture ministry over graft allegations, Charity Ngilu who was the Lands CS and Labour CS Kazungu Kambi.

Mysterious, shadowy deals sank Arror, Kimwarer dams

by Winston Chiseremi
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Just like the Sh6 billion Turkwel Dam project in West Pokot, secrecy, bribery, personal interests and threats have dogged the planned construction of the multi-purpose Arror and Kimwarer dams in Elgeyo Marakwet County since its inception four years ago.



The scandal-riddled dams project which were to be implemented by Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA), initially set to cost Sh46 billion before the figure was inflated to Sh63 billion according to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Unlike the Turkwel project, there was no due diligence done on environmental assessment and open tendering on the two dams.

KVDA has since denied media access to the site.

However, former managing director David Kimosop (*pictured*) had on numerous occasions promised he would personally take the media to the sites but left office uncermonious before he actualised his pledge.

A few weeks before his exit, Kimosop resorted to holding forums for the media at hotels in Eldoret detailing the progress on the ground

Upon completion, the dams were expected to serve more than 50,000 people.

Twelve senior officials of the regional authority, led by acting managing director Francis Kipkech, have been arrested and arraigned in Nairobi over their involvement in the scam.

On Monday, a team of officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations pounced on the officials during a staff meeting.

There was drama when nine out of them tried to escape to evade arrest.

Also arrested are some directors of the CMC di Ravenna and Itenera of Italy, that was awarded the tender for construction of the stalled dams project for allegedly bribing senior government officials.

Experts ask Uhuru to plug leadership gap at the Treasury

They say lack of substantive CS and PS at the ministry might stall or interrupt government operations

by Correspondent
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The Treasury is too critical a government function to be left without a substantive Cabinet Secretary.

These are the sentiments coming from a cross section of experts and politicians concerning the current leadership vacuum at Treasury since the arrest and arraignment of Henry Rotich and a host of other top bosses at the ministry.

Mohamed Welihye, an advisor to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (Sama) said there is need to appoint Rotich's replacement urgently.

Graft rampant

"His Excellency (President Uhuru Kenyatta) must ensure that the operations at National Treasury are not paralysed following these arrests. The roles are critical to the day-to-day economic and financial management of the country.

A similar call also came from renowned economist David Ndii who said that corruption is entrenched in the Kenyan system and not just at the Treasury and that it would take significant efforts and a regime change to address the vice.

Amani National Congress (ANC) leader Musalia Mudavadi—who also served as a Finance minister from 1993 to 1997— also urged the government to replace Rotich urgently but like the growing list of professionals, who are increasingly finding it hard to take government jobs, Mudavadi said that he was not willing to take up the offer if called upon.

Kenyans of various walks of life also raised similar concerns saying that lack of a substantive leader at the ministry might stall or interrupt government operations.

The unprecedented news of the arrest of a sitting Cabinet secretary and other top officials on Monday saw the shilling exchange rate drop to 104.5 units, an indication that for a moment investors were wary of the leadership vacuum at the Treasury and were taking precautionary steps of changing currency into other denominations.

Right direction

Up to yesterday, the shilling was still in a shaky territory with average exchange rates of 103.7 units to the dollar after strengthening a bit as the market weighed in on the ramifications of the development.

Treasury as the centre of the government's finances and the absence of a substantive head means delays in approvals to finance the day-to-day operations of key arms of government.

News of arrest of the leaders reverberated across the globe with many seeing it as step in the right direction in the war against corruption and that the cases needed to be heard and determined if seriousness is to be demonstrated in the war against corruption.

Yesterday, after spending a day in jail, Rotich and the Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge were charged over the multi-billion shilling Arror and Kimwarer dams scandal.

THE EFFECTS

Bilateral trade and finance initiatives between National Treasury CS Henry Rotich and French Finance minister Bruno Le Maire rescheduled. This was supposed to have re-engineered talks on PPP with France funding a major road in Mau Narok.

Division of revenue bill. Treasury right at the centre in the resolution of a stalemate over the funds for counties which portend a huge risk.

Mobilization of domestic and external resources for financing national and county government budgetary requirements.

Wage bill issues which if not handled well could gobble up huge chunks of scarce resources amid dwindling revenues.

Locals reject calls to protest over KVDA top bosses arrest

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The arrest and arraignment of top Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) managers over involvement in the stalled Sh65 billion Arror and Kimwarer dams scam in Elgeyo Marakwet county has taken a new twist.

This is after the families affected by the construction of the two dams turned down overtures by some local politicians to hold demonstrations to protest against the arrest of senior regional authority officials over their link in the dams scam.

The residents instead, welcomed the arrest and arraignment of the managers and some tender committee members, accusing them of contributing to their plight.

> *We urge the court to speed up hearing of the case*

Led by John Ayabei, they said the graft purge was long overdue adding that everyone should carry his or her own cross. "There has been pressure from some local politicians for us to hold demonstrations to protest against the government for targeting one community in the purge. But we have rejected their overtures," said Ayabei

"We have rejected calls by supporters of the suspects implicated in the dams project scam to hold demonstration against their arrest and arraignment. In fact, we urge the court to speed up hearing and determination of the matter so that we can get justice," said Ayabei.

Ayabei, who is yet to be compensated for his land, regretted that the agency tasked with their relocation has done a lot of injustice to them.

"We have been threatened with arrest for refusing to surrender our land to pave way for the construction of the dam and yet the State agency has not shown us where we will be settled four years down the line," he said.

MINSTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

ADDENDUM

MEDIA COUNCIL OF KENYA ACT, 2013
THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MEDIA COUNCIL OF KENYA

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

IN ACCORDANCE with the Media Council Act, 2013 ("the Act") the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and Technology declared vacancies in the position of Chairperson and Member of the Media Council of Kenya ("the Council") and invited applications from qualified persons through publications in the Daily Nation and the Standard Newspapers on the 18 January 2019.

Pursuant to Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 that requires, amongst others, national values and principles of Public Service, equity, inclusivity, the fair competition and merit as the basis of appointments and promotions and affording of adequate and equal opportunities for appointments, the Ministry re-advertises the position of Chairperson and Member of the Tribunal. Qualified candidates are requested to apply for the posts of Chairperson and Member. Applicants who had applied for the positions in the previous advertisements are eligible to re-apply.

Women, persons with disabilities, people from minority and marginalized groups are encouraged to apply.

A. QUALIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OR MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A person shall be qualified for appointment as chairperson or member of the Council if that person—
(i) is a citizen of Kenya;
(ii) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
(iii) has knowledge and experience of at least ten years, in the case of the chairperson, or seven years, in the case of a member, in matters relating to any of the following fields—
iv) Meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
v) Has had a distinguished career in their respective fields.

a) law; g) public relations;
b) journalism; h) religious studies;
c) finance; i) communication;
d) gender and human rights; j) humanities and social sciences; or
e) performing arts; k) information technology;
f) advertising;

(iv) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
(v) has had a distinguished career in their respective fields.

B. DISQUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CHAIRPERSON OR MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A person shall not be qualified for appointment as chairperson or a member of the Council if the person—
a) Is a member of Parliament or county assembly;
b) Is an official of a governing body of a political party;
c) Has at any time within the preceding five years, held a political office;
d) Is an undischarged bankrupt;
e) Has been convicted of a felony;
f) Has benefitted from, or facilitated an unlawful or irregular allocation, acquisition or use of land or other public property; or
g) Has been removed from office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.

C. TERMS OF SERVICE

The Chairperson and Member of the Council shall hold office for a period of three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term subject to a maximum of two terms.

D. HOW TO APPLY

(a) Each application shall be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae, copies of relevant academic and professional certificates and testimonials.
(b) A copy of the National Identity Card should be appended.
(c) All applications should be clearly marked, "*Application for position of Chairperson, Media Council of Kenya*" or "*Application for position of Member, Media Council of Kenya*" and submitted in any **ONE** of the following ways:
(i) Manual applications should be hand delivered to the reception desk on **10th Floor of Teleposta Towers, off Koinange Street**
(ii) Online applications should be emailed to **moictjobs@information.go.ke**
(iii) Applications through the post office should be addressed to:

Selection Panel for the Nomination of
the Chairperson and Member of the Media Council of Kenya,
Ministry of Information Communication and Technology
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P.O Box 30025-00100 NAIROBI

Note:
(i) Shortlisted applicants will be required to obtain clearance from the following bodies.
- Kenya Revenue Authority
- Higher Education Loans Board
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
- Directorate of Criminal Investigation (certificate of good conduct); and ,
- Credit Reference Bureau

All applications should be received before 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 30th July 2019

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CHAIRMAN

CS, county chief linked to Kihiu Mwiri killings

Evidence in court painted a picture of interference by senior government officials out to protect their interests

There are rich and powerful people who were irregularly awarded land -Justice Ngugi

by Eric Wainaina
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The names of a Cabinet secretary, a governor, county commissioner and a Ward Rep were dragged into the killings witnessed at the troubled Kihiu Mwiri land company in Murang'a, where a ruthless mafia had reigned for years.

The mafia is suspected of being behind the assassination of seven officials and is allegedly behind the disappearance of four others.

The details emerged even as the hope for justice for the killed and missing persons were shattered after a High Court sitting in Kiambu acquitted 18 people charged with killing four of the directors, whose murders were linked to a vicious battle of the control of the firm's 1, 285 acres of land.

Accused persons

The accused were Joseph Thiongo, Henry Ngugi, Julius Kanyiri, John Njoroge, Harrison Kibade, Joseph Muchui, Benard Murigi, Josphat Macharia, Mary Mugechi, Joseph Nyamu, Patrick Ikuu, Samuel Ikuu, Peter Mburu, Peter Murigi, Zacharia Ngaruiya, John Kamau, Simon Ngugi and David Muiruri.

They had been charged with perpetrating the shooting and killing of Wilfred Gichana, Charles Ngugi, Peter Kimani, Paul Muhuhi, Zachary Chege and Josphat Kibe in incidents, which occurred on March 25 and July 29 of 2014 in Murang'a and Kiambu.

Justice Joel Ngugi, in a ruling delivered last week, said though it was clear that the atrocities were committed, the prosecution did not have any evidence linking the accused to the murders. The judge has since been moved to Nakuru and is among those recommended by Judiciary Service Commission to be appointed to the Court of Appeal.

DISAPPEARANCE

Paul Kariuki, who had been the chairman since 2001, was abducted while on his way home from the company's Thika office on July 1, 2015.

In March 2014, Newton Muhoro, Job Mwangi and James Kimaru, who had accused police of conspiring with a rival group to frame charges of robberies, were picked from Fulilia Hotel in Thika hotel by people who pretended to be police officers.

But it's during the hearing, that the officials—some who were officials and staff at the company—laid bare grave claims in which they linked a firm associated with the CS, a county chief, administrators and a Member of the County Assembly as people who had illegally acquired land there.

An analysis of the evidence adduced by the prosecution witnesses, some of who requested to be heard in camera for the fear of reprisal, painted a picture of interference by senior government officials who were allegedly on a mission to protect their interests.

So feared were the said persons that in the words of Justice Ngugi who presided over the case, "invoked fear and terror among denizens of Kihiu Mwiri" In his ruling, Justice Ngugi said during the trial, the witnesses would speak in hushed tones on the CS's linked company-Breeze Farm, which witnesses said owned at least 134 acres, and would get terrified while mentioning the names of the directors.

One of the witnesses, who testified in camera, said some acres were carved from their land and sold to Breeze Farm, although he noted that while the sale agreement indicated that only 134 acres was sold, 240 acres were sold to the company.

"There are rich and powerful people who were irregularly awarded land. (The former County Commissioner) got 40 acres, (the governor) got 34 acres, (The DC) got three quarters (the DO) and the chief got a quarter each. The chief sold to third party. All these persons were not shareholders of Kihiu Mwiri," he said.

"There are other senior people who got bigger plots than typical shareholders. An MCA (for example) got four quarters as well. There are also rich people who bought parcels using fake certificates," reads part of the ruling.

The evidence regarding the alleged illegal land allocation however did not make part of the ruling that freed the accused, 14 of who were never put on defence, and none of the mentioned persons or their representatives appeared in court.

Firm registration

Kihiu Mwiri Company was registered in 1970 but later become a graveyard for its officials after two rival groups opened parallel officers, although the killing stopped after the government, through the Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i and the then Inspector General Joseph Boinett intervened.

Other directors who lost their lives to the company wrangles are Chrispas Wanyoike, and Chege Mwangi who were shot dead on the Kihiu Mwiri-Kabati road in July 2015.

Seeking Justice



Beatrice Osino and Catherine Wangeci whose relatives were abducted by people claiming to be police officers after attending a court session over a 230-acre land dispute in Kanamai, Mtwapa, Kilifi county where residents are facing evictions. Civil society groups have called on police to investigate the matter. PHOTO: BONFACE MSANGI

Njiraini among NLC jobs hopefuls

by Hillary Mageka
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Former Kenya Revenue Authority commissioner general John Njiraini (*pictured*) is among candidates for the National Land Commission (NLC) chairperson.

Others shortlisted for the NLC jobs interviews include politicians who lost in the last General Election. Renowned lawyers, land economists, retired, and serving parastatal chiefs and the wife of a Cabinet secretary are also on the list of key figures who will be battling out for the nine positions which include NLC chairperson post.

In a media advert on Tuesday, the NLC selection panel announced that it had 11 nominees to be interviewed for the chairman's position and 50 others as members of the commission.



They include former Labour and Social Services Cabinet secretary Kazungu Kambi, his former PS Khadijah Kassachon and Labour CS Ukur Yattani's spouse Dr Gumato.

Applicants picked

Others are immediate former chair for Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD) and South Murigango MP James Omingo Magara, former Tharaka MP Alex Mwiru.

Former MPs Humphrey Njuguna (Gatanga), Esther Murugi (Nyeri Town) and Tiya Galgalo (Isiolo) are also on the list as are current legislators, Mong'are Okong'o (Senator, Nyamira), Boniface Otsiula (Bumula) and Francis Nderitu (Ndaragwa).

According to the panel, the 11 applications were chosen from a pool of 117 who applied for the position of chairperson and 940 applicants for the position of as member.

KNH nurses threaten to quit over poor working conditions

by George Kebaso
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More than 300 nurses at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) are up in arms against the management over poor working conditions.

The nurses are now threatening to quit unless the management improves the working environment at the East Africa's largest referral hospital.

They are complaining for reportedly being underpaid, overworked, paid salaries lateand forced to work in six-month contracts.

Their current six-month contract expires on July 31.

Some of the nurses who spoke to *People Daily* on condition of anonymity want the management to address the issues urgently.

"For instance, we received our salaries for May in the last week of June and we are not sure when we will be paid the June dues. I visited the National Hospital Insurance Fund to check whether my deductions have been forwarded, but to my surprise, the hospital has not done that since March," one of the employees said. He said while at the NHIF, he was advised to return next week to find out whether the hospital has made the payments.



However, in response, KNH Assistant Corporate Affairs Manager Hezekiah Gikambi rubbished the claims, saying he was not aware of any salary delay and instead referred us to the Finance department for confirmation.

Salary delays

"I am not aware of any salary delay while on NHIF, you know very well that it is a finance issue. If you call me tomorrow, I will be able to furnish you with sufficient information. Are the nurses on full time or temporary employment?" asked Gikambi.

He said the nurses had an opportunity last week to discuss with the acting Chief Executive Officer Evanson Kamuri during the CEO's forum any complaint they had.

But one of the nurses, who spoke on condition of anonymity said the CEO was non-committal. "We have called for several meetings to share these issues with the top management, but they are not honouring them," he added.

Gikambi also dismissed allegations there were nurses who were being irregularly hired by the hospital.

He said the hospital's employment procedures were so stringent that no one can take a shortcut.

Prisons department irregularly spent Sh171.9m, committee told



by Mercy Mwai
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A parliamentary committee was yesterday learned that the prisons department irregularly spent Sh171.9 million to procure firewood and bulletproof jackets and vests that could not even protect guards.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) regretted that Kenyans did not get value for their money despite the expenditure.

Of the Sh171.9 million, Sh128.6 million was spent on the procurement of firewood for 10 prisons while Sh22.2 million and Sh20.9 million was spent on the purchase of bullet proof jackets and vests, respectively.

At a meeting between the committee and correctional service Principal secretary Zainab Hussein (*pictured*), the commission said it is regrettable that despite spending the Sh171.9 million the department could not confirm the tonnage of the firewood while in respect to the bullet proof jackets they were not even delivered despite over Sh40 million being spent.

Normal jackets

With respect to the bullet proof jackets the committee led by chair by Opiyo Wandayi, MPs Junet Mohammed (Suna East) and Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu) expressed concerns that the prisons department only bought normal jackets and vests which they purported to be bullet proof.

"It is clear that someone conspired to get Sh40 million from somewhere and they got it. Why would the department want to buy bullet proof jackets?" Wandayi asked. The committee said it is shocking that instead of weighing tonnage of the firewood ordered, the department only observed a lorry carrying the firewood and concluded it was of the right quantity.

State reviews imported drugs approval period

by George Kebaso
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Patients requiring essential medicines can now sigh with relief following a government announcement to review the approval time to register imported drugs from 24 months to less than one year.

The announcement is good news for the implementation of the Universal Health Coverage programme, according to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board boss Fred Siyoi (*pictured*), who said approval for cancer, malaria and other communicable diseases drugs would be given first priority.

Cancer treatment

"Need for cancer treatment in this country is a priority, so we are going to fasttrack approvals. We are not going to wait for the official 24 months to approve. Any medicine that's going to be used in delivery of UHC will be given first priority," he added.

He said in the PPB's customer service charter, the board has an official 24 months to do at least the first assessment for drug approvals.

"But in preferential treatment, we will give priority to medicines such as oncology products because cancer has become a nightmare," he added.

He said this will enable Kenyans to access medical products at more affordable rates.

Addressing the press yesterday, Siyoi said the board is making use of its New Information Management System to fast track the process. The move is part of a government programme reforms which include standardising of procedures and practices in the pricing and distribution of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies.

Cops question trader's Sh10.5m robbery claim

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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Police at Parklands Police Station have questioned the inconsistencies of reports by a businessman of Asian origin over alleged robbery of Sh10.5 million at gun point along Wangari Mathai Road in Nairobi.

Jaydeep Thanki claims he was stopped by a motor cyclist next to Premier Club, upon slowing down, Thanki told investigators the pillion passenger drew a pistol and demanded a bag containing the cash at gunpoint.

In his statement, he told the police the gunmen sped off towards Pangani direction. The incident occurred at 6.30pm on Monday however, Thanki reported the matter almost two hours later at Parklands Police Station, a distance of less than three kilometers.

Thanki reported the matter almost two hours later at Parklands Police Station -Police

Of interest, the complainant said the money was insured despite claiming it was payment from an Eastleigh-based trader whom they had delivered undeclared merchandise.

MCAs form legal team to analyse Aukot's proposals

Law experts to go through document's content and advise ward reps before they debate on it in Assemblies

by Reuben Mwambingu, Irene Githinji and Henry Andanje
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At the County Assemblies Forum we have formed a team of experts to consider the bill and advice the MCAs -Osoi

The County Assemblies Forum (CAF) has formed a team of experts comprised of top constitutional lawyers to look into the Punguza Mizigo bill and advise the County Assemblies on its implications.

Forum chair Johnson Osoi said the team would begin poring over contents of the referendum bill next week on Monday until Friday before submitting a report to CAF secretariat.

"At the County Assemblies Forum we have formed a team of experts to consider the bill and advise the MCAs so that when they start debating on it, they will do it from an informed point of view," said the CAF chair who is also the Speaker of Kajiado County Assembly.

Legal experts

The team of experts he said is comprised of legal experts in constitutional law including Collins Odote, Kamotho Waiganjo, Wachira Maina and Abdikadir Mohamed.

In a telephone interview with *People Daily* yesterday, Osoi said several County Assemblies have received the bill but could not state where the bill has so far landed.

"Hopefully by Friday this week, all the 47 County Assemblies will have received the bill…from there, the next course of action will be 90 days for the MCAs to work on the bill then the speakers will transmit the final outcome to the National Assembly," Osoi.

This comes as some Mombasa MCAs have vowed to rally their support behind the referendum bid. The MCA said the proposed amendments will help relieve Kenyans from the huge economic burden brought about by the 2010 Constitution.

Meanwhile Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) yesterday dismissed claims that there was no public participation in the Punguza Mizigo initiative saying the agency publicised the list for 21 days.

Legal experts

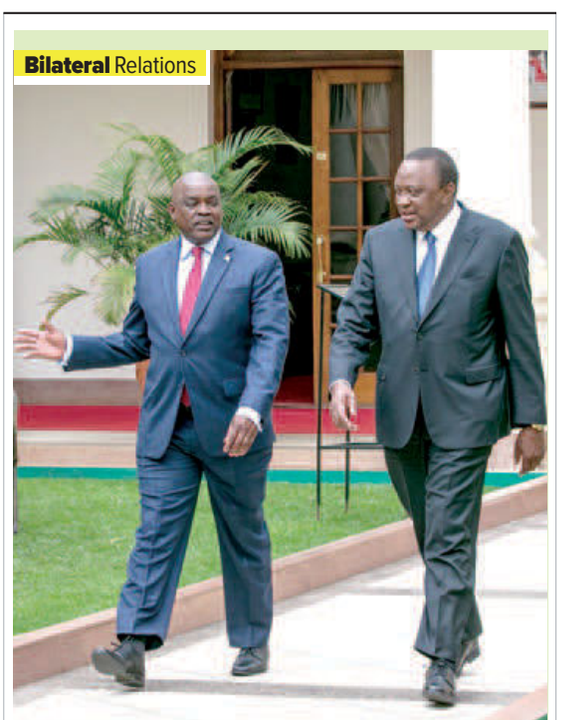
IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati said the list is still on the commission's website though they were not able to publish it in the Kenya gazette and local dailies due to financial constraints.

He said the commission publicised the list on its website for purposes of providing an opportunity to supporters of the initiative to confirm their support for referendum bill.

Elsewhere, Anglican Church of Kenya Archbishop Jackson ole Sapit has called for a proper audit of the Constitution before any amendments are made.

Speaking at Busia Agricultural Training Centre yesterday, Sapit said it is only through an audit that areas to be retained or discarded can be identified.

He said the high wage bill is a great burden to the country hence Kenyans should seize any opportunity to reduce it.



President Uhuru Kenyatta with his Botswana counterpart Mokgweetsi Masisi at State House, Nairobi, yesterday. Masisi pledged his nation's support for Kenya's bid for the non-permanent United Nations Security Council seat. PHOTO: PSCU

QUOTED TODAY


Maraga

"We are reluctant to hear this case since it is legislative process. I urge parties to negotiate an amicable settlement on the impeding issues," **CJ David Maraga on governors, MPs revenue bill row.**


Johnson

"We are going to get Brexit done on October 31 and take advantage of all the opportunities it will bring with a new spirit of can do," **New Britain Tory leader and Prime Minister Boris Johnson after winning the contest.**


Wamunyinyi

"Let all politicians including me take their politics elsewhere and leave management of schools to head teachers," **Kanduyi MP Wafula Wamunyinyi addressing principals meeting.**

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Editorial

CITES must rally for ban on ivory trade

Delegates from 178 member Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species(CITES) are scheduled to meet in Geneva, Switzerland in about a fortnight and likely to top debate will be recent steps among a number of southern African countries to relax ban on elephant hunting.

Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia have decided to allow culling, citing elephant population and adverse ecological impact and human/wildlife conflict. The contention is that proceeds from licensed hunting will be used to enhance fauna management.

Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet secretary Najib Balala while restating Kenya's position against lifting ban on hunting at the weekend was emphatic that ban on ivory trade must remain in place and urged CITES to place elephants on Appendix 1, which calls for total ban in ivory trade globally.

The problem with the culling theory is that it will ultimately erode the thin line between legality and poaching activities with grave impact on jumbo population everywhere. The poaching menace, especially of elephants and rhinos in Africa runs into thousands and is associated with grim statistics.

The conference must be resolute about enforcing the laws protecting endangered species and how to reduce demand in Asian countries. In particular, China and Vietnam have repeatedly been called upon to put in place policies that reduce demand for rhino horn and ivory products and help debunk myths that rhino horn can cure dangerous illnesses.

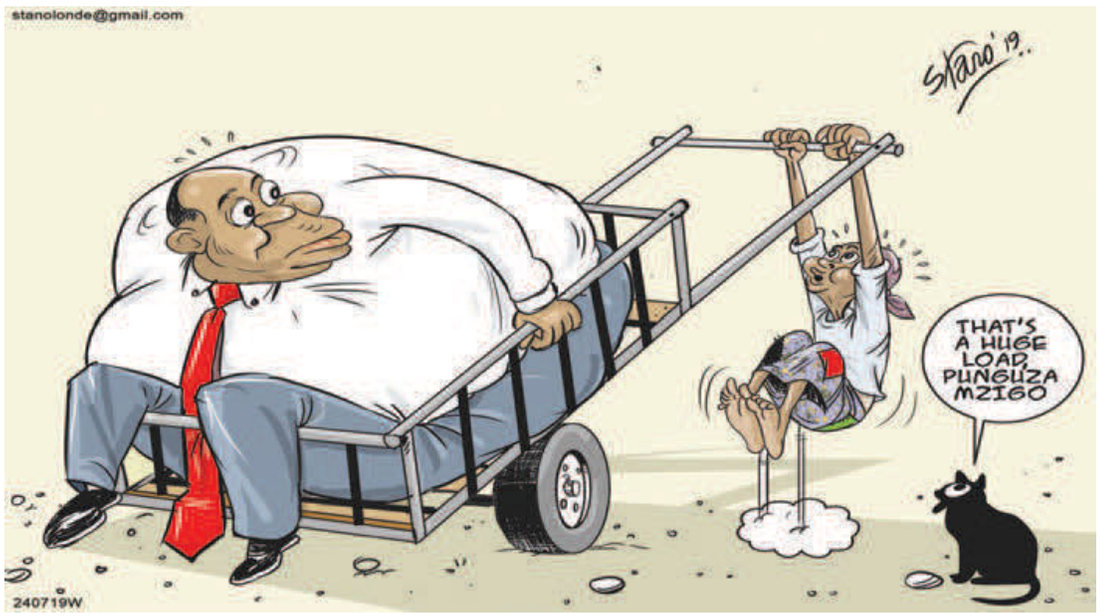
Kenya's wildlife is part of collective national heritage and remains crucial to our economic well being both in terms of the multi-billion-tourism industry and to biodiversity. According to the World Wildlife Fund, international criminal elements are to blame for financing poachers, who are today using high-tech weaponry.

CITES meeting must discourage the trend of placing value on ivory as Balala argued, because doing so triggers demand. It is common knowledge that trade in game trophies is demand-driven, so as much as sufficient efforts and investment must continue to be put in conservation, more thought must also be channeled towards curbing consumer trends.

Gains from prudent conservation efforts by Kenya in recent years have seen the population of elephants jump. It is also important that more effective policies and stiffer deterrent measures are effected to make poaching both costly and needlessly expensive.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Leadership is a privilege to better the lives of others. It is not an opportunity to satisfy personal greed - Mwai Kibaki





Patrick Wachira

L. Turkana wind project boost for investors

The project will improve access to reliable, sustainable and cheaper electricity

There was a time when Kenyans had every reason to be proud of their country. I am referring here to the period from independence to the late 1970s.

During that time, Kenya was renowned for its economic progress as much as for its famous athletes. And every time Kenyans created a new piece of infrastructure, reference was made to "the best in East and Central Africa".

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport was the biggest and the best airport in the region. Same as Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya Breweries, Kenya Cooperative Creameries and so were many others from banks to Kilindini Port in Mombasa. The Hilton Hotel, at the time it was built was the tallest building in East and Central Africa. And the Kenyatta International Convention Centre was for many years the premiere conference facility in Africa. And we also had the UNEP complex at Gigiri, the only United Nations centre in a developing nation.

Somewhat, we lost this trend towards always being the best in the region. So much so that even when the Standard Gauge Railway was built, it was unfavourably compared to its Ethiopian equivalent, which apparently was both cheaper and better. And even as Kenya struggles to solve the problem of urban traffic and to get rid of the traffic jams in Nairobi, Dar-es-salaam already has a Rapid Transit System, which Nairobi still has not seen any sign of.

So, when President Uhuru Kenyatta presided over the inauguration of the Lake Turkana Wind Farm project, many of us old timers let out a sigh of relief at this undisputed proof that Kenya is back to being "the best in East and Central Africa". The Sh70-billion project located in northern Kenya is the biggest wind farm in Africa.

For this reason, it cements Kenya's position as a safe and reliable investment destination. The wind farm was funded in part by Proparco, the French Development institution providing long term financing for projects around the world, which mobilised Sh5.6 billion (50 million euros) to Lake Turkana Wind Power Limited. This flagship project will supply 17 per cent of the electricity generated annually. This energy is 60 per cent cheaper than that generated by thermal power plants.

The project is the largest private investment ever made in Kenya (EUR 620m), in the words of Jean-Benoît du Chalard, Proparco's Regional Director for East Africa, who said the project is now connected to the grid and should reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 380,000 tons of CO2 a year. It will improve access to reliable, sustainable and cheaper electricity.

The project created 2,500 jobs during the construction phase and 200 permanent jobs for the operation phase. Since it commenced operations in September 2018, it has produced 1.2 billion kWh into the grid, thereby achieving an average capacity factor in excess of 63 per cent — an incredible global feat.

Even before its launch, LTWP had changed lives. It has built a 208km road that cuts down travel time from Laisamis to Sarima from 7 hours to 2.5 hours. It has opened trade, investment and economic activity; improved security and access to health and education opportunities.

The successful completion of this project showcases Kenya as a safe and reliable investment destination and demonstrates a strong ability to implement successful public-private partnerships. ***The writer is Special Projects Editor, People Daily.***



Mwongela Mbiti

Asset recovery will make graft less rewarding

Corruption is not only a violation of the law but also results in the loss of public resources.

Considering that the primary motivation for corruption is the profits derived thereof, the global, regional and domestic legal framework has provided extensively for recovery of assets.

Under the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act and the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act, Kenya has provided an elaborate mechanism for the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Asset Recovery Agency (ARA) to recover public assets and property acquired in pursuit of, or as a result of acts of corruption and other crimes.

Criminal groups are known to invest their money in the legitimate economy.

The logic behind this is that whereas criminalisation of corruption and the prosecution of the corrupt are necessary, it is equally important to complement the criminal law processes with efforts to reduce the financial gain that emanates from acts of corruption.

This is such a significant pillar of most anti-corruption efforts that substantial resources should be dedicated towards asset recovery.

Value recovery of stolen assets is both an enforcement of anti-money laundering laws and a potent weapon against corruption. When obtainable, it represents society's credible commitment to ensure that "crimes do not pay."

We explore these linkages by reviewing international experiences on the implementation of value recovery. Lessons from elsewhere suggest that country-level studies are more likely to strengthen local initiatives, leading to regional strategies capable of improving negotiations for Mutual Legal Assistance and cooperation at the global level.

Financial gain is the main incentive for most serious and organised crime networks, and stripping them of their proceeds is the most effective way to dismantle them.

Yet according to Europol (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Co-operation) only 1.2 per cent of illicit proceeds are confiscated in the European Union, leaving 98.8 per cent at the disposal of criminals.

Though no study of this nature has been undertaken in Kenya or other African countries, the situation is believed to be even worse as stolen resources are stashed in offshore accounts making the work of institutions involved in asset tracing and recovery complex.

Why is it that only such a small fragment of crime proceeds is confiscated? What can be done to strengthen criminal justice measures to recover illegal assets and disrupt criminal groups?

These are the key questions addressed by participants in the 2017 Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Annual Police Experts Meeting entitled "Crime Should Not Pay" in The Hofburg, Vienna.

In Kenya, criminal groups are known to invest their money in the legitimate economy, ensuring business continuity for themselves and a further expansion of their criminal enterprises.

Of particular interest is the real estate sector that corrupt government official and business people use to feed the money into the legal financial system.

Crime-related profits have also been used to spoil markets, corrupt politicians and the Judiciary or finance terrorism. There has to be a deliberate focus and strong interest in changing this pattern.

Ideally, bringing criminals to justice should always be the priority number one. However, in the long run, we must channel our energies to drying up the money flow and recovering criminal proceeds.

If we take away the gains from criminals, then we take away the main incentive for criminal activities. Without achieving this, we cannot successfully disrupt and prevent organised crime.

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Decky Omukoba

Let's accept that visionary ideas can be disruptive

One of the things we all dream of is a better quality of life. This is one of those dreams that seem elusive as a majority of the people watch a few live their dream.

As the imbalance — whether we are talking about colonialism, economic marginalisation, racial segregation or religious intolerance — continues to grow, it will not be long before the disadvantaged refuse to take it anymore, leading to an uprising.

The need for something better is stronger than the codes that tie a people to any form of oppression.

The future of a nation cannot be built on imbalance.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to begin to develop ideas that are potent enough to break the mindset of exclusivity that dictates that only a few people are entitled to a particular quality of life.

We must develop ideas that have a significant influence on the way things are done. Our responsibility is to break the mindset of exclusivity and replace it with the power of ideas.

The future of a nation cannot be built on imbalance. It must be pegged on ideas that many strive for and believe in; ideas that have the potential to deliver success and dignity for everyone.

But it must be understood that such visionary ideas are always disruptive but eventually create value networks that account for the overall worth of a people because our progress is interconnected with the contribution and importance of every player.

We can no longer just occupy the top based on what we have materially because that can run out. We must be intentional about introducing something of significance into the environment that potentially elevates everyone.

It must be our goal to develop evolutionary ideas, those that improve on existing and important systems in our society; like models of education, health, agriculture and infrastructure so that they don't run on the fuel of yesteryears and versions that were good for our forefathers but have no bearing in today's life.

We must introduce ideas that make these systems come alive and carry the relevance and order that embodies their significance in today's world.

But we must also not be afraid to introduce ideas that are radical enough to challenge the status quo because there are times when we need to upset the natural order to achieve our goals.

Such ideas are difficult because people get fixated on a particular mindset and introducing something new can be uncomfortable.

It throws people off their comfort zones and requires of them to think, to work and to adopt. This is good because it's the only thing that assures growth.

We cannot continue to live the same way we have been living, and deplete our resources on unproductive recurrent expenditures. We must be willing to do away with archaic systems that are no longer useful so that we can achieve positive change for all.

There is no point fighting an idea whose time has come. Disruptive ideas are good for us because they create new dimensions to life. They open up new opportunities, they deliver a different set of values and create greater impact on a people.

People own these ideas and weave them into the culture of their society because they can see their transformative power.

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KOT yesterday spoke up about tribulations that graduates go through in search of elusive jobs.

@MaureenAkinyi19: Everyone's path is different,when you are privileged to make it through life's hurdles please stop assuming everyone else is lazy #VoicesOfGraduates.

@HeTheRealestG: Almost every recent Kenyan graduate has some bitter story to tell.

@DjKenya254: Unasoma hoping ur papers will speak for you but hata anko anakulenga #VoicesOfGraduates.

@geraldngaopk: They Promise Paid Internships for Graduates but all is in Vain #VoicesOfGraduates.

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STREET talk

Education officials locked in turf wars

A not-so-quiet supremacy war between two top officials at the Ministry of Education has been playing out at the headquarters. The open rivalry between the two has caught employees between a rock and hard place as each of the headstrong officials demand undivided loyalty from the employees. One of the warring officials has been telling workers to ignore orders given by the percieved rival. The war is said to be sabotaging projects at the ministry.

Ex-soccer club boss returns from hiding

A former chair of a football club has resurfaced after going underground, fearing arrest over suspected shady deals. The extravagant businessman is said to have been alarmed by recent series of arrests of people linked to questionable deals. After a close friend was arrested over various claims, including gold scams, the man decided to lie low in a safe house outside the city.

Firm cries foul over disloyal expatriate

A leading investment firm is crying foul after an expatriate employee they had helped acquire a work permit ended up joining a rival firm. The employee, who had earlier been kicked out of the country because he did not have the requisite work papers, pushed the company to get him the document. When the matter was sorted by the firm, he came back only to take a job offer from a competing firm. Now company is planning to sue him for breach of contract.

Panic as industrialist exits EAC countries

An industrialist plans to exit three countries in the East African region, citing pilferage and open theft by employees. The industrialist reportedly announced the plans to his Nairobi executive team to their shock. There are concerns that thousands of jobs would be lost if the businessman makes good his exit threat.



TRUTH IS: Only God can fill an empty heart.



Karyn Chelegat is escorted from Shanzu Law Courts after she was set free. PHOTO: BONFACE MSANGI

Shanzu magistrate raises cash to buy wig for hair weave thief

by Sophie Njoka
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In a rather unusual request, a magistrate in a Mombasa court asked attendants of his courtroom to donate money to buy hair weave for an accused woman.

Shanzu senior resident magistrate Patrick Odhiambo appealed to willing court users to give Sh100 each for 19-year-old Karyn Chelagat, who was charged with stealing two artificial hair extensions from a Kilifi supermarket.

Chelagat was accused of stealing the hair weaves from Budget supermarket on July 21.

Amid tears, she pleaded guilty and asked for mercy, saying she stole the hair weave, valued at Sh1140, to look beautiful like her colleagues.

Set free

A lawyer at the court, William Bosire, gave out Sh2,000 to buy Chelagat the artificial hair weave.

The magistrate set the woman free and asked the investigating officer to return the stolen hair extensions to the supermarket.

Meanwhile, six suspects accused of trafficking ivory worth Sh180 million to Singapore have been charged afresh after the prosecution consolidated their charges.

Falah Manzu, Guylord Ameheno, Justus Wesonga, Cyrus Ndolo, James Oriecho and James Kinyua were arraigned before Shanzu resident magistrate Florence Macharia yesterday.

They denied the charges and were released on a Sh2 million bond each with a surety of similar amount. The matter will be heard on November 27.

Court reluctant to hear CoG petition, Maraga reveals

Chief Justice says stalemate over Division of Revenue Bill is legislative, but lawyers want Judiciary to mediate

Time has come for this court to give guidance to the nation— Lawyer Ngatia

by Paul Muhoho
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The Supreme Court is reluctant to handle a matter in which governors and senators wants it issue an advisory opinion on the division of revenue row.

Chief Justice David Maraga yesterday reveled that top court judges held a meeting and expressed their reservations in the issue given that it is a legislative.

"This matter should be resolved by the National Assembly and the Senate. Why are we being dragged into this issue?" Maraga asked during the mention of the petition filed by the Council of Governors.

Deepen standoff

His remarks came even as Senate passed its version of the Division of Revenue Bill 2019, in what could deepen the standoff *(see separate story)*.

He, however, said should parties in the matter fail reach an agreement through dialogue, the top court will start hearing the petition on July 31.

The Council of Governors (CoG) last week moved to the Supreme Court in a bid to unlock the stalemate that has threatened to paralyse operations at the counties. They are protesting the move by the National Assembly and Treasury to cap counties allocation at Sh310 billion in the Division of Revenue bill. They want Sh335 billion of the equitable shareable revenue.

Lawyers Fred Ngatia, Issa Mansour and Peter Wanyama, for the CoG, said the council was open for negotiations, "but no signal was forthcoming."

"Operations at the county level are at a standstill. Time has come for this court to give guidance to the nation. This matter cannot be resolved through discussions. You are throwing us into the deep sea and there are sharks," said Ngatia.

Mediation process

Lawyers SM Mwendwa and Wangechi Thanji, representing National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi and his Senate counterpart Ken Lusaka, respectively, said the two institutions had separately published the contentious revenue bills and called for public participation a week before enactment.

They admitted the mediation process had failed to bear fruit.

Lawyer Kamotho Waiganjo, for the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) urged the court to proceed with hearing the petition and adjudicate on "22 serious constitutional issues" raised therein.

"This crisis can only be resolved by the Third Arm of the government," he said.

Muturi has formally lodged a preliminary objection seeking the dismissal of the advisory opinion reference on the basis that the Supreme Court lacks the power to entertain the petition.

"The petitioners challenge the manner in which Parliament has been conducting the budget process pertaining to the mode of division of revenue between the National and county governments," the objection reads.

WHO WANTS WHAT?

The Senate and the National Assembly have disagreed on Bill, which allocates funds between the two levels of government.

CRA, the body mandated by the Constitution to determine the shareable revenue between the two levels of government, has proposed that counties equitable share should be pegged at Sh335 billion for 2019/20 financial year.

Governors want the Treasury and MPs to allocate cash as proposed by the CRA.



Chief Justice David Maraga yesterday called for resolution of the Division of Revenue Bill through dialogue. PHOTO: FILE

No end is sight for row as Senate passes revenue bill

by Eric Juma
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The standoff between the National Assembly and the Senate over Division of Revenue Bill took a fresh twist yesterday after the latter passed its version of the legislation.

The bill proposes counties allocation of Sh335 billion for 2019/20 financial year. The move is bound to intensify the dispute, with the National Assembly having capped the county cash at Sh316 billion.

The Commission on Revenue Allocation had also recommended that counties be allocated Sh355 billion as their share of the equitable shareable revenue.

Mandera Senator Mohamed Mahamud *(pictured)*, who is also the chair of House Committee on Finance and Budget said the bill had been forwarded to the National Assembly for concurrence. "We have passed the bill with an overwhelming majority. We expect the National Assembly to do the same," he said.

The stalemate has seen the Council of Governors file a petition in the Supreme Court seeking an advisory opinion on the matter. National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi criticised governors for the move, saying it was detrimental to devolution.

"It is that advisory that has taken us to where we are now. Subjecting this bill to the vagaries of mediation is, in essence, killing devolution" he said.

Meanwhile the Committee on Budget and Appropriations republished and reintroduced the bill in the House.



Widow gets nod to evict company

by Paul Muhoho
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The Court of Appeal has given an 80-year-old widow orders to evict a land-buying firm and reclaim her land worth Sh1.2billion on the Thika-Garissa highway.

The land belonging to Mary Wairimu Dames was hived off and sold to Langata Development Company under fraudulent circumstances 24 years ago.

Third-party buyers

A three-judge Bench dismissed an application by the firm to suspend the eviction orders on the basis that innocent third-party buyers of the contentious 85.3 acres were likely to suffer irreparable financial ruin and lose their family homes.

"We are convinced this is not a matter of general public importance for the Supreme Court to consider the legal process for transfer and acquisition of land," said Justices Wanjiru Karanja, Martha Koome and John Otieno-Odek.

"The procedure for allotment, allocation and survey of land is regulated by Statute."

Siaya men vow to shun voluntary circumcision

by Eric Juma
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Uncircumcised men in Siaya county have vowed to resist the Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision programme unless the government gives them financial support during recovery period.

They lamented that the procedure would confine them in the house for weeks unable to provide for their families.

Their declaration comes just days after the Health ministry of Health launched a validation survey to establish the number of uncircumcised men in the region as part of efforts in the fight against HIV prevalence.

Support families

George Oridore a boda boda operator, said no amount of persuasion will change their mind on the matter.

"The government should support our families when we are recovering," he told *People Daily*.

Stephen Obewo, the chairman of Juakali artisans, lauded the VMMC programme, saying it would boost the fight against HIV. The validation survey targets male youths.

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Counties to build classes for children with autism

by Kirera Mwiti
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Twelve counties are in the process of passing motions for the establishment of special classrooms at all Early Childhood Education (ECD) centres across the wards.

This comes a week after Garissa and Nyandarua, with support from Autism Lights International, passed a motion to establish the special facilities.

Addressing the press in Nyahururu, the organisation's director for policy Wamaratu Chege said children with Autism have been neglected for long, with many parents keeping them at home for fear of public reprisals.

He said there is need for all children living with autism to have access to quality education and this can only be done if specific educational centres are set up in schools.

"The motions being passed seek to have governors build special centres for children living with the condition. So far, we are glad that Garissa and Nyandarua have begun the process of implementing the laws passed last week," he said.

He said current statistics indicate that one in 40 children suffers from the condition.

Speaking during the meeting Kirita Ward MCA Justus Gaita, who sponsored the motion, said the move will not only unlock the potential the children have, but ensure their right to an education is protected.

> *We are glad that Garissa and Nyandarua have begun the process — Chege*

Politicians told to keep off schools

Kanduyi MP Wafula Wamunyinyi has warned politicians against taking politics to schools. Speaking during a meeting with secondary school principals from his constituency, he said institutions of learning should be respected adding that they are not political arenas. "Let politicians take politics elsewhere and leave schools to headteachers.

Those who politicise the learning environment will be dealt with in accordance with the law," said Wamunyinyi. He added that political influence in schools had affected performance, citing the dismal performance by most schools in the constituency, in last year's national exams.

— YUSUF MASIBO

Police to hold two murder suspects for 10 more days

by Roy Lumbe
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Police have been granted 10 days to hold two prime suspects in the murder of a fifth year engineering student from Egerton University.

In his ruling yesterday, resident magistrate Wilson Kitur allowed the application by the police to enable further investigations into the killing and possible arrests of more suspects.

"The applicant is allowed to hold the first and second respondents for 10 days to allow completion of investigations on the matter. The two will be remanded at the Njoro Police Station until August 2," said Kitur.



David Ongeri, an electrical and control engineering student, was found dead in his rental house at Egerton Gate estate on July 8.

A panga, which police suspect was used in the murder, was found at the scene.

The matter will be mentioned on August 2.

Sonko to spend Sh24m in Nairobi decongestion plan

Governor sends stern warning to contractors against doing shoddy job as streets are overhauled to address traffic jams

> *Luthuli has to be in good condition for at least 10 years — Sonko*

by PD Correspondent
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Three more streets in Nairobi's Central Business District are set to be revamped in a bid to decongest the city centre at a cost of Sh24 million.

This is after Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko ordered the Roads and Transport Department to transform Banda Street, Accra and Gedi lanes, after a successful trial on Luthuli Avenue.

"The decongestion plan will go on step by step until we have law and order in the CBD to create a conducive business environment for investors," he said.

Sonko has also sent a stern warning to contractors against doing shoddy jobs.

"We will not do the same thing twice. Luthuli has to be in good condition for at least 10 years before we start thinking of renovations. That means the work should be up to standard. The same goes for the other streets," Sonko said.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko orders the Roads and Transport Department to transform Banda Street, Accra and Gedi lanes, after a successful trial on Luthuli Avenue.

The Central Business District decongestion project set to cost the county government Sh24 million.

Designated walkways and cycling lanes to be constructed.

Decongestion plan

Roads and Transport Minister Hitan Majevdia said the governor has recommended for the immediate upgrade of the three, noting that the process will immensely decongest the city.

"After the successful trial on Luthuli Avenue, the governor has approved three more streets for immediate upgrade," said Majevdia.

The county embarked on a decongestion plan, with the first project being transformation of Luthuli Avenue in the CBD into a one-way route. The works are now 90 per cent done and the governor will soon officially launch the new-look avenue.

"We are almost launching the revamped Luthuli Avenue and the road is now friendly for pedestrians and cyclists. This is part of Sonko's plan to decongest the CBD and we want to thank our partners including the UN-Habitat for their support," said Majevdia.

New parking

This means that matatus using the three streets will find alternative exit routes out of the CBD. The county will also set up bicycle lanes and specific lanes for people with disability on the upgraded streets and avenues.

The county government has also finished upgrading Moi lane that gives room for 50 new parking slots hence more revenue collections.



The recently revamped Lithuli Avenue in Nairobi. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

Bungoma land crisis persists

by Yusuf Masibo
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Bungoma county land office has been without a lands registrar for two months, affecting processing of title deeds, searches and transact business.

Former registrar Remmy Nganyi is serving a five-year term at Kodiaga Prison in Kisumu, after he was convicted of corruption-related charges.

Residents said the situation needs urgent intervention given that they are unable to transact business with their property.

Speaking to *People Daily*, Mwatikho Rights Group executive director Taiga Wanyanja said the Ministry of Lands and the county government should move with speed to address the situation.

"The situation needs urgent intervention. The National government should send a registrar to Bungoma with immediate effect to handle the situation," said Wanyanja.

Residents live in fear of python

by Wangari Njuguna
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Residents of Kambwe and Kandundu villages in Murang'a county are living in fear of being attacked by a python on the loose.

They claim the lethal reptile has been spotted in bushes around the villages, exposing them to danger of attacks.

A resident, Joseph Ndung'u, said the python, about three metres long, almost attacked him on Sunday while on his way home.

Nyumba Kumi chairman Evans Wainaina said efforts to contact Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) have bore no fruit.

People Daily's attempt to reach KWS were also, unsuccessful.



Kisii banana farmers to reap big from Sh170 million project

by Robert Ochoro
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Banana farmers in Kisii county are set to reap big from the crop after construction of a processing factory was launched last week.

Kisii Governor James Ongwae (*pictured*), Devolution Cabinet secretary Eugene Wamalwa and the European Union head of macroeconomics, Vincent De Boer, laid the foundation stone for the Kisii County Banana Factory.

The project has been jointly mooted by the EU funded 'Strengthening the banana value chain project' under the Instruments for Devolution Advice and Support (IDEAS-Kenya) programme and the Kisii county government.

The EU granted the county Sh110 million for the project with the county government allocating Sh60 million to establish the factory located at the Kisii Agriculture Training Centre.

Besides the construction of the banana processing plant, the project involves the capacity building for farmers, agriculture extension officers and supply of high-quality commercial banana variety suckers to enhance production.

Wamalwa said the project is aimed at alleviating the suffering of farmers in the hands of middlemen who exploit them.

IN BRIEF



Li Peng

FORMER CHINESE PRIME MINISTER 'BUTCHER OF BEIJING' DIES AT 90

Former Chinese premier Li Peng, known as the "Butcher of Beijing" for his role in the Tiananmen Square crackdown, has died at the age of 90. During the operation, Soldiers killed hundreds of unarmed civilians. Li died yesterday of an unspecified illness in Beijing after he failed to respond to medical treatment late Monday, *Xinhua* news agency said. The ex-premier had previously battled bladder cancer. He served in several top positions in China in the 1980s and 1990s. -BBC



Haq

1.3 MILLION PEOPLE NEED ASSISTANCE IN CAMEROON, SAYS UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations says 1.3 million people are in need of assistance as the humanitarian situation in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon continue to deteriorate. Farhan Haq, deputy spokesman for UN secretary general Antonio Guterres, said that in these two regions, "the situation continues to be characterised by human rights and protection violations". The conflict in Cameroon has displaced over half a million people since it broke out in 2016. -BBC



Chemo machine

ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT TO OFFER PATIENTS FREE CANCER TREATMENT

Zimbabwe government has announced plans to start offering free treatment to cancer patients, state-run *ZBC Radio* said. Health Minister Obadiah Moyo is quoted as saying that cancer had overtaken HIV/Aids as the main cause of death in the country. Last year, some NGOs warned that Zimbabwe's health sector was in a "precarious" state.

Former President Robert Mugabe was known for going to Singapore to get his own medical treatment. -BBC



Modi

FURY IN INDIA AS TRUMP CLAIMS MODI ASKED FOR KASHMIR MEDIATION

India's foreign minister issued a strenuous denial to an infuriated opposition in parliament on Tuesday, after US President Donald Trump said PM Narendra Modi had invited him to mediate in the bloody conflict with Pakistan over Kashmir. India has always insisted the issue can only be resolved bilaterally. "I'd like to categorically assure the house that no such request was made by the prime minister," S. Jaishankar told MPs. Trump's comments touched on one of the most sensitive topics for New Delhi. -AFP



Mauritius, the West's tax haven

Port Louis, Tuesday

A new investigation has shed light on how some of the poorest countries in Africa are losing out on millions of dollars in tax revenues from Western multinationals and wealthy individuals.

The report, from the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, says companies and individuals use Mauritius to legally avoid paying higher taxes in countries where they make their money.

Mauritius denies any wrongdoing and says it is compliant with all relevant international laws.

Taxes

The report is based on 200,000 confidential documents that show for the first time how one offshore law firm helped its international clients avoid millions of dollars in taxes. The cache of confidential records, emails and filings, called the Mauritius Leaks, reveals the legal practices that divert tax revenues from poor African, Middle Eastern and Asian countries back to the pockets of Western firms, with Mauritius taking its cut.

The investigation says the companies took advantage of 46 tax treaties Mauritius has with mostly poor countries, the absence of a capital gains tax and weak regulations, to register shell companies in the island nation. -BBC

Boris wins Tory race to become new British PM

May successor vows to 'get Brexit done' by October 31 deadline after edging out foreign secretary Hunt

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London, Tuesday

Boris Johnson will become Britain's next prime minister after being elected leader of the Conservative party, defeating Jeremy Hunt in the party's leadership contest.

The former mayor of London, who has long cherished an ambition to lead his country, won the contest by a convincing margin of 92,153 votes to 46,656, with 66 per cent of the vote. Turnout was 87.4 per cent among 159,320 party members.

In a characteristically flippant acceptance speech, Johnson conceded that even some of his own supporters may "wonder quite what they have done".

Defeat Corbyn

He said that at a pivotal moment in history, his party must show its "historic ability to balance competing instincts – marrying the desire to maintain a close relationship with the EU, with the desire for democratic self-government in this country".

Johnson vowed on Tuesday to "deliver Brexit, unite the country and defeat Jeremy Corbyn".

"We are going to get Brexit done on 31 October and take advantage of all the opportunities it will bring with a new spirit of can do," he said.

The result was announced by joint chair of the backbench 1922 Committee, Cheryl Gillam. Her colleague, Charles Walker, first urged MPs to be "kinder" to the new leader than they had been to Theresa May.

Johnson's victory was almost immediately welcomed by US President Donald Trump.

"Congratulations to Boris Johnson on becoming the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He will be great!" Trump tweeted.

Johnson will not take office formally until Wednesday afternoon. Theresa May will face her final prime minister's questions in the House of Commons before tendering her resignation to the Queen.

Perilous moment

Johnson will then go to Buckingham Palace himself for his appointment to be confirmed – before being driven to Downing Street to give a speech in front of the black door of No 10.

He takes charge at a perilous political moment.

Meanwhile, European Union chiefs said they want to work with Johnson to ratify the Brexit withdrawal deal signed by May. -Agencies



BORIS: TIME TO GET SERIOUS PERHAPS?

Playing the clown has propelled Boris Johnson to the brink of power, but he faces a serious challenge to unite his party and deliver Brexit.

Even his supporters admit choosing him as leader is a gamble.

Controversy has followed Johnson throughout his career, but for many supporters, this is just "Boris being Boris".

New Conservative Party leader and British PM Boris Johnson addresses party members in London, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

New US rule to expedite deportation

Washington, Tuesday

The US government is introducing a new fast-track deportation process that will bypass immigration courts.

Under the new rules, migrants who cannot prove they have been in the US continuously for more than two years can be immediately deported. Until now, expedited deportations could only be applied to those detained near the border who had been in the US for less than two weeks.

Rights groups say hundreds of thousands of people could be affected. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says it will challenge the policy in court.

The new rule is expected to be implemented with immediate effect after it is published on Tuesday. There are about 10.5 million undocumented immigrants in the US.

Previously, only people detained within 160km of the border who had been in the US for less than two weeks could be deported quickly. Others would need to be processed through the courts and would be entitled to legal representation. -BBC

Singapore in largest ivory haul

Pasir Panjang, Tuesday

Singapore authorities have seized 8.8 tonnes (8,800kg) of elephant ivory, its largest ever seizure to date.

Authorities estimate that the tusks, valued at $12.9 million have come from nearly 300 African elephants. Some 11.9 tonnes of pangolin scales valued at $35.7 million were also seized. It is believed to have belonged to about 2,000 of the mammals.

The illegal cargo was found in containers after a tip-off from China's customs department.

Authorities discovered the animal parts on Sunday after they inspected a shipment from the Democratic Republic of Congo that was passing through Singapore on its way to Vietnam.

The containers were falsely declared to contain timber. -BBC



Korea fires at Russian army aircraft

Seoul, Tuesday

South Korean fighter jets fired over 400 warning shots and Japan complained to Moscow on Tuesday after a Russian military plane violated airspace claimed by both Seoul and Tokyo.

Seoul said a Russian A-50 warplane twice entered South Korean airspace near the disputed Dokdo islets—which Japan calls Takeshima.

South Korea officials said they responded by scrambling F-15K and KF-16 fighters, which first issued warnings and fired flares.

They fired 80 warning shots at the plane during the first breach, and 280 rounds during the second, a military official said.

"We are assessing this incident in a very grave manner and will take a much tougher measure if it happens again," said National Security Advisor Chung Eui-yong, according to the Blue House spokeswoman.

Japan also complained to Moscow over the incursion.

But Russia denied any airspace violation, insisting Seoul's complaint was based on an "arbitrarily established" air defence identification zone that Moscow did not recognise. -AFP



Shilling weaker as MPC team meets

ECONOMY: The shilling yesterday dipped for the third consecutive day to hit 103.65 against the US dollar even as Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets today to review the prevailing macro-economic conditions and set the benchmark lending rate for the next two months.

Experts attributed the drop of the shilling against the US dollar partly to market jitters about the arrest of senior government officials including National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, Henry Rotich which has created a power vacuum in the ministry, albeit temporarily.

John Kirimi, Director Sterling Capital, said besides the normal fundamentals such as budget and trade deficits, which affect the stability of a currency of a country, there is also, the normal market sentiments when market-sensitive occurs or are reported.

He said there is a link between financial stability, inflation, foreign exchange market, market stability and stable macro-economic stability.

"Depreciation of the shilling against the major currencies can also cause inflation since Kenya is a net importer of goods. Inflation can also be caused by factors that influence the demand for goods and services, such as amount of money ordinary people have available to spend," Kirimi added.

However, Caleb Mugendi, Assistant Investment Manager at Cytonn said a number of factors including the demonetisation process and sour investor sentiments caused by the charges against Treasury officials.

Meanwhile, analysts predict that the Central Bank's MPC will retain the benchmark lending rate at 9 per cent.

If the Central Bank Rate is retained at 9 per cent, the rate will have run for a year since it was last reduced from 9.5 per cent on May 28, 2018.

Mugendi said he expects MPC to retain current policy stance, citing stable macro-economic environment, low inflation and adequate forex reserves.

–ZACHARY OCHUODHO

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BusinessHub

Airtel-Telkom merger runs into more storm as MPs reject plan

Committee on Implementation wants the process stopped until pending questions are answered

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Members of the National Assembly want the proposed merger of Telkom Kenya and Airtel Networks Kenya Ltd stopped until all issues have been addressed.

In a letter to the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), the Committee on Implementation has told the authority to halt any plans to have the merger until they discuss the issues currently under investigations.

The committee chaired by Narok North MP Moitalel Ole Kenta was categorical that the merger is unacceptable as Telkom's privatisation has been previously questioned by another House Committee.

He said there is no way such a merger can proceed yet all issues touching on privatisation and restructuring of the company are yet to be concluded as Parliament was still considering the matter.

He said: "The merger of Telkom Kenya and Airtel is not acceptable. The country cannot afford to lose billions through dubious transactions."

Kenta made the remarks on the day that the committee summoned ICT Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru to appear before it to shed light as to why the merger process is going on despite Telkom's privatisation being questioned, after he previously snubbed the committee's invitation.

At a committee meeting yesterday, Kenta said that if Mucheru fails to honour the summons, he will be a subject of sanction by a resolution of the House for openly showing defiance against the institution of Parliament that allocates and oversights the usage of funds by his ministry.

"What he is trying to do is to undermine the authority of Parliament, laugh at us, especially, when he fails to honour our invitations and we do nothing, and undermining the recovery of billions invested in Telkom," he said. Other MPs Simba Arati (Dagoreti North) and Godfrey Osotsi (nominated) said it was wrong for Mucheru to continue snubbing the committee yet it has sent formal invitations to him.

The move by the MPs comes after CA Director General Francis Wangusi gazetted on July 12 the government's intention to merge Telkom with Airtel.

The notice says the merger is in exchange for Telkom Kenya gaining a shareholding in Airtel for the purpose of creating an integrated telecommunications company with mobile, enterprise and wholesale divisions.

Wangusi said the parties have indicated that upon the approval of the proposed merger, Airtel will be renamed Airtel-Telkom, while Telkom will continue operating in the ICT sector- providing certain other services to select customers.

Carrier business

Reads the gazette notice: "The applicants have made an application to the CA of their intent to combine their telecommunication businesses in Kenya through the transfer of Telkom Kenya's mobile, enterprise and carrier business to Airtel Networks Kenya Ltd."

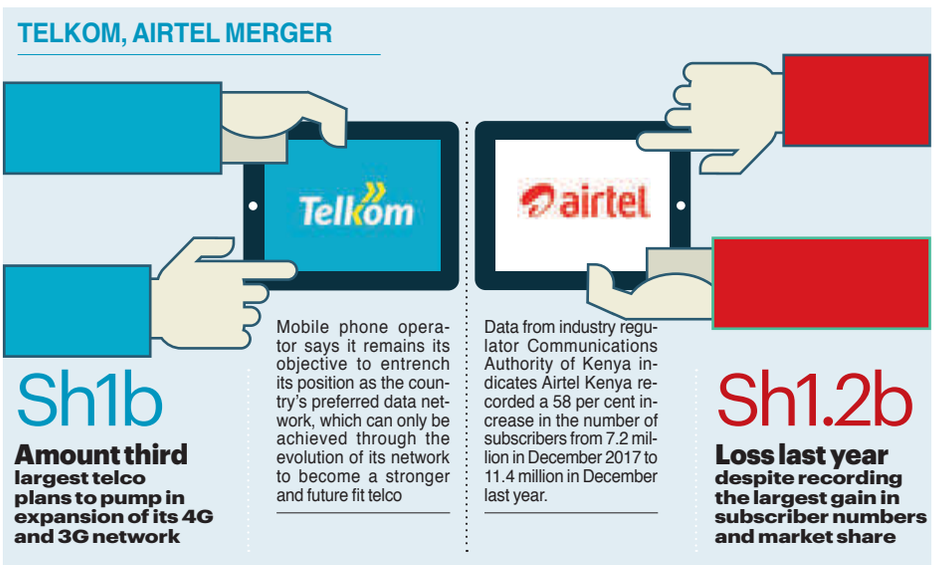
Following the move the two telcos went ahead and signed an agreement to merge their businesses and operate as Airtel-Telkom.

Telkom Kenya is currently majority owned by private equity firm Helios Investment Partners (60 per cent) while the Government of Kenya holds the remaining 40 percent stake. The proposed merger will give Airtel-Telkom, as the merged outfit will be known, more bargaining power in the country's cellular mobile services market currently dominated by Safaricom.

As of end of March this year, Safaricom had a market share of 62.4 per cent mobile subscriptions, Airtel 26.1 per cent, while Telkom had 7.1 per cent, according to the Communications Authority of Kenya 2018/2019 third quarter sectoral report.

Going by these figures, Airtel- Telkom will control 34 per cent of the country's cellular mobile services market. The merged entity will have about 4.1 million subscribers on its mobile money transfer platforms, a segment also dominated by Safaricom.

Additional reporting by Lewis Njoka



KQ to be nationalised as Parliament gives nod to proposal

by Anthony Mwangi
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Kenya Airways will be nationalised after Parliament adopted a report by a committee yesterday.

The approval of the recommendations by the National Assembly's Transport Committee paves way for the formation of an Aviation Holding Company (AHC) and tax exemptions as ways of saving the dwindling fortunes of the carrier

Adoption of the report also means the National carrier, or KQ as it is known by its international code, is now free to merge with other three agencies in the aviation sector so as to consolidate balance sheet.



80,000
Shareholders who bought the airline's stock at the NSE who Treasury will also be required to pay off.

Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and Kenya Airways will be consolidated to one outfit, the Kenya Aviation Holding Group. Nationalisation of Kenya Airways will require that the Treasury pays off about 80,000 shareholders who bought the airline's stock at the Nairobi Securities Exchange.

It will also have to pay debtors which include Sh3.1 billion owed to CBA Group, Equity Bank Sh5.2 billion, National Bank, Sh3.5 billion,Co-operative Bank Sh3.3 billion, DTB Bank Sh3.3 billion and KCB Group Sh2.1 billion.

Same method

Ethiopian and the Egyptian Airlines,the committee had observed applied the same method which were supported by their respective governments and immediately turned around the airlines to profitability.

"Resources of the Aviation Holding Company and any revenue generated from such resources must be utilised for the mutual benefit and development of all its subsidiaries," read the report.

The committee considered the submissions made by the stakeholders and noted that the Privately Initiated Investment Proposal (PIIP) does not present a viable option for restoring Nairobi as the civil aviation hub of choice in Africa and treating KQ and JKIA as strategic national assets.

Saccos to get cheap loans in State directive

Uhuru orders CBK and stakeholders to speed up establishment of a central liquidity facility to enable credit unions participate in national payment system

by Lewis Njoka
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Members of savings and credit co-operatives (Saccos) will soon enjoy cheaper loans after President Uhuru Kenyatta directed Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and concerned stakeholders to fast-track establishment of a central liquidity facility.

He said the centre would enable Saccos to participate in the national payment system and allow them to develop innovative products for their members.

The facility will allow Saccos to lend money to one another, enabling them to address temporary liquidity shocks, access credit faster and at cheaper rates for onward lending to their members.

Affordable credit

Saccos will then be expected to pass down this benefit to their members, considering that they exist to assist members to access affordable credit as opposed to being profit-driven.

The facility will also inform monetary policy decisions and complement the interbank market as a guide in pricing loans, savings, mortgages, and other financial products.

Uhuru issued the directive on inter-Sacco lending during celebrations to mark the 97th International Co-operative Day at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi on Saturday.

Central liquidity facility is a mixed ownership government corporation created to improve the general financial stability of credit unions by serving as a lender to credit unions experiencing unusual or unexpected liquidity shortfalls. Saccos currently borrow from commercial banks at maximum interest rate of 13 per cent while Saccos lend to members at rates below those of the market (generally 12 per cent).

Worse still, the bank loans are not tailor-made for Saccos, hence, do not suit their needs.

Currently, they cannot borrow from one another on a large scale as the inter-lending facility, which will serve as a clearing house, is not yet in place.

FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Lack of access to the national payment system, restricts Saccos from offering financial products and services such as cheque books, foreign currency trading, Real Time Gross Settlement and Electronic Funds Transfers.

A report by Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra) says absence of a legal framework for societies to access the national payment systems and a functional central liquidity facility has undermined their operations.



MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR / AGRICULTURAL	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
22.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS	13.30	13.95	5,500
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Ltd Ord 5.00	340.00	340.00	100
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Co. Ltd Ord Ord 5.00 AIMS	90.00	90.00	1,800
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ltd Ord 20.00 AIMS		470.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.10	19.00	600
180.00	134.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	164.00	164.00	900
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.00	23.00	100
		BANKING			
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	10.30	10.30	15,501,300
33.00	28.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.50		28.00	-
220.00	112.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	115.25	115.00	31,000
57.00	31.00	Equity Bank Ltd Ord 0.50	40.60	40.50	920,600
13.40	3.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	4.16	4.34	40,300
130.00	52.00	I&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	52.50	52.75	300
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	39.85	39.80	2,367,400
12.25	3.70	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.00	3.94	7,400
44.50	20.50	NIC Bank Ltd Ord 5.00	30.05	30.90	62,800
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord 5.00		98.75	-
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	196.50	196.00	5,600
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.20	12.15	92,300
		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	1.01	0.99	12,400
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	6.78	6.18	3,900
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 5.00	4.89	4.95	20,300
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 AIMS	7.92	8.08	10,500
8.40	0.88	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 2.50	0.89	0.89	23,800
125.00	46.00	Nation Media Group Ltd Ord. 2.50	46.90	47.40	10,800
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc ord 5.00	4.28	4.37	143,500
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Ltd Ord 5.00		27.10	-
38.00	18.05	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		19.10	-
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Ltd Ord 5.00	0.36	0.38	238,600
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 5.00	11.50	12.00	18,100
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Ltd Ord 1.00		5.55	-
187.00	110.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	113.00	115.75	1,200
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	82.00	84.50	3,400
5.20	2.10	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	2.59	2.50	900
26.00	12.60	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		14.30	-
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
9.00	5.46	KenGen Co. Ltd Ord. 2.50	6.36	6.34	31,100
23.00	12.80	KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05		22.00	-
8.00	3.05	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	3.93	3.92	618,900
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
36.50	25.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	28.70	27.30	43,200
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.20	8.00	500
		INSURANCE			
15.85	8.00	Britam Holding Plc Ord 0.10	8.24	8.06	31,000
5.40	3.20	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord. 1.00	3.51	3.47	88,700
540.00	366.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	370.00	373.75	2,800
19.25	3.48	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.83	3.93	572,400
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	10.60	10.90	8,900
26.50	18.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	19.40	19.55	2,900
		INVESTMENT			
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Ltd Ord 0.50	32.80	32.60	822,900
1.15	0.45	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.61	0.61	148,300
1500.00	1500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.34	2.60	600
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Ltd Ord 0.50 AIMS	3.63	4.00	1,600
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
21.00	12.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	11.95	11.95	13,500
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
100.00	58.00	B.O.C Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	72.00	71.00	100
725.00	492.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00	520.00	520.00	-
12.50	7.70	Carbacid Investments Ltd Ord 1.00		8.60	600
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	191.00	196.50	5,800
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	2.65	2.41	200
80.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS		12.60	-
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.38	0.38	59,800
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	36.50	36.50	1,000
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	27.25	27.80	6,862,500
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
12.30	7.60	STANLIB FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	8.96	8.84	15,800
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1275.00	1165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1405i	1235.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 1.88 points to close at 148.04
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 23.33 points to close at 2675.31
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 34.43 points to close at 3584.55

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (23/7/2019)

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret
Dry Maize	90	4100	3500	4800	3600	3200
Green Maize	115	3100	2800	3500	2000	1600
Finger Millet	90	9000	6750	9500	6300	8100
Sorghum	90	7200	2250	4000	5800	5400
Wheat	90					3000
Beans Canadian	90	9000		10000	7500	
Beans Rosecoco	90	8100	10100	10000	8500	9000
Beans Mwitemania	90	7500	10500		5850	9000
Mwezi Moja	90	5400			7000	
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	10800	10800		8500	11700
Green Gram	90	12600	10400	10000	12000	12600
Cowpeas	90	9000	5400	10000	8100	7200
Fresh Peas	51	4080	5100	3000	3500	2040
Groundnuts	110	12500	12000	10000	12100	10350
Red Irish Potatoes	50	2800	2600	2500		1200
White Irish Potatoes	50	2500	2500	2500	1800	1100
Cassava Fresh	99	2600	3000	3000		
Sweet Potatoes	98	3600	6500	3000	3000	5000
Cabbages	126	2000	3500	2000	1200	1400
Cooking Bananas	22	500	650	400	200	1300
Ripe Bananas	14	650	500	350	750	800
Carrots	138	9000	13000	4500	9000	7500
Tomatoes	64	4000	3600	7500	4000	4500
Onions Dry	13	845	1100		900	1260
Spring Onions	142	3600	2500	3000	3000	1200
Chillies	38	2850	8000	1500	4000	
cucumber	50	2800	1500			
Capsicums	50	3250	2200	2400	2500	1500
Brinjals	44	1540	3500	1500	2000	
Cauliflower	39	2950	1900			
Lettuce	51	3500	2250			
Passion Fruits	57	6000	5000	5600	5500	4560
Oranges	93	1900	1200	3200	5000	3800
Lemons	95	7000	3000	2000	3000	
Mangoes Local	126	1500	1500	2500	2600	2600
Mangoes Ngowe	25	3000		1800	500	1200
Limes	13	1200				
Pineapples	13	900	840	650	650	1170
Pawpaw	54	4860	1800	1500	3000	2160
Avocado	90	2800	3500	2500	3500	2600
Kales	50	1400	1900	1800	400	700
Eggs		280	330	280		300

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 23/7/2019

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	103.6139	103.5139	103.7139
SW KRONER	11.0155	11.0031	11.0279
STG POUND	129.3267	129.1867	129.4667
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	76.1699	76.0852	76.2546
SAUDI RIYAL	27.6271	27.5978	27.6563
SA RAND	7.4868	7.4768	7.4967
S FRANC	105.5777	105.4542	105.7011
NOR KRONER	12.0627	12.0483	12.0772
KES / USHS	35.7436	35.6394	35.8477
KES /TSHS	22.1979	22.1282	22.2675
KES / RWF	8.8349	8.8131	8.8566
KES / BIF	17.7496	17.6271	17.8720
JPY (100)	96.0144	95.9172	96.1115
IND RUPEE	1.5037	1.5020	1.5054
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.2667	13.2538	13.2795
EURO	116.2614	116.1361	116.3867
DAN KRONER	15.5721	15.5559	15.5883
CHINESE YUAN	15.0602	15.0447	15.0756
CAN $	79.1338	79.0544	79.2132
AUSTRALIAN $	73.0323	72.9566	73.1079
AE DIRHAM	28.2085	28.1785	28.2384

Disparity in number of donkeys slaughtered for export worries agency

by Lewis Njoka
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An agricultural research agency has raised concern over inconsistency in the reported number of donkeys slaughtered in the country to meet soaring export demands.

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock and Research Organisation (Karlo) said there is an unexplained discrepancy between what licenced donkey abattoirs report as meat exported and figures of the same recorded by Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

The agency speculates that the discrepancy could be a result of the four licenced abattoirs under-reporting the number of donkeys slaughtered, receiving donkey meat for export from elsewhere, or there exists an additional donkey meat exporter other than the four licenced ones.



Records from the four abattoirs, Goldox Kenya Ltd., Fuhai Slaughterhouse, Silzha and Star Brilliant, show that 301,977 donkeys were slaughtered for export between 2016 and 2018.

301,977

Donkeys slaughtered for export between 2016 and 2018 as per records of four licenced abattoirs, 21,030 fewer than those recorded by KNBS.

This is 21,030 donkeys fewer than was reported by KNBS for the same period.

A report by Karlo, commissioned by Brooke International, Kenya, says it makes more economic sense to earn from a living donkey than to slaughter donkeys for hides and meat export.

Speaking during the unveiling of the report findings in Nairobi, Monica Michomo, the director at Karlo's Veterinary Sciences Research Institute, warned that the country would deplete its entire donkey population by 2023 if the current slaughter trends continue.

She said the mean rate of donkeys slaughtered per year is 5.1 per cent between 2016 and 2018 against a reproduction rate of 1.04 per cent recorded between 2009 and 2016.

Reproductive numbers

"This means that if no action is taken, donkey population may fall below effective reproductive numbers in the near future, thus becoming functionally extinct as a species by 2023," said Michomo. Brooke, an international animal welfare charity is calling for a ban on the export of donkey skins and associated products.

It also wants a crackdown on cross-border smuggling of donkeys into Kenya for skinning saying its promoting insecurity threatening livelihoods and communities.

The report revealed that between 2016 and 2018, the country lost about Sh26 billion by slaughtering donkeys for skin and meat destined for export as opposed to utilising the live animals, for instance, to carry on transportation.

Over the three years covered by the study, the sector earned Sh 1.8 billion, which is 15 times lower compared to Sh28.3 billion it would have earned from living donkeys.

FLAVOUR YOUR DAY

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Malindi-born singer **Beka The Boy** scores both in music and fashion worlds. The *Hotsi* hitmaker chats with **Manuel Ntoyai** on his love for fine looks

ALL THE RAGE

Many people identify you with your music, but your fashion sense is impeccable. Tell us about your fashion influences.

My fashion journey has been an interesting one. It began since I was young and I figured out I wasn't meant to be the normal office cliché guy. I was meant to stand out and it started with my dressing. When I became a professional artiste, my financial status changed for the better and now here we are. As a creative, every day is a chance to showcase or express my art and I can do this through what I wear and it also shows what I represent. Again, as an artiste I have to be creative and go with the trends; at times, I have to set my own trend and experience has been an interesting ride.

What has been your most memorable fashion moment so far?

I was wowed by the first red carpet events I attended as an artiste. From there it has been normal for me, but also an important lesson as celebrities use the platform to cultivate, grow or even change their brands outlook.

What are your thoughts about the relationship between music and fashion?

The two are world apart, yet they are intertwined. Together, they've powered the showbiz world for centuries; starting movements and creating subcultures.

Does the business model of artistes owning clothing labels really work?

Fashion and music have been synonymous for a long time and have established employment for many young fashionistas. By leveraging on their brand equity, artistes can invest in this business, but of late in the local circles, almost every artiste you meet will tell you they own a cloth line, but all they do is print T-shirts and hoodies. Personally, before I get into this business, I will have to invest time and money into research or simply invest in something such as the fragrance business.

Would you opt to design for yourself as an artiste?

Yes. But first, I would be concerned about how my image is portrayed out there. I would go for something that speaks and represents my brand. The comfort and design has to be compatible with what I do. Convenience and comfort makes all the difference and guides my thoughts when choosing what to wear.

What is in your range currently?

My range is diverse. It largely features dandy soft elegance and sporty wear. I have quite a collection. As a dandy, I would like to express myself as a gentleman with attention to details. It's all about simplicity and elegance. This includes stocking-up my wardrobe with perfectly tailored suits —cut to my size and taste— trench coats, blazers, cufflinks, watches, belts, ties and shoes. When I get sporty, it's about 'athleisure' with Nike, Puma or Adidas the main feature brands. What made me fall in love with this look is the shuffling in between airports and it is convenient for me.

What gives your look that edgy A-game?

It's all in the mind, but I stock up on watches, shoes and perfumes. They complete a man's identity. Currently I'm working on buying myself another Rolex. A Rolex GMT Master II Ice to be exact. In this era of digital gadgets dictating our lives, few people get the importance of a timepiece. It's not just about checking time. Watches speak a lot about someone's personality.

Who are your favourite designer wears?

Versace, Gucci, Prada and Zegna. You can trust Italians with quality when it comes to fashion and design. Locally, we have so many talented designers who are excellent and making quality products and I am rooting for Malindi Designers.

What's your best fashion buy so far?

My Gucci shoe collection that comprises loafers and sneakers. The collection makes one of my most prized items.

Your general piece of advice would be…

Dress appropriately as per the occasion. Many people, including artistes, fail to observe fashion rules and codes. This ends up giving the wrong impression. My management has really helped me learn a few basics on such matters.

What's your fashion obsession?

I have a guilty pleasure in sunglasses. I have 50 pair of them, each for a different occasion. I also stock up on underwear and here, Emporio Armani carries the day for me.

GETTHELOOK

WITH WAMBUI VIRGINIA

American singer Kiana Lede' is all about goals and her music is something made in heaven. The *EX* hitmaker's curly hair, piercings and thick eyebrows bring the soulf to her R&B vibes. Kiana's looks are more of a bohemian urban vintage, which seem effortlessly put together. She knows how to set the fashion trends, with more young people emulating her style.

Kiana Lede' Brown



The crop top adds that chic vibe. it works well paired with high waist pants.



Long braids have been a trend since forever. you can accessorise them with beads or twisted strings for that edgy style.



Super casual look.sweat pants and crop top layered with a thrown on sweater.

NURTURING FOOTBALL SKILLS

t was a fun-packed weekend at St Mary's School in Lavington, Nairobi, as the second edition of Victor Wanyama Charity Cup football tournament went down. The event featured a total of 24 boys and girls teams. The winner in the boys category, Young Talent from Ngong, pocketed Sh500,000 cash prize while Dagoretti Mixed carried the day in the girls category bagging a cash reward of Sh300,000. The annual tournament is organised by Harambee Stars captain and English Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Victor Wanyama. It is aimed to identify and nurture up-and-coming football talent across the country. Those in attendance included Deputy President William Ruto, Sports CS Amina Mohamed, Westlands MP Tim Wanyonyi, singer Daddy Owen and Milele FM presenter Jalang'o.

TEXT AND PHOTOS: RODGERS NDEGWA



Dandora Youth FC's Martin Okello tussel for the ball with Young Talent FC's Collins Otieno.



Keeping up with the Wanyamas: Football star brothers McDonald Mariga and Victor Wanyama.



Milele FM sports presenter Vincent Voyo with footballer David 'Cheche' Ochieng.



Sports CS Amina Mohamed in a chill mode with DP William Ruto.



The girls with the moves. GQ Dancers added more colour.



TV and radio host Shaffie Weru with Thomas Wanyama.



Young footballer Patricia Adhiambo receives a trophy from DP William Ruto.



All ages represented: Husna Natasha, Irene Wambui and Anima Ferrari with little fans Bentley, Leon and Bradley.



Former Harambee Stars coach Stanley Okumbi.

STILL CONNECTING PEOPLE

Mobile phone company HMD Global has launched the Nokia 2.2 smartphone into the Kenyan market. It is the first of the two Nokia smartphone series on Android One programme with a modern 5.7-inch screen display with a discreet selfie-notch. It also boasts of sophisticated artificial intelligence technology-powered low light imaging and Google Assistant. Present at the launch event was HMD Global senior business manager, East Africa, Gopher Ogembo.

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HMD Global senior business manager, East Africa Gopher Ogembo.



HMD Global's Mark Misumi and Belinda Mula.



Four Points By Sheraton Food and Beverage manager Roy Waite scrolls through the new phone.



Nokia sales consultants Mike Lesuda and Fiona Njeri.

TOPSHELF FACTS

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Types of people to find in the gym

People are growing more conscious about their health and fitness and as **Cynthia Mukanzi** writes, you'll come across all sorts of individuals while working out. They range from surprising, cool and unpleasant to the utterly annoying

1. The know-it all
It's not bad to offer assistance to others in the gym, but this person always gives unsolicited advice. They want to sound as if they know all there is about fitness. They are quick to 'correct' you and recommend exercises to do. But that's what fitness trainers are there for.

2. Show offs
Be it the hot body or type of workouts they are doing, these people go all out to get noticed. They love attention and can't help, but make sure everybody knows they are present. And it can be annoying. Sometimes that craving for attention is a marker for low self-esteem.

3. Those who stare
I think calling them observers is being too modest. I have caught people intensely staring at others or me and it feels weird. It's a waste of time and clearly not why you paid for a gym membership. But they do it anyway.

4. The loud grunter
Okay, let's be honest. These noise-makers are mostly men. They roar and hiss loudly while working out and they are unapologetic about it. And when they are done with sets or workouts, they heavily drop the equipment or weights to let the whole world know just how heavy they are lifting.

5. The selfie god
The gym is a hub for Instagrammers and all kinds of social media obsessed individuals. And with this era of front-facing cameras on smartphones, they spend so much time in the mirror taking selfies or videos for the Gram. The annoying and disrespectful thing is that they don't care that other people who don't want to be on social media might appear in their shots.

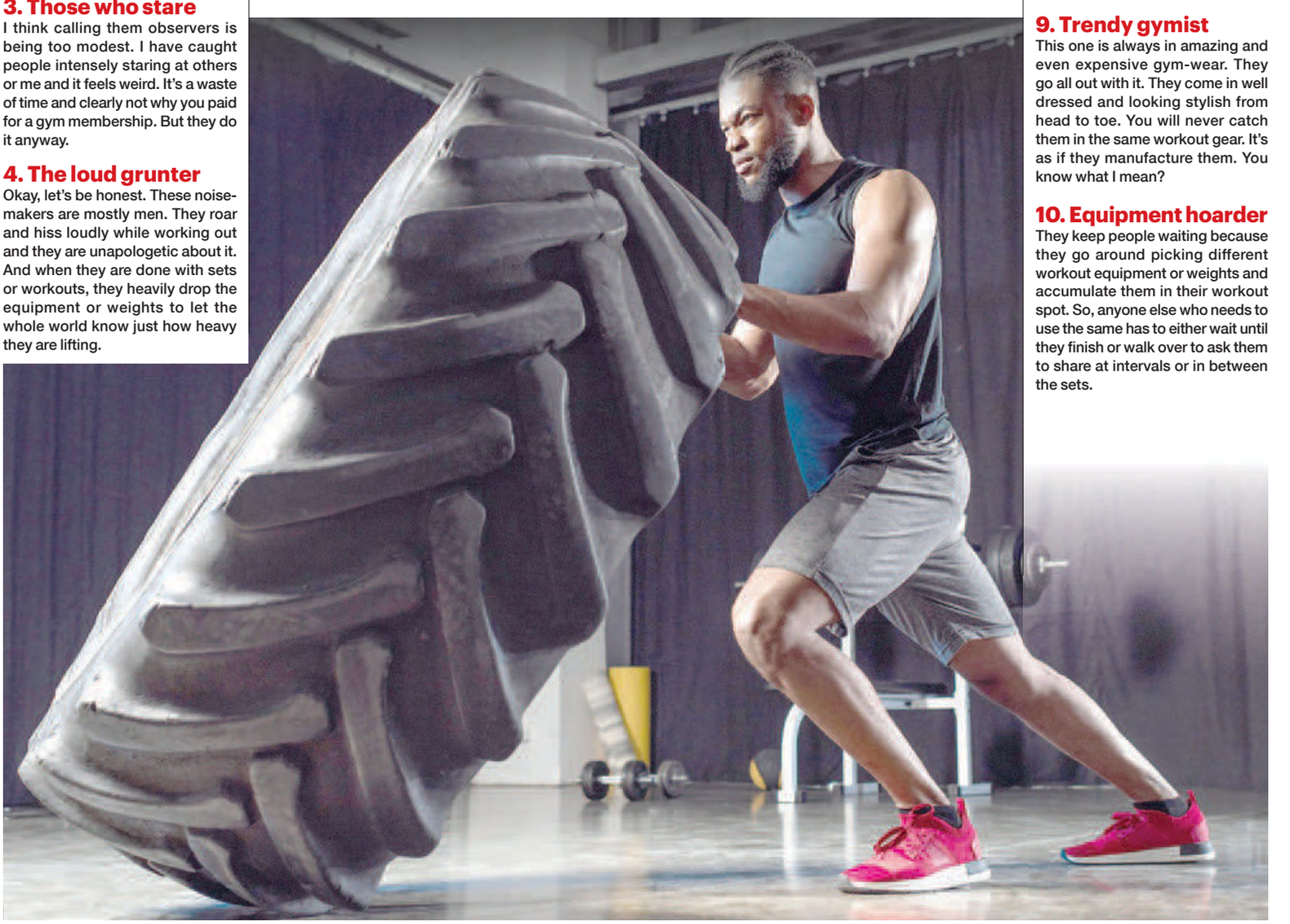
6. Kind and friendly
Then there is the kind and warm people who are always happy to see you and vice versa. And you actually end up forming a friendship. They are not overbearing or looking for a workout partner; the friendship just organically evolves.

7. The fitness couple
Goodness gracious. Wait until they start being all over each other and over-display affection while working out. There is nothing wrong with that. In fact it can be cute. But sometimes it feels like they are showing off or trying so hard to prove something.

8. The glam girl
She gets a proper face beat right before coming to the gym only for them to sweat on it. I never understand why they bother with make-up when going to work out because things get a little messy when you are all sweaty and constantly wiping your face. But I'm by no means trying to police anyone's body. You do you sister.

9. Trendy gymist
This one is always in amazing and even expensive gym-wear. They go all out with it. They come in well dressed and looking stylish from head to toe. You will never catch them in the same workout gear. It's as if they manufacture them. You know what I mean?

10. Equipment hoarder
They keep people waiting because they go around picking different workout equipment or weights and accumulate them in their workout spot. So, anyone else who needs to use the same has to either wait until they finish or walk over to ask them to share at intervals or in between the sets.



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Empowering trainers for inclusive education

James Kamau runs his school with a dream dear to his heart: changing the lives of persons with disabilities. He seeks to equip teachers with the skill to integrate persons with disabilities into learning institutions

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James Kamau made good the dream of owning an institution that could train teachers how to integrate persons with disabilities in educational institutions.

"When I came down with polio, my mother was advised to take me to a school for special children. While there, my teacher pushed me into being the best version of myself. Eventually, he told my mother I needed to go to a 'normal' school. I was a healthy and normal child after all," he says.

The fact that his teacher expressed such confidence in him made him a better person. "Sometimes all we need is a little appreciation and I got it. I knew I was normal and went on to lead a normal life as a young boy," he adds.

Kamau went on to sell a few books on the streets to make ends meet once he was done with high school education. "My brain always drove me into doing something along the lines of education and eventually, I was sponsored by the High Commission of Asia Minor through our former member of parliament, Paul Muite," he said.

Kamau went to Asia Minor for Bachelor in Liberal Arts in 2001. While there, he also undertook a postgraduate diploma in guidance and counselling, a postgraduate diploma in Teacher Training Education and a certificate in computer training. His aggressive nature saw him pursue Master of Arts degree at Andrews University, Grand Rapid Michigan, US. "In 2006, I came back to Kenya heavily pregnant with my vision of giving back to the society. I joined a college as a counselling psychologist and after three years, I was poached to join a non-governmental organisation," he said.

Armed with experience and expertise, James decided it was time to realise his dream of starting a school that would equip teachers with skills to handle persons with disabilities.

Regardless of his physical limitations, the staunch Adventist has participated in marathons. "I do not believe in being limited because of my physical nature and I want to ensure we, persons with disabilities, are treated well by the society," he affirms.

In December 2009, Kamau started an Early Childhood Development (ECD) college, Garrison Victors Training College with two students: his sister and a neighbour. "At the time, we rented a room in Wangige Town and used it as our classroom. With time, more students enrolled and eventually, we bought this piece of land," he says, indicating the plot in Kikuyu.

Whilst the director of the institution charges about Sh30,000 for the courses offered at the college, sign language course is almost mandatory. "We do not charge it. It is free and the feedback keeps us going," he smiles. The school, besides the core units, also teaches life skills that are in turn passed down to the students the institution's teachers will impact.

The fact that he ensures persons with special needs will be equipped psychologically and academically keeps him going. "I know our teachers will cause impact in their areas of training when they go out and teach persons with disabilities as well by comfortably accommodating them in their classes," he says.

Having had over 600 students go through his institution is not a simple fete. "We have even schooled persons from Tanzania, Uganda and California and we hope to host even more. I realised that our students seek is the knowledge and skill on how to deal with persons with disabilities because at the end of the day, we are people," Kamau cites.

"If you have a dream to run an institution, go for it. All I had was passion and a dream and starting with two students did not deter me," he concludes.

GLANCE BOX

- Garrison Teacher's Training College was established in 2009.
- James Kamau, the founder, wanted to help teachers learn how to incorporate people with disabilities in school.
- The institution offers free sign-language courses.
- Over 600 students have gone through the college, with some coming from as far as California, US.
- Kamau, a polio survivor, is married and has three children



James Kamau set up a college to give teachers necesary skills to integrate people with disabiity in abled classrooms. BELOW: Trainers at the college carry on with their studies. PHOTOS: TIMOTHY NJENGA



Rigged game study reveals perceptions on inequality

After noticing that card game winners attributed the game's outcome to skill and losers blamed their defeat on the rules, Cornell University doctoral students Mario Molina and Mauricio Bucca decided to conduct an experiment to measure perceptions of inequality.

Working with Michael Macy, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Arts and Sciences and director of the Social Dynamics Laboratory, they adapted their idea into the Swap Game, a simple card game they rigged to favor either winners or losers.

They found that winners were far more likely to believe the game's outcome was fair, even when it was heavily tilted in their favor by rules requiring losers to hand over their strongest cards. Their paper, It's Not Just How the Game Is Played, it's Whether You Win or Lose, was published in Science Advances.

Before participating in the experiment, people were taught how to play the Swap Game, in which one player discards a card and the second player must discard a higher card, or pass. The first person to discard all their cards wins the round.

Though the first player had an advantage, the first round's winner was determined mostly by luck, with no skill involved. But at the end of each round, the winners either traded their best card for the loser's worst card, making the game more equal, or their worst card for the loser's best, giving the winner an increased advantage. In other games, the winners exchanged cards randomly, and in some versions the players traded two cards.

The winners' perceptions of the game's fairness declined more sharply than losers' as their advantage increased, "indicating that winner's perceptions are more sensitive than losers' to a system that is rigged in their favor" said the paper.

"The findings from our study may shed light on perceptions of the fairness of silver spoons and regressive tax codes in an era of rapidly escalating economic and political division," Macy, the paper's senior author, said. "Beliefs about distributive justice and the relative importance of talent versus luck seem to confirm 50 years of research in social psychology on the universal need to reduce cognitive dissonance."

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Peace and Ken Olwala have some fun time with their children. PHOTOS: COURTESY

Doula helped me navigate fatherhood

They play a crucial role helping expectant mothers experience a smooth pregnancy before, during and after birth. But the lessons have equally proved to be important to the fathers-to-be as well

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It's a sunny afternoon. Using a feeding bottle, Ken Olwala gives his six-months-old son some water. And as he expertly holds him in a comfortable position to prevent him from choking, one wonders where he learnt all this. He is not only good at feeding the baby, but also does well when it comes to putting the baby to sleep.

"My biggest business in life is raising my children and that is why I have always made sure that I play an important role in their life. Also, in our home, my daily chore is washing my children and this is the fun part of being their father because I get to bond with them," says the father of two.

Conflicting information

In 2016, when Ken and his wife Peace Olwala were expecting, they were worried about the whole process of nurturing and raising a child. As a first time dad, Ken was quite nervous and this didn't help in making his wife feel any better. And Peace was confused with a lot of information she got over the Internet. She got so much conflicting information.

"When I was expectant I would read widely. It was confusing. You would get one opinion from one source and a different opinion from another. So we decided to seek an expert opinion, which at that time was from a doula," she recalls.

A doula is a trained and experienced professional who provides continuous, physical, emotional and informational support to an expectant mother before, during and just after birth.

At week 30, the couple resorted to getting a doula. "We didn't take long on doing our homework, especially when it came to getting the perfect doula. All Peace wanted was someone who was much experienced, a mother figure. So, getting Nerea Ojanga, a midwife at Kenyatta national Hospital suited," he says.

But Peace did not attend the classes alone. Ken accompanied her. They had six classes and these were enough lessons to prepare them to welcome their bundle of joy. This also made Peace experience the assure support from her husband and made her pregnancy easier.

It wasn't any different for Ken because he wanted to be fully present during childbirth. However, the lessons he learnt not only helped him during childbirth, but also after his son was born. Three weeks after his child was born, he started bathing him, something that shocked his mother-in-law when she came visiting.

Home alone

"My mother wondered how times have changed saying in her time, men were not involved in raising children. But, this didn't make Ken change his mind, on being physically present in raising his children," she says.

Peace recalls one time when she had to travel for work when their first born was just five months old and Ken didn't have an issue staying home with the child. "We have always had a day bug. he didn't have any issue with me being away. My husband, a teacher would come home early to release our househelp. Anytime I called home, he would assure me that the baby was fine. Also, when I came back I found that he had sleep-trained our baby and he could sleep throughout the night. The two of them bonded well," she remembers.

But Ken agrees all this wouldn't have been so easy without the help of a doula who empowered him for his fatherhood journey. Also, the fact that Peace gave him space to be involved fully in raising the children.

"What men want is to be fully involved in their children lives and this can only be made easier when given that chance," Ken says.

According to Jenifer Matiku, a doula, getting expert opinion is important, especially for expectant mothers as well as their husbands. "Most of the time, antenatal care might not give you all the information about child birth, especially since the gynaecologist work might just involve checking on the growth of the foetus and its progress. However, when you resort to seeking a doula's advice, your pregnancy becomes easy," she says.

Also, apart from helping a mother understand her body and safe delivery, they play an important role in educating the father on their supporting role as co-parents. They give them practical lessons on how to rub their wives' back, especially when in labour. This helps in easing the pain of the mother.

"Part of the practical classes includes learning how to wash the new born and also how to take care of the child after birth. Most of the time, attentive and interested fathers do well," she says.



Daddy's diary

Beware of cons and scammers in your pursuit for wealth

Every morning, we rise up to earn our daily bread. We wake up to go to our place of work or unknown destination, just wishing and hoping the tide turns in our favour. Depending on your location, you may have to be awake by 4am to beat the heavy traffic, otherwise you would be late for work and might lose your job. We join saving schemes, saccos, *chamas*, investment groups for a chance to have the shilling at hand compounded. We look for the latest investment options available to try and make an extra buck as a side or main hustle.

We all want a better life. We want a better or the best education for our children. We want to own a place you can call home, where you don't have to dodge your landlord every month whenever your salary is delayed or the payment from the last deal you had has not gone through. That means you are in a perpetual race to get additional income by all means possible. This is where things become more interesting.

There is another group of Kenyans who have identified this perpetual dream that we ride on. Many scams have come through in the process. Earlier on, we had pyramid schemes. But the con-game has become more high-tech. These scammers come up with brilliant schemes that hoodwink innocent Kenyans that there is a secret for quick wealth. There are many investors who lost a lot of money from failed greenhouse agri-business ventures. Other unsuspecting Kenyans in the diaspora purchased plots in the middle of nowhere marketed as the next frontier!

How these guys are able to convince right-thinking Kenyans to part with money for a mirage project still baffles me to date. I remember seeing close to 50 private cars and a number of vans for Kenyans who had come to one of the "Open Days". The guy sold us this greenhouse lie and we all swallowed it hook line and sinker. Maybe we were too trusting or damn stupid. Return on investment on the agri-business was just 18 months. I have learnt painfully from some of these investment options, that "When the deal is too good, think twice." If you want to make a genuine wealth, there are no shortcuts and there are no quick wins. You will have to toil, and it will take time. Unless of course you ensure that you are part of *NYS Season 3*!!

Parenting101
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Double joy, double jitters

Congratulations! And congratulations again. You have twins. Sounds wonderful, right? This was good news for Polly Najori. However, her motherhood journey has taught her raising multiples has its fair share of challenges



Nerbert and Polly Najori have been each other's support system when raising their twins Matt and Abby. PHOTOS: SYLVIA WAKHISI



Polly Najori always admired twins. She would imagine the double blessing, double hugs, double kisses, mummy sandwiched in the middle and her heart would melt. And five years after she got married to Nerbert Najori, her wish came true. She delivered fraternal twins who she named Matt and Abby. However, it has not been all joy. "We both had a desire to get multiples, but we were not even remotely prepared for the bills that come with managing a high risk pregnancy, premature birth and the high cost of paying and buying two of everything," says Polly who works as an ICT consultant.

The couple had found they were expecting twins during Polly's second pre-natal appointment. "I was experiencing severe morning sickness, something that made my husband to insist that our doctor check whether there was another foetus. And voila, the results revealed that I was carrying twins," explains Polly.

The pregnancy was considered high risk."I had more frequent antenatal visits and close monitoring to ensure that my pregnancy reached full term. I went through some medical procedures that are not common for a singleton pregnancy, such as having steroid shots at 28 and 32 weeks to help mature the babies lungs to increase their chances of survival in case they came early. I was also put on complete bed rest at 32 weeks as the pregnancy was straining my body," she says.

For the couple, the last five years has been a rollercoaster of emotions, a learning experience. It was challenging to exclusively breastfeed them, especially because Polly had to go back to work after three months, but she managed.

Similar infections

"There was a lot to learn in our journey of raising twins. When they were younger, one of them would fall sick, and the other one would end up sick as well. More often, we found they would both have similar infections," she says.

And they hand to depend on friends and relatives who had older children for hand me downs and thrift shopping to manage the cost of buying clothes.

The twins are currently in the same school and class though the teacher encourages them to sit separately. "They used to fight a lot, so we deliberately encouraged them to be friends and to learn to rely on each other. I found out that it did not come naturally for them to always want to spend time together," Polly says.

However, Polly points out that she has had it tough when it came to hiring house helps.

Family lessons

"We make sure to vet anyone we expose our children to. We engage a professional agency for all our house help needs. This is because we get to have access to staff who are trained and best suited to our needs. The agency shortlists the staff according to our needs and allows us to interview them. We prefer to work with house helps who have worked with more than one child with a small age gap that are below five years," she says.

As a working mum, Polly says she plans her work schedule around business working hours unless there are special requests by her employer. "I have made decisions to advance my career, but also keeping in mind that my children are still young and need my attention. Hence I would not wish to engage with an employer whose values do not match with mine," she says.

Polly terms her husband as her greatest support system. "He took a sabbatical leave and stayed with our children until they turned two years and three months. I would admit that I had a lot of peace at work with the knowledge that he was home with the children," she says.

For Polly, motherhood has taught her to be patient and listen – children will tell you so much about what is happening to them if you give them time.

"I have also been forced to work on myself as I have seen how children mirror grown-ups around them. My biggest fear is my children rebelling against my teachings. I saw this a lot when I was young and in school. Parents had no clue of the true character of their children unless they were caught in a scandal. I would wish for them to feel that they can be open to us, to allow us to walk with them as they transition to adulthood," she says.

Her advice: "Kids are only young once. You can't back time to teach lessons or to spend time with your children. Sacrifice and spend time with your children in their early years and you will reap the benefits when they are older. Don't get lost earning a living and miss out on an opportunity to mentor a generation. Read parenting books and articles because you only have one chance to get it right."



MomInTheMix
With FANNE MWAMBI

Are you living vicariously through your child?

Parents, are you what you always wanted to be? This phrase has recently been so overused; it could soon be thrown in the bin. Parents have, especially, adopted it and will throw it into works every time they have a meaningful conversation with their children. And there's nothing wrong with that. In fact, parents need to constantly remind their children that only they can choose to become great or not. Notice how I used become there? That was intentional. See everyone wants to be great at something, but not everyone will make it. Some will work harder than others, and for some, it will remain a dream that they will pass on to generations.

Lead by example

I will not take you round in circles; I'm getting at this; let us lead by example. Millions of parents around the world sacrifice their lives doing things they hate in order to help their children realise their 'dreams'. What instead happens is that these children will chase their parents' dreams in an effort to give back value for the sacrifice. Afterward, few will slither off to chase their own happiness while others get stuck in a maze, similar to their parents; seeking elusive jobs and promotions to earn more and provide a better lifestyle to the next generation.

Perfect piece

While the end result is pleasing, we need to realise we are all cut out for much more than paper qualifications. What positive difference do you bring to the world? Do you enjoy what you do and still perform so well at it? Would you still do what you do if it didn't return an income and still enjoy doing it? If your answer is 'yes' to all, go get your favourite drink on yourself because you have discovered the secret to happiness. The reason we all have different and unique strengths is that this is what places/leads us to a more rewarding stature; our destinies. The unique strength your child has needs to be nurtured because the world needs it to inch closer to perfection. Denying yourself or your child true happiness is like stealing the most precious piece that makes the world.



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Eat, wash, love

Misconceptions about the female genitalia have resulted in practices that cause more harm than good

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Twitter streets were ablaze a while back after a tweep suggested that eating out some ladies is like eating flavoured sawdust. Ladies were up in arms on one side saying that they do not owe anyone a candied anything while the men were on the other cheering on the said tweep.

Whichever side of the debate you are on, we all agree that we have come a long way from speaking about sex in hushed tones and indulging in vanilla sex, that is the boring-one-style-thirty-second kind of sex. However, there are still people averse to going down on women and even more averse to the natural smell and taste of the vagina.

Different rules

"I can't go down on any woman. It's what she pees with. It is where blood comes out of every month. I can do anything for my woman; give her my ATM pins, anything, except that," a 34-year-old content creator and art director confides in me.

He is not alone. American celeb, Dj Khaled last year caused quite a furore after he declared in an interview that he does not go down on his wife, but expects her to go down on him. When further queried about this double standard, he simply summed it up as "it's different rules for men."

In 2016, the journal of human sexuality found that more than 25 per cent of their female subjects had given, but never received oral sex compared to only 10 per cent of men.

Interestingly enough, there are women who do not like oral sex. They feel self conscious about it and find it more intimate than penetrative sex. Ready to prey on this vulnerability are numerous capitalists out to get a few bucks hawking vaginal washes and vaginal soaps, which can supposedly make the love button taste like sugar and flowers and everything nice. Some products even claim to be able to tighten it.

Dr John Ong'ech a leading gynecologist in the country discourages the use of vaginal washes and even the act of unnecessarily washing the vagina."The vagina has vaginal flora, which regulate its PH (level of scidity or alklinity). It is also self-cleaning, hence there is no need for the washes. The washes will only interfere with the vaginal flora and PH, which can lead to complications such as thrush," he explains.

Dr Onge'ch goes to further debunk the myth of eating pineapples and fruits to make the vagina taste better as there is no scientific research to prove that.

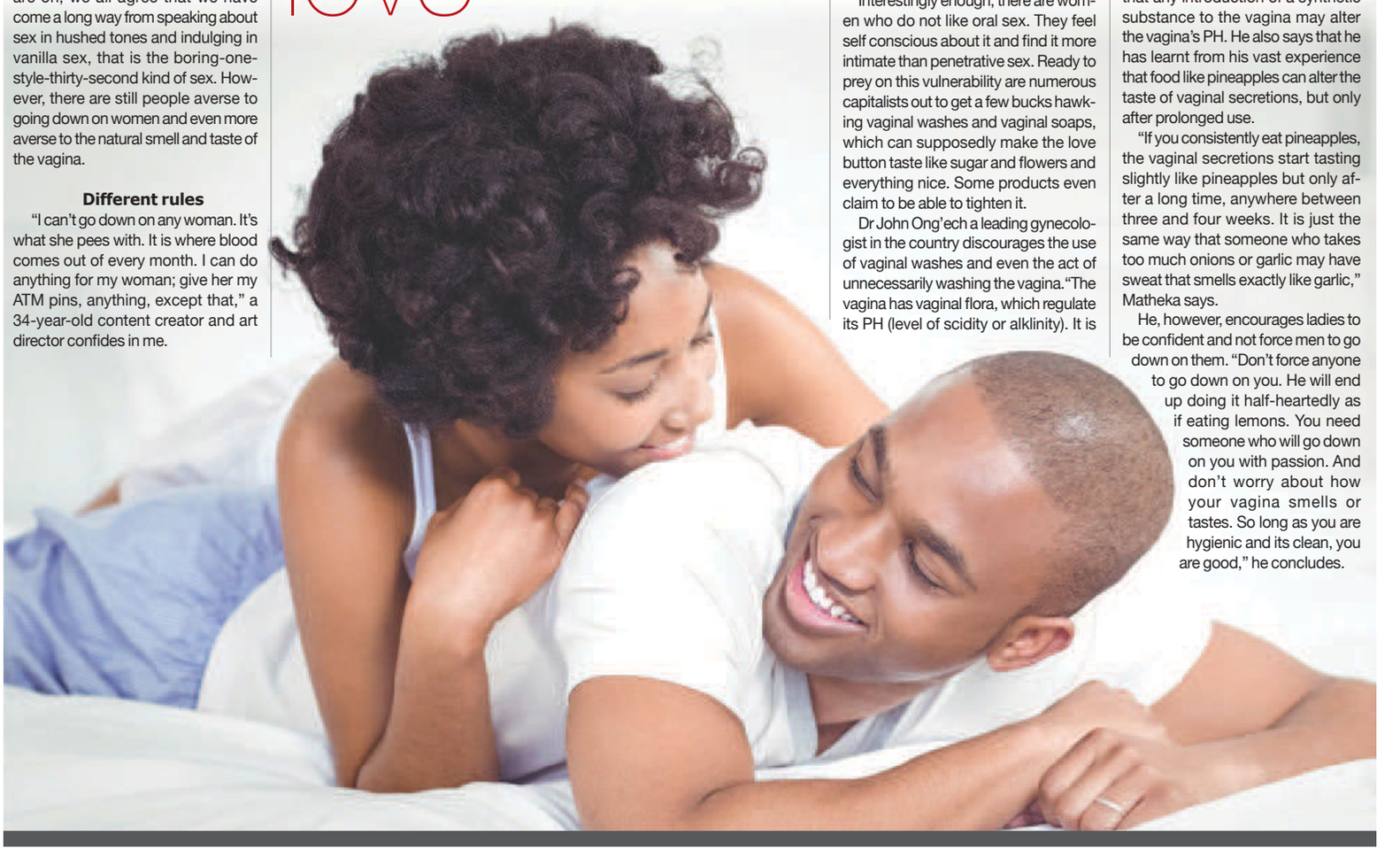
Debunking myths

"By all means, eat your fruits they are good for your general health. They do not, however, alter the taste or smell of the vagina; that is a myth. Probiotics like yoghurt are better for your vaginal health as they have helpful bacteria, which help regulate PH and ward off yeast infections," he adds

Maurice Matheka, a leading psychologist and sexologist, agrees that any introduction of a synthetic substance to the vagina may alter the vagina's PH. He also says that he has learnt from his vast experience that food like pineapples can alter the taste of vaginal secretions, but only after prolonged use.

"If you consistently eat pineapples, the vaginal secretions start tasting slightly like pineapples but only after a long time, anywhere between three and four weeks. It is just the same way that someone who takes too much onions or garlic may have sweat that smells exactly like garlic," Matheka says.

He, however, encourages ladies to be confident and not force men to go down on them. "Don't force anyone to go down on you. He will end up doing it half-heartedly as if eating lemons. You need someone who will go down on you with passion. And don't worry about how your vagina smells or tastes. So long as you are hygienic and its clean, you are good," he concludes.



In Scotland, bladder and bowel problems too embarrassing for patients

Cancer patients' health is deteriorating because they are ashamed to seek help with taboo side effects, a survey shows.

A Macmillan Cancer Support poll reveals one in five people sufferers are too embarrassed to seek help with side effects such as bowel and bladder problems, anxiety and depression as well as sex and relationships issues.

The charity is worried that shame and stigma are preventing people getting help for often-treatable side effects, putting them at risk of physical and mental health problems.

Gerry Docherty was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December 2013.

"The consultant asked if I wanted the most effective treatment or if I wanted to take side effects into account. I said I just wanted to live. Then I realised having an operation could leave me with permanent side effects like incontinence while I felt radiotherapy wasn't as likely to cause as much damage," he said.

The former aerospace engineer added: "Alongside radiotherapy, I was put on a hormone treatment for two years to block my testosterone, because that was feeding the cancer. "That was like chemical castration. Interest in sex went for two years. If I had been interested, I couldn't have got an erection. If I'd refused to talk about it, it would have put a real strain on our relationship.

"I'm grateful that with my wife, we discussed it and found other ways to be intimate. No one wants to be in a romantic moment and have to pop out to inject something or to use a pump but it's a fact of life for a lot of men after prostate cancer. "The impact of cancer is huge. Not asking for help crushes people."

Mandy Macfarlane, 45, from Glasgow, was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer in 2009, nine months after the birth of her second child.

"I went from having large boobs to what felt like squashed pancakes. I have scars on my back and side. I had a nipple tattooed on.

"I look completely different to how I did before. For a long time, even with my husband, I didn't feel confident. I would get dressed quickly so he didn't see me.

"I used to wait until he fell asleep and then I cried."

Mandy, who also had money worries, split from her husband but they quickly got back together.

Macmillan's head in Scotland, Janice Preston, said: "Unless we as a society get over our embarrassment, people with cancer will continue to struggle with serious issues when help is often just one conversation or phone call away."

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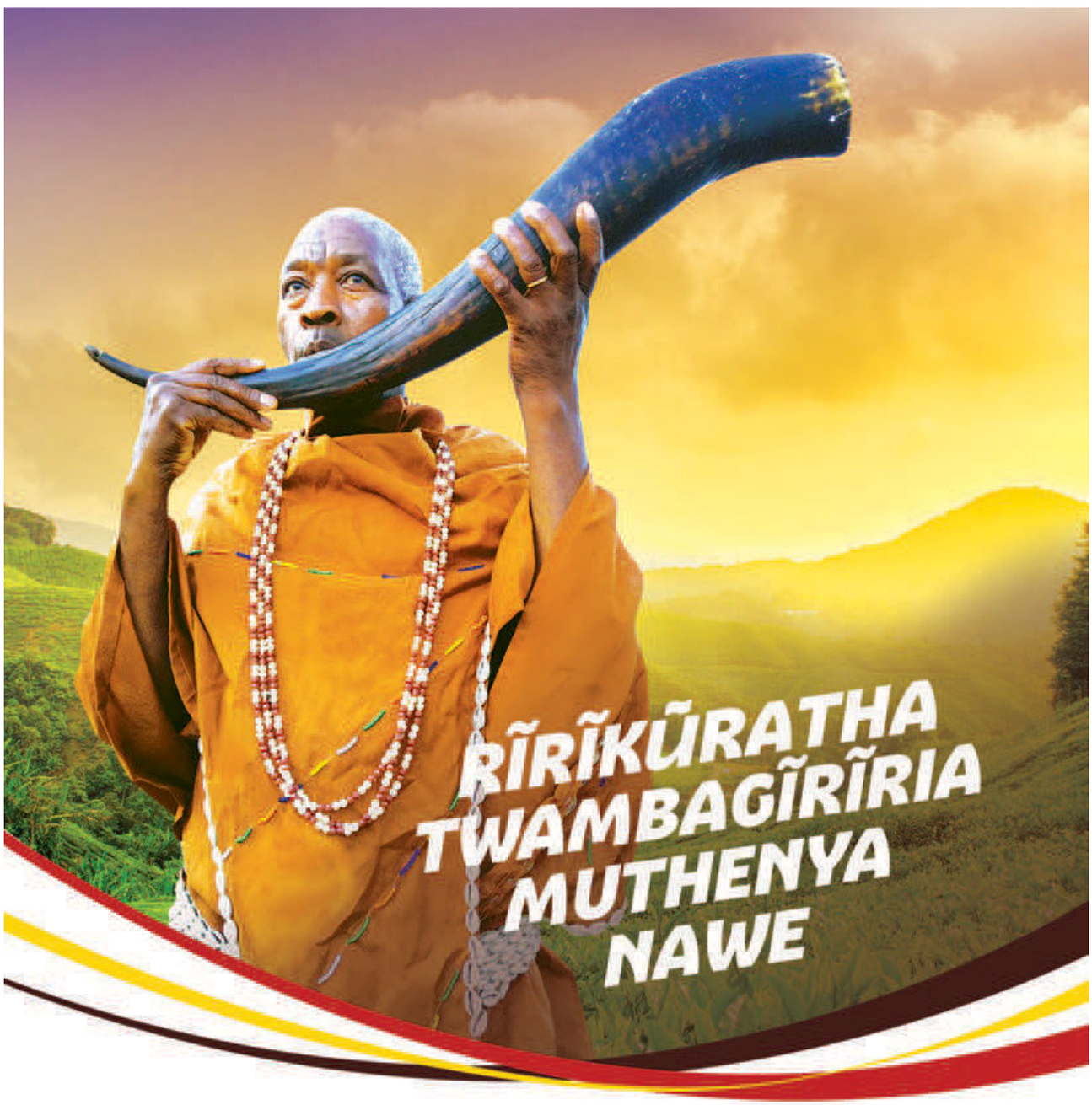
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15.30 Playlist
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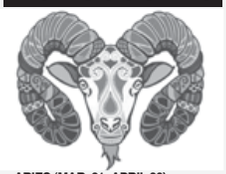
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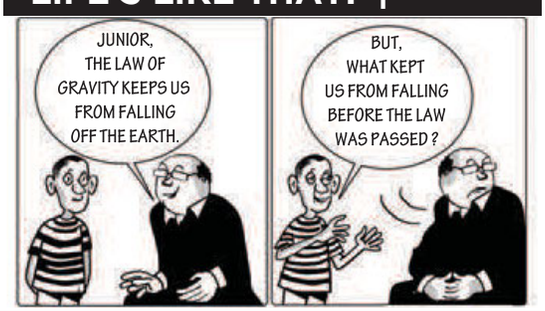
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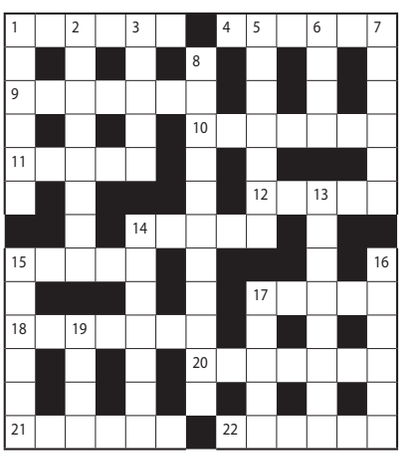
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10. Scandal
12. Bewitch
14. Aspects
16. Engines
18. Ireland
19. Borne
20. Side
21. Assembly

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2. Cashew
3. Situation
4. Onrush
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7. Cowslips
11. Adaptable
12. Benefits
13. Agreed
14. Asides
15. Cherub
17. Levy

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17. Egg-shaped (5)
19. Long poem (4)



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PEOPLE SPORT

The one-stop sports shop...

FOOTBALL: Gor coach Oktay has expressed desire to retain veteran striker Oliech even as office tinkers - Pg30

SPORTS BRIEFS

Chepng'etich shifts eyes to trials after miss

ATHLETICS: Rio Olympics 1,500m champion Faith Chepngetich has shifted her attention to the August 20-22 National Championships-cum-trials for the Doha, Qatar World Championships. She was forced out of the 10th stop of the IAAF Diamond League at the Muller Anniversary Games in London on Sunday due to an injury. The 25-year-old had been highly anticipated to feature in her second race of the season after her triumphant return at the Prefontaine Classic last month, but failed to travel to the British capital owing to the slight set back. "The hamstring was not serious but again i was not going to risk it. We thought it wise to relax and wait for the national championships," the former world junior cross country winner told *People Sport* from Nakuru. In her absence , Great Britain's Laura Muir clocked 3:58.25 for victory ahead of African 1,500m champion Winny Chebet who settled for second in 3:59.93. - AMOS ABUGA

Mysa Talent extend form in Elite League



FOOTBALL: Mysa Talent continued with their dominance in the FKF U15 Nairobi Elite League after hammering Soka Talent 2-0 in a one-sided match staged at Camp Toyoyo grounds at the weekend. The win ensured MYSA remained perched at the helm of the 12-team log with an improved 27 points, which they have accumulated from nine wins. Soka dropped two places down to lie at fouth on the table standings with 18 points. Elsewhere, Mukuru Talent went down 2-0 in the hands of Uweza as Ligi Ndogo came from behind to beat Kamukunji All Stars 3-1 in a nail-biting contest. Meanwhile, Cheza Sports and Acakoro beat Kick It Kenya and Juve respectively with a similar 2-0 win margin. In the U-13 category Mukuru Talent stunned Musa talent 2-1 before kick it Kenya suffered a 1-0 loss while playing against pre-match favourites Acakoro. Subsequently, Kariobangi Sharks put a spirited fight to down a hard –fighting Vapor Sports by 2-1 win.

- RODGERS NDEGWA

Kawangware bad run in Super Eight persists



FOOTBALL: Super 8 Premier League 2016 champions Kawangware United continued with their misery in the competition after suffering a humiliating 4-0 while battling against Melta Kabiria at Riruta BP grounds at the weekend. Melta's lanky forward Dalton Musa scored a brace in the 19th and 51st minutes respectively before his attacking compatriot Collins Omondi came off the bench in the second half to complement his efforts by grabbing a brace for himself on the 80th and 85th minutes handing Meltah the bragging rights of the neighbourhood rivalry. With the deserved win Kabiria climb two places up to third on 29 points just two behind second-placed Githurai All Stars with 31 points after their 2-0 against Makadara Junior League SA and four shy of leaders Jericho All Stars with 33 points. Melta's head coach Paul Kamau said he was happy to win the estate derby citing concentration until the final whistle was what helped them win. "Being a derby, we knew it was going to be a difficult task to beat our opponents there for we paid attention to details in training." Kamau said after the game. - RODGERS NDEGWA

How Kipchoge is working towards full fitness in INEOS bid

by Gibo Zachary
@PeopleSport11

The 'INEOS 1:59 Challenge' is what Eliud Kipchoge is waking up thinking about and the 34-year-old is confident his current training is on tract to get him the job done.

Kipchoge, regarded as the greatest marathon runner of all-time, is aiming at becoming the first human ever to run a marathon in under two hours.

Speaking at his training camp in Kaptagat, Kipchoge, the world marathon record as well as the Olympic marathon title holder said, he's responding well to training and his body is feeling good, the loading phase is going well and he's looking forward to the weekly track sessions to be introduced into the programme shortly.

He added that the current period of training is all about preparing the body for the next more intensive training phase.

"My job is simply to make sure I finish each training session in a good time and a good way and I've been pleased with how my training has progressed," he said.

Confident

"The challenge is still some months away and I am confident that not only my physical preparation but my mental preparation is on track," continued the long distance runner, who's charged to show that no human is limited when he pushes boundaries with the drive to learn and achieve more.

Kipchoge made his first attempt in 2017 in a challenge organised by Nike and dubbed, 'Breaking2' and ran a stunning 2:00.25 hours, only to fall short of 26 seconds in breaking the two-hour barrier.

He is now making a second attempt in Vienna on October 12, 2019 and with 26 seconds between him and the iconic 1:59.00, poised Kipchoge has organised his pre-race trainings into phases to ensure that he nails down the project.

The first phase of his training involved a mix of gym work, aerobics, jogging, easier runs, two fartlek sessions a week and a long run.

In the second phase under the guidance of his coach Patrick Sang, he was reintroduced to the faster track work outs.



Eliud Kipchoge is bracing to become the first human ever to run a marathon in under two hours when he takes the challenge to Vienna Austria in October. COURTESY

Dagoretti's leap of faith

Nairobi Region school set sights on national football domination during next week's Term Two Ball Games in Kisumu

by Lynette Matheka
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Just as he did in his previous posting, football coach and principal Maurice Okumu is keen to make his new station, Dagoretti Mixed, a force to reckon with in the Kenya Secondary School Sports Association (KSSSA) games.

The school will make a maiden appearance in the KSSSA national games next week in Kisumu and they will do it in style.

They will field two girls' football teams in the U19 and U16 categories after Okumu guided the two sides in dethroning his former school Olympic High at the regional games.

Okumu, who joined Dagoretti from Olympic in May last year embarked on a mission to create a formidable football side and, a year later, his efforts bore fruits as they lifted the Nairobi region title in June to book a slot in the national games that kick off on July 30 to August 3 at Kisumu Boys.

Okumu's charges have landed Nyakack, Karugwa and Itigo in Pool A while Pool B has Gesero, Arch Bishop Njenga, defending champions Kwale and Njabini Secondary.

"We are not just going for the national title but planning for the East African games as well. This might be our first time at the nationals but we are not going to be participants. We are aiming for the sky and if we fail, we will land in the stars and we will regroup and come back stronger," said Okumu.

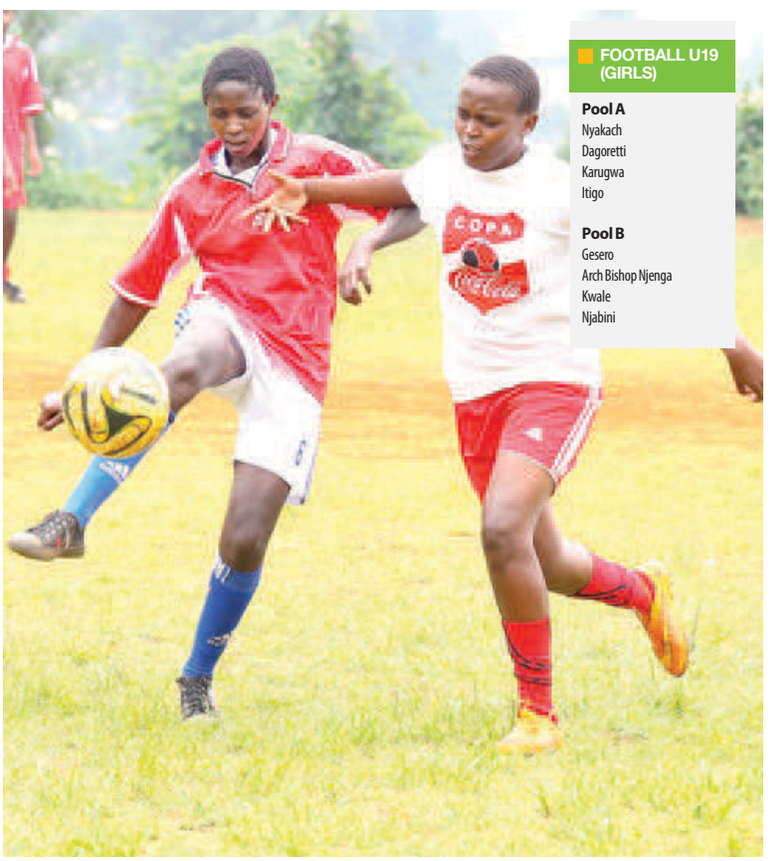
Dagoretti left nothing to chance in their campaign to clinch their maiden regional titles as they beat Pangani Girls 5-2 for the U16 title and thrashing immediate former champions Olympic High 7-1 for the U19 title.

As the senior team targets the East Africa games set for Arusha later in August, the U16 team is not left behind as they have set their sight on a trip to Tanzania too where the Africa Cup competition is set to be held.

"Since May last year, we have prepared these teams for this stage. They have undergone both quality long term and short impact sessions. We have also played in various tournaments including the just concluded Wanyama Cup and that gives my players the confidence needed for this stage," the coach said.

The debutantes are set to face stiff competition from reigning East Africa and national champions Kwale Girls who beat St John's Kaloleni 1-0 to qualify for the national games.

Last year, Kwale beat Arch Bishop Njenga 4-1 for their maiden title in their second appearance at the games. The losing finalists are also set to be a thorn in Dagoretti's ambition. Group stage opponents Nyakach and Itigo are not to be disregarded as they have been at the national level and come loaded with experience.



FOOTBALL U19 (GIRLS)

Pool A
Nyakach
Dagoretti
Karugwa
Itigo

Pool B
Gesero
Arch Bishop Njenga
Kwale
Njabini

Starehe Girls' Bancy Mutie fights (left) for the ball with Selphine Buchete of Dagoreti Mixed School during the Copa Coca Cola U16 matches at Lenana School. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWA

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Butali drop KHU league points to close in on Police

by Amos Abuga
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Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) premier league leaders Butali Sugar Warriors dropped points while Kenya Police collected maximum points to move within a point off the champions in the two topflight matches played at the City Park Stadium over the weekend.

Butali, who were held to a barren draw by Green Sharks are on 15 points while Police were 1-0 winners over 2016 winners Strathmore University Gladiators, moved to within a point of the leaders.

Titus Kimutai scored the only goal of the match in the final quarter of the match for a much-needed win over the law enforcers who were held by United States International University - Africa (USIU-A) from their last league match last month.

Patrick Mugambi-led side have four wins, two draws and the 2-1 fall to Butali in April.

"I think we played well and contained our opponents better. Not conceding was yet another big positive given our back line had conceded many goals before the match," said Mugambi

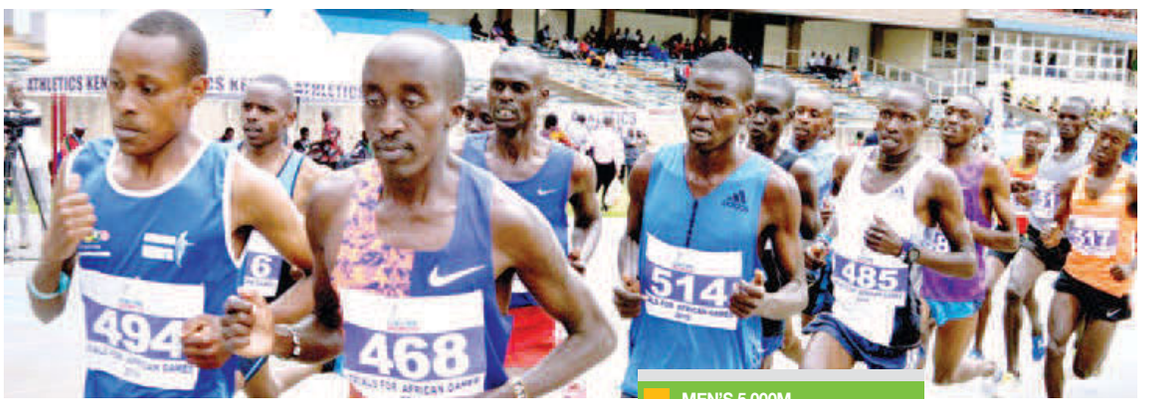
League matches were resuming after break to pave way for the Betty Tioni Memorial Tournament held at the Greensteds International School, Nakuru the previous weekend.

In the Saturday match pitting Sharks and the holders Butali once again proved how competitive the top-flight league is becoming.

The match witnessed high tactical awareness from both coaches, first it was the turn of Butali on the attack before but had to be pushed back in the second and third quarter where they had to devise plans to contain Shark raids. Butali have four wins and three draws from their opening seven matches.



Kenya men's hockey star Moses Ademba (right) and India's Sharna Chetan bully for the ball during last week's international hockey match at Simba Union. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWA



Athletes in 5,000m final, led by Edward Zakayo (468), Vincent Kipkurui (494) during the selections for the Kenya team to the All Africa Games. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

We will finally reign in 5,000m...

...declares Zakato as Kenya hopes to end 14-year title draought in race at the Worlds

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSport11

Africa 5,000m champion Edward Pingua Zakayo was only four years old, the last time Kenya won gold at the world championships.

The Form Three student at Kapsait Athletics Secondary student in Elgeyo-Marakwet County is only told how 44-year-old Benjamin Limo, the winner of the 5,000m race during the Helsinki, Finland, world championships managed the feat.

Zakayo, who won the U20 in Finland last year who will be turning 18 a month after the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar says the country has a realistic chance of ending Kenya's jinx at the championships.

The over decade dominance in the distance by Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele and Britain's Mohammed Farah, athletes who have since moved to the road races is more reason the Commonwealth bronze winner is optimistic.

"I am happy a crop of young and fearless athletes is coming up in the country ready to ascend to the top of the world," Zakayo said.

"Just like myself and Stanley Waithaka managed a 1-2 in the 2018 World Under-20 championships in Tampere, Finland. I see a lot of potential in Kenya in general," said the 17-year-old.

Losing gold to Ethiopia's Selemon Barega, winner of the World U18 championships in Nairobi is perhaps one of the reasons Zakayo is determined not to let it happen again.

"We defeated Barega in Finland to avenge for the 2017 defeat. We cannot deny his star has been rising as well but we are ready for any eventuality," said Zakayo currently preparing for next month's All Africa Games in Morocco.

The August 20-22 National Championships-cum-trials for the world championships is yet another avenue Zakayo feels the country will used to gauge their preparedness beyond Bekele-Farah supremacy.

"I know we have had good athletes even in the duration the country has failed to produce gold at the world championships. I think World marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge who was second to Bekele in 2007 was maybe unlucky," added the athlete currently in residential training camp for the African Games.

MEN'S 5,000M

Helsinki 2005 -Benjamin Limo- kENYA
Osaka 2007- Kenenisa Bekele- Ethiopia
Berlin 2009- Kenenisa Bekele- Ethiopia
Daegu 2011- Mo Farah- Britan
Moscow 2013- Mo Farah- Britain
Beijing 2015- Mo Farah Britain
London 2017-Muktar Edris- Ethiopia

Lacrosse team leaves for world games in Canada

by Emmanuel Masinde
@PeopleSport11

The national team flew out on Monday for this year's U19 Women Lacrosse World Championships in Toronto, Canada scheduled to take place from August 1 to 10.

Kenya will be the first African team to compete in this world event led by coach Storm Trentham.

The sport was introduced in Kenya 2009 and has attracted schoolgoing girls from Western Kenya region.

Trentham said she introduced the sport to give a chance to the girl child to participate in the sports after boys preoccupation with football and rugby while the opposite sex had nothing.

"I saw the boys playing football and rugby while girls did not have any, that is when I introduced this sport to give girls an opportunity to play and focus on something new," said Trentham.

The former United Kingdom Lacrosse team coach decided to take on the new challenge at the world cup and take an African team to the world cup.

"We are so excited and we have been with this team for the last two years and made the last selection in April where we made a provisional squad of 40 players, reduced to 25 and now we have top 18 for championships. The girls are excited as the first team to play at the World Lacrosse championships. So there is a lot to the girls than just playing the sport," said Trentham during the team's last training session at Moi Girls School in Eldoret.

Kenya is ranked bottom in Pool C that has China, Jamaica and Korea in the 24 nations' championships that kicks off on August 2.

Trentham said the team has travelled early for team to familiarise with place and prepare well for the event.

"The girls will be taking on new challenge and we will be travelling a week earlier for them to acclimatise ahead of the two weeks championships. It will be a massive eye-opener for them as too much attention will be on them since they are making their maiden appearance at the championships." Said Trentham.

Trentham first came to Kenya in the anti-jiggers project in 2007 before she saw an opportunity to introduce the sport to the country especially in Western Kenya.



Kenya Lacrosse coach Storm Trentham during a dinner ahead of their departure for the World U19 championships in Canada. PHOTO: EMMANUEL MASINDE



Davis Otieno from Vihiga (red) is declared winner in the bantam weight over Mohamed Hussein of Kibra during the national boxing league third leg at Uwanja wa Mbuzi Mombasa County. PHOTO: BONFACE MSANGI.

Boxing federation names 26 in provisional squad

by Charles Thuku
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Boxing Federation of Kenya (BFK) has named a provisional 26-member squad to start preparations for the African Games that are earmarked for Casablanca, Morocco on August 23-September 4.

BFK fixtures secretary John Waweru said 17 of the pugilists are male while nine are female.

The men's team is composed of Abednego Kyalo, Martin Maina (light fly), Shaffi Bakari (fly weight), Martin Oduor and Dennis Muthama and Mohammed Ali (bantam weight) and Ethan Muthama and Nick Okoth (light weight).

The light welterweight comprises Victor Odhiambo and Stanely Ogutu while Boniface Mugunde will contest in the welterweight division.

Weaved around

In the meantime, the women's squad is weaved around Christine Ongare and Veronica Mbithe (light fly weight), Flavian Auma (fly weight), Alice Waiyego (bantam weight), Evelyn Akinyi (light welter weight), Lorna Kusa (welter weight), Elizabeth Andiego (middle weight), Lilian Achieng' (light heavy weight) and Elizabeth Akinyi (heavy weight). Speaking after the squad was unveiled, Waweru said the men's team will be whittled down to a manageable 10 boxers while that of women will be reduced to seven.

The coaches who will handle the pugilists will be named soon after the team assembles for non-residential training in Nairobi.

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Arsenal Technical Director Edu at Emirates Stadium when he joined the club last week. PHOTO: COURTESY

Edu urges Arsenal to rediscover winning mentality

London, Tuesday
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Arsenal's new technical director Edu has challenged the Gunners to find a winning mentality as they bid to erase memories of last season's disappointments.

The former Arsenal midfielder, who was a member of Arsene Wenger's 'Invicibles' squad who won the 2004 Premier League title without losing a game, says it is vital for the club to build the mental strength that was so key to their success in those glory days.

"To work with a strong mentality, you don't do it like that (instantly). You build a good mentality," Edu said in an interview with Arsenal Media, his first since returning to the club.

"When you talk about mentality, it's not only the players. The club has to have the same mentality as the players.

"We have to have the same mentality, and the mentality of Arsenal, we always had to have winning in front of us. That's football. That's the real world."

Edu was working as Brazil's technical director before moving back to north London and is now taking stock of the club's situation after arriving to work with boss Unai Emery as the Spaniard enters his second season with the Gunners.

Last year the Gunners misfired badly, missing out on Champions League qualification after finishing fifth and suffering a Europa League final thrashing against Chelsea.

The 41-year-old, who played under Emery at Valencia, says the key to a winning mentality and a good season is results.

"When you're talking about good jobs, doing other things, without results I'm not sure (it works)," he says.

"It's unfair maybe, but the reality is like that.

"We have to fight very hard for results and we have to understand the real world, where you live and where you are right now. So we are at Arsenal, we are a big club and we have to understand the situation."

Edu recalled how Wenger's squad would thrive off the continued quest for more success, which spread throughout the club.-AFP

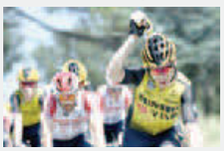
SPORTS BRIEFS

Chelsea clinch 2-1 win over Barcelona in Japan pre-season friendly



SAITAMA: Goals from Tammy Abraham and Ross Barkley saw Chelsea grab a 2-1 victory against Barcelona on Tuesday in an exhibition match in Japan. Chelsea striker Abraham opened the scoring in the 34th minute by pouncing on a mistake by Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets who attempted to clear the ball. But with Chelsea midfielder Jorginho applying pressure, the ball rolled towards Abraham who only had to step past rushing goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen and gently send it into the net. Four minutes later, Chelsea midfielder Christian Pulisic showed off his speed and footwork to infiltrate the Barca defence, but his left footer went just wide. Barcelona went on the offensive in the second half, with substitute striker Carles Perez leading the way. But superb saves by Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga repeatedly denied Barca any attempt to equalise. In the 55th minute Perez zipped past three Chelsea defenders but his left toe kick finish was not good enough to get past Arrizabalaga. A few minutes later, he dashed deep into the left side to feed a high-speed cross to striker Malcom, but Arrizabalaga again denied them. -AFP

Tour de France riders set to bake in heatwave over next few days



NIMES: With the action on the Tour de France already red hot, Geraint Thomas and his challengers for ultimate victory are bracing for a head-on collision with a heatwave bearing temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) and above over the next three days. That coincides with three mountain stages in the Alps that test top riders at the best of times but will probe the outer limits of endurance in a heatwave. Cycling fans worldwide and especially in France are transfixed by the 21-day Tour this year with two Frenchman in the victory frame ahead of Sunday's grandstand finish along the Champs-Elysees in Paris. Julian Alaphilippe holds the leader's yellow jersey and his compatriot Thibaut Pinot sits firmly in the running to wrestle the title from defending champion Thomas with six stages remaining. Thomas has already complained of overheating on a stage last week. But now he insists that he has no fear of temperatures soaring beyond anything experienced on the Tour so far. "The heat won't make any difference, it's the same for everyone in the race," said the Welsh 2018 champion. He was speaking ahead of Tuesday's stage, a loop around Nimes in France's southern region, where the pavements were already baking by morning. -AFP

Ibrahimovic faces MLS ban after elbowing opponent in the face



LOS ANGELES: Zlatan Ibrahimovic has landed himself in hot water after he was caught elbowing Mohamed El Monir in the face during LA Galaxy's 3-2 win over LAFC on Friday. The Swede stole the show after he netted a hat-trick in the derby branded 'El Trafico' before clashing with rival coaches at the full-time whistle. However, Ibrahimovic could be facing a lengthy MLS ban after elbowing El Monir in the face which has left the Libyan requiring surgery. Video footage showed the former Manchester United star appear to look twice at El Monir before leaping in the air for a header with the defender. The bad-blooded incident came minutes after Ibrahimovic's Galaxy team-mate, Joe Corona, was on the end of a late tackle by El Monir. The challenge angered Ibrahimovic before he left a mark on the left-back moments later. VAR was available to the referees for the match but was not used to review the incident. Following the ill-tempered affair, LAFC goalkeeper coach Zak Abdel came on to the pitch to confront the 37-year-old which led to Ibrahimovic telling him to 'go home, you little b****'. On Monday, New York Red Bulls defender Amro Tarek revealed that El Monir will require surgery on his fractured cheek.-AFP



Gor Mahia striker Dennis Oliech when he scored against Egypt's Zamalek in a CAF Champions League match last season. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

Oliech still in my plans...

... says coach Oktay as he blasts Gor management for letting Tuyisenge and Kahata leave

by James Magayi
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Gor Mahia coach Hassan Oktay has expressed his desire to retain veteran striker Dennis Oliech in his team after losing top scorer Jacquise Tuyisenge to Angola's Petro Atletico.

Oliech who suffered a broken arm during a league match against Western Stima towards the end of last season, is, however, still nursing the injury and yet to resume pre-season training.

Oktay said he could not risk losing the services of the former Harambee Stars and Auxerre goal-getter, especially after the departure of Tuyisenge and out of favour George 'Blackberry' Odhiambo.

The Turkish coach criticised the club for letting Tuysenge leave and not tying down Kahata to a new contract, referring the duo as some of his key players last season.

"In those two players we lost great talent, players who win you matches. We must ably replace them if we are to make a mark in the continental campaign and defend our league title. Our opponents locally are making progress with quality signings. They all want to match us and overtake us. We cannot afford to stall but to keep moving," Oktay told *People Daily*.

Gor have invited two West African hit men for contract negotiations as they seek to bolster the team before the season begins.

The team at the moment only have injured Dennis Oliech and Nicholas Kipkirui as experienced centre forwards with new arrivals Dennis Oalo and Dickson Ambundo joining this month and Burundian Francis Mustapha who was used sparingly last season as a substitute.

K'Ogalo have prioritised CAF Champions League group stage this season and must overcome Aigle Noir (Black Eagles) of Burundi in the first round and either USM Alger of Algeria and SONIDEP of Niger in the second round to reach the group stage.

A source within the team intimated that some unnamed strikers from Ghana and Ivory Coast were due to arrive yesterday for talks with the club. "CECAFA Club Championships provided a perfect platform for the club to review the calibre of players in the team especially the new arrivals. There is general concensus that more firepower is needed upfront and two players from Ghana and Ivory Coast have been approached by the club," the source said.

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Closing the gap

Only a single point separates top three sides after weekend WPL action

by Lynette Matheka
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Women Premier League (WPL) side Gaspo believe their fight for a maiden title got a huge boost after the weekend matches where they picked maximum points without kicking the ball after Nyuki Starlets failed to honour their fixture.

The walkover, however, was not the only good news for the Kiambu-based club but the score result in a match between holders Vihiga Queens and former champions Thika Queens who played a 3-3 draw was also a blessing to Gaspo.

The shared spoils stopped Vihiga in their tracks as a win would have seen them move three points clear of second placed Trans Nzoia Falcons and Gaspo who are tied at 42 points. Gaspo coach Edward Githua is confident his side stands a big chance to lift the title this season if they can hold their own and win the remaining second leg matches.

"If we win all our matches we will lift the title. At 42 points, just a point behind the leaders, wins against the top two sides will guarantee us the title, so long as we do not drop points against any other team," said Githua.

The side has reinforced their playing unit with six new additions among them two Tanzanians, Nainangwa Mwaipopo and Madeline Sylvester a winger and a forward respectively. Four more players Lysette Anyango, Linda Nanjala, Teresia Rundu from Mathare and Purity Jeptoo also joined the side.

"We were looking to get the signatures of several key strikers among them Mercy Airo and Mercy Achieng from Kisumu All Starlets and Thika Queens respectively but the offers did not go through. However, we are better than we were in the first leg and are ready to push ourselves to the last match," added Githua.

The tactician, however, decried poor officiating in the league saying it was giving undue advantage to some teams and watering down the quality of the league. "Some officials are being openly biased while officiating but our complaints have fallen on deaf ears as no one thinks this is serious," said Githua.

Vihiga's head coach Alex Alumira is, however, not alarmed by the weekend results as he boasts of still being in the lead and have a game plan for the remaining matches to clinch their third consecutive league title.

"I cannot blame my players for their display as they gave their all. Eleven of them had travelled from Nairobi where they had been undergoing intensive training with the national team and fatigue played a huge part in that result," said Alumira.



He added, "The draw has not affected our title defence as we picked a crucial one point. If we had lost, I would have been worried. Last season we won the league by just one point so that draw is equally important for us."



Joyce Anyango of Makolanders WFC (left) vies for the ball against Vivian Akinyi of Gaspo WFC during a past WPL league match at Stima Club grounds. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWA

WPL WEEKEND RESULTS:

Saturday:	
Kisumu	1-0 Eldoret Falcons
Wadadia	1-3 Thika
Vihiga	2-0 Kibera Girls
Makolanders	4-1 Mathare
Sunday:	
Gaspo	2-0 Nyuki
Vihiga	3-3 Thika
Kayole	1-4 Oserian

FKF WOMEN PREMIER LEAGUE STANDINGS:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1. Vihiga Queens	16	14	1	1	57	12	43
2. Trans-Nzoia Falcons	16	14	0	2	51	12	42
3. Gaspo Women FC	16	14	0	2	35	12	42
4. Thika Queens	17	12	1	4	51	26	37
5. Kisumu All Starlets	16	10	1	5	38	18	31
6. Oserian Ladies FC	16	7	5	4	34	24	26
7. Kibera Girls Soccer	16	8	2	6	26	23	26
8. Zetech Sparks FC	17	7	1	9	27	41	22
9. Wadadia FC	16	6	2	8	22	37	20
10. Eldoret Falcons	16	5	2	9	20	28	17
11. Nyuki Starlets	16	4	2	10	14	32	14
12. Makolanders FC	16	4	1	11	26	32	13
13. Mathare Utd Women	16	2	2	12	14	43	8
14. Spedag FC	16	1	1	14	5	57	4
15. Kayole Starlet FC	16	0	3	13	10	33	3

Bandari cautious ahead of CAF date against Al Shandy



by Charles Thuku
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SportPesa Shield Cup champions Bandari have opted to take a cautious approach in the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Cup first leg date against Sudanese club Al- Ahli Shandy at Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) between August 8 and 10.

The dockers Technical Director Twahir Muhiddin *(pictured)* described Sudanese clubs as strong which is reason why they should not be underrated.

"Sudanese teams are gritty and the fact that we are up against an unknown entity makes the match tricky. However, we have an all round good team that is capable of navigating past the preliminary stage," said Muhiddin.

He reckoned that featuring in the just concluded Cecafa/Kagame Cup in Rwanda as well as the friendly against Cape Town City gave Bandari ample exposure ahead of the CAF assignment.

"You see, we played against experienced teams in Rwanda and this was a great learning experience for the players," said Muhiddin.

Deputy coach Nassoro Mwakoba said the team had a one week rest after the regional showpiece and is raring to go against the Sudanese.

"The players had a one week lull and they should have a right frame of mind by the time the Sudanese come calling in Nairobi," said Mwakoba.

Bandari are expected to field experienced players including Wycliff Ochomo, Benjamin Mosha and Congolese Yema Mwana, Brian Otieno and Hassan Abdallah.

The return match of the CAF Cup between Bandari and Al Shandy will be played in Omdurman after a fortnight.

Six Kenyans to feature at Uganda's Concours

by Ernest Mbiri
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Six Kenyan motoring enthusiasts, among them Stephen Warui and Daniel Biwott have confirmed their participation at the 2019 Uganda Vintage and Classic Auto Show a Concours d'Elegance event, in Kampala on Saturday.

The participants driving three Volkswagens, two Mercedes Benzs and a Datsun 1200 are looking forward to bringing home prizes from different categories in the competition.

Last year, Tor Allan with his 1966 Peugeot 404 made motor sport history by becoming the first competitor from outside Uganda to win the Uganda Vintage and Classic Auto Show. His Peugeot 404 is a regular winner of the up to 1800 cc touring car class and is one of the best machines each year in the CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance at the Nairobi racecourse.

Warui is no stranger to the Uganda Auto Show having participated several times in the past. He will be showing his 1968 Volkswagen Kombi for the third time at the event. Last year, the Kombi took second place in the class for utility cars and he is hopeful about bringing home the top prize in this class.

Biwott, a founder member of the Mercedes Club will be showcasing his 1991 Mercedes Benz W124 at the Uganda Show. This is the fifth time he will be participating in the event, but the 1991 Mercedes will be making its debut there.

His father owned a Mercedes W124 saloon and this family car made a lasting impression on Daniel who resolved that one day he would be the proud owner of a Mercedes W124. Ownership of his dream car has given Daniel great satisfaction.

Peter Wanday, the Chairman of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club which organises the Concours in Kenya, said, "Last year four cars from Uganda participated in our event together with 15 bikers who rode from Uganda to be at the Nairobi Racecourse."

He added: "The reciprocal visit to Uganda by Kenyan enthusiasts will strengthen both countries events. There will be increased public awareness about the Concours tradition of recognizing and rewarding the owners of well-kept cars and motorcycles."

The CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance will be held at the Nairobi Racecourse on September 29th. Among the Uganda entries already listed for the Nairobi event are Leslie Carvell's 1970 Volkswagen Beetle. For several years Leslie has driven her crimson coloured Volkswagen from her base in Jinja to Nairobi for the event. She has taken home several prizes and devotes her winnings to conservation.



Stephen Warui's 1968 Volkswagen Kombi that will be taking part in the Uganda edition of Concours d' Elegance on Saturday. PHOTO: WEBSTER NYANDIKA

RONALDO WILL NOT FACE RAPE CHARGES



Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo will not face any charges over an alleged rape in Las Vegas a decade ago after US prosecutors said Monday they did not have enough evidence to proceed. A district attorney in the state of Nevada said it would not prosecute the Portuguese soccer player because it "cannot be proven beyond a reasonable doubt" that a sexual assault occurred. Kathryn Mayorga, a former model, alleges that Ronaldo raped her in a Las Vegas hotel in 2009. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid forward reached a financial settlement with her one year after the incident. He has always denied allegations of sexual assault, insisting their encounter was consensual. The Clark County District Attorney's Office said it had received a report from Mayorga who it identified only as "V" on June 13, 2009, reporting that she had been the victim of a sexual assault. -AFP

IGHALO RETIRES FROM INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL



Nigeria striker Odion Ighalo announced on Saturday his retirement from international football after winning the Golden Boot at the Africa Cup of Nations. The 30-year-old Shanghai Shenhua striker struck five times as the Super Eagles finished third in Egypt, bagging him the top scorer honours with two goals more than Sadio Mane, Riyad Mahrez and Cedric Bakambu. "It's been an amazing 5 years journey, but after the due consultation and extensive discussion with my family, I have decided it's time for me to retire from the national team," Ighalo said in a statement. "It's been an eventful and most memorable opportunity to serve my country with pride, passion and contribute my quota to the development of our football. -AFP

Gareth finally rings the 'Bale'



Real Madrid's Welsh striker Gareth Bale (left) with manager Zinedine Zidane at a past Spanish La Liga match. PHOTO: FILE

HOW BALE'S CHINESE MOVE WILL DOUBLE HIS EARNINGS:

Real Madrid		China
Sh 4 billion	Per Year	Sh 6.7 billion
Sh 336 million	Per Month	Sh 556 million
Sh 78 million	Per Week	Sh 130 million
Sh 11.2 million	Per Day	Sh 18.4 million
Sh 465,453	Per Hour	Sh 776,000
Sh 7,800	Per Minute	Sh 13,000
Sh119	Per Second	Sh213

BALES STATS AT REAL MADRID AGAINST ZIDANE'S:

Gareth Bale		Zinedine Zidane	
Games:	231	Games:	227
Goals:	102	Goals:	49
Assists:	65	Assists:	66
Trophies:	13	Trophies:	6

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Welshman agrees to join Jiangsu Suning in Sh 130m-a-week transfer, ending troubled relotionship with Zidane at Madrid

Cairo, Monday
@PeopleSport11

Gareth Bale has agreed to join Jiangsu Suning for a staggering Sh130 million (£1million)-per week, according to sensational reports in China.

The Chinese Super League club are thought to be ready to splash the cash to lure the Welshman, 30, to the Far East - with Bale allegedly ready to move.

Journalist Bai Guohua made the staggering revelation on social media platform Weibo this morning.

He wrote: "Congratulations to fans of Suning Club!"

Guohua then added that Jiangsu had beaten off competition from rivals Beijing Guo'an to sign the Real Madrid star.

Bale is expected to leave the Bernabeu after boss Zinedine Zidane said it would be "best for everyone" if he moved on after six years with the club.

But his high wages, currently around Sh 78m (£600,000), have priced out plenty of potentially-interested club.

A move to China or Bayern Munich is most likely with a Premier League return seemingly off the cards financially.

Local media outlet Sina Sport say that both Jiangsu Suning and Beijing Guo'an offered lucrative contracts to Bale.

Suning are based in the city of Nanjing, the capital of Jiangsu province in East China. They finished fifth in the Chinese Super League last season and currently sit in sixth position with 11 games remaining this term.

Their Instagram page - which has not been verified and has just 13.1k followers compared to Bale's 40.5m - follows just 34 users, but one of those is that of @garethbale11, the winger's verified account.

Chinese clubs have until July 31 to complete a deal for Bale this year.

Guohua added: "Fans of Sunning Club please don't write messages to me. The boss Zhang is so powerful!"

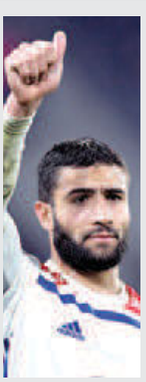
Billionaire Zhang Jindong is the president of Suning Group which owns the club and his company also holds the majority of shares of Italian football giants Inter Milan.

The hashtag #BaleJoinsSuning has been viewed more than 5m times in three hours on Weibo.

The details of Bale's reported contract in China are unclear but with the Welshman offered the chance to become the first £1m-a-week footballer in Beijing, he is likely to have been offered the same at Jiangsu.

If Bale completes his move to Jiangsu Suning he will join Brazilian former Shakhtar Donetsk midfielder Alex Teixeira and Italian striker Eder as the team's other foreign stars.

But just three minutes after his original post, Guohua made sure to cover himself if Bale did not sign for Suning after all. -THE SUN



French star midfielder Fekir leaves Lyon in surprise move to Real Betis

FOOTBALL: French World Cup winning midfielder Nabil Fekir has completed a surprising move from Lyon to Real Betis, the La Liga club announced yesterday. "Real Betis and Olympique Lyonnais have reached an agreement for the transfer of midfielder Nabil Fekir," the club stated on its website. "The French international has signed a contract until 2023 with the Green and White club. Fekir becomes the fourth team signing for the season 2019/2020. "With the arrival of Fekir, Real Betis acquire creativity, great technique, shooting ability and attacking edge." No transfer fee has been made public although reports in France and Spain put the fee at just over 20 million euros which could rise by another 10 million through bonuses. Fekir, who has signed a five-year deal, and Betis both have a 20 percent sell-on clause included in the deal. In spite of a likely pay rise from his Lyon salary, estimated by L'Equipe at 350,000 euros a month, it appears a surprising move for the 26-year-old on a football front. Unlike Lyon, who qualified for this season's Champions League, Seville club Betis have no European competition after finishing 10th in La Liga last season. -AFP



Sri Lanka's legendary bowler Malinga to play T20s after quitting ODIs

CRICKET: Veteran Sri Lankan pace bowler Lasith Malinga yesterday confirmed he will retire from one-day international cricket after the first match against Bangladesh but hopes to play T20 cricket. Malinga invited fans to his farewell ODI at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Friday and said the cricket board agreed to his request to retire from the 50-over format of the game. Posting a video message to his fans on his wife's Facebook page, Malinga said he felt no ill will towards officials and players who may have tried to push him out of the team. The 35-year-old said he was sidelined by selectors two years ago but was able to prove his value to the national team at the recent World Cup. "Friday will be the last day you will see me playing a ODI match," Malinga said. "If you can, please come for the match." During practice Tuesday ahead of the first ODI against Bangladesh, Malinga said he hoped to play T20 cricket and had his sights on the 2020 World Cup in Australia. "I hope to be able to take Sri Lanka to the next T20 World Cup," he said. "I hope I will have an opportunity to play in that tournament, but if there are better players than me, I don't mind being left out." -AFP

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