



ETHICS RULING ON BAIL APPLICATION SET FOR THURSDAY AS PETITION FILED TO REMOVE GOVERNOR

MCAs sign motion to impeach Obado

He is charged with murder and is being investigated by EACC for siphoning millions of county funds through proxies but Obado's fate lies with MCAs who want to impeach him

SUSAN MUHINDI AND NANCY AGUTU/ Migori MCAs have kicked off moves towards impeaching embattled governor Okoth Obado who was charged with Sharon's murder in Nairobi on Monday.

By 6pm yesterday 23 of the 60 members of the county assembly had signed the petition to remove Obado on grounds of integrity.

They say he has disgraced himself and his position has become untenable.

But the assembly Majority leader defended the governor and told off those scheming to impeach him.

"We are aware of those plans but nothing has been presented to the assembly yet. When they do we will deal with it then," Lawrence Onyago told the Star yesterday.

Obado was arrested last Friday after recording statements in Kisumu and Nairobi. He has been accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend, Sharon Otieno, between September 3-4.

He denied the charges before High Court judge Jessie Lessit on Monday and was remanded at Industrial Area remand prison until the court rules on his bail application on Thursday.

Besides the murder accusations, Obado and his close allies are under investigation by the EACC for alleged money laundering in which millions of shillings from the Migori country have been paid out to a ring of connected companies in dubious contracts.

Some of the bank accounts of the suspect companies, including those held by his wife Helen, have been frozen after the EACC obtained court orders.



THIRST FOR FREEDOM: Migori governor Obado listens to arguments on bond at Millimani law court yesterday / COLLINS KWEYU

BREASTFEEDING

HIV+ woman charged with infecting baby of neighbour

A woman yesterday denied deliberately infecting a nine-month-old baby with HIV through breastfeeding. Initial HIV tests from a hospital returned positive, but the court has directed that the results be verified.

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ELACHI REMOVAL

Mwaura Chege named Nairobi acting speaker

Nairobi MCAs yesterday elected Majority Chief Whip Mwaura Chege to replace impeached Beatrice Elachi as speaker of the assembly, in an acting capacity.

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NGUNJIRI WAMBUGU

No way around increased taxes

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Migori governor
Okoth Obado's
home in Uriri
/COURTESY

FACES GRAFT CHARGES

EACC probes Obado's Sh100m palatial home

Firm owned by accomplices and that benefits from county tenders built rural residence but no record shows it was paid

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The anti-graft agency estimates that beleaguered Migori governor Okoth Obado's rural home is worth more than Sh100 million.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission says in court papers that the palatial home is a symbol of the vast amount of wealth the second-term county chief has amassed.

"The investigation team has also verified that the governor Migori county, Zacharia Okoth Obado, has a newly built palatial home estimated to be worth more than Sh100 million located at Uriri," EACC told the High Court.

The anti-graft detectives claim Obado has accumulated vast wealth beyond his legitimate

sources of income.

Just last month, 11 senior officers from Migori were charged with flouting procurement rules and purchasing Sh20 million furniture for the governor's house. It is unclear whether the furniture was meant for his Uriri home or for his official residence.

On Saturday and Tuesday, the Star exclusively reported how Obado and his associates registered about 30 companies and used them to pocket Sh2.5 billion in "fictitious contracts", according to EACC sleuths.

The Eliud Wabukhala-led agency said their preliminary probe had established that Obado and his wife, Hellen Odie, hold numerous bank accounts.

The suspect's accounts are at National Bank, Diamond Trust Bank, Equity Bank and Cooperative Bank. Hellen's account at Equity Bank

has Sh784,451. They are some of the accounts the EACC has frozen

The EACC says Mbingo Enterprises, one of the dubious firms owned by Obado's accomplices, built the Uriri home. Puzzling to the detectives was lack of evidence indicating that the governor paid the contractor.

Mbingo director Ernest Omondi was paid more than Sh700 million in questionable contracts by the county. Another of Obado's alleged proxy, Jared Peter Odoyo Oluoch Kwaga, pocketed Sh1.6 million.

The EACC says they have taken all the suspects to task to explain the source of their massive wealth.

"The commission has issued notices under Section 26 of ACECA to the respondents and others believed to be to part of the scheme to explain the sources of the monies held in the above mentioned bank accounts and listed parcels," it said.

13 SUSPECTS NABBED

DCI and energy agency intensify war on illegal gas

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The Energy Regulatory Commission has partnered with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to wipe out crooks dealing in illegal liquefied petroleum gas.

ERC director general Pavel Oimeke yesterday said they have already impounded 12 bulk LPG road tankers at the Namanga border and arrested 13 suspects.

"The suspects were arraigned and charged with importation, transportation and sale of liquefied petroleum gas without valid licences issued under the Energy Act, 2006," Oimeke said.

Namanga border is notoriously exploited by tax evaders to import substandard products. The DCI has been spearheading a relentless war against contraband and has lately trained its guns on officers abetting the trade. Some 30 senior KRA and KBS officials were arrested early this week and charged in an on-going probe into the importation of poisonous sugar and other contrabands.

Oimeke urged members of the public to be vigilant and report any suspected malpractice in the petroleum subsector. The ERC said they have intensified countrywide surveillance in the LPG sector to curb the trade, which is a threat to lives and the Kenyan economy. An evasive but ruthless cartel has been running a parallel multimillion-shilling market in the country, putting thousands of lives at risk and minting millions tax-free. Cheap but sometimes-leaky cooking gas cylinders filled by racketeers who provide no maintenance has been a nightmare to consumers, especially in informal settlements where the black market thrives.

MINORITY LEADERSHIP

Baya seeks Raila blessing in bid to depose Mbadi

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Kilifi North MP Owen Baya has written to ODM leader Raila Odinga seeking removal of John Mbadi as National Assembly Minority leader for incompetence.

Raila yesterday met the Central Management Committee of the party — a critical organ — to determine the next steps of action on emerging internal mutiny.

The meeting largely focused on the party's financial position but failed to come up with a concrete decision on how to deal with errant MPs who defied Raila and voted against the taxation law last Thursday.

Raila is said to have objected a push by a section of the CMC to whip the rebellious MPs and instead urged them to promote dialogue at their parliamentary group caucus to bridge the cracks.

But in his petition, Baya, the party deputy organising secretary, said he will take the battle to the House if Raila fails to act. He accused Mbadi of failing to offer better leadership to the Minority side of the House during the chaotic enactment of the Finance Bill, 2018.

Mbadi laughed off the push to purge him from the position. "I don't have time to respond to idlers, who, in my view, don't know where they belong in the first place and have no capacity to understand complex issues," he said.

Baya said Mbadi, the ODM chairman, failed miserably to convince and mobilise members to take a common position because he was "too weak and lacks mobilisation skills". He said most ODM MPs opposed the bill and that amounted to an indictment on Mbadi's leadership and influence in the House.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Have the police done enough to end the Mau-Narok ethnic clashes?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Should Governor Obado resign?

YES 88%

NO 12%

HIT OR MISS



IRREGULAR HIRING
Nyeri officers arrested

Seven officials of Nyeri county government were yesterday arrested and are expected to be charged today. The seven are five members of the county Public Service Board and two ward administrators. They were arrested by Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission officials over irregular recruitment of subcounty and ward administrators. See Page 24



MIRAA LEAVES
Drug abuse on the rise in schools

An Embu officer has expressed concern over drug abuse among primary and secondary schoolchildren. Gender, Children and Social Services executive Joan Mwende yesterday said the problem is to blame for increasing school dropouts and "all kinds of social evils and crime such as defilement, incest, murder, robbery and suicide. See Page 26



Left and right, Joe Irungu, aka Jowi, a security worker in a Dubai-based firm. Centre, slain businesswoman Monica Nyawira /COURTESY

THROAT SLIT

Cops quiz Maribe fiance in murder of Kilimani woman

Arrested after hospital informed police of a patient with a bullet injury

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Police in Kilimani are holding a 28-year-old suspect in connection with the torture murder of flamboyant businesswoman Monica Nyawira.

Joe Irungu, aka Jowi, a security worker in a Dubai-based firm, was arrested yesterday at a Lang'ata home. He is engaged to be married to popular Citizen TV news anchor Jackie Maribe.

Nyawira lived alone in her upscale Kilimani apartment. Her hands had been tied from behind with a rope, an indication that she was tortured before her throat was slit last Thursday. The body was dumped in her bathtub.

Yesterday, Kilimani DCI chief Fatuma Hadi said police were questioning Irungu about the murder. Last Saturday, Irungu reported to Lang'ata police that he had been shot at by men on a motorbike. He said he sustained chest wounds.

Kilimani police boss Michael Muchiri yesterday said the suspect will be arraigned tomorrow. "He did not resist arrest. I did not see any gunshot wound on the suspect," he said.

Irungu told police he was driving his car towards Lang'ata in the company of his fiancée, Maribe, when he spotted the two men trailing him.

He said the gunmen accosted him at Royal Park estate where

jumped out of his car. Irungu said the men shot him in Maribe's presence. He sought treatment at Lang'ata Hospital. The police report was recorded on Friday, a day after the murder. The officers booked the incident in the OB but did not examine injuries, Irungu claimed to have sustained.

Yesterday, an officer at Kilimani said Irungu was picked up after hospital authorities informed police of a patient with a bullet wound. A source said Irungu appeared to match the description of one of two men at Nyawira's house on the night she was killed.

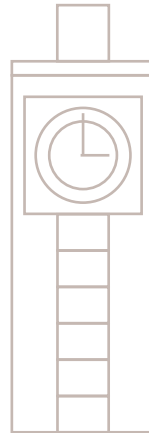
The source, who requested anonymity, said Irungu denied any involvement in the murder. He also denied knowing Nyawira.

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DENIES
KNOWING
NYAWIRA

CARTOON



CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **IS** besieged Migori governor Okoth Obado (pictured) so popular in his backyard or is there a gang allied to the troubled county chief that is spreading terror? Sources whispered to Corridors that some people within the county have been violently attacked for reportedly talking about the governor's current woes. Obado has been charged and remanded at the Industrial Area prison over the murder of Sharon Otieno with whom he had a relationship. On Monday, a group of women thronged the Milimani court to offer him moral support with placards emblazoned with political messages. Back in Migori, it is being alleged that those carrying out the attacks are members of the dreaded Sangwenya gang. Does Director of Criminal Investigations George Kinoti have his ear to the ground?

★ **AIDES** of a top politician who lost an election petition and appealed are chest-thumping how they have bribed a judge to delay a ruling on applications presented to the court. Corridors is informed that apparently the same judge, who was to write a unanimous ruling on the applications, made a U-turn at the eleventh hour on whether to accept the application or not. The court is now in limbo, true to the words of the politician's boys, who were claiming the ruling will not be coming soon. In the meantime, the electorate are already gearing up for a by-election.

★ **A** member of a powerful House committee yesterday stunned his colleagues when he walked late into a meeting and apologised, claiming he first went to sign up for another committee, which was sitting at the same time. Is this an indication of the honourable members' insatiable appetite for cash? One of the lawmakers from the committee was heard saying loudly on the sidelines how colleagues have devised ways of covering up for the eight per cent VAT, which took effect last week. MPs usually earn modest allowances for every committee sitting they attend. In some cases, they just sign the attendance list and walk out.

★ **SOME** top security officials were yesterday overheard laughing off a parliamentary committee, which had demanded the appearance of Inspector General of Police **Joseph Boinnet** to shed light on the operations of the traffic department and rising road accidents. After appearing before the committee at Parliament Buildings, some police top brass were overheard saying they had information required by the MPs and that Boinnet's appearance would not change anything. It remains a puzzle why some big fish find it difficult to appear before the people's representatives.

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FROM PAGE 1/ The anti-graft agency is tracing the trail of multi-million transactions that include overseas accounts.

Separately, a Nairobi-based NGO yesterday petitioned the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission to initiate Obado's removal from office for failing the integrity requirements in the Constitution.

International Center for Policy and Conflict director Ndung'u Wainaina said EACC should file a constitutional petition at the Supreme Court to seek Obado's removal for breach of integrity if he does not resign.

In a letter copied to DPP, AG and IEBC yesterday, Wainaina said Obado cannot discharge his duties in the manner contemplated by the Constitution and the principles of public service.

"Obado lacks in character and integrity demonstrated by various incidents which are matters of public knowledge," the petition reads.

Wainaina said the petition seeks to enforce transparency in

the electoral process and foster accountability.

"The conduct of state officers in private and public is very central in determining whether they have required integrity and suitability to hold public office," he said.

"How the commission will address suitability of Obado to remain in office is the acid test and tipping point in executing its mandate."

Wainaina drew comparisons with the case of former Deputy Chief Justice Nancy Baraza who resigned in 2012 after a judicial tribunal was set up to determine her suitability for pinching a guard on the nose at Village Market.

The tribunal, he said, set a precedent in the application of Chapter Six by separating personal

integrity from criminal liability of public office holders.

"The tribunal made a distinction between presumption of innocence as articulated in the administration of criminal justice and integrity standards expected of public/state officers."

"The tribunal clearly stated that unethical conduct or lack of integrity by state officers only required accurate proof and material facts," he said.

Obado will remain at Industrial Area prison until Thursday afternoon when the court will rule on his bail application. His lawyer, Cliff Ombeta, argued that murder like all other offences is bailable under the law.

Obado is the first suspect to be charged in connection with

Sharon's murder. His personal assistants, Micheal Juma Oyamo and Caspal Obiero, are expected to be charged today.

On Monday, DPP Noordin Haji directed the DCI to pursue and arrest the hitmen who executed Sharon.

The DPP said investigations so far have revealed that the crime was executed by the governor's acquaintances to avoid a political backlash.

There is a likelihood that Obado may face a second count of murder for causing the death of the unborn child. The deceased Sharon Belyne Otieno was seven months pregnant with a male child when she was killed.

Senior Assistant Public Prosecutor Alexander Muteti told Justice Lessit that the life of a human being begins at conception. He cited Article 26 of the Constitution which provides for the right to life.

In an affidavit filed in court, the prosecution said the unborn child was killed by penetrating stab wounds from Sharon's back to the

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stomach.

The post mortem which was conducted at Rachuonyo Level 4 hospital also reveal that Sharon's intestines were hanging after she was stabbed on the neck, back and abdomen.

"From the injuries occasioned to the deceased mother and unborn child there was deliberate malicious intention to cause the death of both mother and child," read part of the affidavit.

BAIL

Obado's defence team that includes former judge Nicholas Ombija, Evans Ondieki, Cliff Ombeta and Rodgers Sagana yesterday argued that although the allegations are grave they cannot be used to deny him his fundamental rights and freedom.

"My client shall abide by all conditions that shall be set by the



court as a prerequisite for being granted bail. He shall not interfere with witnesses in this matter or investigations should any be carried out," he said on behalf of Obado.

In a brief rejoinder, Deputy Director of Public Prosecution Jacob Ondari opposed Obado's release saying the victim's family is under threats and intimidation which are believed to be

Migori Governor Okoth Obado at Milimani law court yesterday. PA Michael Oyamo and Sharon Otieno /COLLINS KWEYU AND FILE

perpetrated by Obado through his accomplices.

"Release of the accused person on bail pending the hearing and determination of the trial is not absolute and is at the discretion of this court," he said.

Ondari said investigations are incomplete and they will be proceeding back to Migori to interrogate close family members and county employees.

"Obado has a lot of influence in Migori by virtue of his position as governor and there is a likelihood of interfering with the ongoing investigations," said Ondari.

Initially, regarded as a person of interest Obado has since become the centre of the investigations.

The DPP has since established that a motor vehicle KCL 481K, Toyota Fielder dark grey in color was used in kidnapping Sharon and Nation Group journalist Barrack Oduor.

According to the Sate, Sharon was lured to Migori area where she was abducted and driven to the scene of murder at Owande area in Karachuonyo South where her body was found in a thicket on September 4.

The vehicle was intercepted on 16 September within Migori town and the driver, Jackson Otieno Gombe, arrested.

Gombe has since recorded a confession which the prosecution said it intends to use in the trial. The defense has opposed it, claiming it has been doctored.

"In view of the intricate relationship between Obado and in view of the confessions recorded by same suspects to wit Jackson Gombe, it is extremely dangerous to release the accused person on bail for he remains a serious danger to society and the witnesses that may appear and testify in the case," said Ondari.

"The car track system in the vehicle was deactivated on September 3—the date of the incident and reactivated the following day. This clearly was a well calculated move by the killers to conceal the movement of the vehicle in question," read part of the statement.

Ondari told the court that the investigations are complex and involve multiple suspects covering a wide range of issues and suspects spread over a wide area.

"We have in our possession sufficient evidence which links the accused person and his accomplices to the commission of the heinous crime," said Ondari.



EXPERT COMMENT
DASTAN OMARI

Obado can govern from prison but MCAs can impeach him

Every Kenyan is presumed innocent until proven guilty and all avenues of appeal have been exhausted. So legally Okoth Obado is innocent. The Constitution provides for how governors lose their positions through impeachment. There is no law that will expressly compel him to leave office.

Section 65 and the Ethics Act talk about bringing a public office into disrespect but there is no threshold. Morally, ethically and religiously, Obado should step aside. But legally, there is no law compelling him to step aside, unless he resigns. That's how it is. There's the law and there's public interest.

Public interest calls for him to resign but it is the same public that says everyone is presumed innocent. There's a contradiction. The public has properly said in the Constitution that every Kenyan charged or not charged is innocent until proved guilty.

So the doublespeak on what people are asking is a contradiction. Obado legally has not been proved guilty. Morally, the people who are usually full of contradictions will be saying Obado should step aside. This is a country where the rule of law must be respected. Let him be convicted and all avenues of appeal exhausted.

But the public mood is always swayed by annoyance. But the annoyance is not the law, the law is above the annoyance and the questions Kenyans are asking. The Constitution says if he is convicted and in prison over 12 months, that's when he loses the seat. But if he is sentenced for six months, he will discharge his duties from prison. He will sign documents from prison.

Has he been convicted? Not yet. If court denies him bail on Thursday, there are two more layers. There is the Court of Appeal and there is the Supreme Court.

Still the duration he has been in custody is normal. But what if he is denied bail and his deputy decides to stage a coup and rallies MCAs and impeach him? That's the only Obado will lose his position.

The lawyer spoke to the Star



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Justice Jessie Lessit

If there is no consolidation being made then the accused should come back on Thursday at noon for the bail ruling

Roger Sagana
Obado's lawyer

There is absolutely no demonstration why the accused shouldn't be given bail. The offence was committed on September 3, the accused was arrested on 21st, he was and is still governor. The prosecution did not demonstrate anything he did or attempted to do in that time

Cliff Ombeta
Obado's lawyer

The right to bail is not inalienable. It may be that the media has focused on this case but the court has not convicted the accused and the court is never persuaded by comments made by people out there

Jacob Ondari
ODPP

The accused person has inherent dignity yet he has been accused and tried in public. That is not dignity

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NEWS GENERAL



Acting Nairobi county assembly speaker Chege Mwaura
/MAUREEN KINYANJUI

MCAS DEFY COURT ORDER

Majority whip elected Nairobi speaker in an acting capacity

Mwaura Chege was elected unopposed after two other nominees – Mary Arivisa and Mary Njambi – withdrew from the race. He replaces Elachi who was impeached

JULIUS OTIENO AND MAUREEN KINYANJUI
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Nairobi county assembly members yesterday elected majority chief whip Mwaura Chege to replace impeached Beatrice Elachi as speaker, albeit in an acting capacity.

The defiant MCAs disregarded the court order that temporarily reinstated Elachi, arguing the former nominated senator stands impeached.

Mwaura was elected unopposed after two other nominees – Mary Arivisa and Mary Njambi (both nominated) – withdrew from the race. Their names had been proposed by Peter Imwatok and Millicent Mugadi respectively.

Elachi was impeached on September 6 before being forcibly ejected from the office by the MCAs on September 10. Deputy speaker John Kamangu presided over the session attended by 84 out of 122 members. The members held their first plenary sitting since impeaching Elachi on September 6.

"In the absence of a speaker due to the issues affecting her creates a vacuum which the House cannot afford and since the county government and the Constitution allow for members to elect an acting speaker in the absence of one; I direct this house does so," Kamangu said.

Kamangu cited Article 178 (2) (b) of the Constitution and Section 9 (4) (b) of the County Government Act.

The Article states that in the absence of the speaker, another member of the assembly shall be elected by the members to preside over the session.

'DON'T PLAY WITH MY NAME'

The Act reads, "At any time in the absence of the speaker of the county assembly or in matters that directly affect the speaker, the county assembly shall elect a member to act as speaker as contemplated under Article 178 (2) (b) of the Constitution."

After taking his oath, Chege called on the MCAs to support him to deliver services to the residents.

"I know I am not better than anyone of you and I take it with at most humility that the office of the Acting

Speaker shall serve in a very open manner," Chege said

The session was, however, marked by minutes of drama when Arivisa, who was not in the chamber by the time her name was proposed, stormed the chamber. She shouted, "who told you to play with my name.... who told you to play with my name.... I am with Elachi."

The incident temporarily disrupted business. She was directed out of the chamber after the deputy speaker ordered so. She will appear before the Powers and Privileges over her conduct. South B MCA Chege Waithera, who proposed Mwaura's name, said there was need to elect acting speaker because the assembly was vulnerable without one.



Francis Gitau, his wife and their triplets
/ELIZABETH NGIGI

ONE TOO MANY

I fainted, says dad of twins after wife delivers triplets

ELIZABETH NGIGI / Francis Gitau, the man who fainted after his wife Jecinta Mumbi delivered triplets in Narok county, is pleading with well-wishers to help him raise his now five children.

Gitau, who resides in Nairegi Enkare, Narok county, has had to move to a bigger house, but fears he might not be able to pay the Sh2,000 rent. "I received the three children warmly, although this is a big burden for me, especially because I have no specific source of income," he said.

"When I figured out the size of my house, I just broke down in tears and eventually fainted. The news came to me as a shock as my wife had not gone for a scan before her due day. As I sat at the waiting bay, the nurse informed me that my wife had successfully delivered a baby."

Gitau said he was in the process of rushing to a nearby hotel to get tea for his wife when the nurse informed him she had delivered another baby. "Just before I could digest what a life with twin babies meant, the nurse was back with more news – (I was a father of triplets)," he said.

Previously, he lived in a single-room house with his wife and two children.

STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH

CBK retains commercial bank lending rates at 13%

CYNTHIA ILAKO/ Commercial banks will continue to offer loans at 13 per cent following a decision by the Monetary Policy Committee to retain the base lending rate at nine per cent.

The decision was pegged on stronger economic growth and macroeconomic stability witnessed throughout the year.

"The Committee noted that inflation expectations remained well anchored within the target range, but concluded that there was need to monitor the second-round inflationary effects arising from the VAT on petroleum products, and any perverse response to its previous decisions," CBK governor Patrick Njoroge said yesterday. This means inflation is expected

to increase in the short-term with implementation of the eight per cent tax on fuel taking effect. "However, it is expected to remain within the target range due to lower food prices reflecting favorable weather," he said.

Private sector credit grew to 4.3 per cent in the 12 months to August driven by increased lending to manufacturing, building and construction, consumer durables and trade sectors. Lending to the private sector is expected to increase gradually.

The survey showed resilience in the banking sector backed by the transfer of assets and liabilities from Chase Bank (In Receivership) to SBM (Kenya) Limited on August 17, 2018.

Gross non-performing loans how-



CBK governor Patrick Njoroge on April 12 /JACK OWUOR

ever increased to 12.7 per cent in August compared to 12 per cent in June.

"Half of the increase in NPLs was related to the Chase Bank (Kenya) Limited (In Receivership)/SBM (Kenya) Limited transaction," Njoroge said. The balance of this increase in NPLs

was mainly attributable to delayed payments from government and private sector. Despite the VAT on petroleum products, the survey indicated sustained optimism for stronger growth in 2018 and an improved business environment.

OVERHAUL

Mudavadi calls for new set of IEBC commissioners

JAMES MBAKA/ ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi yesterday opened a new battle with the IEBC, insisting a grand house cleaning is critical ahead of the boundaries review.

The boundaries review would follow immediately after the national census is concluded next year. Mudavadi said the current IEBC chaired by Wafula Chebukati is incompetent to oversee a nonpartisan boundaries review given its tainted image after shepherding a botched general election last year.

He warned the electoral agency, as currently constituted with only two commissioners and a chairman, would bungle boundaries delimitation. He said the ghosts of the commission's still hang around it.

NEWS GENERAL



WANT MORE COUNTY FUNDS

Referendum calls unstoppable, says governor Joho

CHARLES MGHENYI/ Mombasa governor Hassan Joho (pictured) yesterday said he supports calls to amend the Constitution through a referendum.

Joho said the Constitution has brought a lot of benefits to counties but there was need to change it for better development.

He said governors were unfairly being blamed for lack of growth in the counties yet the National Treasury was withholding more development funds.

"They have succeeded in building a narrative that governors are incompetent and cannot account for the billions given to them but the truth is that all the 47 counties are allocated only 15 per cent of the national resources. The rest remains with the national government," Joho said.

He was speaking during a devolution sensitisation week at Makadara Ground in Mombasa. He said the Constitution should be amended so counties can get 50 per cent of national resources. "The conversation around referendum cannot be ignored any more," he said.

He said the government was allocating more money to the ministries of Health, Water and Agriculture yet they are devolved functions. "You do not need to allocate billions to the Health ministry yet 99 per cent of health is devolved," he said.

Joho accused the national government of slashing allocations meant for counties by Sh9 billion.

SH47 MILLION HEIST

Suspects sentenced to eight years in jail for bank robbery

ELIUD WAITHAKA/ Three people charged with theft of Sh47 million from Barclays Bank in Nanyuki have been jailed for eight years each.

Three other suspects were set free. The offence was committed seven years ago.

Nanyuki chief magistrate Lucy Mutai sentenced Peter Muguro, Robert Wanjau and Christopher Maina yesterday. Julius Rimiri, John Mwangi and Consolata Wangui were released. The suspects were accused of robbing the bank while armed with two pistols. The magistrate did not find sufficient evidence to jail the other three suspects.

The court will on October 8 give directions on the money recovered from the accused.

PREMISES SOLD

State officers caught up in house eviction

GEORGE MURAGE/ Two senior government officers have been told to vacate their houses in Gilgil town or risk forceful eviction.

The officers, who include a county commissioner, have refused to move out of the houses located in Senior GTI estate. Local traders claim to have bought the houses from Telkom Kenya two years ago at a cost of Sh7 million each. The traders have accused the officers of intimidation and asked the government to intervene.

The traders yesterday stormed the premises in an attempt to evict the

officers. They said they began paying for the houses three years ago.

"All tenants were suppose to leave upon payment of the full amount," traders Mary Wanjiru said. Wanjiru said she took a loan to finance the purchase. The tenant's occupancy was to end in December last year.

"The government officers who include a county commissioner and a senior doctor are living in other counties but have refused to vacate," she said. Lydia Waringa said they were considering moving to court to have the officers evicted.

LAND INJUSTICES

Senators list 3 agencies to help in probe

GIDEON KETER/ Senators have asked the Lands ministry, the National Land Commission and the human rights agency to resolve the dispute over land leases in Bomet and Kericho counties.

Residents Samwel Rugut, Robert Lang'at and Victor Bor filed a petition in which they want the Senate to investigate how the leases were done.

They said they do not have title deeds for the lands which were leased to multinational tea companies. They want the Senate to find out how, when and how long were the leases made.

"The petition is weighty and it is incumbent upon the committee to look for a lasting solution to the mess," Senator Paul Githiomi said.

The Nyandarua senator is the co-chairman of the joint committee of Lands, Environment and Natural Resources and Justice and Legal Affairs that is looking into the matter.

Githiomi said the three agencies will be summoned to help with the probe. He spoke in Eldoret where the committee received the petition yesterday. It was presented by Kericho senator Aaron Cheruiyot.



Powers and Privileges Committee members Peter Mwathi, Justin Muturi (chairman) and Vincent Tuwei in Parliament yesterday. They were pointing to a restaurant where MPs were allegedly bribed to shoot down a report on contraband sugar last month **/JACK OWUOR**

CONTRABAND SUGAR PROBE

Gedi denies MPs bribery claims, admits to lobbying to kill report

Wajir lawmaker says allegations were meant to taint image of the National Assembly

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Wajir woman representative Fatuma Gedi yesterday admitted she lobbied MPs to shoot down the sugar report but denied claims she offered them bribes.

Gedi has been accused of masterminding the shooting down of the report by offering bribes for MPs to reject it. Appearing before the Powers and Privileges Committee, Gedi dismissed the claims, saying they were meant to taint the image of Parliament.

She told the panel chaired by Speaker Justin Muturi that the allegations shocked and brought much pain to her.

She asked the committee to punish those who made the claims.

Kimilili MP Didmus Barasa said Gedi approached him with Sh10,000 in a blue envelope.

The money was offered as bribe to vote against the sugar report prepared by the Joint Committee of Agriculture and Trade.

Kiambu woman representative Gathoni Wamuchomba told the team she heard voices in the washroom confessing that Gedi had given them Sh20,000 and Sh30,000 to reject the report. She said she could not identify the voices because they went mute and she received a phone call.

"The allegations are false. I did not bribe any member in the House," Gedi said. She challenged Barasa to give evidence linking her to the claims. "I don't know where I got

such money to bribe 349 members. I am just a first-time MP," Gedi said.

She said she lobbied MPs to reject the report because it was shoddy and did not adequately respond to the mandate of the joint committee.

The report recommended that Treasury CS Henry Rotich, his EAC counterpart Adan Mohamed and former Agriculture CS Willy Bett be held responsible for importation of contraband sugar.

MPs Ayub Savula (Lugari), David Gikaria (Nakuru East) and Joseph Tonui (Kuresoi North) were also quizzed by the committee.

Savula said MPs disregarded parliamentary procedures and acted in a manner that "bordered on rent seeking".

Tonui had been mentioned by Matayos MP Geoffrey Odanga who said

the Kuresoi North lawmaker had directed him to where the bribe was being dished out.

Tonui denied the claim. He said he was not aware of any bribery to kill the report.

"I'm shocked. I rarely interact with Odanga," Tonui said.

Gikaria also denied claims by Naivasha MP Jayne Kihara that he approached her to vote against the report because it was touching on President Uhuru Kenyatta's Cabinet.

Last week, Kihara told the committee that Gikaria informed her that he was under instructions from Majority leader Aden Duale to mobilise all Nakuru MPs to reject the report.

The team will next week question Nyeri woman representative Rehab Mukami as it concludes the probe.

NEWS GENERAL

POOR REVENUE COLLECTION

Kiptis blames Transition Authority for cash crunch

GIDEON KETER/ Baringo governor Stanley Kiptis yesterday blamed the now-defunct Transition Authority for doing shoddy work during the transition period, which he said has resulted in financial problems in his county.

Kiptis told the County Public Accounts and Investment Committee that the TA did not give them complete inventory of assets and liabilities. This, Kiptis told the committee chaired by Senator Moses Kajwang, has resulted in poor collection of revenues from land rates. He was answering audit queries by the Auditor General.

DEVELOPMENT

Implement Moi's directive to have Ndaragwa expanded, CS

JAMES MURIMI/ The government has urged Nyandarua county to implement former President Daniel Moi's directive to have 280 acres excised from Aberdare Forest for expansion of Ndaragwa township. Lands CS Farida Karoney has told MPs the county and local leaders should finalise the process to facilitate the expansion of the town, which occupies 25.3 acres. Ndaragwa MP Jeremiah Kioni petitioned Parliament to have a section of forest land degazetted for economic development of the town.

MEDICAL APPEAL

Class 8 candidate stranded over Sh80,000 hospital bill

CALISTUS LUCHETU/ A candidate from Shivagala Primary School is stranded at Kakamega County Teaching and Referral Hospital for lack of funds. Collins Muhoto broke his hands when a tree fell on him. He has not received specialised treatment since his family can't afford Sh80,000 to buy metal plates to fix his fractured bones. The family is appealing for Governor Wyliffe Oparanya and well-wishers' help to raise the cash.

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BUDGET CHALLENGES

House pokes holes in Uhuru's Big Four plan

The success of the agenda depends on partnership with counties

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Parliament has questioned President Uhuru Kenyatta's capacity to implement the Big Four agenda.

In a report called 'Eyes on the Big Four', the august House has raised the alarm over costly debts, poor government policies and implementation of devolution.

The report says Uhuru's failure in security and governance has denied Kenyans value for their money.

"We normally prepare one [report] every year, when we receive budget estimates from the National Treasury," National Assembly Clerk Michael Sialai told the Star on the phone.

In this year's budget watch report, the National Assembly says taxes on petroleum products and energy will trigger inflation.

"The challenge of post-election budgets is that they are typically expected to deliver too much, too soon and can end up being 'broken promise' budgets," the 65-page report says.

The report says the Big Four projects are not new and will require critical focus after experiencing implementation problems.

The 2017-18 budget is Uhuru's first after the disputed 2017 elections.

"The projects under the Big Four plan are not entirely new. Some have been mapped into existing projects and programmes, and are part of the Medium Term Plan III and ultimately, the Vision 2030," the report says.

"Central to the economic growth and revenue projection of financial year 2018/2019 is the stability of key macroeconomic fundamentals."

The MPs want the state to tame Inflation, encourage more Kenyans in the diaspora to remit and stabilise interest rates. Parliament notes that although the Big Four agenda has great benefits to the country, "it might fail to propel the economy to



President Uhuru Kenyatta at the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit during the 73rd UN General Assembly in New York on Monday /REUTERS

higher growth and development".

Parliament has in the recent past been criticised for failing to oversight the Executive and to hold it to account, especially in budgeting.

"The health function is fully devolved and as such, the counties carry a great onus towards the achievement of 100 per cent universal health care coverage for all households by the year 2022. The interventions in the agenda to be carried out by the county governments have not been expressly stated," the report says. The Big Four plan, the report notes, will largely depend on a successful partnership between the national government and the counties.

It is, however, not clear to what ex-

tent the counties have aligned their budgets with the Big Four agenda.

"Indeed, some counties may not view the agenda as their primary objective," it notes.

Some of the challenges experienced by irrigation schemes include low budgetary allocations, unreliable water supply, problems with water pumping, mismanagement and generally poor returns.

Any drop in the allocation of resources by the national government affects agriculture, which is a devolved function.

"Any interventions to improve agriculture should be carried out in collaboration with the county governments," the report notes.

DISAPPEARED ON SUNDAY

Family searches for missing daughter

ISAAC AKEYO / A family in Nairobi is searching for their daughter who went missing on Sunday.

Georgina Nyambura Njogo, 13, a Standard 8 pupil at Red Roses Academy in Githurai 44, was reported missing two days ago.

Purity Wairimu, Nyambura's mother, yesterday told the Star on the phone that her daughter went missing from their house at Kiamumbi, Kahawa West, at around 6.30pm. She wore a white trench coat and Kings sport shoes.

"I left her with her cousin in the house when I went to the market. Her cousin went to the bathroom and when he came out, he did not find her," Wairimu said.

The mother is now appealing to anybody who may have seen the girl to report to the nearest police station or contact them on 0726-475-815 or 0719-407-149.

She reported the matter to Kiamumbi police station on Monday under OB number 31/24/09/2018.



Georgina Nyambura Njogo / COURTESY

NEWS JUDICIARY

Nakuru Law Courts
/FILE

DETAINED AS PROBE CONTINUES

HIV-positive woman, 29, denies infecting baby by breastfeeding

Police reports indicate Njeri, who is Njoro subcounty, is on antiretrovirals and had been a close friend of the baby's mother, who was not aware of her HIV status

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A woman was charged yesterday with deliberately infecting a nine-month-old baby with HIV through breastfeeding.

Nakuru principal magistrate Joe Omido heard that Susan Njeri, 29, knowing she was HIV-positive, intentionally and wilfully breastfed the baby infecting her with the deadly virus.

Initial HIV tests from a hospital returned positive, but the court has directed that the results be verified.

Njeri denied the charges and asked to be released on bond. She said she was unwell and needed urgent medical attention.

The prosecution, through counsel Sandrah Kosgey, objected to her application, saying the police had yet to complete investigations.

"I pray to have the accused detained for seven days to allow police more time to complete investigations, including tests on the baby to determine if he was indeed infected," Kosgey said.

Omido said the offence was serious and directed that the accused be remanded until October 2, when she will apply for bond.

"The accused is to be remanded at

Njoro police station. The baby and the accused should be taken to hospital for treatment," he ruled.

Omido ordered Njeri and the baby tested. Police reports said Njeri is on antiretrovirals and had been a close friend of the baby's mother, who was not aware of her HIV status.

MOTHER WAS AWAY

Njeri was arrested on Monday after reports she was found breastfeeding the baby in her mother's absence.

She allegedly committed the offence on September 18 in Gichobo, Njoro subcounty. It is alleged that the mother was away and had left Njeri with the baby.

Neighbours — also unaware of

Njeri's medical status — saw her breastfeed the baby.

According to the Health ministry, the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmissions stands at 3.7 per cent. It says some mothers fail to get proper treatment during pregnancy and birth.

The ministry's report shows that mother-to-child transmission accounts for more than 90 per cent of new HIV infections among children. It says this can be prevented if HIV-positive mothers adhere to antiretroviral treatment.

Some 85 per cent of HIV-positive mothers are currently on ARVs to prevent them from passing the virus to their babies.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Trial of senior official at ODPP set for November

ANNETTE WAMBULWA/ The trial of a senior official at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has been slated for November.

William Osoro has been charged with abuse of office and theft. He was the senior principal administrative officer at the DPP's office. Yesterday, the prosecution told the court it has 16 witnesses.

Early this month, Osoro was charged with stealing fuel and lubricants from the DPP's office using an unauthorised fuel card.

It is alleged that between September 1, 2013, and April 25, Osoro arbitrarily directed the use of a fuel card for the purchase of Sh7,902,250 fuel, lubricants and pit stop services.

The former official is out on a Sh600,000 bail. He was barred by the court from accessing his office unless he has clearance from DPP Nordin Haji. Osoro also deposited his passport in court and was warned against contacting any of the prosecution witnesses. The case will be heard on November 15-21.

ACTIVIST SEEKS SUSPENSION

AG seeks to be heard in Omtatah's case on finance law

ANNETTE WAMBULWA/ Attorney General Paul Kihara has requested the High Court to hear him before it grants orders suspending the Finance Bill, 2018, that was signed by the President last week.

In a letter to the Constitutional and Human Rights Division, Solicitor General Kennedy Ogeto says they are aware that Activist Okiya Omtatah has filed a case that challenges the constitutionality of the law. He says the Finance Act was published in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No 121 the same day it was signed into law.

Ogeto said Omtatah has filed a notice of motion in the petition under a certificate of urgency seeking to suspend implementation of the law.

"The purpose of this letter is to humbly and most respectfully request the court to accord the Attorney General a hearing before the court can consider granting any orders," the letter says.

Ogeto assured the court that they would respond expeditiously to the Omtatah's application within the timelines the court directs.

"The request is made due to the great public interest consideration attached to the impugned act, and which need not to be overemphasised," the letter added.

Omtatah has sued the state for implementing the Act, which he argues was enacted in violation of the law. He argues that the Act is also invalid, null and void. The activist says the bill died the moment it was declared that MPs opposed to the President's amendments failed to raise the requisite numbers.

NO MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Maid accused of employer, baby murders to enter a plea

GOEFFREY ODHIAMBO/ A househelp suspected of killing her employer and her three-month old baby in Muhoroni has once again failed to take a plea at the High Court in Kisumu.

The prosecution had yet to make available a medical report on Jackline Auma's mental soundness.

The case will be mentioned again next Tuesday, after judge Fred Ochieng' gave the prosecution another one week to produce the report.

The Ugandan househelp failed to take a plea last Tuesday after senior resident magistrate Winfred Onkunya considered the prosecution's application for a psychiatric test.

Auma had been on the run and was extradited by Ugandan authorities after Kenyan police sought their help. She was arrested in Namayisi, Uganda.

Auma faces charges of murder of her employer, Elizabeth Achieng, 26, and her son, Leone Benedict Okoth. The two were found dead by their neighbours in Shauri Yako estate, Muhoroni, in June.

The mother had several stab wounds while her three-month-old baby was strangled. Achieng was a health officer at a nearby community health centre.

Her husband Evans Otieno said he learnt of his wife's death a day later after his calls went unanswered.



High Court Judge Fred Ochieng /MAURICE ALAL

Achieng and her baby were buried at her husband's home in Oyugis, Homa Bay county, in June.

Neighbours said the suspect sat outside Achieng's house eating chips. When asked about her employer's

whereabouts, she told them she had taken her baby to a clinic.

Otieno said the maid had been recommended to the family by a friend and had barely worked for a month before the tragedy.

NEWS GENERAL

ROAD SAFETY

Boinnet faulted over unclear line of traffic cops command

Department was scrapped, so any officer can be deployed to man traffic

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Confusion over the command structure in the traffic department has continued deepening, months after President Uhuru Kenyatta ordered the National Transport and Safety Authority to relinquish their function.

National Police Service Commission chairman Johnston Kavuludi and Interior Chief Administrative Secretary Patrick Ntutu were yesterday quizzed by MPs over rampant cases of road accidents due to unclear command structure in the department.

On September 6, the National Assembly Transport committee heard that police officers manning roads are no longer answerable to Traffic Commandant Samuel Kimaru after the department was restructured.

Kavuludi told the committee chaired by Pokot South MP David Pkosing that Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet is responsible for distribution of officers in the country.

"When the IG does his job as an independent person in the distribution of police officers, what we approve is the aspect of proper determination on who goes to perform what function," he said. Kavuludi maintained the commission only vets and determines the suitability of officers serving in the police service.

"I cannot answer to the issue of coordination of officers in the traffic department because that relates to distribution of officers in the service. We have removed officers who have been found unsuitable to be in the service," Kavuludi said.

Transport Chief Administrative Secretary Chris Obure said they complied with President Uhuru's directive by handing over road safety equipment to the traffic police department.

"As a ministry, we have statistics on all blackspots and number of accidents that occur in the country. We handed over the function to police as directed by the President,"



Obure said.

The lawmakers, led by Pkosing, however, lashed out at Ntutu who said he was appearing on behalf of Boinnet. Pkosing said the committee conducted a survey between July and August and established that 507 people had died and 899 others injured in road accidents.

"At least two people die daily on our roads yet the IG cannot appear before this committee to shed light. This is a serious matter and we are not in a public relations exercise,"

Pkosing said. Other top officials who appeared before the committee include Kimaru, director of operations Henry Barmao, NTSA director general Francis Meja and NPSC CEO Joseph Onyango.

The traffic department was recently scrapped, meaning any police officer could be deployed to man traffic. The reporting structure of the traffic department was overhauled and police station commanders given powers to deal with all traffic matters in their area of command.

Interior CAS Patrick Ntutu before the transport committee of Parliament yesterday / JACK OWUOR



Mombasa law courts / FILE

SEIZED FROM KWALE FIRM

Mombasa court temporarily stops destruction of sugar

MALEMBA MKONGO/ A Mombasa court has temporarily stopped destruction of sugar seized from Kwale Sugar International Company Limited. Judge Erick Ogola issued temporary injunction orders restraining Kebs and KRA from destroying the 5,000 tonnes of sugar.

Ogola further issued orders barring Kebs from implementing recommendations of a laboratory report carried out on August 2 on samples of sugar seized by a multi-agency team. Ogola said the injunction orders will remain in place until the determination of the matter. KiscoL sued for "unlawful seizure".

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BETTER HEALTH CARE

Kisumu county distributes Sh41m supplies to hospitals

MAURICE ALAL/ The Kisumu government has distributed medicine and non-pharmaceutical products worth Sh41 million to health facilities in the county.

Deputy governor Mathews Owili said the distribution will ensure hospitals and health centres stocked with medicines for proper health provision to residents. Owili said the distribution will be done at referral, county and subcounty hospitals then health centres and dispensaries in subcounties. Flagging off trucks carrying the drugs at county headquarter offices yesterday, the DG said 133 health facilities will receive supplies.

GIVEN WEAPONS

Gang attacks on police, civilians sponsored – official

ERNEST CORNEL/ The recent attacks and killing of police and civilians by gangs in Kisauni, Mombasa, are sponsored, Coast regional coordinator Bernard Laparmarai has said.

"Gangs have financiers. Some leaders are giving weapons to these groups," he said yesterday in Nyali when he opened a meeting on countering violent extremism organised by Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics Trust. Laparmarai said some cults were once religious groupings that morphed into deadly outfits.



Nyeri deputy governor Caroline Karugu / EUTYCAS MUCHIRI

FOLLOWED RULES

Assembly defends hiring of deputy

EUTYCAS MUCHIRI/ The Nyeri government and county assembly yesterday defended governor Mutahi Kahiga's decision to appoint his deputy before the law supposed to guide the filling of the position was approved by the National Assembly. According to documents filed at the High in Nyeri in response to a petition challenging Caroline Karugu's appointment, the two said the process was procedural and lawful.

County secretary Benjamin Gachichio said petitioner Benson Njuki's argument is immaterial because application of the court's advisory ought not to be construed strictly on the rules of the retrospective operation of the law. He said the Supreme Court did not pronounce itself on the commencement date of the advisory opinion.

"Until the court advisory, there was no legal mechanism to fill the vacancy of the Deputy Governor in the County Government. I don't see anything unconstitutional or illegal with the governor's decision in following the guidance of the Supreme Court and filling the vacancy," Gachichio said.

NEWS GENERAL

NO COMPELLING REASON

Jubilee reps dismiss Sonko removal talk as 'just hot air'

But deputy minority chief whip says plan to impeach governor is still on

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Jubilee MCAs have backed down on plans to impeach Nairobi governor Mike Sonko.

They said there are 'no compelling reasons' to remove the governor and they will shoot down the motion when it's tabled in the assembly.

On September 6, MCAs debated the state of the county and set out conditions for Sonko to avoid removal from office.

They gave the governor two weeks to relocate from his Mua home in Machakos county to City Hall. They also told him to appoint a deputy governor, stop demolitions of kiosks, recall suspended officers and reopen closed offices at City Hall.

Majority leader Abdi Guyo yesterday dismissed the impeachment talk as "just hot air". He said MCAs never resolved to eject Sonko from office.

"The public is fed with rumours and propaganda. Only two or three members have been pushing the plan. That is not the position of the whole assembly," Guyo said. He spoke during a press conference in his office.

Guyo said Sonko has not violated Article 181 of the Constitution that spells out grounds for the removal of the governor. "By delaying the nomination of a deputy governor, has the governor grossly violated the Constitution? Does it amount to gross misconduct? These people should be serious," he said.

Guyo said Sonko is in office to stay and no MCA has signed a petition to remove him.

But deputy minority chief whip and Kilimani MCA Moses Ogeto said the plan to remove Sonko is on. He said a state of the county report that



Nairobi governor Mike Sonko at a showroom in Gigiri on August 10 / GPS

will be presented in the assembly will inform their course of action. "We expect the majority leader to table the report for us to know if the issues we raised have been addressed. If not, then be assured, the motion will come," he said.

For the governor to be removed, 82 members or two-thirds of the 122 MCAs must vote him out. Jubilee has 64 members in the assembly and the opposition has 58.

If the MCAs are convinced the grounds are sufficient, then one member — the sponsor of the motion — will notify the speaker supported by at least a third of the members.

The motion will then be debated and voted. In case of impeachment, the Senate speaker will convene a sitting within seven days to discuss the case and uphold or reject the removal.

TEACHER NOT REGISTERED

People suspected of links with Shabaab held

ELIUD WAITHAKA/ Police officers in Nanyuki town yesterday handed over 11 people suspected to have al Shabaab links to the Anti-Terror Police Unit.

The suspects, among them Kabiro mosque's imam, were taken to Isiolo by ATPU officers. They had been held at Nanyuki police station since Friday.

Laikipia East police boss Mutoro Kizito said they received intelligence reports that 40 suspicious people were being enrolled in madrassa classes in Kabiru area neighbouring the military base in Nanyuki town.

"The suspects were being taken through suspicious sessions likely

to convert them to terror groups," Kizito said. Police found 11 adults and handed over 29 children to parents after collecting parents' details in case investigations require more arrests, he said.

Police said the suspects included three Somalis, six Kikuyus, 12 Kam-bas, Kisiis, Luos and Rendilles. Five were Luhyas, eight were from Purji and Borana tribes, and five were from Nduruma, Rabai, Meru, Konsa and Numbi communities. "All are from outside Laikipia county and we have to be very cautious because we don't know what the intention of joining this religion was," Kizito said.

The imam, he said, did not have

any certification to teach in a madrassa and he had not been registered with the Council of Muslims, which registers madrassa teachers. The school was not registered.

A week ago, two KDF soldiers were arrested in Nanyuki town while transporting 750 bullets to Isiolo. Another preacher was arrested in town after residents raised alarms over suspected al Shabaab links. The three were handed over to ATPU. Kizito said the unit will take action after investigations.

He said Meru, Isiolo and Nanyuki towns are being targeted by terror groups and urged residents to report suspicious strangers.

MERU, ISIOLO AND NANYUKI TOWNS ARE BEING TARGETED BY TERROR GROUPS

DEMORALISING

Kenha denies police officers are harassed at weighbridges

GEORGE MURAGE / The Kenya National Highways Authority has defended SGS Company against allegations of harassment of police officers at weighbridges.

The authority, which has contracted the private company to manage the weighbridges, accused some police officers of lying to the public. On Monday officers from various weighbridges across the country said they had been reprimanded and transferred after questioning suspicious dealings by staff of the private firm. The officers urged the police IG to intervene. They said actions by the company, which manages operation in the centres, was demoralising them.

But Kenha spokesperson Charles Njogu dismissed the allegations from the officers, terming them "baseless".

LOOK OUT FOR KIDS

Check under vehicles before starting engine, drivers urged

LYDIA NGOOLO /Mwingi police boss John Nyamu has cautioned drivers to check under their vehicles before starting their engines.

A few days ago a lorry driver in Mwingi town ran over a 10-year-old boy who was asleep under it. "Children are naive since they don't know the dangers of such actions," Nyamu said.

He said last month 10 pupils of St Gabriel Academy in Mwingi died in a road accident. The bus was travelling from Mombasa to Mwingi when it collided with a lorry, then the bus driver lost control.



TSC chief executive Nancy Macharia on 16 April / FILE

RETIRED TUTORS CASE

TSC, pensioner told to avail pay vouchers

RITA DAMARY / The High Court in Nakuru has given the Teachers Service Commission and the Director of Pensions up to November 7 to avail payment vouchers in a retired teachers' case.

Justice Janet Mulwa ruled the court will not allow orders to be disobeyed. "I have noted that despite giving out court orders, some of the parties have not filed their response," she said.

Justice Mulwa said the parties cannot keep coming to court and do nothing to make the case progress. The case will be heard on November 7.

Director of Pensions Shem Nyakutu was ordered to file all the payment vouchers of 1,623 teachers, showing the amounts paid to each but he has not done so.

It is alleged that pensioners have paid teachers who retired in 2003 to 2006 instead of from 1997, 1998 and 1999, contrary to court judgment. Teacher Service Commission lawyer Calvin Anyuor said the commission has processed the list of teachers who are supposed to be paid. He said the government disbursed Sh1.5 billion from the 2016-17 budget, but only the Director of Pensions can confirm if another disbursement has been done.

BIG READ / QUESTION OF WHEN LIFE BEGINS

IS KILLING A PREGNANT WOMAN A CASE OF DOUBLE HOMICIDE?



IF OBADO IS ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGE OF SHARON'S MURDER, THE DPP CAN BRING ANOTHER CHARGE AND PROSECUTE FOR THE MURDER OF THE FOETUS - LAWYER SHADRACK WAMBUI

The DPP does not lose it by charging right now only the offence of murder of Sharon.

"This is a catch-22 situation. He [Haji] can choose to assume it [foetus' murder] for now or wait for the proceedings to take off and the ruling of the court. If the court holds him culpable or guilty of that offence [Sharon's murder], then it will mean that if he will be convicted and sentenced to death, then there will be no wisdom in charging him for the second charge of the murder of the foetus," he said.

"But if he is acquitted of this one, the DPP has all the legal rights to prefer another charge for the murder of that foetus. It arises from common sense. You see you cannot die twice but the Supreme Court has held that death sentence cannot be the only available sentence for the offence of murder. Therefore, one can be sentenced to life imprisonment or any other sentence the court will deem fit."

Lawyers differ on whether DPP can charge Obado and other suspects for murder of Sharon's foetus

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As Migori Governor Okoth Obado and his alleged accomplices face charges in relation to the killing of Ronggo University student Sharon Otieno, the fact that she was pregnant adds a layer of legal intrigue.

Can a murder suspect be charged with killing an unborn baby if he is accused of murdering an expectant woman?

The seven-month pregnant woman

was raped and stabbed eight times and her unborn baby killed on September 3. Obado was charged on Monday with aiding and abetting her murder.

Lawyers have differed on whether DPP Noordin Haji can sustain charges against the suspects for murder of the foetus.

Lawyer Shadrack Wambui says he can. He says from a constitutional perspective, as is in Article 26 of the constitution, life begins at conception. So if a foetus is killed, someone can be held to be responsible for that murder.

However, Wambui says the question that will then avail itself in the

Ronggo University student Sharon Otieno, 26, who was killed on September 3 while pregnant
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circumstances Obado finds himself in is whether he can be charged with two capital offences.

Usually, the practice of criminal law is that when one has been charged with more than one count of capital offence, the court suspends the other charges for the simple reason that one cannot die twice.

Wambui says although courts have always held the view, the prosecution can withdraw that one charge [murder of foetus] under Section 87 A of the Criminal Procedure Code, so that if he [Obado] is acquitted of the charge of Sharon's murder, the possible scenario, then the DPP can bring another charge and prosecute for the murder of the foetus.

The lawyer says it is a question of discretion that the court and DPP have.

NO MALICE AFORETHOUGHT

But lawyer Stanley Kang'ahi differed with Wambui. Kang'ahi argued that the death of a foetus in a woman's womb can either be as an issue of abortion or state of miscarriage but can't be murder.

"My understanding of death of foetus inside the womb is always a question of abortion and miscarriage or any other term, but definitely not murder. Murder in law has its precepts of malice aforethought and intention to kill. You must establish the intention that the person had against the unborn," he said.

Kang'ahi argued that there is no conscience for a person to hold a grudge against an unborn to be said to have wanted to kill the unborn child.

CONTRADICTIONS: WHAT LAW SAYS ABOUT

THE UNBORN CHILD

The life of a person begins at conception

Every person has the right to life

CHAPTER FOUR - THE BILL OF RIGHTS PART 2

A person shall not be deprived of life intentionally, except to the extent authorised by this Constitution or other written law

Abortion is not permitted unless, in the opinion of a trained health professional, there is need for emergency treatment, or the life or health of the mother is in danger, or if permitted by any other written law

THE PENAL CODE, LAWS OF KENYA, CAP. 63, ARTICLE 228





The mother of killed Rongo University student Sharon Otieno Melida Auma is wiped tears by her husband Douglas Otieno at the Milimani law courts when Migori Governor Okoth Obado was charged with the murder of Sharon on Monday /COLLINS KWEYU

Migori Governor Okoth Obado at the Milimani law courts on Monday, where he was charged with aiding and abetting Sharon Otieno's murder /COLLINS KWEYU

MY UNDERSTANDING OF DEATH OF FOETUS INSIDE THE WOMB IS ALWAYS A QUESTION OF ABORTION AND MISCARRIAGE, BUT DEFINITELY NOT MURDER — LAWYER STANLEY KANG'AH

Therefore, proving murder of a foetus would be difficult.

But Wambui said proving murder of foetus is quite simple. He says prosecution only needs to prove an act [that led to the death] and that that act is the stabbing of the mother.

"A pathologist has to prove that this foetus is dead. Once we have an act that led to the death of a foetus then the DPP can charge you, get a conviction and a sentence against you for the murder of that foetus. It flows from logic that once an act has been done, which act can be linked to the death of that foetus, then the prosecution can be sustained and a case can be made," he said.

"It flows from legal reasoning. When you do something, something else is likely to occur. By stabbing the mother and the child, death happens to be the result because you don't expect to stab and kill the mother then sustain the child. An intention can be deduced from that act — by killing the mother, it is also logically reasonable to conclude that you also wanted to kill the child."

DEPENDENCY THRESHOLD

Kangahi says although community organisations perceive that life begins at conception, the key ingredients you must satisfy in the charge of murder place the prosecution at a hard place.

He says the whole thing is a question of academic discussion. In the matters of criminal procedure, there is nothing tying any suspect, governor notwithstanding, to the death of foetus.

Kang'ahi says until the birth of a child, the foetus is still part of the mother; it is entirely dependent wholly on the mother. Therefore, it is obvious that it can't be dissociated from the mother. He says there can't be a complaint at the behest of the foetus suggesting that

it was murdered because the law might not be able to prove the same.

"If you have an argument with someone over some money and five minutes later they are found dead not very far, then it is easier to conclude that the argument escalated and ended up in death," he said.

"If a baby dies in the womb and causes the death of the mother, will you accuse the foetus of the death of the mother? If a doctor had a medical situation where he has to remove the foetus and it [removal] causes the death of the mother, would you link the death of the mother to the doctor?"

"It was an inevitable medical condition that caused the death of the mother."

Dr Joshua Matu said one can only be charged with murder of a foetus if the death occurred at a time when the foetus can survive without dependency on the mother. Dr Matu said a child must have attained a weight of 350g to be able to survive outside the mother's system.

"If the mother is killed once the child has reached the point they can survive outside the mother's system, then the suspects can be charged with murder of both the mother and the child. But if the death of the mother occurs at a time the child's status per development is not compatible with life [without the mother], then that case is different altogether," Dr Matu said.

"However, if the child has not developed to that particular stage — where they can survive even if the mother is killed, then you can be accused of killing both. The baby must be able to survive in an incubator or by their own if extracted from the mother."

IF THE CHILD HAS REACHED THE POINT THEY CAN SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE MOTHER'S SYSTEM [IN AN INCUBATOR], THEN THE SUSPECTS CAN BE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD — DR JOSHUA MATU

Killing unborn child. Any person who, when a woman is about to be delivered of a child, prevents the child from being born alive by any act or omission of such a nature that, if the child had been born alive & had then died, he would be deemed to have unlawfully killed the child is guilty of a felony & is liable to imprisonment for life

The offence of killing an unborn child makes it a criminal offence for a person to intend to destroy the life of an unborn child capable of being born alive by unlawfully using any means to achieve this result

SECTION 214 OF THE PENAL CODE PROVIDES AS FOLLOWS AS TO WHEN A CHILD IS DEEMED TO BE A PERSON CAPABLE OF BEING KILLED

"A child becomes a person capable of being killed when it has completely proceeded in a living state from the body of its mother, whether it has breathed or not, and whether it has an independent circulation or not, and whether the navelstring is severed or not."

NEWS BUSINESS

RELIEF

Millers give assurance on maize flour prices

Small scale traders in estate shops have taken advantage of the VAT increase to raise prices of flour

AGATHA NGOTHO/ Millers have said they will not raise the price of maize flour despite an eight per cent tax on petroleum products. The Cereals Millers Association said the tax will not affect unga prices as earlier anticipated.

The millers' chairman, Mohammed Islam said the National Treasury's decision to place wheat and maize flour under goods exempt from tax from zero rate means millers can no longer claim VAT refund from the Kenya Revenue Authority.

"But the new changes to the eight per cent VAT on fuel now means that millers can claim back input VAT and we do not see the need to increase the prices of unga," he said during the announcement of the forthcoming international millers' conference set for next month.

A two-kilo packet of maize flour is currently retailing at between Sh85 to Sh92.

Small scale traders in estate shops have however taken advantage of the VAT increase and are now selling the two kilogramme packet at between Sh95 and Sh97 despite government's warning that traders should not take advantage of the tax to fleece customers.

Millers had on September 4 indicated that the increase in the cost of production would push up flour prices.

They said that VAT changes on the status for processed wheat and maize flour and VAT on petroleum products, could leave millers with little room to absorb the additional costs without jeopardising quality and the sustainability of operations.



Cereal Millers Association chairman Mohamed Islam Ali at International Association of Operative Millers press conference yesterday /EZEKIEL AMING'A

ity of operations.

United Grain Millers Association chairman, Peter Kuguru said small scale millers will increase the price of maize by four shillings.

He said millers would pass half of the eight per cent levy to consumers and absorb the balance.

Nick Hutchison said the international forum will host more than 100 exhibitors from Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America, Australia & Asia. More than 600 delegates from flour millers, cereal grain processors, seed processors and allied trade representatives and companies are expected to participate.

Islam said millers are yet to be paid Sh2.3 billion for the maize subsidy programme that ended last December.

"We are in talks with the government on how to get the payments nine months down the line. The harvesting season has already started in some areas and the millers will need the money to buy more maize from the farmers," he said.



BRANDS AND CULTURE CHRIS HARRISON

The Uber effect

In the so-called developed world there's a lot of antipathy towards Uber. Much of it seems to be from people who have turf to protect (London's Black Cab community), or drivers (in India) who were dissatisfied with the initial commercial arrangements. Also some whingeing from consumers who frankly don't know how lucky they are to have efficient public transport supplemented by on demand chauffering.

Here in Africa, as with so many of the technological revolutions of the past two decades, we seem to be gulping down Uber with gusto. And now we're literally consuming 'Uber Eats' home deliveries for food. The US\$62 billion brand is already creating new options for both physical and social mobility in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa.

Recently I used the service repeatedly in Cape Town and Johannesburg and, my, what a change Uber has made. These are cities where, until recently, taxis were simply a low value combination of illegal immigrant plus wrecked car. I have travelled to South Africa for 20 years carrying my own road atlas because I never found a driver who knew the address I wanted to go to.

Now, thanks to Uber, the cars seem to be newer and are certainly cleaner. The greeting and conversation is, well, just that. Not a random combination of grunts and sign language. Drivers are polite and engaging, and that encourages politeness in the passenger too. The confrontation anxiety you get when entering a vehicle driven by a stranger is defused.

Uber claims to ignite opportunity by setting the world in motion. It goes on to say "Good things happen when people can move, whether across town or towards their dreams. Opportunities appear, open up, become reality." The drivers I spoke to all enjoyed delivering the Uber promise. That is quite an achievement in a company with no driver employees or owned vehicles.

The peer rating system on the App means the driver knows if I'm a good customer and I know whether he's a safe ride. That said, we did have some challenges with speed and tailgating, but dropping your rating to four or three stars certainly alerts the driver to behaviour that may make him non-competitive.

And best of all, Uber's cheap and you don't need cash. A quick comparison on the same route revealed a Capetonian meter cab charged me four times the price of a mid-range Uber.

So, what's not to like about a brand that is using technology coupled with humanity to transform the way we get around big cities and also the way drivers earn their keep?

Chris Harrison leads The Brand Inside in Africa

GREY AREAS

Uhuru's housing tax plan puzzle

Out of 2.48 million Kenyans in employment in 2016 only 77,000 earned more than Sh100,000



DEMAND: National Housing Corporation flats in Nairobi West. Apartments dominate the rental market. /FILE

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Will government deliver the targeted 500,000 housing units in the next five years, is the question as it begins to tax employed persons for the ambitious project.

There is also uncertainty on refunds for employees who do not qualify for the affordable housing

plan and those who will not have benefited by the time of retirement.

Although Transport, Infrastructure and Urban Development CS James Macharia has assured contributors that refunds will be paid out with a return just like that of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), the recently enacted Finance Act 2018 is silent on the matter.

"We have reached a compromise and agreed that if you invest every month and after you retire you hav-

en't got the house, you will get your money back with an interest. Nobody will lose out," Macharia told journalists last week.

His statement was reiterated in an advertisement placed by the ministry in a local daily yesterday. It indicated that all contributions refunded will earn a return to be determined by the fund management.

However, Section 31 of the Finance Act that created National Housing Development Fund (NHDF) is silent on interest, only stating that persons who do not qualify for affordable housing will be refunded their contribution upon request at the end of 15 years from the start of the contributions either in cash, as a pension or transfer to a person eligible for affordable housing.

According to the law, employers will contribute 1.5 per cent of monthly basic salary from each employee and remit it to NHDF on or before the ninth day of preceding month.

Employees will contribute another 1.5 per cent subject to maximum contribution capped at Sh5,000.

On Monday, KPMG revealed that the government will after 15 years refund contributions of at least 77,000 employees who do not qualify for affordable housing plan as they earn above Sh100,000 per month.

According to KPMG, of 2.48 million Kenyans in employment in 2016 only 77,000 earned over Sh100,000 which is the threshold for affordable housing. Therefore, potentially 2.4

million Kenyans qualify for affordable housing against the government target of 500,000 housing units in five years.

In an email to the Star yesterday, Clive Akora, an associate director at KPMG, said the government is likely to raise Sh48 billion annually from the housing levy, more than National Social Security Fund's (NSSF) annual collection of Sh12.8 billion per year.

He said that while the government will have an easy task to consolidate funds for the project, the bigger issue is whether there is capacity to deliver the houses within the time in question.

He said that the government can easily get this amount because the persons who ask for affordable housing are required to pay the full cost of the house.

The 1.5 per cent contribution they make will only set-off part of the cost. So over a period of 10 years for example, the government will collect about Sh480 billion from the levy.

"There are questions on the capacity of local contractors to undertake the projects, ability of the local manufacturers to supply the building materials required for the project and the availability of the required artisans," Akora said.

Under the current plans, the government intends to build of one, two and three bedroom houses which will be sold at Sh600,000, Sh1 million and Sh3 million respectively.

NEWS BUSINESS

TRANSPORT

Details of Likoni cable car deal show funders to earn billions

With 22 cabins carrying 38 passengers each, the cars will transport at least 70,000 commuters daily across the Indian Ocean between Likoni district and Mombasa Island

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Likoni Cable Car project financiers will rake in billions over and above their initial investment raising the question whether the deal left Kenya with the short end of the stick.

The Sh5.8 billion project expected to be operational by 2020 is funded by Australian firm Doppelmayr Garaventa Group.

Kenya Ferry Services and Kenya's Trapos Limited are the contracting authorities.

"The project will run for 25 years after construction after which the project and its assets including revenue will revert to the contracting authority, KFS," project overview documents seen by the Star show.

The period will enable the investor recover the initial and operating costs and also generate a reasonable return.

With 22 cabins carrying 38 passengers each, the cable cars are expected to transport at least 70,000 commuters on a daily basis from Likoni district to the Mombasa Island.

This is 20 per cent of the estimated commuters who use the ferry everyday with each passenger paying between Sh20 and Sh100, or an average of Sh60 per ride depending on ridership category.

Going by Sh20 per ride on the lower end, the project would make



MV Likoni at the crossing channel in Mombasa. Photo / JOHN CHESOLI

Sh1.42 million in gross revenue on a daily basis, which is Sh518.3 million annually or Sh12.95 billion in 25 years.

On average, the project would raise Sh4.24 million a day, which is Sh38.69 billion gross revenue in 25 years. It would also make Sh7.66 million a day if commuters are to pay Sh100 per ride. This is Sh64.42 billion in 25 years.

This shows that Doppelmayr Garaventa will make twice, seven or 11 times their investment in gross revenue on a charge of Sh20, Sh60

and Sh100 respectively per ride share in 25 years.

"Estimated total corporate tax to be paid by the Project in the concession period will be Sh17.1 billion."

This is thrice the initial investment. While the 25 years concession period is a provision of the Public Private Partnership Act of 2013, the project's executive chairman Gerald Chege said the investment capital can be recovered in a shorter period.

"From the feasibility study we

have, its easy for the project to repay itself within 10-15 years," Chege said.

He denied that KFS will start receiving the revenue after 25 years but will start drawing the revenue from the first year of commercialisation.

THE DATA

100.98

The indicative value of shilling to the dollar

The Kenyan shilling was under pressure on Tuesday due to dollar demand from importers, with market players also eyeing central bank's monetary policy meeting outcome later in the session, traders said.

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell	Mean
US DOLLAR	100.8794	101.0794	100.9794
STG POUND	132.6483	132.9456	132.7969
SA RAND	7.0906	7.1122	7.1014
KES / US\$	37.7036	37.8655	37.7846
KES / T\$	22.5466	22.6905	22.6185
JPY (100)	89.6308	89.8324	89.7316
IND RUPEE	1.3875	1.3905	1.3890
EURO	119.0094	119.2711	119.1403
CHINESE YUAN	14.7091	14.7434	14.7263
AE DIRHAM	27.4644	27.5196	27.4920

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
EXPRESS	4.50	+9.76
I&M BANK	90.00	+5.88
KENYA AIRWAYS	7.75	+4.73
CO-OP BANK	14.55	+4.30
FAHARI I-REIT	9.80	+4.26

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
EA CABLES	2.75	-8.33
DEACONS	0.55	-8.33
UMEME	8.75	-7.89
CFC INS HOLDINGS	12.80	-6.91
TOTAL KENYA	27.25	-6.03

TECHNOLOGY

Replace cash use with token system -team

ABEL MUHATIA/ You will soon be able to purchase goods and pay for services using tokens if recommendations by the blockchain task force are implemented.

"Tokens are like bonga points given by mobile operators or loyalty points given at the supermarkets, it can be converted to coins and used to buy goods of your choice," Distributed Ledgers and Artificial Intelligence taskforce chairman Bitange Ndemo said.

Ndemo advised that the government should tokenise the economy to deal with increasing rates of corruption and uncertainties.

The taskforce was appointed in March to establish whether the country is ready for Blockchain technology.

Block-chain is a digital database that helps to identify and track digital transactions and sharing the information across a distributed network of computers.

If the economy is tokenised, it means that government will stop printing hard money and instead adopt digital currency.

Speaking during the ICT ministry stakeholders meeting with the Private sector, Ndemo said Kenya needs a digital currency equivalent to a Fiat.

Fiat is a currency without a fundamental value that has been established as money, often by government regulation unlike a digital currency like Bitcoin that is unregulated.

"We must begin to tokenise the economy by giving incentives to young people to do things which they are paid through tokens that can be converted to Fiat currency," Ndemo said.

He said that adoption of tokens would help reduce unemployment levels.

While the taskforce proposed formulation of a Central Bank Digital Currency to operate in fixed nominal terms and as a valid legal tender in July, Ndemo said they have shelved the idea for a moment.

"We are not very enthusiastic at the moment, of course it will come, but we first want people to understand use of tokens."

Addressing stakeholders in the same meeting, ICT Ps Jerome Ochieng said the government will facilitate relevant policies to help regulate recommendations from the taskforce.

Other recommendations include introduction of a government certifier to authenticate goods before being released to the market.

This would mean elimination of middle men, and having only the certifier to verify originality of the product and the blockchain system to help in tracing the product from the farm to the shelf.

The system will offer transparency and openness needed to reassure consumers that the food they eat is exactly what the label says it is.

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NEWS WORLD

NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE

Swedish Parliament kicks out Prime Minister, no word on new government

REUTERS / Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven lost a no-confidence vote in Parliament yesterday and will step down after four years in power. However, with neither major political bloc holding a majority, it remained unclear who will form the next government.

Voters delivered a hung Parliament in the September 9 election, with Lofven's centre-left bloc garnering 144 seats, one more than the centre-right opposition Alliance. The anti-immigration Sweden Democrats, with 62 seats and shunned by all parties since entering Parliament in 2010, backed the Alliance in the vote – an obligatory test of the prime minister's parliamentary support after an election.

28 KILLED

Ethiopia cops detain 1,200 over deadly violence around capital

REUTERS / Ethiopian authorities arrested more than 1,200 people after violence erupted in and around the capital this month, a senior police official said, three times more than earlier estimates.

Twenty-eight people died, the head of the capital's police commission, Degfie Bedi, said, raising the death count from 23. "The majority were beaten to death. Seven were killed by security forces," he said late on Monday. Violence raged from September 12 to 17 and included attacks on minorities in Ethiopia's ethnic Oromo heartland.

CLEAN WITH BARE HANDS

Hundreds protest in New Delhi against sewer cleaners' deaths

REUTERS / The relatives of thousands of Indians who died cleaning sewers protested in the capital yesterday, aiming to stop the practice of workers entering underground conduits to unclog drains and remove waste with their bare hands.

Protesters shouted slogans accusing government of delaying compensation, while others waved banners saying they came as PM Narendra Modi pushes his 'Swachh Bharat,' or 'Clean India', programme. Most of the 160,000 workers involved in cleaning waste are women.

HUMANE AND SELFLESS

South Sudan surgeon wins UN prize for treating refugees

Doctor runs the only hospital in NE county and serves 200,000

REUTERS / A South Sudanese surgeon was yesterday announced the winner of a UN prize for treating tens of thousands of people forced to flee violence and persecution.

Evan Atar Adaha, 52, has spent two decades helping the sick and injured in the war-torn east African nation.

Adaha, who runs the only hospital in northeastern Maban county, was given the 2018 Nansen Refugee Award for his "humanity and selflessness" where he often risked his safety to serve others, the UN said.

"I feel very humbled. I hope this award can help draw attention to the plight of refugees especially here in Africa where they are often forgotten about," Adaha told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in an interview.

"You may hear and read about them, but it's only when you are face-to-face with people who have left everything and are sick with malaria, or are malnourished, or have a bullet wound that you realise how desperate the need for help is."

Nansen Refugee Awardees are recognised by the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) for dedicating their time to help people forced from their homes. Former awardees include Eleanor Roosevelt and Luciano Pavarotti.

South Sudan, the world's youngest country, has been ravaged by civil war since 2013 after clashes erupted between troops loyal to President Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek



South Sudanese surgeon Evan Atar Adaha, 52, and winner of the Nansen Refugee Award, with a patient at the Maban Hospital in Maban county, South Sudan on May 6 /REUTERS

Machar. The government recently signed a peace agreement with rebels, but the five-year-long war has had a devastating impact.

DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

At least 50,000 people have been killed and one in three South Sudanese have been uprooted from their homes. The country also hosts around 300,000 refugees fleeing violence in neighbouring Sudan, according to the UN.

Adaha, known locally as Dr Atar, has been running Maban hospital – once an abandoned health clinic – in the town of Bunj since 2011.

When he first arrived, he said there

was no operating theatre and he had to stack tables to create a work area.

Over the years, he has transformed the hospital and created a maternity ward and nutrition centre, as well as training young people as nurses and midwives.

The 120-bed hospital now serves around 200,000 people living in Maban county – 70 per cent of whom are refugees from Sudan – and conducts about 60 operations weekly but under very difficult circumstances.

The Nansen Refugee Award ceremony takes place on October 1 in Geneva, and the winner will receive \$150,000 (Sh15.1 million) to fund a project complementing their work.

'YOU MAY HEAR AND READ ABOUT THEM, BUT IT'S ONLY WHEN YOU ARE FACE-TO-FACE WITH... THAT YOU REALISE HOW DESPERATE THE NEED FOR HELP IS'



New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern holds her baby Neve Te Aroha next to her partner Clarke Gayford (L) during the 73rd UN General Assembly in New York on Monday /REUTERS

A DELIGHT AT UNGA HALL

New Zealand's First Baby makes UN debut

REUTERS / With a mock security pass that lists her as the "First Baby" of New Zealand, three-month-old Neve Te Aroha made her UN debut on Monday when her mother – Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern – spoke at a peace summit in the General Assembly.

Her partner Clarke Gayford, who is the baby's full-time caregiver, sat with the New Zealand delegation and held Neve as Ardern spoke. Ardern, 38, is only the second elected leader to give birth while in office, after Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto in 1990.

Gayford posted a photo on Twitter earlier on Monday of Neve's security pass for the annual gathering of world leaders in New York this week.

He added: "I wish I could have captured the startled look on a Japanese delegation inside UN yesterday who walked into a meeting room in the middle of a nappy change. Great yarn for her 21st [birthday]."

Ardern is her country's youngest premier and the first to take maternity leave while in office. The UN was delighted to see baby Neve in the General Assembly hall, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

"Prime Minister Ardern is showing that no one is better qualified to represent her country than a working mother. Just five percent of the world's leaders are women, so we need to make them as welcome here as possible," he said.

FRENCH 'CAT-CALL' LAW

Man becomes first to be fined for slapping woman's bottom

REUTERS / A man who slapped a woman's bottom on a bus near Paris has been jailed for three months and, in a first under a new law against cat-calling, also fined for lewd remarks about her physique.

The man, inebriated when he boarded the rush-hour bus, smacked the 21-year-old on the buttocks and made an insulting comment about her breasts, before a squabble with the bus driver, who jammed the doors shut while police were alerted.

Court and justice ministry officials said the fine was the first imposed under legislation that seeks to deter predatory remarks and harassing actions such as wolf-whistles, which are fairly commonplace in public life in France.

OUTBREAK

Ebola 'perfect storm' feared in DR Congo

REUTERS / WHO said yesterday an Ebola outbreak in northeastern DR Congo could worsen rapidly because of attacks by armed groups, community resistance and the geographic spread of the disease.

"We are now extremely concerned that several factors may

be coming together over the next weeks and months to create a potential perfect storm," head of emergency response Peter Salama said in Geneva. At least 100 people have died, out of 150 cases in North Kivu and Ituri provinces.

Attacks by armed opposition groups had increased in severity and frequency, especially those attributed to the Alliance of Democratic Forces, most dramatically an attack that killed 21 in the city of Beni, where WHO's operation is based.



A doctor cares for a patient at the ALIMA treatment centre in Beni, North Kivu, on September 6 /REUTERS

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International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Association president Ron Abel (left) chats with Kenya Airline Pilots Association captain Murithi Nyagah (right) during the Africa Middle East (AFI/ MID) regional meeting in Mombasa yesterday. Looking on are captain Meziani Mouloud and captain Amira Chakib of Air Algeria / MONICA MWANGI

LETTERS

Send your views to letters@the-star.co.ke

Young people need free condoms and correct information

As we mark World Contraception Day today, about 300,000 youths in Kenya, below the age of 24 are living with HIV-Aids. About 100,000 of the infected youths are below 14 years, while 184, 000 are between the ages of 10 and 24, according to the National Aids Control Council. The high rise in the new infections among the youths and adolescents is attributed to early sex, with one out of five young people engaging in sex before age 15. Unfortunately, many of the youths engaging in sex don't use protection, which then exposes them to HIV, other STDs and also unwanted pregnancies. Also, there is lack of enough information on HIV-Aids and sexual violence for young people. In stances they have access to it, it is through the internet, which can be misleading. Youths living with HIV-Aids also face stigma and discrimination from peers and at the health centres. This prevents them from seeking treatment services, going to school or even work. To reduce these infections, the government has provided free condoms at health centres. The government has also set up Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT), door-to-door campaigns and the recently introduced self-testing kits. This is to encourage youths to go for testing and change their behaviour. Nevertheless, there is still an unmet need for condoms. According to the NACC, about 89 per cent of women ages 15-24 engage in unprotected sex with partners of unknown HIV status, mostly because they are unable to negotiate for safer sex. As we mark this day, the Ministry of Health and other players need to ensure youths are well informed about HIV-Aids and empowered to seek health services with utmost care and confidentiality

ESTHER NDINYA
Kisumu county

Sonko, please fix Nairobi West roads before rains begin

I congratulate Nairobi governor Mike Sonko and the regeneration team for the work they are doing in tarmacking roads in parts of Eastlands and watering grass and plants along Jogoo and Mombasa roads. Now, my humble request to the governor is to rehabilitate roads in Nairobi West shopping centre and the section from the area towards Langata Road just outside Summerdale Hotel. It is in a terrible state and it will even be worse when it rains. The governor should visit the area and see for himself so that fixing the road can be prioritised.

CHARLES KARIUKI
Star reader

Obado's backers wrong to demonise murdered Sharon

When Migori governor Okoth Obado was presented before the Milimani law court on Monday, some of his supporters, some ferried from the county, protested against his prosecution. How low can we go? Even worse are some messages on placards, going to the extent of saying say Sharon Otieno deserved to die because of the 'illicit relationship' she was in. Worse still is that most of the protesters were women. Why not wait for the trial to end to determine if Obado is innocent or guilty? The fact is that whatever happens in the court of public opinion, what will matter at the end of all this is what will happen in the corridors of justice. It is wrong to criticise or blame Sharon for her own murder. Regardless of her actions, she didn't deserve to die, let alone in the manner she did.

MICHAEL MUREITHI
Nairobi

Banning Rafiki film denies reality, tries to stifle creativity

In April, Kenya Film Classification Board banned *Rafiki*, a film about two teenage girls who develop a romantic relationship, on grounds that it is promoting lesbianism. Owing to its creativity and reality, the movie was allowed to play in several other African countries and to international audiences. Wanuri Kahiu, the director of the controversial film, later sued KFCB and its boss, Ezekiel Mutua, over the ban. Last week she got a seven-day suspension of the ban and the film eventually was screened on Sunday in Nairobi. It drew a huge crowd. The whole push and pull once again rekindles the long debate on homosexuality that Kenya, and Africa in general, has refused to accept exists among its populations. During US President Barack Obama's visit to Kenya in 2015, President Uhuru Kenyatta boldly told him that Kenya was not ready to embrace homosexuality, and that it was a non-issue for Kenya. In numerous interviews with international media, President Kenyatta has maintained the homosexuality issue is irrelevant as "our culture does not consider homosexuality a human right. This is not about Uhuru Kenyatta saying yes or no, this is an issue of the people of Kenya themselves who have bestowed upon themselves a Constitution after several years of clearly stating that this is not acceptable and is not a subject they are willing to engage in at this time and moment," he told CNN's Christiane Amanpour. It is sad that we, like some other African countries, hide under the pretext of culture to denounce the practice. Mutua's banning of *Rafiki*, a depiction of something that already exists, is pretence and publicity stunt that only seeks to prove his office is working towards killing creativity and reality.

DANCAN BWIRE
Intern, Standard Group Centre

VOX POP

BY FAITH MATETE

Should Migori governor Okoth Obado resign?



Yes: In a civilized society, it is appropriate that he steps down. If he is cleared, he will resume work as governor, although he may lose public trust.

EVANS KADO
Business consultant, Kisumu



No: The presumption of innocence until proven guilty should apply. Let us allow the law to take its course and only then can we talk about his resignation.

ROBERT OCHIENG
Newspaper vendor, Kisumu



No: Governor Obado is still innocent until proven otherwise. We should not be judgmental but wait for the justice system to take its course.

RAPHAEL OYUGI
Businessman, Kisumu



Yes: He has been charged with murder, which is a capital offence, too serious to hold public office. His image is already too tainted to continue holding public office.

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Socialite warned of links to senator

A popular failed socialite has been warned by her friends to take care of herself before bad things happen to her.

According to close friends of the socialite, she is dating a senator from Nyanza and has been cheating on him with several men.

The socialite, who is always attracted to anything that has money, is being sponsored by the senator, who is also paying her rent.

Her friends are afraid that if she doesn't change her behaviour, she might be dumped or something might happen. Her mheshimiwa has seen her several times with different men but she always lies that they are relatives.

HER MHESHIMIWA HAS SEEN HER SEVERAL TIMES WITH DIFFERENT MEN BUT SHE LIES THAT THEY ARE RELATIVES

Moji woos fans to 'Vimbada' at show



Moji of Kelele Takatifu MCing at a past event /FILE

ELIZABETH NGIGI@nyambs_liz/ Gospel artiste Moji Short Baba will be performing at the 'Rhythm and Praise' show on Sunday at the Nairobi Chapel, Ngong Road from 2pm to 6pm.

Speaking to Word Is, Moji said he is happy with Songa App by Safaricom because his fans are now able to access his music easily online.

"Mafans wakuje ready to vimbada coz this is a chance for them to praise God as well as interact with me. I will be ministering to them through my music so it's very important to attend," he said.

Other performers include Weezdom, Master piece and Alice Kimanzi.

"The show will be great and I would like to encourage artistes and our fans to support all those who will be performing on that day," Moji said.



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'PEPPER-SPRAYED' MCA EYES PASSARIS SEAT IN 2022 POLL

BRIAN NDUNG'U @bryoshavin/ Nairobi nominated MCA Mary Njambi, who was left with watery eyes after a confrontation with Nairobi speaker Beatrice Elachi, has said her vision for 2022 is clear.

Speaking to Word Is, the Makadara-based legislator said she is not bothered by the newly acquired fame, and is in fact eyeing Nairobi woman representative Esther Passaris' seat.

Njambi was at the heart of efforts to evict Elachi. In a now viral video, she is heard accusing Elachi of pepper-spraying her and her colleagues after they stormed her office on September 10.

"How can you be a speaker na unawekea MCA wako mapiripiri kwa macho... Si hiyo ni kirimino (How can you be a speaker and spray pepper in your MCA's eyes. Isn't that criminal)?" she asks.

But Njambi denies any wrongdoing in the incident, saying she was the victim.

"Navile mnanichapa nyinyi watu wa media, badala nyinyi mnitetea na mliona vile nilipigwa na pilipili, nyinyi mnaona nikama mimi nilikosea," she said.

"I did not expect it to go viral but I actually do not care that much. None of my family members has asked about the video but for those who have watched it, they laughed and moved on." Njambi, a single mother of two, said she helps clean the city and ensures schoolchildren do not miss school for lack of fees or uniform.

"I am a hard worker and it's clearly illustrated by the fact that I have been nominated twice," she said.



"Honestly, I think I will be vying for the woman representative seat come 2022. I have been in the forefront of fighting for women and the youth. One thing, I am a mobiliser who oversees

Nominated MCA Mary Njambi /COURTESY

the 'Ng'arisha Jiji' initiative. Another thing I pride myself in is that I ensure children don't miss school by using my own money and also sourcing for bursaries and scholarships."



Willy Paul /COURTESY

Bahati, Willy Paul accused of not paying video vixens

ELIZABETH NGIGI@nyambs_liz/ Gospel artistes Bahati and Willy Paul have been accused of not paying their video vixens. A source whispered to Word Is her experience with the two of them.

"I was a video vixen in Willy Paul's song Tempted, which we shot on a Sunday night. He had previously lied to us he would pay us on a Wednesday, which did not happen.

Apparently, he first wasted our time by telling us to go to Komarock, where he did not show up. We had to board a matatu back to town on our own. Recording started at 11pm and ended at around 6am. After the shoot, Willy Paul did not pay us, neither did he provide transport for us.

"He even tried to lure some of the girls to go home with him. He gave us 100 bob and finally and promised to invite us for the launch of the song. That did not happen."

Similarly, Bahati is also accused by the same video vixen of playing similar tricks as Willy Paul's in his song Kumbe Kumbe, featuring Mr Seed.

"We were told to be around Syokimau at 7am, and we did our rehearsals and they came at around 12pm, and they at least gave us food. But the bad thing is they started to discriminate us by the way we dressed.

"We did the shoot and at around 10pm, they got a matatu for us, which dropped us in town, and they said we sort ourselves from there. It was now around 11pm and they did not care how we would get home."

Word is reached to the artistes and only Willy Paul responded, saying: "Please, let this go online. This will serve as an example to everyone who wants to make a living out of my hard work." Bahati's many calls and messages went unanswered.

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EDITORIAL

New housing tax has multiple weak points

The government has launched an affordable housing programme to be funded by a 1.5 per cent tax on employee salaries and a 1.5 per cent contribution from the employer.

The goal is to build 500,000 affordable homes for low-income Kenyans.

This programme is well meaning but poorly thought out.

Firstly, when poor people are helped to own houses, they frequently sell them to raise money. It would be better for government to build blocks of flats that can be rented out to poor Kenyans but not owned by them.

Secondly, government is promising to refund the money with interest if an employee is not given a house. This is unlikely to happen, judging by the huge arrears of VAT and other taxes that the government is not presently refunding.

Thirdly, there is confusion whether all employees will be taxed, or only the 77,000 Kenyans earning over Sh100,000, which would raise just Sh3 billion a year. That might be enough to build 600 houses a year.

We need to rethink the affordable housing programme.

HISTORICAL QUOTE

“Life is a lot like jazz... it’s best when you improvise.”

GEORGE GERSHWIN

The American composer was born on September 26, 1898.

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COMMENT

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Until recently impunity was a licence to easy wealth, acquired at a huge cost to the public. Public office was a ticket to the ranks of dollar millionaires in a ‘third world’ economy swimming in debt



A SEASON FOR THE RICH TO ALSO CRY

Greek mythology warns that the gods fatten those they wish to destroy. The potential victims get inebriated with power, and naivety that passes for foxiness. They then get blinded to the consequences of their foibles.

The power drunks gamble, fumble, and tumble, believing they are immune from accountability. Public perception is nothing; their quest for grandeur is everything. But the ground is shifting for those intoxicated with delegated power.

One such victim is crashing as you watch this action-packed but incompetent conspiracy that leaves smoking guns at every turn. A real-time drama for those who can learn from the arrogance and extravagance of power.

Until recently impunity was a licence to easy wealth, acquired at a huge cost to the public. Public office, until recently, was a ticket to the ranks of dollar millionaires. The mysterious, bubble billionaires lead lavish lives in a struggling ‘third world’ economy swimming in debt and mass desperation.

One that continues to dig furiously, knowing it is inside a bottomless pit, that spits sleaze on the sides, from top to bottom. Every rank represents a coalition of pilferers and saboteurs of the public interest.

The season of plunder could end if the anti-corruption and anti-impunity wave is sustained. The people who give abusive orders from above, and those who execute such criminal edicts, should learn from this sensationalised lakeside drama.

Seven public servants from Migori county are in court for breaching the Public Procurement Act. The seven suspects allowed a non-prequalified firm to ‘win’ a Sh8 million tender.

The victims joined the mess after a technical committee cleared the preferred bidder. The favoured, connected, successful bidder was supposed to supply furniture for the official residence of a county executive.

Some members of the committee, the faction in the majority, had ‘orders’ to award the furniture supply tender to a particular firm. Now, all the members of the team are charged with abuse of office. All of them have stepped aside until the issue is resolved in court.

The suspects are victims of orders from above — a

notoriously abused phrase during the Nyayo Era. The victims are today cleverer than they were: They were used to rubber stamp plunder of public funds.

The orders came from the executive whose official residence was to be furnished. The owner of the company that ‘won’ this tender, like many others, is a daughter of the executive. Princesses of the counties have rights to tenders, you know.

‘Orders from above’ are undermining governance in some counties, as they did under President Moi. President Kibaki may not have given such orders, but the mafiaso around him raided public coffers using his name. The order givers and executors are caught in a time warp. The throwback is at the core of corruption in some counties, where mini-presidents are feathering nests for their children, relatives, allies and gang leaders.

The chosen ones are the owners of briefcase companies that win tenders — small and big ones. The tender winners are paid, but the work is rarely done.

The money is paid in full even before the work starts. The loot is then shared out, with the tender winner getting a fraction. Owners of the counties bank the bulk of the loot.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, known for dancing around serious graft cases, just landed on this rot in Migori. The same decadence runs unchallenged in neighbouring counties.

There is nothing new in this, though: Concerned citizens have reported these cases to Integrity Centre. Whether these reports are used by EACC officers for extortion is a matter of public debate. If the EACC has not acted on these cases, it is not for lack of information.

This indifference, this stupidity of public officers giving their girlfriends a leg-up in the counties, is undermining devolution. The people must move from cheering to jeering. Merriam-Webster defines stupidity as “given to unintelligent decisions of acts; acting in an unintelligent or careless manner”. A practical definition is knowing what is wrong, seeing what is wrong, hearing what is wrong, feeling what is wrong, but continuing to defer to the perpetrators of these wrongs.

THIS INDIFFERENCE, STUPIDITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS GIVING GIRLFRIENDS A LEG-UP IN COUNTIES, IS UNDERMINING DEVOLUTION



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“Rwanda is the best place in Africa to be a woman. Women occupy 64 percent of the seats in parliament, hold 42 percent of the cabinet posts, and fill 40 percent of the judgeships on the Rwandan supreme court.”

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NGUNJIRI WAMBUGU
Nyeri Town MP



Out of 3.2m Kenyans, close to 50% said they made no income in 2017 and filed 'nil' returns

NO WAY AROUND INCREASED TAXES

Last Thursday Parliament dealt with a memorandum from President Kenyatta that changed the Finance Bill we had presented to him a couple of weeks ago. Our Bill had upheld a decision made by the 11th Parliament to charge 16 per cent VAT on fuel.

However, like had happened twice before, Parliament had proposed to kick the can down the hill again, and have the tax implemented in 2020. Uhuru proposed eight per cent VAT. He also asked us to reconsider the proposals made by the Executive for additional taxes to support affordable housing and universal healthcare that we had refused to pass.

The uncomfortable reality is that Uhuru runs a very expensive government compared to his predecessors. We have 47 governors, each with their own public-funded mini-government; 47 senators and 47 women representatives all of whom were not part of government before. We also have another close to 50 MPs as well as 24 Cabinet secretaries. (Before CSs were MPs and the extra cost when appointed to Cabinet was a fraction of what it costs to maintain a CS today).

Our political reality is such that every community feels 'included' in government only when 'one of their own' is at the table. This is why we (now) have the Chief Administrative Secretary position and huge parastatal boards. The public also expects government to be 'felt', hence, the big cars and entourages. Ironically, to 'protect' ourselves from the excesses of government, we set up 15 'independent' commissions to 'check' government, which employ thousands of officials and operate annual budgets in the billions.

Finally, Kenyans want a quasi-welfare state despite being a Third World economy. We have free primary and secondary education, social welfare cash transfers for the elderly, free maternity, police at every corner, etc.

But our only source of funds to run all these operational costs — and any development work that the government can squeeze in — are taxes because Kenya does not sell anything special to the rest of the world. We have not been able to commercialise the oil found in Turkana, and our coffee industry is struggling, terribly.

Meanwhile the ordinary Kenyan will not pay taxes, not unless he has to. To illustrate, in a country where 19 million people are adult enough to vote only 3.2 million filed tax returns this year. Out of the 3.2 million, close to 50 per cent said they made no income in 2017, and filed 'nil' returns.

I have followed public conversations about how large our government is. But we voted for this government structure overwhelmingly in 2010. However, even if we were to reduce it by 50 per cent, as long as only 1.7 million Kenyans are paying taxes voluntarily we will still not be able to fund it. (Incidentally if more Kenyans were paying taxes each would pay less tax per person).

So until more Kenyans pay taxes voluntarily, the government will continue to 'ambush' us into the tax-bracket through levies such VAT, which are structured to get money from every Kenyan with any income — no matter how meagre.

However what clearly makes Kenyans even more upset about these new taxes is the belief that some public officer somewhere will end up stealing a large chunk of this money, and get away with it. Unfortunately we are the same Kenyans inviting these public officers to social and political events every weekend where we expect them to donate millions; and we never query where they get all this money from!

The President's memorandum was unpopular, but it was the right way to go in the circumstances.



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Counties cannot afford to continue spending on luxuries such as foreign travel, refreshments, flowers, uncontrolled allowances while services to mwananchi remain a mirage



LEVIES, CUTS ESSENTIAL SACRIFICES

American businessman Ross Perot, best known for being an independent presidential candidate in 1992 and 1996, once said, "The budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, the public debt should be reduced and the arrogance of public officials should be controlled."

Reading the quote above, one feels as though it is directly speaking of Kenya's financial situation today. Kenya's financial situation has been a major discussion across the country and beyond. It is basically about being able to balance the needs of the country and how to raise money to cater for these.

Last week, the National Assembly was given the enormous task of putting the country back on the right economic track. The country's financial status has been a concern to all Kenyans and thus the need for a reset.

MPs had to painfully implement budget cuts that affect not just them but other institutions across government. They also had the task of putting in place more taxes that will see Kenyans contribute more to the national coffers.

The purpose of taxes is to help the country put together development projects that help the economy to grow and do so in a significant manner. The economy cannot look up if we are not focused on producing more than we consume.

To achieve this balance, there must be significant cuts to the national government expenditure on travel, hospitality, advertisement, transfers to semi-autonomous agencies and other administrative payments. This must also be extended to the county governments, which, just like the national government, have been spending more than half of their budget on recurrent expenditure.

It is time we struck a balance in our budgets and gave more money to development. It is the duty of all public officers to ensure that this is done and they should not hold grudges against those who question and want money spent well.

In the past, we have spent more money on sitting allowances and foreign travel than what the national and county governments spent on some essential services. We have spent more money on consumables

within government than we have put in for development. Are we really focused on ensuring that taxes are used to the benefit of Wanjiku? Have we lost touch with the needs of the public?

County governments cannot afford to continue spending on luxuries such as foreign travel, refreshments, flowers and uncontrolled allowances while services to mwananchi remain a mirage.

Kenya is aiming at pushing towards major economic growth that will see it move to the level of middle-income economies and above. This aspiration can only be supported by budgets that are well prioritised and prudently executed at all levels.

It is important to note that this level of growth will be supported by increased production in agriculture, continued investments in infrastructure, energy, building and construction, manufacturing, retail and wholesale and financial intermediation.

However, these plans must be matched with initiatives that ensure that there is a reduction in this over-dependence on the taxpayer. These initiatives should aim at helping people become self-reliant.

Creation of jobs is important and the government must

continue to invest heavily in measures that create more employment opportunities. We must revive the development of textile and leather sectors as well.

In fact, creation of more jobs will help the government expand the tax net and increase revenue, thus avoiding increase in taxes that touch on basic commodities. As long as we tighten the administration of these taxes, we will achieve more as a country.

The public must also learn to participate in the budget-making process to ensure that their taxes go to financing their needs and not those of a few individuals. In addition, the public must offer government the support needed to deal with corruption as a way of ensuring that more money is available.

LAWMAKERS HAD TO PAINFULLY IMPLEMENT BUDGET CUTS THAT AFFECT NOT JUST THEM BUT OTHER INSTITUTIONS ACROSS GOVERNMENT

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- /EZEKIEL AMING'A



CITY WALK RAISES FUNDS FOR PATIENTS OF NAIROBI HOSPICE

Tessie Musalia, wife of ANC party leader **Musalia Mudavadi**, last weekend led Kenyans in raising funds to cater for patients under the care of Nairobi Hospice.

Through the **Musalia Memorial Foundation**, where she's the managing trustee and founder, Musalia organised a walk for the cause at the Hillcrest International School in Karen. The fundraising awareness campaign was conducted in collaboration with the Nairobi Hospice, which holds an annual charity walk on September 22.

Participants included Nairobi Hospice CEO **Ruth Were**, the Star political editor **Paul Ilado**, Mudavadi Memorial Foundation's **Liz Weya** and Nairobi Hospice director **Bill Rahedi**.



1. Mudavadi Memorial Foundation managing trustee and founder **Tessie Musalia** flags off the walk. 2. The Star political editor **Paul Ilado**, Nairobi Hospice board director **Millicent Omondi** and Mudavadi Memorial Foundation's **Liz Weya** 3. Nairobi Hospice CEO **Ruth Were** and cancer survivor **Florence Nyambura** 4. **Tessie Musalia** awards **Sunshine Secondary School's Collins Kimutai** who completed the walk in 2nd position 5. Children exercise with their parents 6. **Juja Preparatory School** pupils

/MOSES MWANGI

COUNTIES NAIROBI

PHOTO STORY



G4S managing director Steven Barry with Kenya National Private Security Workers Union secretary general Isaac Andabwa after signing a CBA in Nairobi on Monday. Andabwa asked the government to hasten reforms in the private security sector
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PROTESTS EACC INTERFERENCE

Assembly starts probe of MCAs' conduct in Elachi ejection fracas

Minority leader Peter Imwatok among three quizzed by Powers and Privileges Committee

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The county assembly has launched investigations into the fracas at speaker Beatrice Elachi's office two weeks ago.

The Powers and Privileges Committee is probing the conduct of members implicated in the chaotic ejection of Elachi from her office.

The probe began even as the assembly protested against 'interference' by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission. The agency has summoned 12 MCAs to be quizzed over the scuffle.

Yesterday, the committee questioned three MCAs over their involvement in the commotion on

September 10. The MCAs are alleged to have stormed Elachi's office and forcibly ejected her.

The removal followed the speaker's impeachment four days earlier. Elachi obtained court orders suspending her removal.

Committee chairman Naftali Mathenge said the EACC overstepped its mandate in summoning the MCAs. He said the commission ought to have given the assembly time to investigate its own members.

Mathenge said the agency ought to have waited for the committee to invite them into the matter. "We are guided by the Constitution. The EACC should not be allowed to come within the premises of the county assembly," the chairman said.

EACC summoned the MCAs on September 11 but the ward repre-

sentatives ignored the agency and instead moved to court to block the probe. Hospital MCA Patrick Musili said the assembly should be guided by the Powers and Privileges Act, 2017, when it comes to the conduct of members.

He said what transpired in Elachi's office was not criminal, warranting the involvement of the anti-graft agency.

"As a House, we are supposed to enjoy some immunity. We are not talking about criminal cases but the conduct of members and ethical issues," Musili said.

The MCA, who is a member of the committee, said they will recommend disciplinary actions against the members found guilty of committing the offenses or involved in unethical conduct.

Among the three questioned was Minority chief whip Peter Imwatok.

The Makongeni MCA said he did not do anything wrong and that the blame should be on those who pepper-sprayed them.

LOCKED IN TOILET

"There was no Kamkunji held to eject Elachi because she had already been impeached. If anything, it was the speaker who provoked the members," Imwatok said.

The MCA said he went to the speaker's office after hearing noises. He said he wanted to calm the situation.

"But I was shocked to hear that the speaker had locked herself inside a toilet," he said. Mwiki MCA Isaac Ngigi and his Highridge counterpart Jayendra Malde were also questioned.



Regional commissioner Kang'ethe Thuku in Roysambu yesterday
/MAUREEN KINYANJUI

CHILDREN LURED TO DRINK

No new liquor licences granted pending audit

MAUREEN KINYANJUI/ City Hall has suspended issuing liquor licences until an audit of outlets next month is done.

The Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Board issued the directive yesterday following complaints over the increase of bars within residential estates. The board said they will review licences for existing bars with the aim of reducing the number of bars and pubs in residential areas and near schools.

The board's chairman, Kennedy Odhiambo, said the audit will reveal pubs and bars operating illegally.

"We have to know how many pubs are operating and their locations and decide which ones to shut down," Odhiambo said.

Odhiambo said parents had complained that their

children were being lured into alcoholism because bars were opening from as early as 2pm.

"Our children say they have a concert called afternoon jam sessions but they are held up in bars and we don't know what happens there," a Roysambu resident told the board when it met in the area yesterday.

The board urged residents to form Nyumba Kumi groups through which they can identify and report pubs operating outside the law.

The previous board said there were 12,500 licensed bars but last year's audit showed some 14,593 outlets were operating in the city.

Regional commissioner Kang'ethe Thuku said it was worrying that there were three times more pubs than schools in Kasarani subcounty.

The constituency has 300 public schools and 959 liquor outlets. He attributed the high number of outlets to unemployment, poverty and dysfunctional families

Thuku said they will revoke licences of those violating liquor laws. He directed officers to close bars that open earlier than 5pm and those located within 300 metres of schools and residential buildings.



COUNTIES CENTRAL



EACC offices at Advocate Plaza in Nyeri town, where county officials were held for questioning yesterday / EUTYCUS MUCHIRI

CHARGED TODAY

EACC detectives arrest Nyeri officials over ward jobs scandal

The seven officers are five members of the county Public Service Board and two ward administrators; will be charged today with various offences committed in 2013-14

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Seven officials of Nyeri county government were yesterday arrested and are expected to be charged today.

The seven are five members of the county Public Service Board and two ward administrators.

They were arrested by Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission officials over irregular recruitment of subcounty and ward administrators. EACC detectives arrested them after they honoured a summon in their offices, where they were held for questioning for hours.

The five are Alice Muita, who was the chairman of the board; Anthony Muriu, the secretary (CEO) and board members Beatrice Gikaru, Geoffrey Mahinda and Shelomith Nderitu.

"All suspects are under arrest and will be taken to court. We are processing them and we will take them to court probably tomorrow (Wednesday)," EACC's Central regional manager Charles Rasugu said. They received a report against the board in 2015 on the irregular appointment.

"The investigations established here were irregularities in the recruitment that culminated in the appointment of the subcounty administrators and ward administrators in the county of Nyeri in the period between July 2013 and March 2014," Rasugu told reporters outside the EACC offices in Nyeri.

He said the investigation file was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who agreed with the commission's recommendations to charge the suspects.

The suspects face offense of abuse of office contrary to Section 46 of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act 2003, read with Section 48.

The second offense is conspiracy to commit an offense of corruption, contrary to Section 47A(3) of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003.

"Others to be prosecuted are Johnson Njogu, a ward administrator, and Jackson Kibutu, a ward administrator," he said.

The two will be charged with forgery and presenting a false document which was used for the recruitment purposes.

"Investigations found the CPB Secretary and 4 board members responsible and thus culpable for those irregularities. The investigations also disclosed deception on the

part of some of the applicants who were ultimately appointed as Ward Administrators," the EACC tweeted.

(+) DEVOLUTION: ROLE OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARDS

Among the functions of CPSBs are: to establish and abolish offices in the county public service; appoint persons to hold or act in offices of the county public service including in the boards of cities and urban areas within the county and to confirm appointments; exercise disciplinary control over, and remove, the persons holding or acting in those offices; prepare regular reports on how the Board executes its functions.

DEVELOPMENT

Uhuru has left out Mt Kenya region, youth group says

EUTYCAS MUCHIRI / Central Kenya has been shortchanged in the sharing of the national cake under the Jubilee government leading to underdevelopment in the region, a group of youths have said.

The youth, who spoke under the auspices of Space for All in Nyeri, blamed President Uhuru Kenyatta for "doing little to improve the residents' living standards".

"There is no single project that has been funded or established in Central Kenya or even an ICT park," the group's coordinator, John Kunyihya, said on Monday. They said government has, instead, focussed on major projects outside the region.

They cited the projects as the standard gauge railway line, industrial parks such as Konza City, textile industries based in Eldoret and Galana Kulalu, among others.

They expressed fear that the President might not have anything to show for his legacy in Central after his 10 years in power. The youths also said rampant corruption has dogged the Jubilee government for the last six years, which they said has been perpetrated by the President's closest allies.

"For the last six years, there have been about nine multi-billion corruption scandals by allies close to President Uhuru Kenyatta and the loot cannot be traced to date," Kunyihya said.

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Nyeri Public Service Board officers, ward administrators arrested

They will be charged today with economic crimes and forgery, among other irregularities

ALCOHOLISM MENACE

Central Kenya risks losing youths to alcoholism – Njega

EUTYCAS MUCHIRI / Mt Kenya region risks losing the young generation to drugs and alcohol, if nothing is done to arrest the problem, Central regional Commissioner Wilson Njega has said. Speaking in Nyeri town yesterday, Njega urged the clergy, the Judiciary and the public to support the fight against alcohol, saying what is being sold is lethal.

"Support us in this war because what is being sold most of the time is not even alcohol. This is pure poison. It is not alcohol at all," Njega said.

"We need to join hands and fight it because unless we do that, we will lose the entire young generation."

QUALITY MEDICAL CARE

Africa should invest in health system – experts

JOHN KAMAU / A delegation of health experts from 10 countries has stressed the need for African countries to invest more in the sector for quality and affordable care.

The experts, who spoke during a benchmarking tour of the ongoing installation of specialised health equipment at Thika Level 5 Hospital on Monday, said African governments should invest in bringing quality medical care closer to the people.

"We are pleased with steps Kenya has taken in provision of better and affordable healthcare through installation of state-of-art specialised medical equipment across the country. Other countries must

borrow a leaf in improving medical care," Ramadhan Mrisho from Tanzania said.

Mrisho, said the specialized machines are direly needed for diagnostics in health facilities to save lives. H

"The CT scanners in my opinion should be installed in all major public hospitals because they are turning around the lives of many people. All nations must advance together in medical technology," he said.

The machines are being installed in the 37 counties through a partnership between the China-based Neurosoft Medical Systems Limited and the Ministry of Health. Megascop Medical centre has been contracted to undertake the work.

Emmanuel Sappo from Ghana said the adoption of hi-tech medical care by African countries will end the suffering of most Africans, who can't pay specialized treatment from the European and Asian countries.

He added that countries must be ready to embark on training specialists.



Health experts at Thika Level 5 Hospital on Monday / JOHN KAMAU

COUNTIES COAST



JOHO UNDER PRESSURE

DP Ruto visits the Coast again, plans to issue 6,100 title deeds

Extensive six-day tour covers five counties; DP's influence said to be growing in region

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Deputy President William Ruto returns to the Coast today, plans to issue at least 6,100 title deeds and charm leaders in five counties.

According to the DP's tentative itinerary, he will land in Mombasa where he is to spend the night.

Ruto will then head to Tana River county tomorrow to meet leaders in what ODM supporters say is not early campaigning — but ensuring residents get services. He will launch projects.

The Star has established Ruto will issue at least 2,600 title deeds in Kwale county and another 3,500 in Mombasa county.

The move aims to address the serious squatter problem rampant in the region.

On Friday, he will be in Malindi, Kilifi county, where MP Aisha

Jumwa has come under fire from her ODM party for supporting Ruto's 2022 presidential ambition.

Jumwa, Msambweni MP Suleiman Dori and 10 MCAs from Nyamira, Homa Bay and Nakuru counties have been summoned by the ODM disciplinary committee October 10 to show cause why they should not be expelled from the party.

Jumwa and Dori have become Ruto's main point persons at the Coast since the March 9 handshake between President Uhuru and ODM leader Raila Odinga.

On Saturday, Ruto will be in Kwale where he will tour Msambweni, Kombani and Kinango. He will issue at least 2,600 title deeds in Kinango before opening a school there and in Mkokwani.

On Sunday, Ruto will be in Mombasa where he will open the Miritini complex initiated by Jomvu MP Badi Twalib. The MP said the goal is not to politick but ensure Coast residents benefit from the government.

"Unity among Coastal leaders and residents is what we are seeking. If we work with the government our people will get more than if we don't," Twalib said.

"In Miritini, for example, there has been no high school there since independence, but now we are opening one," he told the Star on phone yesterday.

The Star has established that Ruto was to issue title deeds in Jomvu also but there are court cases pending.

Later, he will head to Majaoni in Kisauni constituency where he will issue 3,500 title deeds to the squatters in the area who have been seeking the document for years.

Kisauni MP Ali Mbogo said the issuance of titles to Majaoni would be historic. "The residents of Majaoni have been squatters in this land for 35 years," he said.

On Monday, October 1, the DP will finish his tour in Taita Taveta where he will meet leaders and possibly issue title deeds.

Dori said he will resign if Ruto does not launch any project anywhere he tours during the forthcoming visit. "I will no longer be interested in being Msambweni MP," he said.

He urged those opposing Ruto to organise their own tours and initiate projects of their own to compete with the deputy president.

(+) VISIT COMES AS COAST MPS SPLIT ON 2022 SUCCESSION

Ruto's latest tour comes at time of increased tension between Mombasa governor Hassan Joho and Coast Parliamentary Group chair Dori, who on Sunday launched another scathing attack on Joho. "We cannot support someone who wants to fly a plane when he cannot even ride a boda boda," Dori said. He was referring to Joho's 2022 presidential ambitions.

DP William Ruto and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka at the consecration of bishop Philip Kitoto of Kenya Assemblies of God in Nairobi yesterday/
DENNIS KAVISU

STATE INTENDS TO ADDRESS SERIOUS SQUATTER PROBLEM IN THE REGION

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Al Shabaab militants killed by KDF on Monday

Linda Boni Operation is pursuing an unknown number of the Islamists believed to have fled with multiple gunshot wounds



44 STUDENTS BENEFIT

Base Titanium gives scholarships worth Sh1.2 million

CHARI SUCHE/Students from Mwaweche village, Kwale county, have received scholarships worth Sh1.2 million from Base Titanium mining company.

The program benefits students from poor families who scored 300 in the KCPE exam. Base Titanium community project manager Juma Lumumbah (pictured) gave out the cheque for 44 students on Monday. He asked Kwale residents to support education.

Msambweni subcounty education director Ahmed Mohammed said educating children has become a burden to many parents, and so organisations and the county have teamed up to support learners.

LOVE TRAINGLE

High Court to visit 'murder scene' at Watamu hotel

ALPHONCE GARI/The High Court in Mombasa today will visit the Medina Palms Hotel in Watamu where Nairobi businessman Jimmy Baburam was allegedly murdered on a family vacation in 2015.

Judge Dora Chepkwony made the ruling on Monday after prosecutor Vincent Monda asked the court to visit the scene where Baburam died on July 26 that year.

Amina Shiraz, the deceased's wife, together with American Jacob Schmalze, who is on the run, were charged with the murder. She said her husband was drunk, stumbled and drowned. Shiraz allegedly conspired with the American to kill Baburam.

HOSPITALS ON ALERT

KDF pursue wounded Shabaab militants in Lamu after killing 10

CHETI PRAXIDES/Security officers in Lamu are pursuing wounded al Shabaab militants who fled during an operation in which 10 militants were killed in Boni Forest on Monday.

Kenya Defence Forces have alerted health facilities in Lamu, Tana River, Garissa and the entire Coast region to be on the lookout for patients with gunshot wounds. KDF had attacked an al Shabaab camp in Taksile deep inside the forest.

The soldiers reported that an unknown number of fighters suffered gunshot wounds and fled. AK-47 rifles and ammunition were recovered. Three KDF soldiers were wounded.



KDF personnel in Lamu yesterday/CHETI PRAXIDES

COUNTIES EASTERN

PARENTS 'SLEEPING'

Marijuana, miraa use on the rise among Embu learners — officer

County executive says drug use to blame for increased incest, rape, robbery and murder

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An Embu county officer has expressed concern over drug abuse among primary and secondary schoolchildren.

Gender, Children and Social Services executive Joan Mwende yesterday said the problem is to blame for increasing school dropouts and “all kinds of social evils and crime such as defilement, incest, murder, robbery with violence and suicide.

Governor Martin Wambora’s administration is looking into ways of stemming the vice, she said. It has founded a rehabilitation centre in Siakago, Mbeere North subcounty.

Dr Mwende said the county focussed the fight against drug abuse among adults, only to realise the vice had crept up in schools. She said many children use marijuana and miraa leaves. Mbeere subcounty is worst hit, the officer said.

She said across many schools, headteachers are struggling to contain the problem.

The uproar over bhang comes as Kibra MP Kenneth Okoth plans to introduce a Marijuana Control Bill, 2018, with a view to decriminalising its growth and use.

In a letter to National Assembly speaker Justin Muturi on Friday, the he said amnesty measures should be instituted for the removal of criminal records against citizens with prior convictions of marijuana use.

He called for regulations for growth and safe use of marijuana and hemp, including registration of growers, producers and manufacturers. Okoth proposed a special focus on protection of children from illicit use “just as we do with tobacco and alcohol”.

But Mwende wants parents to be on the lookout lest their children turn into misfits.

“The unfortunate thing is that many of the parents are still ‘sleeping’ and assuming their children are upright. Many parents don’t even bother when invited by schools over their



A hawker with bundles of miraa leaves in Nairobi on July 10, 2013 /REUTERS

children’s behaviour,” Mwende said.

She warned that the situation is threatening lives and the wellbeing of future generations.

“Even though we have pieces of legislation regarding drug and drug abuse, we’ve felt that we need to do more than just have laws by going beyond the paperwork to actions,” Mwende said.

The Gender, Children and Social Services and Education departments have organised an advocacy programme for students and pupils. They are trained to become champions in the war on drugs and illicit liquor. The University of Embu students have also been brought on board.

It will take place this week. The county will partner with the International Youth Fellowship —

a programme of the Good News Mission.

Dr Mwende said they will also ECDE teachers so they can educate their pupils.

She urged teachers, parents, religious leaders and other players to join the fight against drug abuse to protect the young generation.

Last month, MPs, school heads and parents raised the red flag over increase in drug abuse among pupils and students.

Kenya Primary School Heads Association chairman Shem Ndolo said most students consume edible tobacco, commonly known as ‘kuber’.

Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association chairperson Indimuli Kahi said students abuse alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs,



Gender and Social Services executive Joan Mwende at Country Hotel in Embu on September 13 /REUBEN GITHINJI

cannabis and other psychoactive substances. She said the majority of school heads remain mute on the matter for fear of victimisation.

“School heads cannot come out and report an emerging drug problem in school because fingers point back at them asking them where they were when students engaged in drugs,” Kahi told the Star on the phone.

He said the opening of day wings in boarding schools has contributed to drug abuse among students.

Kahi said substance or drug abuse has hurt academics, resulting in poor performance, conflict and violence and irresponsible sexual practices.

Senate Education Committee’s Christopher Langat said hard drugs penetrate learning institutions, raising fears there could be a connection with the fires and unrest.

COPS INVESTIGATE

Mbeere students lose belongings as their dorm is burnt

REUBEN GITHINJI/ A fire has gutted a dormitory in Kiaimuringa Mixed Secondary School, Mbeere South.

The Sunday blaze left 60 students stranded — some of them KCSE candidates. They lost all their belongings.

Mbeere South deputy county commissioner Beverly Opwora on Monday said the dorm was set on fire using fuel. Police are investigating.

Opwora urged residents to help police with the probe.

Neighbouring villagers said a man was sighted sneaking out of the school across the fence. They suspect he was behind the fire.

Before the incident, some students were sent home for indiscipline. Residents also want them considered suspects so the police officers carry out a comprehensive probe.

MERU COUNTY PROPERTY

Two men charged with stealing Sh20k drainage covers

GERALD MUTETHIA/ Two men were charged yesterday with stealing Sh20,000 drainage covers belonging to Meru county government.

Moses Mutethia and Rafael Kanyanga were granted Sh100,000 bond or Sh50,000 bail. They appeared before Meru resident magistrate Tina Madowo. The court heard that they stole the covers in Meru town on September 22. The case will be heard on October 4.

Speaking outside court, Meru town administrator M’turanira Muthee said the county has been losing property to theft. He said county property is stolen and later sold cheaply as scrap metals. He warned culprits that their days are numbered. Senior enforcement officer Mosses Maingi said they have laid traps for those with evil motives.

SH3 MILLION

Court grants bond to man charged with killing cousin

GEORGE OWITI/ The High Court in Machakos has granted Sh3 million bond to Evans Masaku who was charged with the murder of his cousin in Kangundo.

Masaku had been detained in police custody since his arrest three months ago. Justice George Odunga yesterday directed that said he remain in custody until October 29 if he fails to raise bond.

Masaku allegedly killed Evans Makau at Kikambwana in Kangundo to benefit from a Sh9 million insurance policy cover.

The court had earlier ordered for a mental checkup of the suspect at Mathare Mental Hospital to determine whether he was fit to stand trial.

A medical report stated that Masaku was of sound mind. The case will be heard on October 29.

WANTS PROGRAMMES SCRAPPED

Inua Jamii initiative, free maternity burdening Kenyans — MP

REUBEN GITHINJI/ Manyatta MP John Muchiri wants the Inua Jamii and free maternity programme scrapped so Kenyans are not overtaxed.

Inua Jamii involves cash transfer to the elderly, orphans and vulnerable children, and persons living with severe disability. Muchiri said the programmes promote laziness and the culture of handouts and burden Kenyans with heavy taxation. Instead, he wants the cash channelled to socioeconomic projects that would empower people so they become self-reliant.

It can be invested in farming and the cottage (jua kali) industry. The lawmaker spoke during the launch of a

cooler at Mburugu Dairy Cooperative Society limited in Kiriari market in Embu North.

“The government should come up with proper measures that ensure even the less fortunate or the elderly are empowered economically through farming and other socioeconomic activities,” Muchiri said.

He urged President Uhuru Kenyatta to come up with a tax system that does not hurt wananchi. Muchiri said he and colleagues opposed the eight per cent fuel levy will not relent in their efforts to ensure Kenyans are not burdened. Muchiri said high taxation raises the cost of living and ruin lives.



Manyatta MP John Muchiri in Embu town on February 27 /REUBEN GITHINJI

COUNTIES NORTHEASTERN

PROTESTS IN BURA

Community rejects new 'outsider' chief

Wailwana are a minority living along the River Tana; say subcounty administrator ignored their candidates



boundaries. They temporarily disrupted business in Bura town.

The protestors later converged outside the office of Tana North subcounty deputy commissioner Chaka Nyamawi, whom they accused of rejecting applications from the community's candidates.

They read out a memorandum to the press that they had presented to Nyamawi last week.

The administrator was not available for comment when the Star called him. Nyamawi said he was in a meeting and would call back, but never did.

In the memorandum, the protestors said they have a number of qualified candidates who could have filled the post of chief.

The position fell vacant following the death of chief Juma Charero in 2016. Adhan has been holding the position in acting capacity since then.

Chewele youth leader Ali Duke said residents are not comfortable with the chief since he does not understand their way of life and the community will not recognise him.

"He should pack and go to his previous post of assistant chief. We have no problem with that, but he should forget about being our chef," Duke said.

Resident Abdirahman Bamaro said the Wailwana are a minority community who live along the River Tana, but the government wants to suppress them by denying them a post that is rightfully theirs.

Amina Daye dismissed the new chief as an outsider who might have a hard time solving land disputes owing to his little knowledge of the community.

President Kenyatta ordered official recognition of the Wailwana and Mnywoyaya communities of Tana River county in May last year.

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Residents of a location in Tana River county protested yesterday against the appointment of a new chief.

The Chewele location residents rejected the promotion of assistant chief Abdi Adhan.

Waving placards and chanting slogans, the protestors marched through the streets of Bura town saying Adhan is an "outsider" who does not even know the location's

Chewele residents march in Bura town against the appointment of former assistant chief Abdi Hajir Adhan as their chief/
STEPHEN ASTARIKO

BELOW AVERAGE

Wajir senator pledges to be more proactive

STEPHEN ASTARIKO/ Wajir senator Ali Kabreta yesterday pledged to improve his "below average" performance.

Speaking in Wajir town during a youth forum, the legislator said he will be more proactive. "I want to apologise to you. I know I have not been performing my duties as per my mandate," Ali said.

Kabreta's critics have accused him of remaining silent on alleged corruption and nepotism surrounding key appointments in the county. "I was busy with other issues," he said. Kabreta has been battling an election petition, which was settled out of court.

The county government has been tainted by claims of corruption. Anti-corruption detectives have raided the county offices twice this year.



Senator Ali Kabreta addresses youth in Wajir yesterday/STEPHEN ASTARIKO



EAST AFRICAN WILD LIFE SOCIETY

Vacancy: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The East African Wild Life Society (EAWLS), the region's leading conservation Non-Governmental Organization whose mission is to promote the conservation and wise use of environment and wildlife in East Africa, is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified person to the position of the Executive Director.

Key Duties and responsibilities

The Executive Director is responsible to the EAWLS Board (the Board) for the overall executive administration and management of EAWLS affairs and will perform duties to include but not limited to the ones listed below.

- Developing and managing implementation of Policies Strategies and Programmes.
- Crafting and effecting a strong leadership in advocacy to influence public policy and opinion on wildlife and conservation issues,
- Planning and implementation of fundraising activities locally and internationally,
- Organizing and conducting membership drives locally and internationally,
- Spearheading effective communication to members and the public in regard to the Society's work and achievements as well as facilitating the production and distribution of Swara, the flagship magazine of the Society,
- Managing Society finances in accordance with EAWLS financial regulations
- Providing the day to day administration of the offices and business of EAWLS,
- Facilitating the work of the Board's Sub-committees
- Reporting regularly to the Chairman and to the Board on the affairs and management of EAWLS
- Serving as Secretary to the Board.

Qualifications, knowledge and experience

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the following essential qualities:

- A degree from a reputable University;
- At least 5 years' experience, working at a high level nationally and internationally in conservation, particularly in advocacy and programme work as well as in good institutional and commercial administration;
- Good connections with charitable trusts, foundations and individuals who share the mission of EAWLS,
- Ability to lead and collaborate in mobilising significant resources to adequately meet the operational requirements of EAWLS;
- Demonstrated competency in financial planning and control;
- The personality and presentational skills to form positive partnership with key actors in the conservation sector;
- Adaptability and an ability to learn, understand and deal with the technical aspects of wildlife conservation.

Personal Attributes

Be enthusiastic, dynamic with advanced social and interpersonal skills and an appetite for difficult challenges.

Salary/Benefits

A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate who will be employed on a two-year renewable contract, subject to satisfactory performance.

If you strongly believe that you have all the qualities for this position, please submit your application in the form of a letter stating why you feel you are the right person for the position of Executive Director as well as stating your current position, current remuneration level, your e-mail and telephone contacts together with a detailed CV and the names and contact details of three referees. The letter and CV should be sent to the email address or delivered to the physical or postal address given below (with the covering letter marked "strictly private & confidential") so as to reach us on or before **Monday, 8 October, 2018:**

The Chairman
East African Wild Life Society
Riara Road, Kilimani
P O Box 20110 – 00200, City Square, NAIROBI
Link: www.myjobsinkenya.com/eawls

COUNTIES WESTERN

TOUGH RACE, START EARLY

Elders back Bunyasi's bid for Busia governor

JANE CHEROTICH / The 2022 election campaign has started in Busia after Bukhayo elders on Monday endorsed Nambale MP John Bunyasi to contest for governor.

More than 100 elders and opinion leaders, who gathered at the legislator's Madende home, told journalists they have reaffirmed their support and commitment to back his election.

"After long, wide and careful consultations, we have decided to make a humble request to have Bunyasi vie for governor. He shall be our sole candidate. We appeal

to voters from Nambale, Matayos and the entire Busia county to support our noble cause," chairman Peter Madasi said.

The elders said they have started campaigning early as the "race is tough." "We have advised him to start now. When you start early, you have high chances of succeeding," Madasi said.

They said Bunyasi is their son and they have confidence he will transform the county, just as he has changed his constituency for the better.

Bunyasi said he has accepted the elders' decision. "It is my home team that is comprised of the elders, I have already done two rounds in each of the seven subcounties, as advised to seek a response from the people," the lawmaker said. "This is a serious journey and no obstacle will bar me from achieving my goal. I will not be compromised."



Nambale MP John Bunyasi in Madende on Monday / **JANE CHEROTICH**

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Lake region bank to spur growth, make credit affordable

HILTON OTENYO / The Lake Region Economic Bloc will register a joint venture as an investment vehicle to establish a bank to make credit affordable and spur growth.

In a resolution after a pre-summit meeting at Nandi Bears Club at the weekend, members said the decision was reached after consultations with statutory agencies.

The total financial commitment towards the bank from member counties is Sh1.4 billion in the 2018-19 financial year. The counties will provide another Sh1.4 billion in the subsequent financial year.

The bank will be launched during the bloc's inaugural Trade Investment and Blue Economy Conference in Bomet from October 23 to 26. "The bloc welcomes the initiative by the national government through the Devolution ministry to establish a national legal framework for regional blocs," bloc chairman Wycliffe Oparanya said. Member counties are Kakamega, Bomet, Bungoma, Busia, Homa Bay, Kericho, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nandi, Nyamira, Siaya, Trans Nzoia and Vihiga.

Deloitte East Africa is advising the regional bloc on how to establish and run the regional bank. Oparanya said they will spearhead reconciliation to ensure peaceful co-existence of the 14 million-plus population. The bloc held a peace meeting with elders from Nandi, Kisumu, Kakamega, Nyamira and Kericho counties.

VOICE OF REASON

Help put nation back on track and defend Kenyans, church told

BRIAN OJAMAA / Ford Kenya leader Moses Wetang'ula has asked religious leaders to defend Kenyans against the "ills being perpetrated by the Jubilee administration".

He said Kenyans want to hear the voice of the church on oppressive taxation. Wetang'ula spoke in Kanduyi constituency on Monday during the celebrations of father Protus Osanju's 25 years of service.

"The church has always been the voice of reason when things go wrong and when we politicians mess up. It's the church that puts us on the right path so we are calling upon them to stand up and defend Kenyans," he said.

The Bungoma senator said basic items such as paraffin have become so expensive that Kenyans can no longer afford them. Wetang'ula urged Bungoma residents to be ready and participate in next year's census.

"We know that census will assist in resource distribution and we are the third largest county," he said.

Wetang'ula also urged the church to pray his "path will be clear" so he may get the strength to run for the presidency in 2022 and redeem the country from Jubilee's yoke.

Present at the event were Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka, Bungoma governor Wycliffe Wangamati and Kimilili MP Didmus Barasa.



MPs opposed to the Finance Bill and tax increases sing solidarity song outside Parliament chambers last Thursday / **JACK OWUOR**

BANDIT ECONOMY?

MPs hypocrites to let Finance Bill pass without quorum – Weta

Says most legislators stayed away so there was lack of quorum in the House

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MPs were insincere to Kenyans in the Finance Bill 2018 debate last week, Bungoma senator Moses Wetang'ula has said.

He said only 215 out of the 349 lawmakers were present when the Bill was presented for deliberation on Thursday. "The 134 MPs who were not in Parliament opted to be absent so that the Bill could pass due to lack of quorum and that is hypocrisy," Wetang'ula said in Bungoma yesterday. He asked why the MPs were threatening to go to court after allowing the Bill to pass.

MPs on Thursday last week approved the eight per cent VAT on petroleum products and other

measures that increased tax on bank transactions. They had previously passed an amendment to the Bill, suspending the 16 per cent tax for two years. But Uhuru rejected the Bill and returned it to the House.

President Uhuru Kenyatta signed the Finance Bill immediately it was passed. The net effect is the increased cost of living.

"Since 2013, the MPs have been dancing to the tune of the Executive and have passed many laws that have seen the economy drop as a result of overborrowing and runaway corruption. This is a bandit economy that enriches a few people and impoverishes millions," Wetang'ula said.

The new taxes are intended to raise at least Sh130 billion to finance the budget deficit. The government expects to raise Sh17.5 billion from

the VAT on petroleum products, Sh20 per kilo of sugar confectionery, including white chocolate, to raise Sh473 million and Sh9.8 billion from the "kerosene adulteration" tax.

HOUSING PLAN

The employer and employee are expected to contribute an amount from the monthly basic salary under the housing development fund plan as long as the contributions do not exceed Sh5,000.

Nominated MP Wilson Sossion on Saturday in Webuye said the Jubilee government is micromanaging Parliament to push for laws that oppress Kenyans.

Sossion accused the government of robbing the electorate through parliamentary dictatorship.

He said many youths will turn to crime to earn a living due to the

high cost of living. "Investors are now scared to set up businesses in the country while others are closing down. This will lead to massive job losses," Sossion said.

On Tuesday, DP William Ruto defended the tax increase, saying it is for the good of the country.

He said the country's domestic and external debts are within the government's ability to service and a "crisis should not be created out of it".

He said the government is neither blind nor being driven by selfish interests in the "slight increase in tax". Ruto said the tax will help the country fulfil its needs and wants. The DP said all governments use taxes to service debt obligations as it seeks others for developments projects. Ruto said the government needs taxes to develop and it is aware of its borrowing limits.

COUNTIES NYANZA

TARGETS OTHER BASIC ITEMS

Homa Bay bill to block tax on omena, potatoes

MCAs say passage of Finance Bill, which led to rise in price of petroleum products, has pushed cost of living too high

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Omena, sweet potatoes and pine-apples sold in Homa Bay county should be exempt from tax, a group of Homa Bay MCAs has proposed.

Dan Were (Kokwanyo), James Ochieng' (Kabondo East) and Juma Awuor (Homa Bay East) called for reduction of taxes on local goods to ease the burden on residents.

This follows the signing of the Finance Bill by the National Assembly last week which, among other levies, imposes an eight per cent VAT on petroleum products.

The MCAs said the taxes will make life difficult for the majority

of Kenyans.

Deputy speaker Evance Marieba on Monday said he will introduce a bill for tax exemption or relief on some goods.

He said at least 25 MCAs have assured him of their support. He urged more MCAs to support the bill when it is presented in the assembly.

HARMONISATION

The MCAs said the bill will promote locally produced goods and business among small-scale traders. "Most traders, especially small-scale business operators in the county, cry over hefty tax. It's high time we also promoted local goods," Were said.

Ochieng' said, "Fishing and agriculture are some of the major

economic activities for our people hence a tax relief or exemption would help our people." The Homa Bay government automated tax collection in a bid to increase its revenue and expand the economy.

Finance executive Nicholas K'Oriko said the electronic system would minimise the loss of funds. "The county used to collect Sh17 million monthly but it reduced to Sh10 million because of loopholes in collection methods," he said.

Bunge La Wananchi head Walter Opiyo urged the assembly to harmonise tax collection to help the county achieve its goals.

"Corruption loopholes should also be fixed to ensure funds from the national government develops locals," he said.



Homa Bay county assembly /ROBERT OMOLLO

DANGEROUS WATERS

Three nations to speed up late Lake Victoria project

Sh2.5 billion initiative intended to reduce accidents

ANGWENYI GICHANA/ Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have agreed to fast-track implementation of the Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communications and Transport project to reduce accidents in Lake Victoria.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission executive secretary Ally-Said Matano said principal and permanent secretaries from the three countries met early this month in Kisumu and agreed to fast-track the review of the technical aspects prior to the construction of the Regional Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centres.

The centers will be constructed in

Mwanza, Tanzania, and sub-centres in Entebbe, Uganda, and Kisumu. The project is funded through a \$25 million (Sh2.5 billion) loan from the African Development Bank.

"The meeting resolved and constituted a team of experts from the three countries to review and provide technical feedback specifically on the designs and bill of quantities for the construction of Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centres," Matano said.

The project implementation was to start in May but the delay has put the three countries on the spot as hundreds of people die in the lake.

PROJECT WAS TO START IN MAY, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS

NO CAPACITY

Kisii county puts contractors on notice after projects stall

BENSON NYAGESIBA/ Kisii Education executive Amos Andama yesterday said contractors without capacity will not qualify for tenders. He said some contractors have been doing substandard work on ECDE classrooms and workshops for vocational training centres.

Andama said work on construction of some 180 ECDE classes has stalled because contractors who awarded tenders abandoned them despite being paid part of the money. "I am telling contractors that they will only qualify for tenders from my department if they have capacity. They must demonstrate that they have funds to complete the work they have been given before they demand payment," Andama said. The CEC said he has had to allocate money for the 2018-19 financial year to complete the stalled classes.



Kisii Governor James Ongwae
/ANGWENYI GICHANA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU



OFFICE OF THE CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU ON THE KISUMU COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2018

This is to notify the general Public that the County Assembly of Kisumu has received the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2018 on 20th September, 2018 from the executive and consequently conducted its first reading in the House on Tuesday 25th September, 2018. The Bill was then committed to the County Budget and Appropriations Committee in accordance with Standing Order No. 123 (1), (2), (3) and 5(b) to facilitate Public Participation and receive views and recommendations from the Public.

Pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Section 87 and 115 of the County Government Act, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 123 (3), of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, members of the public, Business community, Chamber of Commerce, Civil Society and other relevant stakeholders are hereby invited to submit their written memoranda/oral presentation to the Budget and Appropriations Committee on 27th September, 2018 at Aga Khan Hall between 9.00 am to 5pm. The written memoranda may be submitted to;

Clerk of the County Assembly,
P.O. BOX 86 – 40100
KISUMU

Or hand delivered to the Office of the Clerk, County Assembly of Kisumu next to Kisumu Central Police or email: kisumuassembly.co.ke to be received or/on before due dates.

The document/Bill is available at the Ward Managers' offices or at the Assembly Website.

Linnet A. Ochieng'
CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY

COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY



Police and Kebs officials raided a store in Eldoret and seized expired goods worth Sh20 million yesterday /MATHEWS NDANYI

WORTH SH20 MILLION

Repackaged expired sugar, oil, rice and flour seized in Eldoret

Kebs and public health officials raid a store and arrest two, including a British national

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Police yesterday seized expired rice, cooking oil, sugar and flour valued at Sh20 million that were being repackaged for sale in Eldoret.

The goods were confiscated from a store where two traders, including a Briton, were arrested.

The raid was conducted in conjunction with public health officers and Kenya Bureau of Standards officials. Eldoret West police boss Zach-

aria Bitok said some of the goods expired in 2011. "It's immoral and illegal for people to engage in such businesses of selling harmful products to the public," he said.

The goods were being repackaged and branded with fake Kebs stickers for fresh distribution to shops.

Uasin Gishu governor Jackson Mandago asked the government to crack down on traders carrying out illegal business.

Two weeks ago, police seized a lorry with 2,000 cartons of fish allegedly imported from China. The fish was being offloaded at a garage in Eldoret.

Mandago spotted the lorry parked on a footpath along the Eldoret-Iten road and confronted its owners. He said the fish was illegally sneaked into the country.

CRACKDOWN INTENSIFIED

The governor called police, Kebs and Kenya Revenue Authority officials who arrested the owners of the lorry. Some of the fish was rotten.

"I stopped because I thought the lorry was obstructing the public as it was parked on a pedestrian lane. But I soon realised the owners were engaged in another business which I felt was illegal," Mandago said.

He asked authorities to ensure all food handlers comply with public health regulations.

Mandago said the owners of the fish did not have importation documents and had not complied with Kebs and KRA requirements.

"Some of the rotten fish had been offloaded. We suspect they wanted to sell it to the public. That is dangerous," he said.

Bitok said police have intensified the crackdown on illegal businesses. The operation is part of the countrywide clampdown on contraband and counterfeits, including illegal gaming machines.

HEADCOUNT ONGOING

Don't dare sack workers, Baringo MCAs tell Kiptis

JOSEPH KANGOGO/ Baringo MCAs have criticised the county government's staff headcount, saying it is primitive and ill-informed.

Governor Stanley Kiptis launched the exercise in Mogotio on Monday. He said the headcount, which ends today, is aimed at eliminating ghost workers.

But MCAs said the governor is targeting employees hired by the former administration who have been earmarked for sacking.

Chief whip Reuben Chepsongol said Kiptis wants to bring in his own people. "Other counties such as Nandi are already launching President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda while Baringo is still struggling with ghost workers," the Bartabwa MCA said.

Chepsongol was backed by 25 elected MCAs, including Nelson Lotela (Silale), Sam Lokales (Tirioko), Jennifer Kabon (Kapropita), Ernest Kibet (Kabarnet), Richard Cheserem (Saimo-Soi), and Francisca Cheburet, Diana Siriti and Francis Kibai (all nominated). Chepsongol said Kiptis to prepare for court battles if he dares sack employees.

"It is ironical that the governor is decrying the wage bill yet he is advertising jobs," Chepsongol said.

"Kiptis should stop his jealousy and understand that county employees are all sons and daughters of Baringo."

THREATEN TO DITCH CROP

Cheap maize from Uganda hurting W Pokot farmers

MARYANN CHAI/ Maize farmers in West Pokot and Trans Nzoia counties are crying foul over the influx of cheap imports from neighbouring Uganda.

They said the imports have pushed them out of the market. The farmers accused the government of failing to address challenges in the sector.

West Pokot governor John Lonyangapuo and Keiyo MCA Emmanuel Waswa said many farmers have opted to plant other crops due to poor maize prices.

The two leaders are large-scale farmers. They said prices have dropped to as low as Sh800 per 90kg bag.

"I have more than 6,000 bags of maize in the store. Large-scale maize farmers Noah Wekesa, Jackson Kibor and myself have turned to planting sugarcane," Lonyangapuo said.

He spoke in Makhonge village on the border of the two counties on Monday. The governor said most imports are sneaked in through the porous border points at Suam, Karita and Amudat.

Lonyangapuo said the government ought to protect local farmers because their counterparts in Uganda don't incur much production costs. "We use tractors, planters and spray our farms. In this region, we solemnly eat ugali for breakfast, lunch and supper," he said.

NOT LABOUR INTENSIVE

Disabled youths in Trans Nzoia learn farming to boost income

CORAZON WAFULA/ Youths living with disability in Trans Nzoia have been introduced to farming to boost their earnings. The farmers will plant less labour-intensive crops.

Farm Africa Company, which is spearheading the initiative, said it is targeting about 4,000 youths who have completed secondary school.

The company will market the produce on their behalf. FAC senior project officer Julius Marete said they were assisting those living with disability to expand their scope of production.

"This group has people with different disabilities. We are

introducing a kind of farming that they are able to do even with those disabilities," he said.

Marete said the company had already signed a deal with VegPro Export Company, which will buy their produce for the export market.

He said the youths are provided with farm inputs, chemicals and technical advice every week to ensure the produce meets international standards.

Marete asked well-wishers to assist the group with necessary facilities to conduct irrigation to maintain production throughout the year.



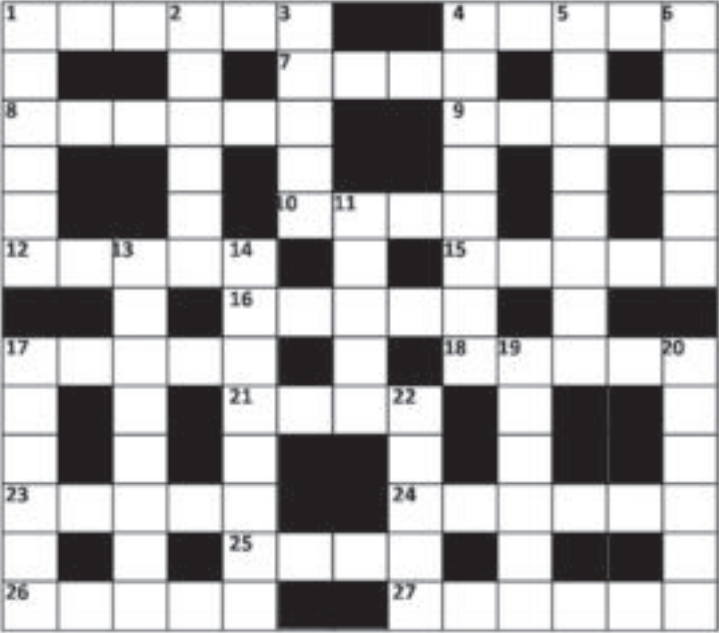
Disabled farmners in Trans Nzoia /CORAZON WAFULA

Chairperson of Trans Nzoia Youth Living With Disability Odhiambo Odhis praised the initiative, saying it had revitalised their productivity. "The trainings have made farming

easy. It is good for us to earn a living without relying on other people," Odhis said. He asked the county government to provide them with more land for farming.

COFFEE BREAK

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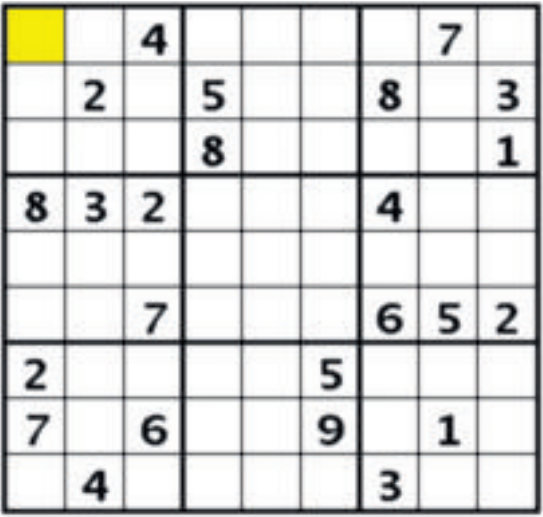
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- Former member of Parliament for Bomachoge Borabu constituency (8)
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- Hon member of Parliament for Pokot South constituency (8)
- Rub elbows with (6)
- Hon Tiren Silas Kipkoech's political backyard (6)
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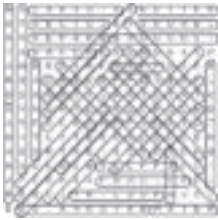
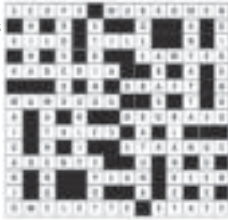
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- Hon member of Parliament from Siaya County (5)
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- A whole individual unit (4)
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- Hon Wamacukuru James Githua's political backyard (6)
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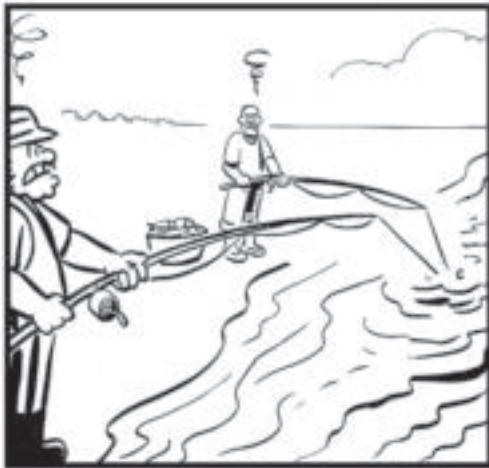
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ALL IN THE STARS



LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

If you're feeling uncertain, spend some time alone and reevaluate your motives as well as your needs.

SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

Someone you work with may be trying to make you look bad. Think about your budget before booking a trip.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

You can mesmerize anyone you meet with your cultured attitude and outlook. Things at home may be somewhat rocky.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

Minor fevers or infections will develop if you're over-stressed. You may have a hard time relating to children today.

AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

Your interest in helping others may take you back to school. You need to look into ways to change your self-image.

PISCES

February 20 – March 20

You can deal with large institutions or government agencies successfully today. Don't overspend on luxury items.

ARIES

March 21 – April 20

You may have a problem at work with a female coworker. Help elders with their concerns.

TAURUS

April 21– May 21

Large organizations may try to talk you out of your hard-earned cash. Look into programs that will teach you awareness and relaxation.

GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

It's a great day to attend social functions. You will impress new friends and acquaintances with your intellectual wit.

CANCER

June 22–July 22

You can beautify your surroundings by renovating or redecorating. Your ability to put a deal together will surprise others.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail. Emotionally, things may not run so smoothly.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 23

Get ready to discover love, passion, and the desire to enjoy all that life has to offer. Be careful to avoid wrong doings.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to the Court Warrants/Instructions, in exercise of Statutory powers conferred upon us, We shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned Properties on **Thursday 4th October 2018 starting from 9.00 am at our office Yard Opposite Ministry of Public Works.**

1. BUSIA CC. 17, 18 & 19 OF 2018: VARIOUS PLAINTIFFS -VS- AFRICA MERCHANT ASS. CO. LTD.
2 Printing machines
3 Computer set
Water dispenser
9 Office chairs
Photocopier (Kyocera)
Printer- Laser jet
Cabinet
2. BUSIA MSC. APPL. NO. 02 OF 2018: KENNETH LUVAI -VS- THOMAS NYANGARESITWARA
Coffee table
4 Plastic chairs
3 Sewing machines
Sofa set (Seven seater)
3. BUSIA TRIBUNAL NO. 20 'A' OF 2017: REGINA BARAZA -VS- RUTH MAINA (TENANT)
Assorted Motor Vehicle and Motor Cycle spare parts.
4. DISTRESS FOR RENT: PRINCIPAL -VS- DAVID ONGORE (TENANT)
Sofa set 5 Seater
TV " 14" -Panasonic
TV Stand
Coffee table
Radio cassette

CONDITION OF SALE

- Details of the property to be verified by interested purchasers before date of sale.
- Sale is subject to reserved price
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

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Nanyuki Office (Branch) Near AA Driving School
P.O Box 148 - 10400, Nanyuki
Tel: 0710365334

Nakuru Office Gate House
3rd Floor, Room 314
Tel: 0710 365 334

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under Distress for rent Act cap 293 laws of Kenya, we shall sell the under listed goods by public auction on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018, at PINKAM HOUSE NAKURU Town starting from 10:00am**

JOJEAN PROPERTIES LTD = VS = MARY NJOKI THIGE
Sofa set, TV, Coffee table, Small table, Iron Box and mecco Cooker.

CONDITION OF SALE

Cash at the fall of the hammer

WM WESTMINSTER MERCHANTS AUCTIONEERS
Narshi House, 1st Floor
MoktarDaddah Street
Opp. Jevanjee Gardens

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Tel: 2230789/0732333057
Email: westminstermerchants@yahoo.com
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Nairobi - Kenya.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD along Kiambu at 11.00AM**

REG. NO.	MAKE / MODEL	BODY TYPE
KCD 808N	TOYOTA HILUX	Double Cab P/UP

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The vehicle is being sold on as is where basis is.
- The highest bidder shall be declared the purchaser subject to a reasonable reserved price.
- Cash at the fall of the hammer.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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E-mail: indomitableauctioneers1@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Dully instructed by our principals the chargees, we shall sell the following Motor vehicle by public auction on **4th October 2018 as from 11:00 am at Kericho town next to Kericho law courts.**

NO.	NAME	REG. NO.	MODEL	TO BE VIEWED AT
1.	BANK -VS- OCHIENG OKUL PETER T/A MKONO WA MUNGU SHOP	KBM 615T	TOYOTA PROBOX	THUO'S YARD KERICHO

Conditions of sale

- All bidders must view the vehicle for themselves and verify details as these are not warranted by the auctioneer or their principals
- The sale is subjected to a reserve price
- Cash at the fall of the hammer
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals we shall sell the under mentioned goods by Public Auction ON THURSDAY 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2018 AT BHAVESH CENTRE OPPOSITE FIG TREE HOTEL AT 10.30AM.

LANDLORDS -VS- (A) MESHACK OIRO ODINYO (B) JACQUELINE C. KINYUA (C) FRED MUSAU (D) KENNEDY WENYA (E) FRANCIS KIOO.
(A) Iron Box, Table Gas Cooker, Gas Cylinder, Sofa Set & Puff, Chest of Drawer, Chair, T.V. Stand, Television Set, Book Shelf, Shelf, Small Bookshelf, Floor Carpet, Wooden Chair, Amplifier & 4 Speakers, Air Fan, 2 Tables, Computer & CPU, Microwave (B) Sofa Set, Floor Carpet, Television Set, Coffee Table, Dining Table & 6 Chairs, T.V. stand, Refrigerator, 4 Burner Gas Cooker, Gas Cylinder, Water Dispenser (C) Floor Carpet, 2 Sets of 6 Seater Sofa Set, 2 Coffee Tables, Television Set, 2 Speakers, 2-Door Refrigerator, Microwave, 2 Burner Table Gas Cooker, Gas Cylinder (D) Television Set, Sofa Set, Floor Carpet, Water Dispenser, T.V. Trolley, Table Gas Cooker, Meko Cooker, Kitchen Table (E) Motor Vehicle Mitsubishi Galant, Reg. No. KAT 105A **(TO BE SOLD at 2:00pm, at HAKI TRADERS INVESTMENTS CO. LTD STORAGE & SALES YARD, along Kiambu Road, Opposite Ridgeways Inn).**

CONDITIONS: CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal we shall sell the under mentioned items and Motor Vehicle by public auction on **2nd OCTOBER 2018 at Yamuko Auctioneers Yard, Tom Mboya Estate, Kisumu at 11.00am.**

(A) DISTRESS FOR RENT
1) **ALBERT GETABU (L/LORD) = PURITY SUSAN OUKO (TENANT).**
One seven sofa set white and blue in colour (leather), (2beds) 6x6 and 4x6, 10 seater skeleton unfinished chair.
2) **COPANA LIMITED =VRS= JANE OWENJE**
One sewing machine plus stand (batterly), five seater sofa set (checked), one coffee table (brown and dark brown), five seater sofa set (blue), two dinning chairs (one seater each) and three stools (dark brown).
3) **VICTORIA INTER DIOCEASAN INVESTMENT CO.LTD = VRS = PRO AV EAST AFRICA LTD**
3 office tables, one cabinet, 2 office chairs, one HP printer, one monitor, one CCTV camera
(B) CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT AT ELDORET CIVIL SUIT NO. 727, 728 AND 729 BOTH OF 2016
1) **JACKLINE NYAHIRI WANJIKU & TWO OTHERS = VRS = DUNCAN OLUOR ONGRE**
M/Vehicle Reg.No. KCG 218G, (OLD).
Make: Toyota Axio

Cash at the fall of the hammer!!!

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
Extension of Change of Use
The Registered owner of Plot L.R No. **12641/64** situated along Langata/Kuwind roads near STEADMAK HOTEL, within the jurisdiction of the Nairobi City County is proposing to Extend Change of Use of their property from **Car Show Room to Include Service/support Shops**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby notified to do so in writing within fourteen (14) days as granted by the act to:

**County Secretary,
County Government of Nairobi,
P.O. Box 30075-00100,
NAIROBI.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of Land Reference **No Ndumberi/Riabai/1696** located at K.K area within Kiambu Township proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Residential multi dwelling units (Flats)**, subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions etc. with objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of this notice to:

**The Director of Physical Planning,
Kiambu County Government,
P. O Box 2344-00900,
KIAMBU.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USER
The owner of the plot no. **Kajiado/kaputiei_north/17473** situated in kitengela area in Kajiado County wish to change its user from **agricultural to multi dwelling residential** subject to approval by the County Government of Kajiado. Any individual, organization or institution with substantive material objections and representations should forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to.

**County secretary
County government of Kajiado
P.o. box 11_01100
Kajiado**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of parcel **LR No. 26700/47** located along Mombasa Road in Mavoko area, Machakos, proposes to change its use from **Residential to Petrol Service Station** subject to approval by the County Government of Machakos. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public etc. with any comments and or objections to the proposed should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:

**THE SUB-COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR,
MAVOKO SUB-COUNTY,
P.O BOX 11,
ATHIRIVER.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USER
Notice is hereby given that the owner of plot **THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 18/494** has applied for permission to change the user from **RESIDENTIAL TO LIGHT INDUSTRY (GODOWNS)** the parcel is situated in Kiambu County, Thika sub-county. Any person who wishes to make any representations or objections to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to.

**THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O BOX 2344-00900
KIAMBU.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USE
The owner of the plot **No. Ruiru/Ruiru kiu Block 5/2246** located in Githurai progressive in Kiambu ruiru sub-County wishes to regularize change of use from **Agricultural to multidwelling residential(apartments)**, subject to the approval of the relevant authorities. Individual(s)organisation(s)or institution(s)with objections to the above proposal should forward such in writing stating ground of objections within 14 days to:

**THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O BOX 2344-00900
KIAMBU**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USE
The registered owner of parcel no **ABOTHUGUCHI/KARIENE/4620** located in Kariene area within Meru County proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to light Industry(L.P.G depot)** use subject to approval by the County Government of Meru. Those with objections/comments to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

**THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL
PLANNING
MERU COUNTY GOVT
P. O. BOX. 120,
MERU.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286
CHANGE OF USE
THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THIS LAND REFERENCE **1713/52**, LOCATED OFF EASTERN BYPASS, AT GATONGORA NEXT TO SHELL PETRO STATION MEMBLEY, RUIRU SUBCOUNTY. INTENDS TO CHANGE ITS USE FROM **AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI DWELLING (FLATS)** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT. INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, ETC. WITH OBJECTION(S) TO THE PROPOSAL ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE SAME IN WRITING WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE TO:-

**THE DIRECTOR, COUNTY PLANNING
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 2344-00900,
KIAMBU**

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Tel. 0722-526960/020-2171613/0722-584463
Email: nairobichannels@gmail.com.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals under matter of Repossession and Distress for Rent, we shall sell the under-mentioned goods and Motor vehicles **on 4TH October 2018**

AT **Grey Post Yard** along Kiambu Rd. at 10.30 a.m.

1. JOHN MAARA KBX 971Q TOYOTA PROBOX

2. SAMUEL MBITHI MWANZA KBV 428W VOLKSWAGEN GOLF

At our above mentioned offices at 10.30 a.m.

LANDLORD –VS- AYUB OKOKO

Sony Bravia 32' TV, Sayona Home Theater, Startimes Decoder, Royal Sound Home Theater

TERMS

Vehicle viewing to be done at the storage yards to verify the details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our Principals, sale is on AS-IS-WHERE-IS-BASIS. Interested bidders will pay a refundable deposit of Ksh 50,000/= to obtain a bidding number. Payment via Banker's cheque or RTGS before close of business.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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P.OBOX 36525-00200 Nairobi- Email:arvinparkauction@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal the financier we shall sell by public the under mentioned motor vehicles by public Auction On **wednesday 3rd October 2018 at STARTRUCK STORAGE YARD along Kiambu Road at 10:30am.**

FINANCIER VS VINCENT MAYOGI MOMANYI

One Motor Vehicle BMW X5 Reg.No. KBW 376L

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. All interested buyers to view the motor vehicle on normal working hours with prior arrangement
2. Cash at the fall of the hammer

Welcome All

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals, we shall Sell the under listed Motor Vehicles by Public Auction:-

ON 3RD OCTOBER 2018 AS FROM 10.30 AM

1. IN THE MATTER OF REPOSESSION**MOMBASA CAR DEALS LTD –VS- DEFINE KERUBO**

M/V REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	AUCTION VENUE/PLACE
KCP 135L	NISSAN ADVAN	MOMBASA CAR DEALS

MOMBASA CAR DEALS LTD –VS- DESMOND MAINA

M/V REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	AUCTION VENUE/PLACE
KCQ 477G	V/W	MOMBASA CAR DEALS

2.SRMS COURT KILUNGU CC NO. 27 OF 2018**PWANI OIL PRODUCTS LTD –VS- SHIROWA HOLDINGS LTD AND ANOTHER**

M/V REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	AUCTION VENUE/ PLACE
KCJ 093Q	HINO MINI TRUCK	MUNNS STORAGE CHANGAMWE

CONDITIONS OF SALE

CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

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PLOT FOR SALE

MALAA 450k 40x80ft owner 0737875885.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT
CAP 286
CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owner of **Ruiru KIU BLOCK 7/1759** located in githurai area Ruiru sub county, Kiambu County, wishes to change the use from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling units (Flats)**, subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Any individuals, institutions, organizations etc with objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to,

**THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING
KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 2344-00900
KIAMBU**

PUBLIC NOTICE**PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT
CAP 286
CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owner of **Ruiru Ruiru East Block 1/2244** located near rainbow ruiru resort, Kiambu County, wishes to regularize change of use from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling units (Flats)**, subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Any individuals, institutions, organizations etc with objection to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to,

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FOOTBALL

Tuyisenge fired up

Gor Mahia forward sets sight on SportPesa Premier League Golden Boot

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Lethal Gor Mahia forward Jacques Tuyisenge has vowed to fight for the SportPesa Premier League Golden Boot in their remaining two matches against Vihiga United and Mathare United.

The Rwandan import has found the back of the net 13 times, two goals shy of equaling former Nzoia Sugar striker Elvis Rupia's tally.

Rupia left for Zambian side, Power Dynamos in July.

Tuyisenge has vowed to unleash his scoring magic in the remaining two league matches set for Bukhungu and Kisumu this weekend and next week-end respectively.

The towering forward said he would have closed on Rupia's record had he not missed four league matches last month owing to a recurring ankle injury and coach Dylan Kerr's decision to use him during their continental assignments instead.

He said: "I am in a better position to win this year's Golden Boot award as I only need two or three goals. I would have surpassed the record held by Rupia last month but I sat out of four matches due to an ankle injury. The coach preferred to use me in the Caf Confederation matches which I played under pain killers but I have recovered and ready to muscle for the gong."

He added: "Vihiga and Mathare are not tough and I believe I will hit the target."

Tuyisenge further tipped the duo of Ephrem Guikan and Francis Mustafa to fully fill the void left by his compatriot Meddie Kagere who crossed to Tanzanian giants Simba SC.

He noted that the two have skills and pace, just like Kagere, and were determined to break into Kerr's first eleven.



Gor Mahia forward Jacques Tuyisenge celebrates after scoring during a past match /FILE

"These two strikers have the abilities to play the roles which Kagere used to. It was comfortable to play alongside him and we enjoyed a good partnership. The two have skills and pace just like that of Kagere and I am sure if given playing time, they will fully replace him," he said.

"We enjoyed a good partnership with Kagere courtesy of

playing together for a long time and I believe if I am consistently paired with them, the club will no longer miss him (Kagere).

The Tuyisenge-Kagere axis was the most dreaded in the country and in the Cecafta region and the exit of the latter has left Kerr with the puzzle of selecting Tuyisenge's partner among Guikan and Mustafa.

HOCKEY

Malungu tips U18 side to shine at Youth Olympics

BY MESHACK KISENGE/ The national Under 18 hockey team head coach, Michael Malungu is eyeing a podium finish when he guides his charges in their debut appearance at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina between October 6 and 18.

Kenya are placed in a tough Pool 'B' alongside defending champions Australia, beaten finalists Canada, India, European champions Austria and Bangladesh.

The national team started a residential training camp last Sunday at City Park where they will fine tune their skills until the end of the week before their departure on October 2.

The 15-man squad is comprised of players who aided Kenya to second runners up finish at the African Youth Games held in Algeria in July behind eventual champions South Africa and Zambia.

And despite going to South America as underdogs, Malungu is confident of defying the odds and bringing a medal home. He counts on the pace and Premier League experience of several of his players to upset their opponents, who have rich experience at the global stage.

Malungu, who doubles up as Western Jaguars coach and the first vice president of the Kenya Hockey Union, said: "We are not going there to fill numbers we are going as competitors. I want to bring at least a medal at home even though the competition at the global stage is high."

"We began training last Sunday and I am happy the boys turned up in time and their morale is good. Most of the players here have played in the top flight and have what it takes to challenge their opponents in the pool. We appeal to the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) to deliver training materials to us in time for adequate preparations."



Michael Malungu /COURTESY

FOOTBALL

Rupia hopes to soon break his duck for Power Dynamos

BY KISENGE MESHACK / Former Nzoia Sugar hitman Elvis Rupia is confident of ending his long wait for a maiden goal in the Zambian Premier League.

Rupia joined Kitwe-based Power Dynamos in July but he is yet to find his scoring touch five matches into his Southern Africa sojourn. The former Nakuru All Stars man was enjoying the form of his life prior to his switch, where he had netted 15 goals in the Kenyan Premier League and still remains a candidate to win the season's Golden Boot should his challengers fail to match his tally.

However, Rupia has found it turbulent in front of goal in Zambia but remains hopeful he will soon follow in the footsteps of his compatriot Jesse Were, who plies his trade with league leaders Zesco United.

Were has scored 17 goals this season and he is in contention for the Golden Boot although he trails top scorer,

Congolese Idris Mbombo of Nkana Red Devils, by two goals. Over the weekend, Rupia came too close when he recorded two assists as his side comfortably edged out Lusaka Dynamos 4-2 to scale to sixth on the standings. He believes the assists will inspire him to regain his scoring form.

Speaking on phone from Zambia he said: "I am sure I will break the deadlock soon and maintain a scoring streak. I have only played five matches since I arrived here and I feel I have begun to settle in the club and gelled well with my teammates."

"It's been difficult but I know through hard work, I will regain my scoring form. I provided two assists over the weekend and I think that performance will inspire me to fight more for goals. I draw inspiration from Were who has been scoring at will and I believe if he has made it, I will also make it."



Former Nzoia striker Elvis Rupia vies for the ball with Mathare's Francis Omondi during a past match /FILE



SPORTS LOCAL

TENNIS

Okutoyi for Tunisia

Newly crowned Okutoyi heads for masters tourney in Tunis

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

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Fresh from bagging the Kenya Open senior women's title, Angela Okutoyi is set to grace the masters tournament in Tunisia mid next month.

Okutoyi, who became the youngest open champion at 14 years after Sadi Nahimana of Burundi when she upset three time champion Shufaa Changawa 6-1, 7-6, said she will be buoyed by her performance last weekend ahead of the event in North Africa.

Okutoyi has been in dominant form recently as she also won a gold medal at the ITF/CAT Africa Junior Championships which took place in Algiers.

Okutoyi, who got into the tournament seeded first beat fifth seed and home favourite, Algerian Bouchra Mebarki, 4-6 6-0 6-1 to clinch the title. She said winning the Kenya Open title is a spring in her step ahead of the masters event.

"The Kenya Open was good preparation for the masters. It has given me confidence that I can go to bigger and better things in the future," said Okutoyi.

She also won the ITF Under-18 tournament in Burundi in June, which saw her join the ITF World Tour team that enabled her visit France, Germany, Belgium and Czech Republic for five weeks between July and August.

Okutoyi said exposure at the world tour has elevated her game to a new level. "The tour has been excellent. Playing with some of the best juniors across the world has helped me become a better player."

Okutoyi said she expects a competitive outing in Tunisia



Angela Okutoyi during the 2018 Kenya Open tournament / OLIVER MORGAN

with some of the best players on the continent expected to grace the week-long event.

"The best players from the continent are going to be there so I have to up my game and be in peak condition," she said.

"Winning the title in Algeria this month was special so it's ideally the same climatic conditions

and court and I will want to prove my win in Algeria was not a fluke.

She added that her win at the Kenya Open will inspire other younger players.

"This will inspire many of the younger tennis players who are coming through the ranks that with hard work, everything is possible," she said.

HOCKEY

Okombe in Italy for a one-year professional stint

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / Kenyatta University midfielder Griffin Okombe is in Italy for a one year renewable contract with club Potenza Picena.

The former Kakamega High School player left the country for Italy last week. KU coach, Moses Kagochi said the player deserved the opportunity due to his discipline and style of play, which suits the demands of European hockey.

He said: "I believe he is one of the most talented holding midfielders and his style of play suits the teams in Europe. As a team and his coach, we are happy for him and I believe he will create a way for many players to go to Europe."

He added: "The Vultures will miss his services but it's an opportunity for others to step up and create a niche for themselves. We need to get more players outside the country to play professional as that will help the country close in on the North and West Africa countries who are on the rise."

The Vultures are third from bottom in the Kenya Hockey Union Super League with nine points from nine matches and Kagochi believes the remaining players in that positions will rise to the occasion.

Daniel Kundu and Godwin Aseka are expected to fill the void left by Okombe.

Kagochi, the brain behind Hockey Farm Sports which focus on coaches' development through coaching courses, clinics seminars and player development and exchange programs, observed that Kenya has good players who can excel in Europe.

"When we have many players playing professional hockey, it is definite that when they come back to Kenya, they will bring on board something different and that is why the HFS is trying to do, get more players turn professional. The country don't play international friendly matches as we would have liked but if we get various players turn professional, we will have a strong national team," said Kagochi.



Kenyatta University midfielder Griffin Okombe at Potenza Picena Hockey Club / COURTESY



Paul Murunga / COURTESY

RUGBY

Murunga, Olago receive World Rugby Level II coaching certification

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / KCB coach Curtis Olago and Homeboyz' Paul Murunga achieved Level II coaching certification following a one-year course.

The Level II course is designed to provide coaches with the skills needed to coach teenage and adult players in the club or school environment (in major Unions) and to higher levels in less developed Unions.

"It aims to develop coaches on 'how' to coach as well as 'what' to coach," according to World Rugby.

Olago coached KCB to back-to-back Kenya Cup titles while Murunga has guided Homeboyz to two national sevens circuit titles as well as Enterprise Cup and other trophies.

Only Kenya U20 coach and World Rugby educator Paul Odera and Kenya Simbas assistant coach Charles Ngovi are Level III accredited coaches in Kenya. Murunga has now set his sights on winning the Kenya Cup crown after bagging the Enterprise Cup and national Sevens circuit.

"Our next step is to win the Kenya Cup this coming season. We have come close twice in the past two seasons always exiting at the semifinal stage but we want to go all the way and win it this time round," added Murunga.

Elsewhere, Impala edged Homeboyz 12-7 to win the Impala Women's 7s tournament held at the Impala grounds.

Judith Auma — eventually picked at the MVP in the tournament — grabbed the first try in the final that

Ann Koki topped added the conversion for a 7-0 lead. It was tied 7-7 all at half time as Homeboyz recovered with a try by Shariffa Chiringa and conversion. Christabel Lindo's lone try in the second half delivered the crown for Impala.

For a place in the final Impala hit Mwamba RFC 17-0 as Homeboyz beat Northern Suburbs 29-0. Mwamba atoned for a miss in the final with a 33-5 dispatch over Northern Suburbs in the play-off to take home bronze.

SPORTS LOCAL



FOOTBALL

Wazito in danger

Debutants battle marauding Sharks with all eyes on the axe

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With Thika United already relegated to the National Super League, the pressure to remain in the SportPesa Premier League falls on second from bottom Wazito who will be out this afternoon to intensify their quest to keep their top flight status against Kariobangi Sharks at Machakos Stadium.

The league debutants have 28 points four off the red line and will be seeking to cut the deficit to a point against the high flying Sharks who are seventh with 28 points and are on a winning trajectory having won their last four league matches and a huge 4-1

Wazito's Derrick Onyango challenges Zoo Kericho's Sabiri Sindani during a recent KPL match
/OLIVER MORGAN

Shield cup semi final victory.

Frank Ouna's charges will hope to silence Sharks and hope that third-from-bottom Chemelil Sugar falls in their remaining matches, a result which will see them survive relegation. Chemelil will be up against Thika United at Thika Stadium tomorrow.

Another battle to avoid the drop will see another debutant, Vihiga United, take on champions in waiting Gor Mahia at Mumias Sports Complex.

Vihiga are 15th with 34 points and face out of sorts champions, who resumed training this week after a one-week go slow. The match will pave way for an clash between Sony Sugar and Kakamega Homeboyz.

Promoted sides Zoo Kericho and Nakumatt will heavily rely on

home advantage to fully delink themselves from relegation when they battle Ulinzi Stars and Nzoia Sugar respectively. Zoo are 13th with 35 points while the soldiers are fourth with 50 points.

Nakumatt (14) are also on 35 points and take on the millers, who are 11th with 37 points, at Camp Toyoyo.

Bernard Mwalala will be seeking to extend his unblemished run with Bandari when he rallies his charges against Sofapaka at Mbaraki Stadium. Since taking charge from Ken Odhiambo, Mwalala is yet to taste defeat, guiding his side to seven wins and sharing spoils twice and his run will be severely put to test by the former champions, who are oozing in confidence after booking a place in the Shield Cup finals.

INTER-BANK GAMES

KCB teams register mixed results at Inter Bank show

BY CONSOLATA MAKOKHA/ Kenya Commercial Bank registered mixed results at the ongoing 2018 Inter-Banks Games at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies.

They begun the title hunt with a 52-28 drubbing of National Bank of Kenya, fell 43-36 to Stanbic Bank before bouncing back with a 63-38 victory over I&M Bank. In their match against NBK, KCB took command of the game from the onset and maintained the pace in all the four quarters with a 33-10 scoreline at the break. Humphrey Ochieng led his team in both defence and offensive play, grabbing 24 points.

With their confidence booming after their win against NBK they met a more organised team in Stanbic, who were able to convert their chances more easily.

However, the KCB women's lineup surrendered to Equity Bank from the first period, losing 40-10. They woke up from their sluggish start to stage a low-scoring display, hitting Bank of Africa (BOA) 23-8 before winning their tie against hosts KSMS 20-0.

Against BOA, KCB's defence was rock solid, barely giving their opponents an opportunity to move the ball around as Elizabeth Alich starred for the Ken-Com-based outfit. She was effective and sufficiently enough to see out the win. Other women's competitions, Central Bank of Kenya beat NBK 19/05, Commercial Bank of Africa lost 7-19 to Co-op Bank, Barclay's Bank Of Kenya defeated I&M 21-8, as Stanbic Bank edged Post Bank 21-8.

FOOTBALL

Nairobi-based NSL teams attend anti-doping lessons

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA/ National Super League Sides Kenya Police, Kibera Black Stars, Kangemi All-Stars, Bidco United and Administration Police are among the clubs that took part in the anti-doping workshop organised by Anti-Doping Association of Kenya (ADAK) in partnership with Football Kenya Federation.

The workshops, which are mandatory to all the NSL Clubs' players and officials, will see players taken through anti-doping rules violations, the Doping Control Process as well as the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Prohibited List.

"We are aiming at sharing information about anti-doping with the players so as to sensitize them on what to do and what not to, in regards to the use of prohibited substances," said ADAK educator Tim Ngugi. Kenya Police midfielder Julius Muteti expressed satisfaction in what he had gained from the workshop.

"It has been an eye-opener. I have learnt a lot about what I should and should not use and I am optimistic that it will go a long way in keeping us players clean for the good of the sport," he said.

FKF NEC Member for Central Region David Njoroge expressed the Federation's commitment to promoting fair play while noting that the workshop, a first of its kind undertaken by the FKF, is necessary to ensure that there is a level playing ground for fair competition.



IAAF Vice President Dahlan Al Hamad /COURTESY

ATHLETICS

Doha step up preparations for 2019 World Championships

BY IAAF / Doha are preparing to stage a spectacular IAAF World Championships next year, when they become the first city in the Middle East to host athletics' premier showcase event.

A large team of IAAF event and technical experts has spent the last couple of days conducting an extensive site visit with the Doha 2019 Local Organising Committee, part of the process of coordination that precedes every major championships.

IAAF Vice President Dahlan Al Hamad, who is also the Vice-Chairman and Director-General of the Local Organising Committee, said that with little more than one year to go to the opening day of the championships, he was confident that Doha would be ready to host the athletes of the world.

"Our airport and hotels are ready, our stadium is ready, our ticket programme and brand will be revealed when we celebrate One Year to Go on Thursday (September 27)," he said. "All the big pieces are in place. Our task over the next year is to link all the pieces together as we prepare to stage an innovative and exciting event that will engage athletics fans both near and far."

The highlight of the visit was the demonstration of the world-first air-conditioning system that will keep Khalifa International Stadium at a comfortable temperature for athletes, officials and fans, protecting all from Qatar's desert climate.

IAAF Council member Geoff Gardner, who led the federation's team, said everyone was impressed by the effectiveness of the stadium cooling system.

SPORTS INTERNATIONAL

LIGUE 1

PSG face fresh investigation into financial fair play offences

BY SPORTSMAIL REPORTER/ European football's governing body has announced it has reopened its investigation into Paris St Germain's finances.

Uefa cleared the French champions of breaking its financial fair play rules in June, but in July said that decision would be reviewed and the case has now been handed back to the Club Financial Control Body for further investigation.

A Uefa statement read: "Following the decision of the chief investigator of the Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) to close the investigation into Paris Saint-Germain and the subsequent decision of the CFCB chairman to send it for review by the CFCB Adjudicatory Chamber, the latter decided on September 19, 2018 and announced (on Monday) its decision to refer the case back to the CFCB Investigatory Chamber for further investigation."

PSG were bought by Qatar Sports Investments, a Doha-based fund with close links to the Qatari royal family, in 2011 and since then have been generously sponsored by Qatari firms. This revenue – coupled with the huge uplift in revenue that occurred when beIN Sport, a Qatari-company run by PSG's president Nasser Al-Khelaifi, bought Ligue 1's broadcast rights – has allowed the club to go on the type of spending spree Uefa's FFP rules were designed to curtail.

That is why the decision to drop the investigation was greeted with some surprise, and it is understood some members of the investigatory team believe the club's sponsors have been paying inflated sums to artificially boost income, which the club denies. Uefa's financial fair play 'break-even' rules were introduced in 2013 in a bid to ensure clubs balanced their spending with their revenue.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Herrera keen on extending United stay

BY BEN NAGLE/ Midfielder Ander Herrera 'wants to stay at Manchester United' and is keen to thrash out a new deal with the club instead of moving to Barcelona for free in the summer.

The Spaniard's contract is close to expiring and United are desperate to tie him down to a new deal before the end of the current campaign.

And according to reports in ESPN, Herrera is of the same opinion and does not want to walk away from Old Trafford for free.

Barcelona tried to sign the 29-year-old in the summer, and are still keen on a move when the next transfer window opens in January. Barca boss

Ernesto Valverde is a huge fan of the midfielder following their time together at Athletic Bilbao, before Herrera moved to United for £30m.

Herrera has only made two appearances so far this season, and missed the 1-1 draw with Wolves on Saturday with an ankle injury.

Manager Jose Mourinho is an admirer of the Spaniard though, and has stuck with him throughout his tenure despite the addition of several other midfield personnel.

Mourinho brought in Brazilian playmaker Fred during the summer window, but was still keen to hold onto Herrera for the versatility he offers.

LA LIGA

Modric crowned

Real starman ends Ronaldo, Messi decade-long duopoly on Player of the Year award

BY SIMON EVANS / Real Madrid's Croatia midfielder Luka Modric was named Best FIFA Men's Player of the Year for 2018, while Orlando Pride's Brazil forward Marta won the women's award at a ceremony on Monday.

Modric won the Champions League with Real and then played a major role in Croatia's run to the World Cup final where they were beaten by France.

"This award is not just mine. It is my team mates' from Real Madrid and Croatia. Without my coaches, I would not have won this and without my family I would not be the player I am today," said 33-year-old Modric.

It is the first time since Brazilian Kaka's triumph in 2007 that the men's prize was not won by either Cristiano Ronaldo or Barcelona's Argentina forward Lionel Messi – neither of whom attended the ceremony at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Portugal international Ronaldo, who joined Juventus from Real Madrid in the close season, was second in this year's awards with Liverpool's Mohamed Salah in third place.

The 32-year-old Marta, whose Orlando Pride team reached the US National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) playoff semi-finals, had won the previous FIFA Women's Player of the Year award five times, most recently in 2010.

The Brazilian, who led her country to the Copa America title in April, beat Olympique Lyonnais pair Ada Hegerberg of Norway and Dzsenifer Marozsan of Germany to the award.

France's World Cup-winning manager Didier Deschamps took the Men's Coach of the Year award, with compatriot Reynald Pedros claiming the women's award after winning the Champions League with Lyon.

Voting for the player and coach categories was conducted by national team captains and managers, selected journalists and, for the first time, an online poll of fans.

Real Madrid's Belgium international Thibaut Courtois won the Goalkeeper of the Year Award. Salah's goal for Liverpool against Merseyside rivals Everton in the Premier League won the Goal of the Year, which is voted for by fans, ahead of Gareth Bale's spectacular overhead kick for Real Madrid in the Champions League final.

Peru's supporters won the FIFA Fan Award and German Lennart Thy, who plays for Turkish club BB Erzurumspor, won the FIFA Fair Play Award after donating stem cells to help a leukemia patient.



PREMIER LEAGUE

Guardiola wants City to dominate the EPL like Barca and Bayern

Real Madrid and Croatia playmaker Luka Modric during a recent match
/REUTERS

BY PRESS ASSOCIATION / Pep Guardiola wants to establish Manchester City as the dominant English force after admitting retaining the Premier League title is his primary motivation.

City stormed to their first league crown under Guardiola last season, becoming the first team in the top flight to break the 100-point barrier.

Guardiola, though, is used to sustained success, having won three league titles each at Barcelona and Bayern Munich, and sees what his two former clubs and Juventus have achieved in the last decade in their domestic divisions as a yardstick for City.

The Spaniard said: "The first priority is the Premier League, that is the nicest one. When I see, for example, three teams like Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Juventus in 10 years they won seven leagues, they show me they are the best teams."

"We want to be consistent and solid in that competition. After in the knockout games we want to improve on our mistakes we had in the past in knock-out games – to be more solid, avoiding mistakes and we're going to try (to go for) it (in the Carabao Cup)."

City bounced back from their surprise defeat to Lyon in their Champions League opener last week by thrashing lowly Cardiff 5-0 on Saturday to move up to second in the table, two points behind early front-runners Liverpool.

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola
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Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Cech during a recent match /REUTERS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Cech speaks out

Wenger put the 'Arsenal Way' above winning, says goalkeeper

BY KEN FERRIS / Former manager Arsene Wenger sometimes put the 'Arsenal way' of trying to play beautiful football above winning during his final years at the London club, according to goalkeeper Petr Cech.

Wenger departed in May after 22 years in charge having endured a barrage of criticism in the latter part of his reign for a tactical approach that resulted in 14 seasons without a Premier League title.

"What we lacked in the past - I would say the 'Arsenal way' was more important than getting the points sometimes and this is not

how you win the league," Cech was quoted by The Independent as telling reporters after Sunday's 2-0 home win over Everton.

"Sometimes you need to make sure you win an ugly game, when you are not playing completely well but you just dig deep, close the back door and win 1-0 no matter how. I think this is what we lacked over the last three years, since I arrived (in 2015)."

Spaniard Unai Emery took over as head coach on a three-year contract in May and, after a tricky start, has steered Arsenal to four

straight victories as he tries to shape a team that can bring a 14th league title to the club.

Cech, 36, said Emery was bringing back the qualities required to win trophies that had gone missing under Wenger, whose last season in charge resulted in a sixth-place finish, 37 points behind champions Manchester City.

"Against Everton, we went through difficult moments in the game but we managed to get the win and with the clean sheet so this is very positive," said the former Czech international.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Southgate needs 'miracle' to change England's fortunes, observes Keegan

BY IAN HERBERT / Kevin Keegan believes England manager Gareth Southgate needs a 'miracle' to turn the national team into a world force.

Former England boss Keegan said the side is an 'orchestra with no conductor' because it lacks a truly top-quality creative player. He said good English players are sitting out games every week and watching foreign players getting more game time in the Premier League.

"None of these players are playing major roles at any of the major clubs in England," Keegan declared. "And so the miracle Gareth Southgate has got to work is to get those who are sat on benches watching players, and expect

them to play against those who are playing every week and who have got leadership roles. I'm not saying we haven't got any world-class players but we are thin on the ground with them."

"Gareth has got the same problem that England have had for a long time, since Paul Gascoigne. Where's your Eden Hazard? Where's your David Silva, your Kevin De Bruyne, your Mo Salah? Where is he in your English clubs? You look around and there's nobody. There's an orchestra but there's no conductor."

Expecting Southgate to move England on after reaching the World Cup semi-final in Russia is a 'big ask' Keegan concluded.



Gareth Southgate /REUTERS

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OPINION

BY JACK GAUGHAN



United’s jewel in the crown is hiding and hasn’t scored since March

WHERE HAS IT ALL GONE WRONG FOR SANCHEZ?

Alexis Sanchez would represent handy proof, if ever required, that it is best paying no attention to pre-season.

He was the bright spark of Manchester United’s fairly disastrous tour of America, making up for joining late after visa issues to set the tempo in training and provide moments of promise.

The Chilean was given a pass for his first few disappointing months — reasons ranging from moving clubs mid-season and the expectation that the general threat he poses will burst out at some point — and the USA was a positive for him. They were looking forward to a first full term in red.

Jose Mourinho arrived back to the North West certain the forward, earning £500,000 a week, would begin producing. After all, two goals in 12 starts was not exactly an auspicious start and not symbolic of his undoubted ability.

But what has followed must worry Mourinho. Sanchez, who looked so vibrant and full of enthusiasm just a few weeks ago, is now cowering.

He has not finished a game since August 10 and Chris Smalling has scored three goals in the time since Sanchez last found the net in the Premier League in late March. That he was hooked with almost half an hour left against Wolves with the game at 1-1 tells more about his troubling form than Mourinho’s strength in depth.

Hardly a surprising decision, though, given Sanchez gifted possession away on 16 separate occasions and had just one shot. That, a free-kick in a dangerous area, found the stands.

All this should not come as a shock to those who follow United and there have been murmurings among supporters for some time. And it is definitely not down to heavy legs; Sanchez was not at the World Cup, did not feature for Chile this month and had a rest against Young Boys.

The 29-year-old’s initiative



Manchester United forward Alexis Sanchez /REUTERS

seems to have deserted him, registering fewer shots per game (2.43) than ever before during his time in England.

The average of 1.08 shots on target is frankly laughable for a player who has been afforded so much patience and freedom by his manager, often at the expense of Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial.

The dribbles attempted (3.24) and completed (1.35) this season are way down on his previous numbers and less than half of those recorded in 2014-15, his first campaign. Similar goes for the amount of touches. Regardless, Paul Pogba sprung to his defence.

“What you have to know about Alexis is he is a hard worker,” Pogba said. “He trains very well, he always tries to help the team, talks with the team and everything. He will get used to it.”

How long should it take someone earning £20million a year to ‘get used to’ a new team dynamic, one that has in part been tweaked to see him thrive?

Pogba continued: “When you play a long time with another team and you play different football in that other team you have some kind of adaptation that you have to have. It’s not that he is playing bad. We know that Alexis Sanchez can bring a lot and I’m sure he will. I’m sure he will.”

“But he’s not playing bad

and he keeps being positive, so that’s the good thing we have to think about.”

Certainly that is something United and Mourinho must hang on to and Sanchez — who has registered just one assist so far — could well jerk into action.

Unusually at United, it is when the critical spotlight shines brightest that players begin to rediscover form. So expect him to score a hat-trick against West Ham on Saturday.

The wider issue at play for United here is the domino effect his capture, signing-on fee and salary has on future transfers. The concessions made to lure Sanchez have launched the club into a new stratosphere and one they could probably have done without finding.

While it is accepted that Gareth Bale would have cost even more, and so they still lie behind Real Madrid in finance thrown at the biggest names, those they choose to land next must be rubbing their hands.

Manchester City will be having paid close attention to Sanchez’s first eight months at Old Trafford. A lucky escape for Pep Guardiola.

That United made such a fuss of Sanchez’s move from Arsenal is looking a little ill-conceived at the moment and they must be hoping that piano number is not the opening sonata to the end of his career.

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16:30	1207	Krizevci vs HNK Rijeka	26.10	10.70	1.05
16:30	2771	Torpedo Maz Minsk vs BATE Borisov	9.18	5.04	1.31
17:00	1283	Illichivc Mariupol vs Dynamo Kiev	9.13	5.10	1.34
17:00	4241	Lietava Jonava vs Zalgiris	10.46	6.54	1.20
17:30	2846	Dalum vs FC Midtjylland	18.79	10.05	1.09
18:00	2257	Volgar Astrahan vs Zenit St Petersburg	15.69	6.38	1.19
18:30	2030	Chernomorets N. vs Spartak Moscow	11.47	5.60	1.26
19:00	3779	PAOK FC vs Aris Salonica	1.49	3.71	6.19
19:30	3904	Fortuna Dusseldorf vs Bayer Leverkusen	3.81	3.75	1.93
20:00	1274	Bordeaux vs Lille	2.47	3.22	3.01
20:00	1282	Caen vs Montpellier	3.02	3.02	2.59
20:00	1589	Dijon vs Lyon	5.17	4.25	1.62
20:00	2779	Norrkoping vs Malmo	2.76	3.41	2.54
20:00	3099	Marseille vs Strasbourg	1.49	4.53	6.39
20:00	3577	Nimes vs Guingamp	1.95	3.58	3.91
20:00	4169	Suduva vs Trakai	1.51	3.80	6.50
20:00	4697	Amiens vs Rennes	3.24	3.14	2.38
20:00	5888	Udinese vs Lazio	3.97	3.60	1.93
20:15	3788	FC Torpedo Moscow vs Dinamo Moscow	5.54	3.48	1.69
21:00	2964	FC Wil vs FC Vaduz	2.59	3.51	2.64
21:00	3342	Leganés vs Barcelona	9.24	5.38	1.33
21:00	4085	BSC Young Boys vs St. Gallen	1.32	5.94	8.11
21:00	4426	Neuchatel Xamax vs FC Lugano	2.80	3.45	2.48
21:00	4727	Athletic Bilbao vs Villarreal	2.26	3.33	3.28
21:00	5086	FC Basel vs FC Luzern	1.73	4.12	4.34
21:00	5813	Virtos vs KAA Gent	17.85	9.85	1.11
21:30	1615	Mainz vs VfL Wolfsburg	2.58	3.23	2.85
21:30	3140	SC Schwarz vs RB Salzburg	22.17	11.08	1.02
21:30	3182	Borussia Dortmund vs Nurnberg	1.36	5.21	8.42
21:30	3197	RB Leipzig vs Stuttgart	1.77	3.97	4.34
21:30	5441	Borussia Monchengladbach vs Eintracht Frankfurt	1.78	3.84	4.43
21:45	1721	TE Werve vs Ajax	26.35	10.80	1.06
21:45	2559	Hearts vs Motherwell	1.89	3.51	4.22
21:45	3118	ST Johnstone vs Celtic	6.81	4.47	1.47
21:45	3554	Liverpool vs Chelsea	1.84	3.90	4.00
21:45	3797	Truro City vs Hereford	2.72	3.14	2.42
21:45	4227	West Ham vs Macclesfield	1.19	7.04	14.62
21:45	5292	Nottingham vs Stoke City	2.53	3.28	2.85
21:45	5786	Arsenal vs Brentford	1.36	5.44	7.62
21:45	5821	Austria Vienna vs Sturm Graz	2.19	3.48	3.16
22:00	1427	Paris St Germain vs Reims	1.19	7.04	15.16
22:00	2710	Napoli vs Parma FC	1.27	5.67	11.61
22:00	3973	Atalanta vs Torino	1.88	3.60	4.19
22:00	3979	Roma vs Frosinone	1.27	5.92	11.03
22:00	4482	Tottenham vs Watford	1.50	4.51	6.17
22:00	4523	Juventus vs Bologna	1.21	6.77	13.27
22:00	4774	Genoa vs Chievo	1.82	3.43	4.82
22:00	5244	Cagliari vs Sampdoria	2.58	3.33	2.79
23:00	1296	Valencia vs Celta Vigo	1.77	3.92	4.40
23:00	1526	Sevilla FC vs Real Madrid	4.12	4.18	1.77

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Ingwe's dream

Leopards track Nakumatt's Medo to replace unsettled Zapata

GOAL.COM / AFC Leopards are keen on hiring Nakumatt coach Melis Medo to replace Rodolfo Zapata if he walks away at the close of an unsuccessful season at the Den.

A top Leopards' official said they are yet to get any indication from the coach that he could be leaving but revealed they are already planning for life without the Argentine should he decide to hand in his resignation.

"We have not heard anything from Zapata on his intentions to quit but as a club, we must also prepare ourselves to fill the void should he leave. We have not chased him away and it means if he goes, it is a decision from him not us," said the official.

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"We are looking at the prospects of bringing in Nakumatt coach Melis Medo if Zapata decides to go but I strongly believe Zapata will stay for next season."

Zapata fueled his exit after he thanked the players for their support during his brief stay at the Den.

The Argentine coach delivered the shock message to the players after the team was bundled out of the FKF Shield Cup by Sofapaka over the weekend.

"It was nice working with you and wish you the best in your future endeavours," Zapata told the players at Kasarani before walking away.

Zapata and AFC Leopards' play-

ers were held hostage by their supporters, who demanded that they walk from Kasarani to their homes after the defeat to Bato-to Ba Mungu, which ended the club's dream of winning any silverware this term.

Goal.com also understands that Ingwe's playing unit is rooting for the return of Tanzanian coach Dennis Kitambi to work with Tom Juma.

A goal from Elli Asieche was enough to hand Sofapaka an important 1-0 win and they will now face Kariobangi Sharks in the final. Sharks reached the final after registering an emphatic 4-1 win against Ulinzi Stars at the same venue.



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