



LAWFUL? POLITICAL PARTIES TRIBUNAL HALTS REMOVAL OF MPS FROM COMMITTEES PENDING HEARING

Musalia blocks Raila move to shuffle MPs

ANC protests that the MPs were not given a hearing or reason before being moved PG 6



THEY ALL CAME TO CELEBRATE THE LEGENDARY KAMARU

MIRTHFUL: President Uhuru Kenyatta, DP William Ruto and Captain Kung'u at the funeral of Joseph Kamaru in Murang'a yesterday /CHARLES KIMANI/DPPS

HANDSHAKE

Uhuru, Raila say their unity path will not be easy

President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga yesterday warned Kenyans that the handshake journey will be rough and bumpy but worthwhile. They said although their unity was going to face tough challenges, it was in the best interest of the country.

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Fresh row as Musalia stops ODM bid to shuffle MPs in committees

ANC accuses ODM of dictatorship in proposing changes to various teams

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Wrangles resurfaced again within NASA yesterday after Musalia Mudavadi's ANC blocked Raila Odinga's ODM party from removing its members from parliamentary committees.

Last week, Minority whip Junet Mohamed wrote to National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi removing 16 MPs from different committees. The changes were rejected by mainly ANC which accused ODM of acting in a dictatorial manner.

Yesterday, ANC sought and obtained orders from the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal stopping the changes which were lined up for debate and approval by MPs.

The tribunal's deputy registrar Kyalo Mbohu directed the matter to be heard between the parties on Friday next week. Despite the order, Junet tabled the proposed changes in the House in the evening. The move was defended by Minority leader John Mbadi who said due process had been followed in arriving at the changes.

ANC parliamentary group chairman Ayub Savula (Lugari) protested, saying the changes were unprocedural. He said Standing Orders require that a member be given a hearing before he is removed from a committee and the reasons communicated to the Speaker.

"The proposal will not stand. We have already filed a case in court and obtained orders. Those members are still validly in their committee," Savula said.

But Mbadi differed. "The motion has gone through the processes and has been approved procedurally. What ANC MPs are talking about is discharge of members from a committee. We were just reorganising



the committees and none of those members have been left without a committee," Mbadi said.

He was supported by Majority leader Aden Duale (Jubilee) who said the changes were made to accommodate some members who did not belong to any committee. He wondered why some members wanted to remain in the Public Investments Committee.

"A lifestyle audit should be done on members who insist on remaining in certain committees," Duale said. "Due process was followed while coming up with this motion which is meant to harmonise the committees. Edith Nyenze (Kitui West), Asha Hussein (Mombasa) and Charles Kamuren (Baringo South) did not have a committee."

He said the political parties' tribunal had written to instruct him not to change the membership of the committees, which he said was exceeding its powers.

"I warn the PPDT against trying to run the legislature. The purported ANC SG Barrack Muluka should know that in the legislature there are parliamentary political parties. We will deal with the PPDT by amending the Political Parties' Act," Duale added.

In the proposed changes, ANC's Sakwa Bunyasi (Nambale) and



Tindi Mwale (Butere) had been removed from the crucial Public Accounts and Public Investments committees to Delegated Legislation and Budget and Appropriation respectively.

Alfred Sambu (Webuye East) was moved from Finance and National Planning to the Committee on the Implementation of the Constitution. He replaced Tom Kajwang' (Ruaraka) who was proposed to join PAC.

Christopher Omulele (Luanda) and Nyenze were appointed to the Finance and National Planning committee replacing Sambu and David Mboni (Kitui Rural).

Mboni was appointed to the Constitution Implementation Committee. Homa Bay Town MP Peter Kaluma was moved to the Committee on Administration and National Security replacing Justus Kizito (Shinyalu) who was moved to PIC alongside Homa Bay woman representative Gladys Wang'a.

Gideon Mulyungi (Mwingi Central) was moved from PIC to Delegated Legislation Committee in place of Charles Gimose (Hamisi) and Abdulsamad Nassir (Mvita). Awendo's Walter Owino was appointed to the Members' Service and Facilities Committee taking over from Bungoma woman repre-

ANC party leader Musalia Mudavadi and MPs Tindi Mwale and Ayub Savula
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sentative Catherine Wambilianga.

The list also includes James Mukwe (Kabuchai) who was appointed to the National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity committee in place of Mohammed Ali (Turkana East).

Loima MP Jeremiah Ekaimais was moved to the Trade committee replacing Timothy Wanyonyi (Westlands) who is to replace Mukwe in the NG-CDF committee.

Nasa also donated its position in the Agriculture and Livestock committee to Silvanus Osoro (South Mugirango) of the Kenya National Congress. His place in the Defense and Foreign Affairs committee was to be filled by Asha Hussein (Mombasa).

The changes evoke memories of the tussles over the committees earlier in the year. It is the second time Bunyasi is being drawn into a row over a committee. In December, he lost the chairmanship of PAC to Ugunja's Opiyo Wandayi (ODM) by 15 votes to three. ANC complained it had been short-changed.

Similarly, Kalonzo Musyoka's Wiper fought tooth and nail for a slot on the Parliamentary Service Commission. It took the support of the Jubilee side for Borabu MP Ben Momanyi (Wiper) to eventually take the place of ODM nominee, Gladys Wang'a.

DEWHIPPED

Wiper's Mulyungi and Bunyasi had lost the race for the PIC chair to ODM's Abdulsamad Nassir.

ODM took up the majority of minority lots on House committees by virtue of its numerical strength in the alliance.

But the wrangles were not limited to the Opposition. In December, a bitter row erupted in the Jubilee Party after some MPs defied the party leadership to contest and win positions in four House committees.

Alfred Keter (Nandi Hills), Silas Tiren (Moiben), Kangogo Bowen (Marakwet East) and Alex Kosgey (Emgwen) sought court intervention after they were de-whipped.

But the party still went ahead to remove them from the committees through choreographed votes of no confidence after a meeting of the Parliamentary Group at State House. The meeting was called by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should NTSA take charge of traffic rules implementation?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Do you think a blanket night travel ban would reduce road accidents?

YES 49%

NO 51%

HIT OR MISS



JUSTICE MARAGA

Mediation to end backlogs

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GOVERNOR NYONG'O

Loses battle for family estate

Kisumu governor Anyang' Nyong'o yesterday lost a battle for the ownership of his father's property after the High Court in Kisumu ordered that his nephews and nieces be included as beneficiaries of the Sh200 million estate. Nyong'o wanted them excluded but justice Tripsisa Cherere said they be included.

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NANOK PROTESTS

Governors reject new directives on foreign trips

IMENDE BENJAMIN/ Governors yesterday dismissed orders requiring county officials and MCAs to seek permission from the national government before travelling abroad.

The new guidelines were issued by the Ministry Foreign Affairs to tame "insatiable appetite for unnecessary foreign trips among governors, MCAs and county staff".

"The council asks you to withdraw the letter with immediate effect. It is our hope that this matter will be settled amicably without resulting in unnecessary exchange or even legal recourse," council of Governors chairman Josphat Nanok said in a letter to the ministry.

RESPONSE

EACC is wrong on Sh9 billion claim – Kidero

MOSES ODHAMBO/ Former Nairobi governor Evans Kidero has dismissed claims that he is worth Sh9 billion.

Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission made the claims in affidavits presented to court.

Kidero, in a replying affidavit, said the claims are a clear show of the malice and witch-hunt against him. He accused the commission of acting in bad faith, abuse of office, intimidation and harassment.

Kidero said the corruption investigation against him is a violation of his rights "The purported investigations ought to be stopped by the court," Kidero said.



Mohammed Dewji, 43, has an estimated net worth of Sh154 billion according to Forbes /FILE

DAR POLICE INVESTIGATE

Africa's youngest billionaire Mohammed Dewji abducted

Witness says kidnappers shot in the air to scare people away then fled with him

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Africa's youngest billionaire Mohammed Dewji was abducted yesterday by armed gunmen from a hotel in Dar es Salaam.

According to mwananchi.co.tz, the youthful tycoon was kidnapped at around 5am from Collessium Hotel as he worked out in a gym.

Police officers in Dar es Salaam launched investigations into the alleged kidnapping.

Mwananchi.co.tz quoted an

Uber driver who said he witnessed the dawn kidnapping. The driver said the kidnappers shot in the air once to scare people away before whisking away Dewji to a waiting car, which sped towards Masaki.

"We were approaching the area when we saw four people alighting from a saloon car. Their faces were masked. They shot in the air once and the hotel's security guards scampered for safety," the driver said.

"They then got into the hotel and came out with someone whom I identified as Mohammed."

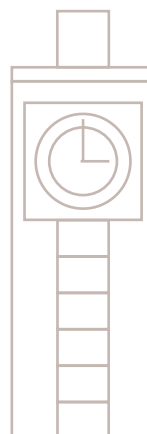
According to Forbes, Dewji has an estimated net worth of US\$1.54 billion (Sh154 billion), and is the 17th richest person in Africa. He is Africa's youngest billionaire.

Dewji was the first Tanzanian to be featured on the cover of Forbes Magazine in 2013 and has been featured on three separate occasions.

He is the president and owner of MeTL Group, a Tanzanian conglomerate founded by his father in the 1970s. He is also a shareholder in the famous Simba Club in Dar es Salaam.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **JUST** who among the Western Kenya senior Jubilee politicians was giving protection to owners of the sacco of the ill-fated bus (pictured) that killed 56 people? Those in the know have told Corridors that the Sacco owners and their managers had grown a 'big head' and could taunt anyone who questioned their operation mode. Even traffic cops on their routes feared them. Right from their Nairobi office in the CBD to their disembarking stage in Kakamega, the sacco bosses could reprimand the cops anytime they were telephoned that one of their buses had been stopped either for a routine check or for a violation. "The men used a big man to shield them. At times they pocketed some cops. They were untouchable. Their arrogance and impunity have caused massive carnage and deaths. I doubt anything will be done to them," a source told Corridors.

★ **A** Canadian pilot with insatiable appetite for local women might soon remember words of wise men regarding the vice. After divorcing his equally talented pilot wife, the foreign pilot's top secrets of illegal activities in South Sudan where he is contracted to fly humanitarian relief are coming to life. His cover on gun running and going against United Nations embargo on dealing and aiding rebels have surfaced courtesy of many beauties who have been spying on his personal life and profiling him to the outside world. The guy is said to have used his flights to assist rebels and smuggle gold leading to one time arrest of his wife in South Sudan before they finally parted ways.

★ **ON** matters traffic, is this now the normalised trend in Nairobi? Buses plying the Town-Ongata Rongai and CBD-Eastlands routes commonly known as manyanga or wire are defying all traffic rules. They endanger the lives of passengers and other motorists. Besides overcharging in the rate of over Sh150 for a distance less than 20km, the buses disembark halfway the trip, are driven on pavements, overlap and ferry excess passengers. This happens in the full glare of traffic cops who man those routes. Is this another tragedy in waiting for the police bosses and NTSA to issue a statement and record statistics?

★ **A** chairman of a powerful House committee that has been hit by scandals in its ongoing probe is contemplating quitting his position. A close ally of the MP from Central Kenya confided in Corridors that the lawmaker had been overwhelmed by calls from the powers that be. The MP said the chairman was constantly being pushed by influential people to direct investigations in a certain manner likely to let suspects under probe go scot-free. Recently, the under-pressure chairman is said to have been summoned by a senior State House operative for a brief on the actual trajectory the committee's report should take. This infuriated the chairman who is keen to throw in the towel.

CARTOON



THOROUGH DPP HAJI AND POLICE IG BOINNET ORDER PROBE INTO ALL PERSONS AND AGENCIES



No one will be spared in investigating crash

Traffic police who let overloaded bus pass to be severely punished



Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet at past press briefing /FILE

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Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji last night ordered a thorough investigation into the Kericho bus tragedy to determine who was responsible for the 58 deaths.

He said the investigation will cover all government agencies charged with ensuring road safety, as well as vehicle owners. Haji said it would determine "the persons who may have, through acts of commission or omission, contributed either directly or indirectly" to the deaths on Wednesday.

Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet yesterday said traffic police manning the route of the overloaded bus will be severely punished.

Boinnet said investigations were underway into the the Fort Ternan accident and officers who let the bus pass will be disciplined.

"I am finding out who was on duty. I want to take to task any officer who allowed that bus to continue with the journey with all those

RESPONSIBLE



Site of the Home Boyz bus crash that claimed 58 lives in Kericho county on Wednesday
/PETER MUTAI

faults. We do not compromise on anybody making mistakes of that type. We will exact very serious punishment," Boinett said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

The Home Boyz bus was overloaded with 71 passengers instead of 62, it had no night travel permit and was speeding when elderly driver lost control. The bus rolled several times, tumbling into a steep valley below the he Londiani-Muhoroni road.

The owner of the bus and the sacco manager were arraigned yesterday.

Bus owner Cleophas Shimanyula and Benard Shitiabai, the manager of the Western Crossroads Express Sacco, appeared in a magistrate's court in Molo. They did not take a plea after police requested to detain them while they investigate.

The magistrate deferred the ruling on the application to today, saying he needed time to go through both parties' submissions.

National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) director general Francis Meja yesterday said the bus's poor body construction could have contributed to the many fatalities. The roof was ripped off as the bus rolled downhill.

Meja said more than 100,000 buses have substandard body construction because they were built before the authority drafted new construction standards.

The body work specifications came into effect on May 22, 2017, and there is a seven-year grace period for all PSVs to comply.

"For them to comply, the bodies must be completely stripped and

THOSE WHO PERISHED

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1. Lucy Kemunto and her son Zedekia Amabani

2. Caleb Mambili

3. Roston Munala, 33, his wife Catherine Mutonyi and their two daughters Levis Lomen and Vera Ndiona

built afresh," Meja said. "However, in light of what we have seen and the continuous loss of life, we can revisit this," with a view to shortening the grace period, he said.

Many buses use lorry chassis and put the body on top.

The standards require all metal inside the bus to be smooth, without sharp edges, so passengers are not cut and injured during an accident.

They also require roll bars fitted inside the body, making it difficult for the canopy to collapse and protecting the heads of passengers.

Seats are supposed to be secured to the chassis, not the body. Doors are to be side enough to allow easy entry and exit.

A family from Navakholo constituency, which lost five members in the crash, is appealing for help from the government and well-wishers to fund the burial of their loved ones.

Joseph Munala, 60, lost his son Roston Munala, 33; his (Roston's) wife Catherine Mutonyi and their two daughters Levis Lomen (Class D) and Vera Ndiona. Munala also lost his granddaughter Asha Dalina.

His niece Jerusa Anyera is admitted at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital with a broken spine.

The family was travelling aboard the Home Boyz bus for the burial of their grandmother, Pelinah Tsaboka, set for tomorrow.

"I became anxious when by 9am they had not arrived," Munala said, sobbing. He said that by 10am his brothers set off to Kericho after learning through the radio that a Kakamega-bound bus was involved a fatal accident in Kericho.

"When they got there, they called and informed us that Roston and his family had been killed," he said.

"I was speechless because Roston is the one who bought the cow we have slaughtered for the burial of his grandma and I did not know that he himself would need a funeral."

Munala and his wife Elemina described Roston as being "everything" to them and appealed to the government and well-wishers to help them give their family a decent send-off.

Roston is the second last born in a family of five sons and three daughters.

"We're overwhelmed by what I am seeing. The government must rein in vehicle owners who fail to obey traffic rules. How long shall we continue losing lives? I don't know how these bodies will come here and how they will look," Elemina said.

The mood was grave in Navangala village, Mukulusu sublocation in Shinyalu constituency. Villagers were mourning a young family — father, mother and five-year-old boy — who perished.

Caleb Mambili Mukoshi, 27, was travelling with his wife Lucy Kemunto, 26, and their son Zedekiah Ambani to attend the funeral of his uncle Jacob Shilosio in rural.

Caleb's mother, Florah Luseno, said Caleb had called her while still in Nairobi to say he would be travelling with his whole family to attend the funeral. She was to expect them on Wednesday morning.

They never arrived.



EXPERT COMMENT

AYUB SAVULA

Traffic police graft on route cause of road deaths

The Kericho crash is worse than a massacre. It was right to kick out National Transport and Safety Authority from our roads because their work was harassing motorists. They were doing nothing, but just rent-seeking. We have a fully-fledged traffic police department. But they must be vetted afresh. Concerning the recent fatal accident, the traffic department at Kakamega should be held responsible because this Public Service Vehicle should have undergone regular inspections throughout its route.

Since the driver was tired, having driven the bus from Kakamega to Nairobi, the transport committee will discuss and make recommendations about the number of drivers in a bus. We will ask our chairman and Pokot South MP David Pkosing, through the clerk, to invite the traffic department, NTSA, Transport and Interior cabinet secretaries to answer questions from MPs in regard to the Kericho crash.

We had recently invited Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet to appear before us over road accidents. He only sent representatives. This time, we will ensure all these people appear before us on this very sensitive matter. We have enough laws to deal with road accidents, the only problem is that they are not implemented. We have zero implementation of these important laws. The issue of speed limits and speed governors must be enforced to ensure it is 80-km per hour because we are dealing with human life. We should check on the vehicle capacity and ensure that it is adhered to. We need to conduct frequent inspections on the stability of vehicles on our roads. Going by this recent accident, I can say that the police are incapable of controlling road carnage. I think there should be mass transfers of traffic police officers annually to curb corruption.

We want the department to be a fully-fledged department of police like that of Directorate of Criminal Investigations. We want it to have a streamlined and clear chain of command so that movement of vehicles can be easily controlled.

I want to send my condolences to the bereaved families, but we must ensure, as a people, that we prevent further deaths.

The Lugari MP and National Assembly Transport Committee member spoke to the Star

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ODM chief Raila Odinga and Deputy President William Ruto. President Uhuru Kenyatta addresses mourners during the funeral service of Joseph Kamaru in Murang'a / PSCU



LEGEND

Uhuru, top leaders eulogise Kamaru

ALICE WAITHERA/ Thousands of musician Joseph Kamaru's fans thronged Muthithi Secondary School grounds yesterday for his send-off. The fans who started trickling into the school from dawn braved the scorching sun as the tents filled up.

There was a gridlock along the Kaharati-Kigumo road as fans continued to pour into the school for the event which President Uhuru Kenyatta, DP William Ruto and ODM chief Raila Odinga attended.

Also present were more than 20 MPs, governors and other dignitaries. Scores of musicians, most of who said they were mentored by Kamaru, attended the burial and led mourners in songs.

Kamaru's sister Catherine Muthoni, popularly known as Celina and who performed the majority of songs with his brother, got to meet the President. The President said she reminded him he would buy her and the band sodas when they performed for the first President Jomo Kenyatta at their Gatundu home.

"I told her since I got her sodas when she came to my home, she would be the one to get them for me now that I am in their home," Uhuru said. He said he had lost a friend in Kamaru that he had known since childhood.

"Even as we mourn him, we are here to celebrate his life and the God-given talent he used to teach us culture, unity and to praise God," the President said.

"We thank God for all he has achieved and for all those that have been mentored by him and are now using their talents to entertain." Uhuru assured Kamaru's family that as the President and friend, he would meet them to discuss ways of ensuring his legacy does not fade away.

Ruto said the musician did everything with his whole heart and urged Kenyans to emulate him. He said he was born when Kamaru produced the song 'Ndari ya Mwarimu'.

Raila eulogised Kamaru as a musician who had united the entire country.

SH11.4M

Equity worker to be charged with theft

SUSAN MULISA/ A Millmani court has deferred a plea for an Equity Bank employee accused of stealing over Sh11 million to today.

Principal magistrate Francis Andayi directed that the accused pleads to the charges today after it was found the charge sheet was defective.

The accused was registered with two different names, James Wambugu and Moses Kamau. The state requested time to have the error corrected and to confirm the real identity of the accused. It is alleged the bank accountant on dates between May 9, 2017 and October 9, 2018 at Equity Kenpipe branch in Nairobi stole the money. Andayi released him on a bond of Sh2million or bail of Sh1million.

BUILDING BRIDGES

Handshake journey will not be easy, but worth it – Uhuru, Raila

'I want to tell Kenyans that you should not be misled. Kenya will never achieve her true position in the world unless we come together; unless we unite', says President Uhuru

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President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga yesterday warned Kenyans the handshake journey will not be smooth, but said it is worthwhile.

The two emphasized that their newly found friendship would meet resistance and pitfalls along the way as it focuses on the country's posterity and not short-term political interests.

"As my brother Raila has said, let us get out of the tarmac road and take the one with thorns because that is the right one," Uhuru said.

The President said the handshake would unite the country and end tribal hatred so Kenyans do not turn against one another in every election. "We want a Kenya where people cast

their votes and go back to their businesses as they wait for results," the President said in Kikuyu.

He spoke yesterday during the burial of Kikuyu music maestro Joseph Kamaru at Muthithi Secondary School in Murang'a county.

"It cannot be that every five years, Kenyans have to relocate from their homes because they are afraid," he said. Uhuru told off critics of the handshake, saying it would spur development and end tribal hatred and animosity that has characterised the country's political landscape.

"I want to tell Kenyans that you should not be misled. You should not be misled by cheap politics. Kenya will never achieve her true position in the world unless we come together; unless we unite and bring our respective strengths together and unless we respect one another," Uhuru said.

Competitive politics must not mean animosity between people, communities or religions, the President said. Uhuru's remark was in sync with Raila's earlier speech when he addressed mourners, and who through his parables, warned that the road to Kenya's peace and stability would be a bumpy one.

Uhuru said his decision to work with the President was to ensure that Jubilee supporters also join their NASA counterparts in "the land of promise."

"We were heading to Canaan but when we reached River Jordan, we realised it was infested with crocodiles. We then retreated to build bridges so that both Jubilee and NASA can cross the river to Canaan," said the ODM party leader in reference to the building the bridges initiative. The ex-PM stressed that the handshake

assignment would be about finding lasting solutions to the country's underlying problems that have bred inter-community conflict for decades.

"This is about uniting Kenyans and not about 2022. The 2022 elections will come and go, but this is for the future and posterity," he said.

After weeks of heated debate and opposition to the referendum calls, Deputy President William Ruto last weekend made a U-turn and backed the plebiscite push in what appeared to be an effort to lower political temperatures.

Ruto rooted for the handshake, telling Uhuru that he now has his 'unqualified support' in his efforts to unite the country. "As mtu wako wa mkono [as your errand boy], I will make sure that we all work towards achieving our development goals," Ruto said.

FOR 2019-20

Cabinet approves mid-term budget

PSCU/ The Cabinet yesterday approved the medium-term budget for 2019-20 as it endorsed the establishment of the Eastern Africa Regional Roads Authorities Forum.

The Cabinet meeting was chaired by President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House.

Once established, EARRAF will provide a platform for the harmonisation of road infrastructure in East Africa, especially transnational roads in terms of design, standards and costing.

EARRAF will bring together agencies responsible

for the implementation and management of road infrastructure in the region such as Kenha, Kura, Kerra, the Kenya Roads Board in Kenya, Uganda National Roads Authority, Tanzania National Roads Agency, among others.

Also on the agenda was the recent First Ordinary Session of African Tourism Ministers meeting in Nairobi which resolved to push for the fast-tracking of the establishment of the African Tourism Organisation as a key agency for the promotion of the continent as a preferred global tourism destination.

The first African Tourism Ministers meeting held early this month in Nairobi brought together 27 ministers and heads of delegations as well as other dignitaries.

UN World Tourism Organization secretary general Zurab Pololikashvili, a representative of the AU Commission chairman and the Global CEO and President of the Hilton Group Christopher Nassetta attended.



President Uhuru Kenyatta chairs a Cabinet meeting yesterday / PSCU

NEWS GENERAL

21 COUNTS DROPPED

Women accused of Shabaab link freed for lack of evidence

MALEMBA MKONGO / Three women accused of being members of al Shabaab have been acquitted for lack of evidence.

Ummulkhayr Sadri, Khadija Abubakar and Halima Adan were charged with 21 counts, including being members of al Shabaab and commissioning terror activities. They were charged in April 2015. They denied the allegations. Mombasa chief magistrate Evans Makori said the prosecution terribly failed to prove the charges against the accused.

Makori said the evidence given by the prosecution's witnesses was not enough to warrant a conviction. Makori said the prosecution failed to show how they concluded the women were on their way to Somali to join al Shabaab, considering no one is banned from travelling. The magistrate said the prosecution ought to have unmasked the faces behind the Somali-based contacts and calls.

'DIDN'T SEE THE CONTRACT'

MPs put procurement agency boss to task over tax system

GIDEON KETER / MPs yesterday expressed dissatisfaction in the vague manner in which Public Procurement Regulatory Authority handled the direct procurement of e-tax stamp system by KRA.

PPRA director general Maurice Juma said he was never given contract documents that led to Kenya Revenue Authority to opt for direct procurement of the Excise Goods Management System.

He spoke when he appeared before the National Assembly's Public Investment Committee at Parliament Buildings. "I have not seen the contract. What we were looking at was the process of procurement," he told the team chaired by Mvita MP Abdulswamad Nassir. EGMS was supplied by Swiss firm SICPA Security Solutions SA Ltd at a cost of Sh17.7 billion. Juma told the committee if his authority will get more information that prove irregular award of the tender, then they will review the process.



Public Procurement Regulatory Authority director general Maurice Juma when he appeared before the Public Investment Committee yesterday / **JACK ODUOR**



PHOTO STORY

Anglo-Leasing suspects Rashmi Kamani, Deepak Kamani, David Onyonka and Dave Mwangi when they appeared in a Milimani court yesterday / **COLLINS KWEYU**

354 UNAPPROVED OFFICERS

Kemsa on the spot over 'irregular' hiring

LUKE AWICH / Kenya Medical Supplies Authority is facing queries over unapproved hiring of 354 staff members gobbling up over Sh695 million annually in salaries.

Auditor General Edward Ouko in his 2016-17 report questioned the excess hiring, which he said is irregular and unnecessary. The medical agency, the report says, is only approved to hire 341 officers, not the current 695 employees on its payroll. "That authority has 695 employees against the approved establishment of 341, resulting to unapproved over-employment of 354 officers. No explanation has been provided for the excess employment," Ouko's report noted.

In the year under review, the report points out that the medical agency spent Sh25 million to pay 47 officers who were employed and eight who were promoted.

The report, however, indicates there was no supporting documentation to back the promotion claims.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, chaired by Mvita MP Abdulswamad Nassir last month, Kemsa CEO Jonah Manjari said the extra staff is a combination of Kemsa staff and programme officers. He defended the decision not to attach supporting documents of those employed and promoted, citing sensitivity and bulkiness of the documentation.

Manjari said 366 programme officers were contracted to render services to the various programmes the agency is running with other strategic partners.

SPENT 13 DAYS IN CUSTODY

Kassaine freed, ordered to report to DCI on Thursdays

He lent his gun to Jowie, main suspect in Monica Kimani's murder in Kilimani

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Businessman Brian Kassaine who lent a pistol that the prime suspect in the gruesome murder of Monica Kimani in Kilimani used to shoot himself, has been set free by the police.

After 13 days in custody, the Lang'ata businessman was allowed to go on condition he reports to the DCI headquarters every Thursday for the next two months.

Police sources yesterday said Kassaine will most likely throw his friend Joseph Irungu, alias Jowie, under the bus.

Irungu is the fiance of Citizen TV reporter Jacque Maribe and the prime suspect in the September 19 murder of Monica.

Monica was a budding businesswoman, who had only hours earlier arrived from Juba, South Sudan. She was to travel to Dubai.

Investigations officer Maxwell Otieno said Kassaine is still being treated as a key suspect.

Maribe and Irungu will be presented in court on Monday after they were ordered remanded. This was to allow Maribe to take a mandatory mental test.

Detectives investigating the matter applied to have Kassaine released on condition he reports twice a week as they probe the murder.

But the suspect, through his lawyer Kefa Ojijo, objected to the application, arguing that he should be released without any condition.

Lawyer Ojijo told Kiambu principal magistrate Justus Kituku his

client was innocent and had no links to the murder.

But Kituku ordered Kassaine to appear before the DCI every Thursday for next two months.

He has also directed him to deposit his passport with the police within 48 hours. "...failure to comply with the orders, the police will be at liberty to seek warrant of arrest on the same," the magistrate said.

On his arrest, Kassaine told police Irungu shot himself in a botched suicide attempt. He said that Irungu had on September 11 borrowed his Ceska pistol for "training", but the gun had no bullets.

Kassaine said he was at his Royal Park estate house in Lang'ata on September 21 when he was woken up at around midnight by someone knocking his gate.

WHO AUTHORISED?

Kazungu, Wakhungu car allowance query

JAMES MURIMI / Water PS Joseph Irungu was yesterday put to task by MPs to explain who authorised irregular payment of Sh7 million car allowance to former CS Judi Wakhungu.

The National Assembly Public Accounts Committee asked Irungu to explain why the payment was done contrary to a presidential circular that set the upper limit of car allowances for CSs at Sh2 million.

Irungu told the team, chaired by Ugunja MP Opiyo Wanda, that the circular had directed State departments to withhold Sh2.1 million tax and remit it to Kenya Revenue Authority.

Last week, the committee heard from Mining PS John Omenge that former Mining CS Dan Kazungu also acquired Sh7 million car allowance. Omenge said he was not sure whether Kazungu spent the cash in purchasing the vehicle.

The committee heard the two CSs have not remitted Sh2.1 million taxes as required by the circular of July 7, 2011, from former Head of Public Service Francis Muthaura.

Water CS Simon Chelugui has appealed to Foreign Affairs CS Monica Juma to assist in recovering the Sh2.1 million from Wakhungu.

KASSAINE IS STILL BEING TREATED AS A KEY SUSPECT

NEWS GENERAL

WANTS OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS PROBED

Kimemia calls for EACC audit of staff to remove ghost workers

Governor says unaccounted for employees are drawing millions from county every year

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Nyandarua governor Francis Kimemia has invited the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to audit employees to get rid of ghost workers.

Kimemia yesterday said he was concerned that ghost workers were drawing millions in salary from the county coffers. He said they were employed by the previous administration.

An audit conducted last year did not resolve the problem because the county was still losing millions to ghost workers, he said. "The audit instead ended up proposing that we employ more workers despite the high wage bill," Kimemia said.

The governor said he was also concerned with the high number of stalled projects. The projects were initiated by predecessor Daniel Waithaka's administration.

"We have genuine contractors seeking their payment and we shall pay them but we also want the EACC to investigate those contractors who were paid yet their projects were not completed," Kimemia said.

He was speaking during a workshop for senior county officers in Naivasha. The two-day workshop was organised by EACC.

Kimemia dismissed the EACC rankings that placed the county 16th on the list of regions with the most corruption cases.

"There was a survey sponsored by World Bank that placed Nyandarua



EACC manager for Central Rift Charles Rasugu with Nyandarua governor Francis Kimemia and the commission's deputy director Benson Marimba in Naivasha yesterday /GEORGE MURAGE

second in terms of service delivery and we are committed to fighting the vice," the governor said.

Kimemia asked the EACC and the DPP to probe claims that billions of ill-gotten wealth was stashed in offshore accounts. There were claims that as much as Sh14 trillion could be stashed in tax havens. He asked his officers to improve services.

"As the top leadership of Nyan-

daru county, we should make sure that the few resources from the national government reach the common mwananchi through improved services," he said.

EACC manager for Central Rift Charles Rasugu said the health department was the most corrupt in Nyandarua. His claim was based on a recent survey. The report said the number of people who pay bribes to

get services rose from 46 per cent to 62.2 per cent in one year.

Rasugu said complaints included embezzlement, bribery, abuse of office, fraud, irregular recruitment and procurement malpractices.

"From 2013 to date, the commission has received over 115 complaints from Nyandarua county. Some of them have been taken up for investigations," Rasugu said.

CALLS CLAIM -FABRICATED

Ex-cop in court to block arrest over sexual assault allegation

Dickson Ndemo says DPP is being pushed to have him charged to settle scores



Shauri Moyo police station in Nairobi /ENOS TECHE

SUSAN MUHINDI/ A former police officer has moved to court to block his prosecution over an alleged sexual assault on a minor.

Dickson Ndemo has accused a senior cop stationed at Jogoo House in Nairobi of using his powers to have him prosecuted to settle scores.

The minor is the daughter of the senior officer. In his affidavit, Ndemo said his prosecution was hatched and orchestrated by the parent of the minor.

In 2015, Ndemo was investigated by the officer in charge of Shauri Moyo police station over the allegations. It was concluded that he was not culpable and cleared of the allegations.

At that time, he was living at the Shauri Moyo police quarters before joining the Kajiado county assembly.

"The investigations were anchored on a malicious complaint of the said minor on the prompting of her father who had a bone to pick with me. The resultant report clearly exonerated me," Ndemo says.

His file was forwarded to the DPP who said there was no evidence to have him charged.

The DPP wrote the recommendation to the Shauri Moyo police

station.

Ndemo says the minor's father was infuriated with the report and commenced a unilateral process leading to reopening of the file for "purported fresh investigations to lead to a predetermined conclusion".

He said the reopening of the file was triggered by malice and ulterior motives which amount to unfair administrative action.

"I have reliably learned that the DPP and DCI have issued warrants of arrest against me on the strength of a complaint lodged by the said father of the minor," Ndemo says.

He says the threat to arrest, detain, charge and prosecute him is real and that it will jeopardise him.

He wants the court to quash the DPP's directive to arrest, charge or prosecute him on allegations of indecent act against a minor. Ndemo also wants an order barring the DPP and DCI from arresting, detaining, charging him on allegation of indecent acts with a child.

Ndemo said the DPP is being pushed by the department of police to have him charged.

"The two state organs are acting on mere suspicion based on a one-sided story," Ndemo said.

SENATE PROBE

Court declines to stop Ruaraka land probe summonses

SUSAN MUHINDI/ The High Court has declined to bar senators from summoning directors of two firms mentioned in the controversial Ruaraka land deal.

Justice John Mativo yesterday said the decision to invite Afrison and Hueland Limited can only be quashed if the Public Accounts and Investments Committee exceeded its powers.

Mativo said the invitation to appear before the committee was legal and the court would be acting unconstitutionally if it stopped the summonses.

"The objective of monitoring state officials to guard against corruption in public office forms part of the constitutional imperative to combat corruption and ensure transparency and accountability and prudent use of state resources," Mativo said.

The application was filed by the two firms.

NO VALUE FOR MONEY

Blacklist shoddy contractors for three years - MCAs

BENSON NYAGESIBA/ Kisii MCAs want contractors who did shoddy work but got paid to be blacklisted for three years.

Members of the Culture, Sports and Social Services Committee said renovation of stadiums was poorly done.

Committee chairman Evans Mokoro there was no value for money from the tenders. "The state of implementation of the projects leaves a lot to be desired," the committee report said. The team said communities were not involved in the implementation, lessening the sense of ownership. The Gusii Stadium renovation was allocated Sh52.7 million yet only levelling and fencing was done. The team recommended tight monitoring.

SH50,000 BAIL

Shopkeeper charged with putting poison in employer's syrup

JOSEPH NDUNDA/ A shopkeeper was charged yesterday with maliciously administering poison to her employer with an intention to cause harm.

Ann Wanjohi on Friday discovered her syrup had turned a suspicious colour after it was diluted. The regimen had been prescribed by a Nairobi clinic. It was confirmed to have contained a poisonous substance upon examination at the clinic. It was not identified.

CCTV footage showed Wanjohi's employee Sharon Otieno picked the syrup from her boss's handbag and retreated to the lavatory. Sharon, 22, was charged at the Milimani Law Courts with poisoning Wanjohi at Kariokor market.

She denied the charge before chief magistrate Francis Andayi and was released on a Sh50,000 cash bail or an alternative bond of Sh500,000. Hearing was set for November 21.

NEWS JUDICIARY

SHOWS MOVEMENT OF RADIO

Video evidence presented in Willie Kimani murder trial

For third consecutive day, Kennedy Mwadime continued with his testimony

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The High Court was yesterday shown video evidence of how a radio phone belonging to the key suspect in human rights lawyer Willie Kimani's murder moved on the specific date.

For the third consecutive day, Kennedy Mwadime continued with his testimony that seeks to link the murder suspects to the killing of Kimani, his client Josephat Mwendu and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri.

The radio phone under scrutiny is believed to have been with Fredrick Leliman who is charged alongside Leonard Maina, Stephen Chebulet, Sylvia Wanjiku and police informer Peter Ngugi.

PREVIEW

Mwadime further explained to the court how police radios are tracked at the Integrated Command Centre.

The witness told trial judge Jessie Lesiit he was tasked to retrieve movement data of all radios used within Mlolongo and Athi River area.

According to him, nine radios had been assigned, apart from one radio which had been installed in a vehicle, the others were used as hand phones.

"We did a quick preview to confirm whether they were acting on the network within the specific dates and times," the witness said.

The court also heard that it is after a further preview they confirmed the radio had a lot of movements.

FREQUENCY

Mwadime said the investigations showed the radio was at Syokimau Police Post on June 23, between 12.20 min and 12.40pm.

This is the same time prosecution believe Willie Kimani, his client Mwendu and driver were abducted and later killed.

The radio's frequency was also captured within Mlolongo police



station between 3.20pm and 3.40 and it was later at Syokimau police station between 6.40pm and 7pm.

The expert also established that the same radio was at an isolated field within Soweto area between 7.40pm and 8pm the same day.

Mwadime said that the investigating officer wanted to find out if there was any radio that registered activity within Mavoko law court, particularly at 12pm.

He said that the same gadget was later traced along Eastern bypass and minutes later on Thika Super-highway at 12.40pm.

The prosecution believes the three men were abducted, held for hours at Syokimau police post and later killed at an open field within Mlolongo.

Their bodies were later found at Oldonyo Sabuk River stashed in gunny bags.

Court in session as Kennedy Mwadime gives evidence yesterday
/COLLINS KWEYU



Judiciary chief registrar Anne Amadi / FILE

NAME FORWARDED TO CS

JSC in court over rejection of salaries commission nominee

SUSAN MUHINDI/ The Judicial Service Commission has filed a case following the President's failure to appoint one of its nominees as a member of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

JSC on January 15 this year advertised in the dailies inviting applications from persons qualified for nomination as a member of the SRC. A total of 11 applications were received and six candidates were shortlisted and interviewed by the JSC on July 19.

According to the court documents, JSC nominated Jacqueline Akinyi and forwarded her name to the CS.

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COLLEAGUES

FINANCE BILL

Omtatah opposes application to move case to Chief Justice

ANNETTE WAMBULWA/ Activist Okiya Omtatah has opposed the application by the Attorney General to refer his Finance Bill 2018 case to the Chief Justice to empanel a bench to determine it.

Omtatah told Justice Wilfrida Okwany the state is buying time to delay the hearing and determination of his petitions. He further said that they were forum shopping and intimidating the judge claiming that the letter the AG wrote to Okwany clearly showed intimidation and interfering with the administration of justice.

JUDGE IS AWAY

Meru University student murder hearing moved

GERALD MUTETHIA/ The murder case of Meru University student leader Evans Njoroge which was expected to begin yesterday has been postponed to November 5 for mention.

The case failed to continue because judge Francis Gikonyo was away on other official duties.

The mention date was made before resident magistrate Tina Madowo who acted on behalf of the Meru deputy registrar. This was to allow fixing of its hearing date before judge Gikonyo.



DPP Noordin Haji /EZEKIEL AMING'A

ZIMBABWEN WINS

Oilibya boss blocks Sh1.5m burglary trial

JOSEPH NDUNDA/ Oilibya Kenya general manager Duncan Murashiki has obtained interim orders restraining the DPP Noordin Hanji from prosecuting him over burglary and theft of Sh1.5 million property at a petrol station last year.

Murashiki, a Zimbabwean, is charged alongside four colleagues Nancy Kwinga (retail manager), Joyce Wanjala (territorial manager), Antony Mugo and Stanley Marete.

On June 3, the DPP directed that they be prosecuted over burglary, theft and malicious damage to property after invading a petrol station in Juja in July last year.

Charges against them state that they stole 10 units of CCTV system cameras valued at Sh400,000, a digital video recorder 16 channels worth Sh200,000, gas cylinders valued at Sh200,000, lubricants worth Sh500,000, car wash vacuum cleaner worth Sh30,000 and fuel worth Sh200,000 all valued at Sh1,530,000, the property of Maced Limited. They also face a charge of unlawfully damaging five padlocks valued at Sh12,500.

But they moved to court to challenge the directive and suspend their prosecution.

NEWS GENERAL

LATEST TECHNOLOGY

Radiographers to get specialised training

CHARLES MGHENYI/ About 90 per cent of the 1,400 radiographers in Kenya lack specialised training, an association has said.

The Society of Radiography on Wednesday urged the medical officers to undergo further training so they can be certified. President Kenneth Kariuki said the recent upsurge in radiography equipment and an upward shift in technology has widened the training gap among radiographers.

To improve efficiency, there is need to improve radiographic equipment handling techniques, he told the press at the bi-annual Radiographers' Scientific Conference in Mombasa. Kariuki announced a two-year partnership deal with GE Healthcare to train at least 140 radiographers on the latest medical imaging technologies and techniques.



HIGH RETAIL PRICES

Fix loopholes in drugs supply chain, board told

PATRICK VIDIIJA/ The Kenya Association of Pharmaceutical Industry yesterday appealed to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board to swiftly fix gaps in the drug supply chain.

It said manufacturers have had to take responsibilities for poor quality of drugs reaching patients. KAPI chairperson Anastacia Nyalita said a lot of gaps within the supply chain need an urgent attention if the government intends to ensure Kenyans have access to quality and affordable medicines.

Nyalita spoke during the launch of Medsource — a private entity seeking to promote access to affordable medication. Pharmacy and Poisons Board registrar Fred Siyoi said they have made strides to regulate the safety and quality of drugs, but will look at the loopholes.



SEEKS HELP FROM WANANCHI

Global warming a threat to Big 4 agenda — Tobiko

CAROLYNE KUBWA/ Environmental degradation has increased global warming and is a threat to the Big Four agenda, Environment CS Keria-ko Tobiko said yesterday.

He urged Kenyans to help the government fix it.

“Climate change is not fake news. It's real; it's a global threat,” Tobiko said during the Kenya Climate Change Art and Essay Competition ceremony. Winners were feted.

Some 4,300 pupils participated but only the top 10 got awards. Tobiko called upon the Education ministry to create awareness among learners of the significance of conserving the environment.

“We have online and physical libraries to be accessed by the public. We also intend to roll out the essay competition on climate change in all the 47 counties,” he said.

Environment PS Ali Noor Ismail wants children involved.

“Climate change is about our future as a nation. Everything we do is key to our nation. Lets' join hands and address this issue,” he said.

“I urge the private sector to join our effort as the time is now.”

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

KPA MINOR TARIFF AMENDMENT

STORAGE RATES FOR CONTAINERS AT THE INLAND CONTAINER DEPOT, NAIROBI (ICDN)

The Kenya Ports Authority is implementing a minor tariff amendment with a view to optimizing the use of container storage capacity at the Inland Container Depot, Nairobi (ICDN), thereby making the facility more competitive and user friendly. Clause 16.6 of the tariff is deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new clause 16.6 as follows;

Clause 16.6 Domestic Import Containers through ICDN

	RATE PER DAY OR PART THEREOF	
Size	20'	40'
First 4 consecutive days	Free	Free
Thereafter up to the date container is removed from the port 5 to 7 days	30.00	60.00
8 to 15 days	35.00	70.00
16 to 24 days	40.00	80.00
Over 24 days	45.00	90.00
Containers released by KRA and not collected after 24hrs	100.00	200.00

The amendments will take effect on **24th October, 2018** and will not apply to transit cargo. This notice cancels and supersedes the earlier one issued on **4th October, 2018.**

Dr. Arch. Daniel Manduku

AG. MANAGING DIRECTOR

WANT MARKET FORCES TO PREVAIL

Millers oppose fixed, controlled unga price

Government directed that 2kg packet be sold for not more than Sh75; many retailers have complied

AGATHA NGOTHO

Millers are against the government's decision to fix the price of a 2kg packet of maize flour.

Agriculture CS ordered that it be sold for Sh75. But the millers want the market forces to prevail. He said any trader selling the flour at more than Sh75 would be arrested for exploiting consumers.

Early last month, millers had indicated they would increase the price by Sh4 to cater for the increase in fuel tax. Yesterday, Cereal Millers Association CEO Paloma Fernades said the government should let market forces to regulate the retail price.

“Price fixing is bad for the industry. It causes distortion in a market that is very competitive. When there is a lot of maize, as it is now owing to a bumper harvest, the prices of maize and unga will automatically go down,” she said.

She attended release of a report on the cost of production for maize, irish potatoes and rice in Kenya by Tegemeo Institute in Nairobi.

By yesterday, millers had given in to the pressure by government agencies to reduce the retail price.

At city supermarkets, a spot check by the Star revealed that Soko and Jogoo brands are selling at Sh75 and Kifaru at Sh71. Some millers told the Star that by last week, some retailers threatened to return stocks they had if millers did not reduce prices as per the government's directive.

The retailers said the authorities, especially Nairobi county officers, intimidated and warned that their licences would be cancelled.

President Uhuru Kenyatta had urged millers to reduce the price to Sh75. He said there was a surplus of maize. “This year, the country will have a stock of 56 million bags against an annual consumption of 52 million, meaning a surplus of four million bags,” he said.

He spoke after Nairobi governor Mike Sonko warned that the county would withdraw licences for retailers selling above Sh75. Sonko asked Uhuru to allow the city askaris to crackdown on such traders.

Yesterday, Tegemeo Institute director Milton Ayieko said price control and fixing can distort the market and raise the consumer price.

“Price fixing distorts the market and doesn't allow the forces of demand and supply to play out to move the produce to where it is intended for consumption,” he said.

L: Cereal Millers Association CEO Paloma Fernandes at a CMA briefing in Nairobi on June 22
/ENOS TECHE

R: Subsidised maize flour on display at a supermarket in Nairobi on May 30 last year
/VICTOR IMBOTO

LAST MONTH, MILLERS INDICATED THEY WOULD INCREASE THE PRICE BY SH4 TO CATER FOR THE INCREASE IN FUEL TAX

NEWS GENERAL



FIRST LADY AT CONFERENCE

Wildlife traffickers' assets to be seized

UK is funding new initiative that will benefit Kenya

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The bank accounts of wildlife traffickers and criminal gangs will be frozen and their assets seized. Their visas will also be revoked under a new initiative by the UK. Money launderers and tax evaders will be pursued in the latest efforts aimed at disrupting criminal networks and targeting individual bosses. This has been made possible after UK's International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt announced a new joint initiative with the Foreign Office, to target wildlife traffickers and criminal gangs and tackle the global scourge of the illegal wildlife trade. Under the new initiative, many countries, including Kenya, will benefit from funding of £3 million (Sh395 million) from the DFID. The funds will come from a mix of new money and allocations from pre-existing budgets, and £0.5million from the Foreign Office. This money will be allocated equally between the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime and the Egmont Group, through the Egmont Centre of FIU Excellence and Leadership. Mordaunt said, "We can only stop the illegal wildlife trade by targeting the international gangs and criminal networks, which essentially drive it." UKAid is directly supporting efforts to recover illegal assets, disrupt organised crime networks and stop the flow of dirty money to protect endangered and trafficked species. "The illegal wildlife trade is driving endangered species on the brink of extinction and robbing communities around the world of vital income. To truly end this crime we need to tackle corruption, which allows the trade to flourish," Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said. UK-funded Global Wildlife Programme worked with Kenya's Parliament to enact the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013, which increased both prison sentences and financial penalties for wildlife-related crimes. A landmark illegal wildlife trade conference is being held in London, attended by First Lady Margaret Kenyatta.

First Lady Margaret Kenyatta delivers her speech during the official opening of the Illegal Wildlife Trade at Battersea Park in London /PSCU

MONEY LAUNDERERS AND TAX EVADERS WILL BE PURSUED IN THE LATEST EFFORTS AIMED AT DISRUPTING CRIMINAL NETWORKS



Nairobi woman rep Esther Passaris yesterday / MAGDALINE SAYA

DISTRIBUTE IN TWO WEEKS

Girls to get sanitary towels to avoid exam disruptions

MAGDALINE SAYA/No girl will miss her KCPE exams due to lack of sanitary towels, Nairobi woman representative Esther Passaris said yesterday. She spoke during International Day of the Girl Child in Nairobi. It was organised by Bridge International Academies. The day aims to highlight the needs and challenges girls face. It also promotes girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. "The current policy is discriminatory because it focusses only on public schools, leaving out those needy girls in private and community-based schools. The supply is also not regular hence becomes a challenge," Passaris said. She said the office of the Woman Representative will buy reusable sanitary towels and distributing them in the next two weeks to ensure that girls exams are not disrupted.

10-AGENDA CHARTER

Activists unveil movement to champion good leadership

SAMUEL KISIKA/Human rights activists have unveiled a "radical" citizen-driven movement to champion the fight against bad leadership. The Kenya Tuitakayo Movement yesterday launched its 10-agenda charter, which seeks to help citizens realise the Third Liberation. The movement seeks to ensure every citizen accesses basic rights such as food, healthcare, security, education and enjoys freedoms. The activists warned that violating these

rights by the state, security officers, foreigners, businesspeople or individuals will attract severe punishment. They included Kenya Human Rights Commission executive director George Kegoro Transparency International-Kenya executive director Sam Ki-meu, Inuka Kenya CEO John Githongo, Greenpeace Africa executive director Njeri Kabeberi, Wandia Njoya (political and environmental activist) and Muthoni Kamau (activist and co-chair Kenya Tuitakayo Movement).

SEEKS TO ENSURE KENYANS ACCESS BASIC RIGHTS

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAKAMEGA



KAKAMEGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES

Following the advertisement that appeared in The Star and The Standard newspapers on the 19th of September 2017, and pursuant to the First Schedule of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Assembly Service Board hereby publishes the names of applicants shortlisted for the position of Fourth Member and Fifth Member of the County Assembly Service Board as well as their respective interview dates.

	NAME	GENDER	ID/PP NO.	SUB-COUNTY	DATE	TIME
1.	WYCLIFFE AHINDUKHA SEVEN	MALE	20924209	SHINYALU	25/10/2018	9.00 AM
2.	MURUNGA JALUO WILLIAM	MALE	7599833	LIKUYANI	25/10/2018	9.45 AM
3.	PAMELA MAKHUNGU MWANZA	FEMALE	9258993	SHINYALU	25/10/2018	10.30 AM
4.	MARY CLARE NEKESA	FEMALE	0280337	LUGARI	25/10/2018	11.45 AM
5.	JORAM FUCHINGO KHISA	MALE	23153868	LUGARI	25/10/2018	12.30 AM
6.	TURFOSA OMINA WEJULI	FEMALE	N/I	LURAMBI	25/10/2018	1.15 PM
7.	HILARY J. W LUKHAFWA	MALE	0568244	NAVAKHOLO	25/10/2018	2.15 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE:-

1. All interviews shall be held at the County Assembly Boardroom – at the County Assembly premises – behind the County Commissioner's Office, off Fitina-Hospital Road.
2. Applicants are requested to bring with them the originals of their testimonials and/ or certificates, including their national identity card or passport, but should ensure that these are returned to them before leaving the interview venue.
3. Applicants should also bring with them current clearances from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Authority (EACC), and any of the Credit Reference Bureaus.
4. Members of the public are invited to avail, in writing, by memoranda, any information of interest with respect to the suitability of any of the shortlisted candidates to serve as Member of the County Assembly Service Board.

Patrick W. Kamwessar
Clerk/Secretary – County Assembly Service Board

BIG READ / NO APOLOGIES

MUTUA: TENURE AT KFCB ENDS WITH CONTROVERSIES

The KFCB boss has banned anything 'immoral', drawing criticism of censorship and overstepping his mandate. But as his term winds down, Mutua defends his deeds

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Throughout his tenure as CEO of the Kenya Film and Classification Board, Ezekiel Mutua has courted controversy. The man with a moustache and thick, properly combed hair is weeks away from finishing his term, but Kenyans will not forget him in a hurry.

There are those who have seen him as a moral police. Others as a man punching above his weight. And others still as a petty man obsessed with himself and craving publicity to stay relevant.

Mutua, whose term elapses early next month, is keeping his fingers crossed. His continued stay at the helm will be determined by a new board, against opposition from a section of the public who feel he is trying to babysit them, and from filmmakers who accuse him of strangling their trade.

But biting more than he can chew is not new to the man. Back in 2008, when he was the Information director at the then Information ministry, Mutua threatened to disband the Media Council of Kenya for what he claimed was playing with government.

The council had formed a team to audit how journalists had covered the 2007 general elections, which angered him. He reacted with the hope that his actions would endear him to then President Mwai Kibaki, who was commencing his second term after protracted and violent polls.

To journalists, Mutua invokes memories of their 'stolen' television sets.

Before 2006, when he was the Kenya Union of Journalists secretary general, Mutua was a defender and friend of scribes. He started transforming himself to a foe when he bungled the 2006 media awards, by failing to deliver the prize money and televisions sets to winners.

BANNING SPREE

In 2017, he kicked off a storm by banning billboards and broadcast advertisements with strong sexual, alcohol, gambling and violence appeal.

Also in his blacklist were betting adverts, witchdoctor posters, as well political commercials that demean

politicians and their parties and manifestos, and those that strengthen stereotypes. He warned broadcasters who did not toe the line of dire sanctions.

The ultimatum drew the wrath of the Communications Authority of Kenya. CAK director general Francis Wangusi dismissed the board as having no powers to issue such demands to police broadcasters on the programming code.

Mutua was not deterred. In his next sensational act, the self-styled anti-gay crusader posted a photo on Facebook, posing with his passport and visa in September 2016.

"Because of my moral values, including the banning of content promoting LGBT and atheist culture in Kenya, someone wrote in a local daily that I will never get a visa to the USA," he wrote.

"I not only got it but it came on a diplomatic passport and I didn't even have to go to the Embassy for biometrics or pay the visa applications fee. It was delivered to my office free of charge thanks to our efficient Foreign Affairs ministry and highly courteous US Embassy officials. America, here we come. To God be the glory."

The stunt ended up sparking a diplomatic row pitting him against the Immigration department, who ordered him to surrender the travel documents upon entry in Kenya, as he was not qualified to hold a diplomatic passport. Mutua ate humble pie.

This year he's caused a stir after banning safe abortion promotion and lately the 'Rafiki' lesbian love film.

'HUNGRY FOR POWER'

Bloggers Association of Kenya chairman Kennedy Kachwanya describes Mutua as a man hungry to exercise powers that don't exist in his purview.

"We can say the man is passionate about his work. Unfortunately he behaves like a tethered man in a small room whereas he wants to roam free, making him act and overstep his mandate in almost all the occasions," Kachwanya said.

"His mandate is strictly to classify films. It means all he is supposed to do is categorise a film as suitable for under-16 or those above 18 years or whether it should be aired at night or during the day. But he does less of that and has concentrated on playing



Kenya Film Classification board CEO Ezekiel Mutua address the press at Uchumi house on Tuesday, April 19 on the release of new advertising content classification guidelines /COLLINS KWEYU

to the gallery, banning this and that in the name of morals."

The bloggers' head said the creative industry needs free space to operate, accusing Mutua of gagging artistes and, thus, scuttling any efforts to grow.

"He seems to be a sadist, too. For instance, he celebrated when Rafiki, a Kenyan-produced film, missed out on the Oscars. Who does that?" Kachwanya asked.

Blue Sky Films managing director Jim Shamoon said Mutua is hard-working and results-oriented, though he lacks objectivity in executing his mandate.

Without a gazette notice or presidential executive order, he took over licensing of films, and this has seen

reluctance by producers to submit their work for licensing, Shamoon said, adding that Mutua also insists on classifying scripts before the films are made.

"His purist approach has discouraged producers and led to cancellation of big international film production deals. Kenya has become hostile to

THIS INCREASING CENSORSHIP HAS SEEN KENYA LOSE OUT ON BIG INTERNATIONAL FILM PRODUCTION DEALS – BLUE SKY FILMS MD JIM SHAMOON

HIS MANDATE IS STRICTLY TO CLASSIFY FILMS. BUT HE DOES LESS OF THAT AND FOCUSED ON PLAYING TO THE GALLERY, BANNING THIS AND THAT IN THE NAME OF MORALS – BAKE CHAIR KENNEDY KACHWANYA



the film industry because of this increasing censorship,” Shamoon said, adding that Mutua has had a polarising effect on the sector.

“In his agenda, he left out those perceived as upmarket producers and those who bring in big film business. He engaged more slum and small-time producers, which he regards as the only stakeholders, which is populist. He should instead involve every player and focus on the business model of film industry,” he added.

During last year’s Oscar Awards, a source who travelled to the US told the Star that Mutua had travelled for the annual ceremony, though he was blocked from attending because he had no invite.

“This is the time I realised the man preaches water and takes wine. He took some of us to Las Vegas. This is a sin city headquarters of gambling and orgies. His choice baffled every one of us, because on landing, he put on the moral lenses,” the source said.

In May this year, Mutua had a first-

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class ticket and a full six-star hotel booking to attend the world’s prestigious annual Cannes Film Festival. Unfortunately he never accessed any of the venue areas because he had not been invited. Last year, together with the then Culture and Arts CS, he attended the festival amid accusations of joyriding.

Two Kenyan actors of ‘Neophobia’ film, which had been picked for screening, missed out on the event because of lack of facilitation. They accused Mutua of getting free trips off their work.

In his defence, Mutua said: “I travel everyday in my own capacity as CEO of KFCB. I don’t need to have anybody’s film to travel. My travel just like other top government officials is cleared by State House, and you will never be cleared to go and joyride.”

At the office, he is known as a headmaster, who polices any staff who seems to challenge him or have alternative viewpoints.

“He is a know-it-all boss. His word is gospel. Those who don’t sing his songs are isolated and humiliated,” a staff said.

‘PROFESSIONALISED FILM’

In Mwaniki Mageria, the secretary general of Riverwood, Mutua has a supporter. One who believes Mutua is the right man for the job and who performed well.

“Prior to his appointment, little or nothing was heard about film. But as the CEO, he elevated the discussions that have helped bring conversations on film to the national debate,” Mageria said.

He helped enforce regulation in the film industry, setting out operation parameters. “Initially we worked in a free market, where everything goes. But his regulation has helped grow the sector by improving content quality, enabling us to compete effectively and professionalising the sector,” he said.

Mageria said it was false to accuse Mutua of overstepping his mandate, saying if that was the case, then he could have been sued for it.

“Our freedom of expression had started eroding our moral fabric. Popularity was slowly overtaking humanity, and some of us were aping or becoming so receptive to rogue or alien lifestyles away from how we were brought up,” Mageria said.

“But someone had to remind us of our value system and call it out as it is, and that person was Mutua.”

Mutua on his part said he has lived up to his job’s calling, performed beyond expectations and has no apologies for his actions.

“I’d rather be accused of overzealousness than lethargy. I have raised the profile of KFCB. In just three years, everyone knows the organisation. I tripled its revenues from Sh88 million annually that I got when I came here. I have also built partnership across, whose value is way beyond Sh2 billion,” Mutua said.

His stand on films, he said, is informed by the desire to have productions that promote values like historical heritage, hard work, honesty and a just society.

“We are what we consume. If we allow the country to consume violence then we will remain a conflict-prone country,” he said.

“If it’s easy life and shortcuts, then we will breed a society that depends on tokenisms and thrives on sponsor’s notion.”

STOP THE CUT

On Girl Child Day, youths call to end medicalised FGM

STAR REPORTER @TheStarKenya/ Young Kenyans came together yesterday on International Day of the Girl Child, urging their government to take action to end medicalised Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Campaigners, political leaders and NGOs signed an open letter to the Anti-FGM Board Chief Executive Officer Bernadette Loloju, which calls on the government to increase disciplinary measures on medical professionals who cut girls.

Youth activist Sadia Hussein delivered the letter to Loloju in person to ensure the youth’s rallying cry is heard ahead of the UN’s International Day of the Girl. Each year, this day provides a platform to raise awareness of the unique challenges girls face globally and promote the fulfilment of their human rights.

“We are raising our voices and making a stand to end FGM for our sisters and future daughters,” the youth say in their letter. “Will you join us?” they ask Loloju.

Leading the charge was Sadia Hussein, Kenyan youth campaigner, who said: “We applaud our government’s commitment to ending FGM in recent years. Yet it is unacceptable that FGM is still being practised by some medical professionals in Kenya. We are urging the government to increase disciplinary actions on those individuals that cut girls. We have spoken — will you join us?”

The activists are part of the Youth End FGM movement, a grassroots campaign that has made waves across the African continent and worldwide in recent months. The campaign has seen thousands of young Africans pledge to make theirs the generation that ends FGM by launching a global social media campaign — #IHaveSpoken — that breaks the silence that allows the harmful practice to prevail.

SEVEN MILLION REACHED

The Youth End FGM campaign has already reached over seven million people online alone and has secured the support of celebrities and influencers across the continent. Now campaigners hope their collective clout will encourage decision-makers to help them make their goal of ending FGM a reality by bringing about meaningful, long-lasting change at government level.

The campaign is being supported by The Girl Generation, the world’s largest Africa-led global collective of partners, brought together by a shared vision that FGM can — and must — end in this generation.

Dr Faith Mwangi-Powell, global director for The Girl Generation, said: “On such an important day like today, where we come together to empower girls around the world, it is inspiring to see such passionate young people directly engaging with leaders.

“I sincerely hope Mrs Loloju will heed their call of increasing disciplinary measures on medical professionals who cut girls. In doing so, she will be taking a huge leap forward in making the world a place that is safer for our girls.”

You can find more information on the Youth End FGM campaign by visiting www.iwillendfgm.org.



FGM survivors at Chepareria Subcounty Hospital, where they were rushed after overbleeding **/FILE**



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NEWS BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY

Machines will not completely phase out humans – 2019 World Bank report

MERCY GAKII / Ability to learn will determine whether one will be employable as the changing nature of work affects the world, according to the 2019 World Development report.

Contrary to the largely held notion that technology will kick people out of work has been trashed by this report that indicates both machines and human effort will augment one another for successful outcomes.

“Advanced cognitive skills, such as complex reasoning when combined with machine capabilities drive innovation,” commented the blog on the report.

The report indicates that artificial intelligence will help in solving complex problems and take new ideas to scale, through combining human advanced cognitive skills and machine capabilities. Some areas where AI and human skills are put to use together include medical diagnostics, cyber security among others.

With 500,000 to 800,000 young Kenyans entering the job market each year, the economy has not been able to provide the necessary amount of employment opportunities, formal and informal alike, according to a 2017 report on youth employment in Kenya by British Council. Economic progress has primarily benefitted the older generation. It says that young females in rural locations constitute the largest share of unemployed Kenyan youth, while their counterparts in urban areas are most likely to be unemployed, with gender and living location picked out as the defining factors, but youth unemployment remains rampant throughout the country.

The report emphasizes social emotional intelligence, including teamwork abilities and conflict resolution which when combined with AI can quickly identify highly customized interventions for clients.

“When machines assist insurance agents in evaluating injury reports, these agents have more time to apply the human skill of empathy to more humanely deal with customers,” the report reads in part.

At the same time, technology is creating opportunities, paving the way for new and altered jobs, increasing productivity, and improving the delivery of public services. When we consider the scope of the challenge to prepare for the future of work, it is important to understand that many children currently in primary school will work in jobs as adults that do not even exist today. The report emphasises the importance of paying attention to continual learning in order to stay ahead of innovations.

Many jobs today, and many more in the near future, will require specific skills including a combination of technological know-how, problem-solving, and critical thinking—as well as soft skills such as perseverance, collaboration, and empathy.

MARKETS

CMA seeks foreign currency use for bond purchase

CYNTHIA ILAKO / Kenya is planning to allow the use of foreign currencies in the local bond market, a Capital Markets Authority official has said.

This will not only boost uptake of products offered at the Nairobi Securities Exchange by foreign investors, but may create a leeway for Kenyans living abroad to invest in the capital markets with much more ease.

Products offered at the NSE are currently only offered in Kenyan Shillings.

“When you issue, say, a Dollar denominated bond, you will expect more than 78 per cent will be foreign investors so we are looking at attracting foreign capital,” assistant manager for strategy and policy at CMA Jairus Muaka said.

During a policy roundtable forum held yesterday, Muaka said the proposal to have foreigners trade with local bonds using their home currency was introduced in November last year and was still being reviewed by the Central Bank of Kenya to fully understand its impact to the economy.

“Central Bank is still reviewing what impact adjusting the payment system to accommodate foreign currencies will have on the shilling and in turn on the country's economy,” Muaka said, adding that the government's fiscal agent was not opposed to the idea.

CMA data shows the bond market has registered a turnover of Sh444.54 billion in the year to September 2018.

Muaka said the capital markets' regulator has already received proposals from Afrexim Bank and IFC to issue dollar denominated bonds and engagements are still ongoing.

According to CMA's second quarter soundness report, Treasury bonds account for 99.88 per cent of Kenya's total bond market leaving corporate bonds at a low 0.12 per cent.

OVERSUPPLY

Maize farmers penniless as ugali lovers pile plates

Cost of production does not match the current market price



Farmers sorting maize.
/ MARY MWENDWA

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The year 2018 has been good for ugali lovers but bad for Kenya's maize farmers, a researcher has said.

It is even getting better for consumers, as the price of a 2kg packet of unga is currently retailing at Sh75, following a government's directive to reduce the price due to surplus of maize in the country.

However, Timothy Njagi, a research fellow at the Tegemeo Institute said that while the consumers are paying less for a plate of ugali, maize farmers are extremely broke.

He said despite the cost of producing a 90kg bag of maize dropping from Sh2,083 last year to Sh1,781 this year, farmers are still making losses of up to Sh531 per bag as

the same bag of maize is retailing at Sh1,250.

He was speaking yesterday in Nairobi during the release of a report on the cost of production for maize, Irish potatoes and rice in Kenya by the Tegemeo Institute.

“The country has enough maize stock to sustain the country until July 2019 but farmers are extremely broke and not making money. This is a bad year for the maize farmer in Kenya but a good one for the consumer,” he said.

Njagi attributed this to delayed payments by the National Cereals and Produce Board to farmers who sold maize to the government last year, and low market prices.

The delay has angered some farmers from the North Rift and they are now turning their maize produce into animal feeds. Some farmers have also reduced their acreage

under maize production with one farmer from Uasin Gishu only having 79 acres under maize this year compared to 210 acres in 2014/2015 crop year.

“The increasing production has triggered maize prices to a downward trend thus leading to huge losses to the farmers. Over and above local production, there is also a lot of maize import coming from Uganda and Tanzania,” said Njagi.

Lilian Kirimi a senior research fellow at the institute said that the country is set to have a bumper harvest of 46 million bags which will last until July 2019.

She said the current maize stock is at 20.1 million bags with farmers holding 15.8 million bags, millers and traders have 383, 612 bags while NCPB has 3.8 million bags. Bean stock is at 4.9 million while wheat is at 4.7 million bags.

THE DATA

100.92

The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

The shilling is expected to remain stable against the dollar supported by inflows from offshore investors amid thin demand from merchandise and oil importers, traders said.

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES			
Currency	Buy	Sell	Mean
STG POUND	131.5728	131.8739	131.7233
EURO	115.4328	115.6911	115.5619
SA RAND	6.7798	6.8024	6.7911
KES / USHS	37.4994	37.6730	37.5862
KES / TSHS	22.5808	22.7248	22.6528
AE DIRHAM	27.4439	27.5035	27.4737
JPY (100)	89.0356	89.2359	89.1357
IND RUPEE	1.3560	1.3590	1.3575
CHINESE YUAN	14.5543	14.5897	14.5720

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS		
	Price	Change (%)
SANLAM	23.00	+9.52
HOME AFRICA	0.85	+6.25
UNGA GROUP	40.00	+5.96
NBI BUS VENTURES	1.45	+3.57
LONGHORN	5.10	+3.03

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS		
	Price	Change (%)
OLYMPIA CAPITAL	2.25	-10.00
SCAN GROUP	13.20	-7.37
FLAME TREE	3.15	-7.35
TOTAL	28.00	-6.67
UMEME	8.05	-6.40



TIP OF THE DAY

BORED AT WORK?
TRY MIXING THINGS UP

“Am I at the right company? Am I in the right job? Is this all there is?” We all ask these types of questions from time to time. They're a symptom of career malaise, and one major cause is boredom — especially for mid-career professionals who have been doing the same job for years. To conquer these doldrums, you don't necessarily need to switch jobs. Try making small changes to your current role: Seek out an exciting and immersive project, or join an internal committee or team that will stretch you in new ways. You could also shake up your routine by asking for a different schedule or a move to another office. Even small changes can have a big effect on your outlook. It's also important to seek meaning in what you do. Make an effort to meet the people who directly benefit from your work, whether they're customers, clients, or colleagues. Seeing the impact of your job is a great motivator.

NEWS BUSINESS

OUTLOOK

World Bank revises Kenya's growth rate

The forecast is largely consistent with that issued in April 2018

VICTOR AMADALA /The World Bank has revised Kenya's 2018 economic growth from the 5.5 per cent figure it issued in April to 5.7 per cent.

It attributed the change to improved agricultural yields on account of good rains, better business environment and easing of political uncertainty.

"Real GDP growth is projected to reach 5.7 per cent in 2018, an upward revision of 0.2 percentage points from April," the Kenya Economic Update report stated.

Steady private sector growth marked with increased imports of raw materials and positive investor sentiment had seen the Purchas-

ing Managers' Index (PMI) remain in expansionary territory of above 50 points. The growth is projected to remain robust over the medium term with GDP growth projected at 5.8 per cent in 2019 and 6.0 per cent in 2020.

The growth would have been much higher were it not for the current slack in the economy.

The medium term output gap is expected to narrow due to recovery in agriculture and growth in demand. External balance position is expected to remain favourable, thereby supporting macroeconomic stability.

"This forecast remains largely consistent with those in the April 2018 Economic Update, with a slight downward revision of 0.1 percentage points for 2019 and 2020," World Bank said.

It however warned that subdued growth in private sector credit, a re-



World Bank senior economist for Kenya Allen Dennis /COURTESY

currence of adverse drought shocks, and fiscal slippages leading to macroeconomic instability could dampen growth prospects.

It advised Kenya to review interest rate capping law, saying it has tightened liquidity flow to small businesses that drive the economy.

Kenya capped commercial lending rates at four per cent above the Central Bank Rate (CBR) in 2016.

Banks are currently lending at not more than 13 per cent.

On the external front, the Washington based lender said that an unanticipated spike in oil prices, uncertainty and rising trade tensions, and unanticipated tightening of global financial market may result in reversal of capital flows from emerging and frontier markets, including Kenya.

PROPERTY

Foreigners control Nairobi's real estate sector – developer

ELIZABETH KIVUVA / Kenyans own a mere 20 per cent of the real estate developments in Nairobi, a women's investment forum was told yesterday.

According to property development firm, Optiven, Nairobi has seen an increase of foreigners investing in real estate and hotels.

Chief executive George Wachiuri said local developers need to tap into the widening middle class in the metropolitan area and an increased GDP per capita income.

Speaking at the Women Entrepreneurship and Innovation Summit in Nairobi, Wachiuri said currently 80 per cent of residents in Nairobi are renting, with people and businesses shying away from owned properties.

"Nairobi residents should look for opportunities posed by high incomes and population in their country to grow wealth and revenue," he said.

A report by Cytonn Investments on real estate market and construction released in September, shows that developers and working space retailers have been eyeing Westlands, Kilimani, Karen, Ngong Road, Thika Road, Kiambu and Limuru Road, Mombasa Road and Eastlands as major retail nodes in Nairobi.

Over 20 notable local and international retailers have penetrated the Kenyan market within the last six years, including Carrefour, Yves Rocher, Shoprite and Miniso from France, South Africa and Japan, respectively.

RATING

Kenya's due debts, repayment cause for concern – Moody's

Equally exposed to costly debt financing are Armenia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Honduras

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Global credit rating agency Moody's has named Kenya among countries that will struggle to repay international bonds which are fast maturing.

In the latest analysis released on Wednesday, Moody's Investors Service said international bonds maturing starting next year will expose Kenya, Armenia, Honduras, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to costly debt financing.

"Sri Lanka, Armenia, Pakistan in particular and to a lesser extent, Honduras and Kenya will prove the most exposed to more costly debt financing as their international sovereign bonds mature in 2019 and 2020," Moody's said.

The study titled 'Sovereigns—Frontier markets: Maturing international bonds contribute to exposure to financing risks' warned that if the situation persists, debt affordability for those countries will be weakened.

Moody's report reviewed international bond issuance from frontier market governments, defined as governments with a rating of Ba1 or lower and relying on concessional financing for more than 40 per cent of their external financing needs.

This negative outlook on Kenya's debt repayment is likely to see Moody's lower Kenya's creditwor-



Finance Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich presents the 2018/2019 budget in Parliament on June 14, 2018. / JACK OWUOR

thiness in future, forcing lenders to deny the country loans or lend at higher interest rates.

The firm maintained Kenya's credit scores at B2 stable. It allocated the country this score in February after putting its earlier score of B1 on downgrade review in October last year. Moody's report collaborates another one by World Bank that listed Kenya among 14 sub-Saharan countries that will struggle to pay their loans beyond 2021.

Kenya is expected to start servic-

ing the first trench of Sh280 billion Eurobond taken in 2014 in June next year. The first five year tranche expected to cost tax payers Sh97.71 billion with the second 10 year tranche of Sh400 billion maturing in 2024.

In February this year, Treasury raised Sh202 billion in another sovereign bond issued in two equal tranches of 10 and 30 years for an annual interest rate of 7.25 per cent and 8.25 per cent respectively.

According to Moody's, debt refinancing for international sovereign

bonds is expected to jump to around \$7-9 billion (Sh700-900 billion) every year, mostly driven by Sub-Saharan Africa governments.

It added that international bonds now account for a sizeable share of economy-wide external debt and total government debt. Kenya is expected to spend up to Sh870 billion in debt servicing.

"Sharp and sustained rises in financing costs would therefore hurt the credit profiles of these countries," Moody's said.

LOGISTICS

Goods tracking boosts tax for countries – report

MERCY GAKII / A study looking at the Kenyan export market found that tracking goods shipments not only increased tax revenues for the government, but also increased efficiency for businesses because of the reduced turn-around time for trucks.

The World Trade Report released last week titled 'The Future of World Trade: How digital technologies are transforming global commerce' found that digital tracking of shipment of goods increased tax revenues for the Kenyan government and also increased business efficiencies.

"Tracking of goods has increased efficiency because of the reduced turn-around time for trucks," part of the report by World Trade Organisation said. The report added that new technologies reduce trade costs by reducing transportation and storage costs, reducing time to transport and the uncertainty of delivery time as a result of better logistics.

It however faulted the poor infrastructure network in Africa, whose missing rail links and pot-holed roads deter the nations from benefiting from new technologies. The report adds that what happens at the border may increase prices of goods to final consumers, coupled with wasted time on the roads.

NEWS WORLD

NEWLY PRINTED NOTES

Investigate whereabouts of millions in Liberian cash – US

REUTERS/ The US Embassy in Liberia said on Wednesday it had asked forensic investigators to carry out a preliminary probe into the possible disappearance of \$100 million in newly printed notes in the nation.

The currency scandal has sparked outrage and confusion in Liberia, where the central bank has denied a report by the information minister that the cash – equivalent to about 5 per cent of gross domestic product – went missing over the past year. In late September, the government said it had sought US help in investigating the whereabouts of the cash.



A house in Lokoja city /REUTERS

POOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Death toll from Nigeria floods hists 199, disaster agency says

REUTERS/ The death toll from floods across much of central and southern Nigeria has reached 199, the national disaster agency said on Wednesday, almost doubling the number of people killed from three weeks earlier. The almost annual floods, exacerbated by poor infrastructure and lack of planning to protect against inundation, are the worst since 2012, when at least 363 people died.

This year floods have hit one-third of Nigeria's 36 states since late August, affecting 1.92 million people and displacing over 560,000 of them, said the National Emergency Management Agency.

PAY RISE

Ethiopian Prime Minister **Abiy Ahmed** reached an agreement on Wednesday with several hundred soldiers who had marched on his office to demand pay rises and were invited in to see him. State television ETV said the meeting had ended with “an agreement”.

EYEING YUAN STABILITY

China constricts capital outflows

Beijing has been gradually easing monetary and fiscal policy this year, as it seeks to steer economy through period of slowing domestic growth and declining stock markets

REUTERS/ China's latest attempts at restricting outward investment by its residents show just how nervous policymakers in the world's second largest economy are about possible capital flight spurred by a broadening Sino-US trade war.

Beijing has been gradually easing monetary and fiscal policy this year, as it seeks to steer the economy through a period of slowing domestic growth and declining stock markets against the backdrop of escalating trade tensions with Washington.

While the Chinese central bank has tightened its grip on the currency, which is down about 10 per cent since the first salvos in the trade war were fired in March, it has refrained from direct intervention on a large scale to support the yuan, also known as the renminbi.

Unobtrusively, though, China has been moving to rein in currency outflows via the handful of overseas investment channels available to mainland investors.

“The last thing the government wants to see is capital stampeding out of China,” said Tang Xiangbin, a foreign exchange analyst at China Minsheng Banking Corp.

Sources say approvals have been put on hold for a niche overseas investment product in Shanghai known as the Qualified Domestic Limited Partnership, or QDLP, scheme. The foreign exchange regulator has also not issued fresh quotas in the past three months under another overseas investment scheme,



China yuan note /REUTERS

the Qualified Domestic Institutional Investor, or QDII, data shows.

TACTIC ‘HAS LIMITS’

So far the informal instructions, known as “window guidance”, appear to be a precautionary move. There is hardly any sign of the heavy flight of capital seen previously during the 2015-16 market turmoil.

Yet analysts point to a host of factors that explain China's conservatism. While there are still heavy restrictions on how much of money Chinese businesses and retail inves-

tors can move overseas, Shanghai's bond and stock markets are more accessible to foreigners since 2015, thanks to Connect schemes that allow two-way flows between mainland exchanges and Hong Kong. Portfolio flows into China have grown and China's level of external debt is higher.

Meanwhile, the famed trade surplus the export powerhouse ran with the rest of the world has been shrinking.

Victor Shih, an associate professor of political economy at the Univer-

sity of California, San Diego, says currency devaluation could be an attractive option for China to offset the impact of the trade war.

But he warned the tactic had limits, as it “could create a panic on the renminbi which becomes difficult to control”.

While the yuan has weakened this year, it has fared better than currencies of other large emerging markets, such as Brazil and Indonesia, that have been hurt by rising US yields and outflows of risk-seeking portfolio flows.

MAN KILLED

Hurricane Michael heads northeast, devastates in Florida

REUTERS/ Hurricane Michael, the third most powerful storm ever to strike the US mainland, headed northeast yesterday, weakened, but still set to soak Georgia and the Carolinas after devastating the Florida Panhandle.

A man was killed when a tree toppled onto his house in Florida and a girl died when debris fell into a home in Georgia, officials said and local media reported.

The Category 4 hurricane was the fiercest to hit Florida in 80 years when it came ashore on Wednesday, but its strength waned as it pushed into Georgia. Early yesterday, it was downgraded to a tropical storm, with top sustained winds diminishing to 60 miles per hour.

More than 700,000 homes and businesses were without power in Florida, Alabama and Georgia early yesterday. Thousands hunkered down in shelters overnight after fleeing their homes to escape the fast-approaching storm.

The storm, packing sustained winds that reached 155 miles per hour, clobbered communities across the Panhandle, toppling buildings, downing trees and power lines and turning streets into roof-high waterways, television footage showed.



A doctor cares for a patient inside an isolated cube /REUTERS

RESIDENTS ATTACK HEALTH WORKERS

Ebola response tightens in Congo as seven new cases confirmed – ministry

REUTERS/ Congolese authorities announced a ban on Wednesday on harbouring suspected Ebola patients and promised police protection for health workers at burials, in a bid to fight back against local resistance to efforts to combat the disease. Residents of eastern Congo have attacked health workers and refused to cooperate with government efforts to combat Ebola there, the country's second major outbreak of the disease this year, which is believed to have killed 118 people since July.

Ebola has spread to Beni, a city of several hundred thousand people where scores of people have been confirmed infected. The authorities worry that without the cooperation of the local population they will have difficulty containing it.

TWO-MAN CREW

Russian space rocket fails mid-air, crew lands safely

REUTERS/ The two-man US-Russian crew of a Soyuz spacecraft taking them to the orbiting International Space Station had to make a dramatic emergency landing in Kazakhstan yesterday when a rocket failed in mid-air.

US astronaut Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Alexei Ovchinin landed safely without harm and rescue crews who raced to locate them on the Kazakh steppe quickly linked up with them, NASA, the US space agency, and Russia's Roscosmos said.



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Demonstrators during a protest by South Sudanese citizens living in Kenya and friends of South Sudan against the looting in their country. The protesters asked the government to freeze assets of South Sudanese leaders involved in the conflict and to sanction Kenyan banks facilitating the looting / MONICAH MWANGI

LETTERS

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

No fence-sitting, Uhuru should state view on referendum

There is need for President Uhuru Kenyatta to declare his stand on the ongoing debate over calls by some leaders to go for a referendum. From the look of things, it is becoming increasingly clear that a constitutional change to have a position of a powerful Prime Minister was part of the resolutions of the March 9 handshake. It does not take rocket science to know that the body language of President Kenyatta towards Deputy President William Ruto has changed after the handshake. For example, the "kutangatanga" remark by Uhuru on Ruto's tours across the country, which came in the wake of the handshake, was a clear indication that there is something unusual in the way the president is handling affairs. In 2013 and during the 2017 campaigns, President Kenyatta used to refer to Ruto as "my friend: or "my brother". It is now "mtu wa kutangatanga". This clearly shows that there is something that Uhuru and Raila know that Kenyans don't. Perhaps this is why Raila is testing the waters by coming out strongly with calls for a referendum, while Uhuru sits on the fence and remains mum on the matter. Although it is the president's constitutional right to switch his political allegiance from his deputy to someone else of his choice, maybe Raila, he should well understand that he is the president today because of the hard work of Ruto. Instead of referring him as "mtu wa kutangatanga" the president should be grateful that he has a deputy president whom he can rely upon to help implement his legacy projects, the Big Four. Uhuru should therefore make his stand known to Kenyans on the ongoing debate for a referendum to change the Constitution.

JOEL KIMAIYO
Kerio

Help mothers after delivery to prevent stress, depression

About 15 per cent of women suffer from postpartum depression, also called postnatal depression. It is mostly experienced a week after delivery to about a month. If not diagnosed early and treated, it can be long-lasting, resulting in severe depression. There hasn't been stated a direct cause of postpartum depression, however some of the identified causes are biological and psychosocial factors such as hormonal changes and socioeconomic status. Women should be supported after delivery to avoid this depression.

ESTHER NDINYA
Via email

Reshuffle players in transport sector to end road bloodbaths

The killing of over 50 people in a tragic road accident on Wednesday is a great loss to the families of the victims and the country. It is very frustrating to hear various government officials faulting the bus, while there are various agencies that could have taken measures involving the bus owner prior to the accident for failing to fulfil requirements, hence, putting lives of passengers in danger. The government tends to take action on violators of road rules when a serious accident occurs, and later resume laxity, only to come back when another accident happens. We need to reshuffle all the players concerned with road transport and bring new faces that are ready and willing to work. This should start with the traffic police. May the families of the victims find comfort.

JOSEPH MACHARIA
Nairobi

Many measures can prevent deadly accidents on roads

Condolences to bereaved families of the victims in the Kericho accident. The breaking news was unbelievable, the number of the dead quoted appeared high. Losing 56 people — who were not sick — at a go should make heads roll in departments or ministries. Road accidents continue to leave thousands dead or maimed every year because our patronage politics leaves no room for sackings. Structural interventions can help curb road accidents, if only they are strictly enforced. We have the speed governors rule, which PSV operator have opted not to adhere to. They are interfered with or are faulty for a reason. Civil engineers continue to give completion certificates to contractors, where roads have not complied to safety standards like applying a layer of coarse surface on newly tar-macked roads. Furthermore, roads are not properly marked, neither are the decelerating and accelerating lanes put in place. KenHA at times compromises the road reserve encroachment as is the case around Daystar, Nairobi campus, where the pedestrians' pathway is blocked at the corner. The directive to have bus body fabricators use metal pipes for reinforcement to prevent roofs coming off is being flouted. The companies are using cartons encased in hardened plastics, thereby endangering passengers. One wonders why bus body builders licenses are still valid, if they cannot comply to safety standards. Kenyans are eager to know whether traffic officers manning the roadblock that allowed the bus to proceed with the journey are still working. Unless a structural remedy is found, many more Kenyans are bound to die on the road before the end of this year. Those mandated to enforce public safety should be held accountable.

KAMICHORE MUTINDIRA
Nairobi

VOX POP

BY REUBEN GITHINJI

Do you think a blanket night travel ban would reduce accidents?



No: The night ban is just a knee jerk reaction to hoodwink Kenyans that something is being done.

EMMA MUKAMI
Student



No: What they should be proposing are ways of dealing with reckless drivers. That will solve the problem on our roads with a big percentage.

MARY WAMBUI
Hotelier



Yes: Most of these long-distance drivers are too fatigued to focus on the road. Banning night travel could help end the problem.

DENNIS MWAGO
Resident, Embu



No: Bans only put a strain on the people and business people. We need to deal with the core of the problem instead.

EUGINIEA ATIENO
Resident, Embu



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Former Thika United FC captain Dennis Lewa /COURTESY

Former Thika United FC captain Dennis Lewa was among the 56 passengers who died in the Wednesday Fort Ternan bus crash.

Victor Wanyama joined the many Kenyans who sent their condolences. He tweeted: "My heartfelt condolences goes out to family, friends and fans of @ThikaUnitedFC for the loss of their captain Dennis Lewa. God Rest your soul in Peace Brother, and to your family may the lord give you comfort during this hard time."

Lewa was heading to Kakamega to seal a move to KPL side Kakamega Homeboyz. Lewa's last message on social media read: "Kuwe mvua Kuwe jua lazima kazi ipigwe na imalizike (Come rain come shine, this work will be done to completion). Popote kambi (Wherever we camp)!"

Rap trio Kansoul bag endorsement



The Kansoul and ASL's Ascah Ogara

ELIZABETH NGIGI @nyambs_liz/ Local alcoholic beverages manufacturer Africa Spirits Limited has signed Genge music group, The Kansoul, as brand ambassadors for its Bluemoon Vodka brand, for the third year running.

The popular trio of Madtraxx, Meja and KidKora will endorse the brand through their music, events and activations across the country, targeting the segment of the market where the brand has been entrenched.

While commenting on the partnership, ASL's brand portfolio manager Ascah Ogara said, "The Kansoul are an amazing talent, and it's really an honour to work with them."

She said the partnership is driven by the recognition of the impact of the arts industry and personalities on brand promotion.



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ERIC OMONDI DODGES QUERIES ON MARIBE, SON



BY ELIZABETH NGIGI @nyambs_liz/ Popular comedian Eric Omondi has been taken to task by his fans on why he did not step up and marry Jacque Maribe after he got her pregnant.

This issue came up after he posted a photo of their son with the incarcerated TV anchor on his Instagram.

One fan wrote, "I hope you are helping the kid. Let the peace flow in that house."

Another added, "Why post the child now, though? Right attention, wrong timing... May justice prevail for Jacky, Jowi and Monica in Equal Measure."

When called for comment on the issue, Eric was cagey on the whole paternity issue. Nor would he comment on if he has custody of the son, since Jacque Maribe is currently incarcerated at the Langata Women's Prison.

He told Word Is, "I don't want to speak about Jacque Maribe. I am in Bungoma for a stadium tour."

Asked what he thinks of the various comments taking jabs at him, Eric said, "Sioni watu wakitroll (I cannot see anyone trolling me). I have read the comments and I don't see any troll."

We then asked him if he had plans to marry Jacque and what happened.

Eric responded, "Story ya kuoana (on that story of getting married), call me after one minute."

In a recent interview with sections of the media, Eric denied being the father of Jacque's son, and instead promised to reveal who it is.

'I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT JACQUE MARIBE. I AM IN BUNGOMA FOR A TOUR. STORY YA KUOANA, CALL ME LATER'

Janet Mbugua 'glad to be back' after health scare

BY CAREN NYOTA@Wenzycaren/Media personality Janet Mbugua has spoken up for the first time after giving birth.

During a live session with her fans on Instagram, the former Citizen TV anchor revealed that she had had a health scare after giving birth to her secondborn, whom she named Mali Mwaura Ndichu.

"I underwent a surgical procedure next to my newborn, and it was insane. I had multiple meltdowns and I thank my family members (both mine and my hubby's) for being supportive. They were there for me. Most incredible families," she said.

Adding: "I was hospitalised for two weeks and have been on a recovery journey for one and a half weeks. It has been really tough, but I'm back getting healthier."

The mother of two, who's recuperating at home, has been away from social media for three weeks, and she said: "I needed a minute to get into routine with my newborn baby, and it's faring on well. I thank God for my life because people go through worse during childbirth. Glad to be back, healthier and happy."

Mbugua said she will be talking more about her pregnancy journey on her vlog from Monday.

The Lifebuoy brand ambassador called on Kenyans to help Njambi Koi-kai, who has been battling thoracic endometriosis, to help her raise money for her treatment.

"Njambi has thoracic endometriosis. She's such a soldier. Let's stand with her and help her raise the remaining Sh2.6 million for her treatment," Mbugua said.



Janet Mbugua /COURTESY

VOICES

EDITORIAL

Curbing road accidents is multi-agency duty

The death of 58 people in the Kericho road accident on Moi day has once again raised questions about road carnage in the country.

Government statistics show between January and October this year alone, 2,500 people have died in road accidents.

As expected, many people have been quick to blame the National Transport and Safety Authority and the police. This is the easy way out, yet there are many other actors, who should also take responsibility.

It is known police take bribes from public transport operators and allow them to break traffic rules. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission should step up the fight against graft in this sector and charge the givers and takers of bribes.

The Kenya National Highways Authority, Kenya Urban Roads Authority and the Transport ministry all have roles to play in ensuring safety on the road.

The police should ensure the Traffic Act is fully enforced and violators charged in court.

And with the advancement of technology, we can now know road users' behaviour, the state of the vehicle and the speed at which it's being driven at any given time.

Authorities can also use technology to gather a person's driving behaviour data, which would then be reflected through high insurance premiums.

HISTORICAL QUOTE

I don't want to die in a car accident. When I die it'll be a glorious day. It'll probably be a waterfall.

RIVER PHOENIX

American actor, musician, and activist. He died in October 1993.

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COMMENT

HALAKHE WAQO

Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission CEO



Since 2013, the commission completed 130 cases, leading to 67 convictions, 36 acquittals and 27 withdrawals. In 2017-18, EACC recorded 49 completed cases, resulting in 39 convictions



ANTI-GRAFT WAR IS SUCCEEDING

The revamped legal, policy and institutional framework over the last few years, has enhanced the fight against corruption and unethical conduct in the country.

The arrests and prosecutions of persons — senior government officials, businesspersons, and ordinary Kenyans alike — that have in the recent past led to hefty fines amounting to millions of shillings and mandatory jail terms has sent a strong message that being corrupt has dire consequences.

The cooperation being implemented in the criminal justice system aims to achieve a 100 per cent conviction rate in the future. It is an arduous task that requires all of us to work towards it. The EACC and the DPP work together to reduce the cycle time in investigation of cases and prosecution thereof. This cordial working relationship would result in many corruption suspects brought to book in record time.

Since 2013, the Commission completed 130 cases in courts leading to 67 convictions, 36 acquittals and 27 withdrawals. In particular, the 2017-18 financial year recorded 49 completed cases, resulting in 39 convictions and 10 acquittals. The convicted officials are senior public officials both in national and county governments. To our satisfaction, the anti-corruption war is getting better and bigger.

The commission has strengthened asset recovery mechanisms, which have provided positive results. For example, the EACC recovered the former mayor's house in Lavington, over 18 houses in Woodley Estate, the Grand Regency Hotel, Taifa Park in Kisumu, Uhuru Gardens in Mombasa, Karatina police land, Judiciary in Nairobi and Mombasa, Nyali beach access road and Pirates public beach, among others. In addition, there are 352 assets recovery cases in various courts in the country worth over Sh10.2 billion. The commission is certain it will recover all and revert to the government.

One of the key strategies the EACC has implemented is disruption of corruption networks to prevent graft before it occurs. In view of this, the commission has saved the government Sh20.7 billion over the last five years. This strategy has the benefit of curbing corruption before it happens, which is more cost effective.

It's worth noting that the anti-graft agency is also implementing the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012 (LIA), whose aim is to promote ethical standards in the

public service. It provides for the following: Limitations on the types, maximum value, storage and disposal and collection of gifts a state or public officer can receive and the procedure for the opening, maintaining and publicising of registers of conflict of interest; grounds and conditions for opening, registering, maintaining, controlling and closing bank accounts outside Kenya; lodging of complaints, investigation and disciplinary processes and mechanisms on the enforcement; development and commitment by state officers to specific leadership and integrity codes.

To this effect, 2,725 state officers have signed specific leadership and integrity codes and responsible Commissions are implementing the requirements of the regulations. These include Cabinet secretaries, Permanent secretaries, governors and their deputies, MCAs and county executives. Nine state officers have been charged with violation of LIA 2012. One state officer has been convicted of the charge and three petitions against state officers have been lodged in court with the aim of removing them from office.

The measures the commission has taken to prevent graft include systems reviews, advisory services, promotion of standards and best practices, establishing and maintaining strategic partnerships and coalitions, public education and awareness creation.

Combating corruption and unethical conduct requires continuous flow of information to the public, which in turn guides policy efforts in preventing corruption. This information is multifaceted and diverse. The commission's National Ethics and Corruption Survey done last year indicates awareness level of the Commission has increased to 55.8 per cent, up from 41.2 per cent in 2015. Although this is impressive, about 40 per cent of Kenyans may still not be aware of the agency's presence. We will strive to use every available means to reach every Kenyan.

In the last five years, the commission has increased its presence from three to 10 regional offices to bring its services closer to the people. Further, the commission is in the process of opening three additional regional offices. It's my sincere hope the public will use this opportunity to report all corruption and unethical conduct cases.

The EACC has opened all fronts to combat corruption and unethical conduct and believes that the dragon of corruption will be slayed.



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DENMARK does not have an anti-corruption agency, yet it ranks top at fighting corruption. What Kenya needs is an Anti-Corruption Strategy, not Anti-Corruption Agency. Disband EACC and disperse its functions to state agencies, & build their capacity to prevent & disrupt corruption.

VOICES

COMMENT

SIMON MARSH

Country manager, International Centre for Asset Recovery in Kenya



Large amounts of wildlife commodities have been seized in or en route to Asia

RESOURCES NEEDED TO END WILDLIFE TRADE

At the Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) conference on yesterday and today, global leaders and senior officials will gather in London to talk about the rampant trafficking of ivory, rhino horn and other wildlife products.

Will all the talking translate into action this time? Because the organised crime groups that profit from this multibillion-dollar market don't care about toothless commitments and pledges.

The magnificent wildlife that supports Kenya's booming tourism industry is more valuable to criminals dead, hacked to pieces and packed into shipping containers heading to Asia than alive and roaming free across the savannah. The same is true throughout Africa for endangered rhinos, elephants, pangolins, big cats, turtles, fish, snakes and so many more.

The brains behind the trafficking of illegal wildlife products don't need to be too clever. It is simple supply and demand, and it can be extremely lucrative. Plus, even Kenya's comparatively strict wildlife laws are not a great deterrent in practice. You can get life imprisonment for smuggling cannabis but get off with a fine for possession of a game trophy.

On the supply side, there have been productive efforts in Kenya to combat poaching. On the demand side, large amounts of wildlife commodities have been seized in or en route to Asia and the Middle East. How many of these seizures have led to convictions in Kenya? Zero.

That is shameful, because porous land borders and impunity at ports have made Kenya the chosen route for illegal wildlife products from as far away as South Africa. Many obvious things we can do to stop wildlife trafficking are not being done efficiently or systematically due to a lack of resources and capacity on the ground.

Financial investigation, for example. Traffickers need to make payments to rent properties and shipping containers or book berths on vessels. Businesses can provide cover for moving large amounts of money and commodities without attracting attention. These leads can and should be pursued through smarter collaboration between banks and law enforcement.

Technology is another area that investigators and prosecutors need to embrace and understand. Criminals don't meet in darkened rooms these days — they use their phones to strike deals, agree sums and organise logistics. Not to mention those who give themselves away on social media by posting selfies and flaunting their wealth.

Thirdly, international collaboration desperately needs reinforcing. How many more traffickers would get locked up with better collaboration between law enforcement agencies in the countries of poaching, transit and destination?

Those of us who care about the destruction of Africa's wildlife — and the livelihoods that depend legally on it — are hoping that London's IWT conference will not simply be another opportunity for tea and a chat.

We want to see more resources channelled into joined-up activities that really make a difference on the ground. That means practical, expert mentoring to build capacity and streamline a disjointed intelligence system.

It means supporting local law enforcement agencies with whatever they need to more effectively investigate and prosecute wildlife crime. And ultimately, to prevent the devastation of our continent's endangered flora and fauna for personal gain.



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COMMENT

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When people lose faith in the police and the justice system, they resort to other unconventional means in search of that justice, having lost all trust in security authorities



END MOB 'JUSTICE' IN MOMBASA

In the last one week, Mombasa has reported at least four cases of mob lynching of suspects. The incidents were reported to have happened in broad daylight, as the public descended on suspects believed to be members of criminal gangs operating within Mombasa estates.

Two of those killed were stoned to death, while one was burnt beyond recognition. The fourth suspect is believed to have suffered fatal injuries caused by blunt objects. In reporting these cases, the police and the public referred to them as mob 'justice'. However, in the case of Mombasa, it's neither mob-driven nor is it justice. It is vigilante groups targeting specific individuals and executing the heinous crime of murder in the name of 'justice'. The actions can only be equated to the unruly, irresponsible and reckless actions of a few individuals in society bent on flagrantly violating the fundamental right to life guaranteed by the Constitution of Kenya.

In one of the incidents, the victim was a KCSE exam candidate, who had just left his home to go for tuition. According to the mother, soon after the son left, she received a call from a neighbour, informing her that her son was being attacked by a mob. She rushed outside, only to find a vigilante group administering a thorough beating to her son and his friend. The mother says the vigilante group tied a rope round his son's neck and dragged him to their office. Her pleading to the would-be murderers to spare her son fell on deaf ears, as they proceeded with their actions to kill him. Her son died as she watched, in dismay and disbelief. It is the worst thing a mother could experience.

Article 50(2)(a) of the Constitution provides: "Every accused person has the right to be presumed innocent until the contrary is proved."

The key message for all to remember is that it is only the court that can declare a person guilty. Not the public, not the police. The killing of any person outside the confines of the law is illegal, murderous and unjustifiable. It is crucial that citizens be warned against taking the law into their hands. The lynching of

suspects is not 'mob justice' but rather 'mob injustice'. We cannot have a situation where the public becomes the jurors and executioners, thus denying suspects their right to a fair trial. Proving guilt can never be done in the streets or police stations by vigilante groups or police death squads.

The increasing mob lynchings also indicate a breakdown of law and order. It is an indictment of the police, who are supposed to be the custodians of constabulary. When the people lose faith in the police and the justice system, they resort to other crude and unconventional means in search of that justice.

When the mob, therefore, resorts to taking matters into their own hands, it means they have lost all trust and conviction in the security authorities.

In such a case, the police and others working in tandem with them have no moral authority or credibility before the citizens.

However, in the case of Mombasa, it is not the mob that actually attacks and kills suspects: It is vigilante groups, as was reported in the case of the KCSE exam candidate. Members of the vigilante groups can be identified and pinpointed to the authorities for their arrest and prosecution for murder.

Haki Africa has received complaints from families of victims and the public in general of the unfolding situation of increased mob lynching. It is paramount

that the police immediately initiate investigations into the recent cases and bring the culprits to book.

No individual or members of vigilante groups, for that matter, should be allowed to kill any person out of suspicion. Whether it's the police or the public, they should arrest suspects and present them to court for legal processing.

Haki Africa, therefore, demands that the police arrest the situation by initiating investigations to ascertain the individuals behind the lynching, and ensure they are arrested and charged with murder. Kenya has laws and it is the duty of the police to ensure they are followed to the letter.

HAKI AFRICA HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM VICTIMS' FAMILIES AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MOB LYNCHINGS

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KAREN HOSTS ANNUAL DINNER DE BLANC FAIR

The Nairobi version of the annual elegant Dinner De Blanc Fair was held at the Karen Waterfront over the weekend. The all-white night event is characterised by a gathering of people from all walks of life, who gather joined together by love and happiness as they celebrate the art of life.

During the event, every guest is required to bring along their own gourmet feast, table chairs and setting. Among the revellers who attended this year's edition was **Peter Gacheru** of IMG, Karen Waterfront's **Edna Fernandes**, **Kalekye Mumo** and **Sheila Mwanyigha**.

The event got its roots from Paris, France, celebrating the of art of living.



1. Dinner set-up **2.** Maggy Wairimu, Ivyenne Bennedict and Irene Kerubo. **3.** IMG's Peter Gacheru, Dinner De Blanc event organiser Lianne Peris and digital marketing consultant Paul Omolo. **4.** Waterfront management team's Carol Muguku and Edna Fernandes. **5.** Banker Jane Murungi and doctor Lydia Wahura **6.** Blend Lounge's Amu Mumbi and Atmosphere Nails and Spa's Shiro Njuguna. /ENOS TECHE

(+) MAYBELLINE TREATS FANS OF MAKE-UP TO FITME! SHADE

Maybelline New York recently launched 10 additional shades to the FitMe! Matte + Poreless Foundation range, extending the range to 17 shades. The event happened at Yaya Centre in Nairobi.

FitMe! Matte + Poreless Foundation is an oil-free product that blurs the skin and creates a natural-looking matte finish. Now the FitMe! Matte + Poreless Foundation provides the widest choice of Afro-specific shades in Kenya.

"We're constantly working to expand our offer for our Kenyan consumers," said **Victoria Karanja**, brand manager of Maybelline New York in Kenya.



1. Make-up artist Lynn Bitonga applies make-up on Mwalimu Rachel **2.** Miss World Kenya 1st runner-up Sheila Kanini, vlogger Maureen Waititu and model Ciku Kariuki **3.** Groove Network's Njeri Njesh and gospel musician Rosy Ohon **4.** Air Kenya Express Ltd's Maureen Maitai and credit analyst Pajero Judithi **5.** Kaka Empire PR manager Lisa Ang'iro and musician Avril **6.** Influencers Nyawira Mumenya and Farhana Oberson /DOUGLAS OKIDDY

COUNTIES NAIROBI

ZIMMERMAN AND DANDORA

Police kill four armed robbers, recover Sh2.2m in fake notes

ALPHONCE MUNG'AHU /Four suspected armed gangsters have been gunned down by police in separate robberies in Nairobi.

Detectives on Wednesday shot dead three armed robbers in Zimmerman estate near Mwalimu Wines in Kasarani. They were suspected to be targeting the store.

DCI George Kinoti DCI said the detectives recovered a Ceska pistol, 10 rounds of ammunition, one homemade pistol, a motorcycle, a car, two mobile phones and Sh2.2 million in fake notes.

He said the three armed gangsters started firing at the detectives who returned fire.

In a separate incident, a suspected robber was shot dead by police in Dandora yesterday morning.

Buru Buru OCPD Geoffrey Mayek said two others escaped during the shootout in Mowlem at 7am.

MET TARGETS

Most of development budget went to maintenance — report

MAUREEN KINYANJUI /The county assembly attained the highest absorption rate of development budget in the 2017-18 financial year.

The rate stood at 38 per cent, followed by the Ward Development Fund at 26.6 per cent, according to a report by the Controller of Budget.

Maintenance of roads and drainages took the biggest chunk at Sh115.6 million, Sh107 million was used on 10 skip loaders and Sh68 million on street lights. Budget and Appropriation Committee chairman Robert Mbatia said the county met its development targets.

"We had agreed to guarantee specific projects like setting up ward offices for the elected MCAs, completion of the renovation of the assembly's chambers, construction of committee rooms and purchase of iPads for the members," Mbatia said.



City assembly in session/FILE



SURGEODERM CLINIC AND NAIROBI HOSPITAL TRADE ACCUSATIONS OVER DEATH

June Wanza who died in June after a botched breast enlargement procedure involving fat transfer/ COURTESY

MEDICAL BOARD INVESTIGATES

Husband blames surgeons for wife's botched breast surgery

Claims Wanza got poor care after operation, leading to fatal complications

SUSAN MUHINDI AND JOHN MUCHANGI
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The husband of June Wanza, the woman who died in June after breast enhancement surgery, says a bacterial infection could have eaten up her intestines following the operation.

Joseph Malupi accuses surgeons of negligence leading to perforation of the intestines during the breast surgery.

He says the management of Wanza at Nairobi Hospital was wanting and her death could have been avoided.

Mulupi's account is contained in demand letters sent to Surgeoderm Clinic and his testimony at the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, which is probing the death.

"Perforation of the intestines was negligent as you and your team were obligated to apply sufficient care and

attention through the operation," he says in the letters sent in July and August.

"It is telling that post-operative care was inadequate as sufficient monitoring of the patient would have detected a complication arising from the lowering of the blood pressure, temperature and/or pulse rate suggesting bacterial infection eating up the artery tissues in the gut."

The letters have been attached to an affidavit filed in court by Surgeoderm director and plastic surgeon Prof Stanley Khainga in his effort to stop the probe by the KMPDB.

Wanja, 33, was an aspiring model and avid blogger. She had breast enlargement at the clinic on June 5 this year.

The enlargement involved a fat transfer, not an implant. She later developed complications and was rushed to Nairobi Hospital where she died after few days.

Khainga and two other Surgeoderm doctors exonerate themselves from her death, saying a doctor at Nairobi Hospital should be held responsible.

In his affidavit, Khainga says Nairobi Hospital received Wanza in stable condition but it was Dr Reuben Okioma who injured Wanza's neck at the hospital, causing the injuries that led to her death.

He says after the neck veins were punctured, a blood gushed into Wanza's lungs and stomach.

She suffered hypovolemic shock, cardiac arrest and died, he said. Hypovolemic shock occurs when the body loses more than 20 per cent of the blood or fluid supply.

The loss makes it impossible for the heart to pump sufficient blood. Organ failure occurs.

The account is supported by Surgeoderm's trainee plastic surgeon Martin Ajujo and anaesthesiologist

Evans Cheron. Khainga's claim is supported by results of a post-mortem performed by Daniel Zuriel.

The three doctors say they fear KMPDB will blame them for Wanza's death yet "it is Dr Reuben Okioma who injured the neck vessels of the patient, causing the injuries that led to her death."

(+) KHAINGA SAYS BOARD IS BIASED

The medical board investigating Wanza's death has not yet asked Dr Reuben Okioma to record a statement. "All indications are we'll be blamed because Okioma and the Nairobi Hospital have been exempted from investigations, despite Wanza dying in their hands," Prof Khainga says in his affidavit. Wanza underwent the procedure at his clinic.



COUNTIES CENTRAL

TRAINING IN KIAMBU

Senegal farmers learn to raise kuku kienyeji

GEOFFREY KIBISU/Senegalese farmers are in the country to learn how to stock improved kuku kienyeji.

The farmers are undergoing training at the Muguga-based Korea Project on International Agriculture (Kopia) in Limuru. Kopia director Choong-Hoe Kim yesterday said the research centre is well equipped to host trainees for a short course.

The farmers, mostly from rural areas of Senegal, travelled with an interpreter because they neither speak English nor French which is the official language in the West African country. The interpreter, Couta Camara, said they only understand Wolof. "That has slowed down the learning because the Kenyan farmers are making presentations in English," Camara said.

A majority of Senegal's 15 million people are farmers. The group that travelled to Kenya are expected to start poultry farming upon return. Most of them are women.

"Most of us are from rural areas where poverty is preva-

lent. We will acquire the skills to start kuku kienyeji rearing because the breed matures quickly," team leader Mamadou Bocar said.

The team yesterday toured the Mwea Irrigation Scheme in Kirinyaga. They found kuku kienyeji that matures early, has high meat volume and reliable egg production.

Kim said farmers from nearby Karai and Ndeiya villages have benefited from the project, including those from Mbiyuni in Machakos county.

"This project has economically empowered women through rearing the improved kuku kienyeji breed, which is in high demand. A rooster retails at Sh1,500 and that is just six months after hatching," Kim said.

Extension officer Hameth Sadji said he accompanied the farmers to ensure whatever is learnt on the trip will be replicated back home. The farmers will return to Senegal next week with eggs for hatching.



Senegalese farmers with a rooster. They toured the Mwea Irrigation Scheme in Kirinyaga yesterday / **GEOFFREY KIBISU**



Chief Justice David Maraga (R) during a tour of the Nyeri Law Courts yesterday / **EUTYCUS MUCHIRI**

DISPUTES DRAG ON FOR YEARS

Maraga launches mediation to reduce backlog of cases

CJ says land disputes involving relatives can be resolved out of court

EUTYCUS MUCHIRI
TheStarKenya

The Judiciary has launched an out-of-court mediation process to reduce the backlog of cases.

Court Annexed Mediation will be carried out under supervision of the court, with a mediator appointed by the Judiciary.

Speaking in Nyeri on Thursday, Chief Justice David Maraga said the Judiciary was ready to partner with county governments for a successful mediation.

"We're going to partner with county governments to get trained mediators," Maraga said. The CJ said land and inheritance cases account for a majority of disputes that have dragged on in courts, but they can be solved through mediation.

He said the cases mostly involve relatives who can resolve their disagreements through mediation.

The CJ said there was no need for such cases to go to court and drag on for years. "We want to put a stop to that. We want to refer most of those disputes to Court Annexed Mediation where we have men and women of integrity to bring the people together," Maraga said.

He said mediation will create a win-win situation to enable families to remain together. Brothers and sisters should not be divided because of disagreements in sharing resources, he said.

LACK OF PERSONNEL

Maraga reiterated the Judiciary's commitment to clear cases that have dragged for more than five years. Some of the cases involve huge sums of money that ought to be released to the economy, he said.

"We are doing all we can to clear them and we require county governments' assistance for some cases

which involve their people. We have to clear them," the CJ said.

He said a case should not take more than three years.

The Judiciary will involve county governments in drawing up buildings plans and construction designs. Maraga asked the county administrations to visit construction sites and give their input.

Maraga said many land cases were pending and promised to have them cleared.

"The challenge is that we do not have enough personnel. Ideally, we should have like two judges in every county dealing with land matters but our numbers can't allow that," he said.

He said the Land Disputes Tribunal set up by the government was not properly run and had to be abolished. The CJ said cases like boundary disputes can be dealt with in villages.

TO BE PAID IN TWO WEEKS

Don't gamble away your tea bonus, official warns

ALICE WAITHERA/Tea farmers have been urged to shun gambling and wisely invest their earnings ahead of an expected boom in two weeks.

The farmers are expected to get their bonus payments before the end of the month. Murang'a county commissioner John Elungata on Wednesday said operators of illegal gambling machines have hidden them as they wait to cash in on the boom.

The official said farmers should be careful and remember that their earnings are annual. Elungata said chiefs who condone gambling risk being sacked.

"I have noted that some administrators are very reluctant to fight gambling in their areas but we will deal with them and get on board those willing to work," Elungata said.

The official who spoke in Kangema said the administrators were under strict instructions to get rid of gambling machines that have ruined families financially.

He said fewer machines had been confiscated in Kangema subcounty compared to other areas yet Kangema is known to have numerous betting spots.

Elungata said police have been instructed to arrest operators of betting machines together with their customers.

"We know they put the machines in hidden dens where people bet under the cover of darkness. They are trying to be smart but they'll know we're smarter," Elungata said.

More than 400 gambling machines have been destroyed in Murang'a since January when a crackdown was launched. Some traders went to court to challenge the directive by the government.

Elungata said the gambling dens have directly destroyed the lives of many youths who are introduced to drugs and inducted into criminal gangs.

"Some of the traders have also been targeting schoolgoing children to introduce them to drugs," he said.

All bars found with gambling machines have been closed down. Elungata warned students against gambling, saying it tempts them to steal from their parents.

The official said they will destroy betting machines impounded. He called on residents to continue volunteering information to police.



Murang'a county commissioner John Elungata in Kangema on Wednesday / **ALICE WAITHERA**

'THE CHALLENGE IS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL'

NEWS COAST



Chembe Kibabamuche squatters hold demo in in Watamu, Kilifi, yesterday
/ALPHONCE GARI

CHEMBE KIBABAMUCHE SCHEME

Watamu squatters accuse NLC of favouring tycoons

Hold protests against planned eviction after they missed out on allocation

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Hundreds of squatters in the controversial Chembe Kibabamuche Settlement Scheme yesterday held a peaceful protest against planned eviction.

The area in Watamu, Kilifi, has 440 parcels. On Tuesday, National Land Commission boss Abigael Mbagaya said they are done with the scheme. She said 90 per cent of the land was cleared, a caveat removed and a Gazette notice issued on July 17.

The NLC chairperson said they would soon issue a notice of demolition to evict squatters who invaded private or public land.

"Invading private land without authority of the owner cannot make you the owner. Even if you build a flat it will be demolished," he said.

The squatters have, however, maintained they will stay put.

Yesterday, they said they had been denied the right to own land. They marched in their numbers, young and old, carrying placards and twigs

along the Jacaranda route. They said they had lived on the land for more than three decades and deserved to own parts of it.

The squatters said they were not satisfied with the NLC report, which allocated parcels to only those with titles. "We say no to madam NLC chair Abigael. Stop calling us squatters, Nooooo!" one placard read.

Another one added, "Same NLC with different rulings, stop wasting government money, stop killing our future."

They accused the commission of siding with absentee landowners and grabbers. Chembe Kibabamuche is one of the controversial government schemes. At some point, a caveat was placed over some parts. It was later lifted.

The squatters said their attempt to seek audience with the NLC over the land were unsuccessful. Tycoons benefitted from it irregularly, they said. Last year, however, the NLC verified ownership and conducted public hearings.

The residents want the issue revisited. Majengo Lughanje, 85, was evicted and his house demolished

by a person who staked claim of the parcel. He said he was issued a notice to vacate the land after staying there for more than 35 years.

"I want my land and coconut trees. I planted trees and someone came recently to claim ownership. I was evicted and can't even eat the fruits of my labour," Lughanje said.

Hamisi Kombe said they are demeaned because of the squatter tag, while the rich are enjoying their "sweat after we developed roads".

Benjamin Kimera said it was unfortunate that they are being told to leave after investing in the area. There are roads, electricity and water supply courtesy of the "so-called squatters", he said.

Samuel Shariff said they live in fear as they could be evicted any time. He said their lives would be disrupted. Mama Ngangari urged President Uhuru Kenyatta and NASA chief Raila Odinga to intervene and stop their evictions.

Another Watamu land with controversies is Jimba Settlement Scheme. On Monday, the commission launched inquiry and investigations into its ownership.

EX-SOLDIERS WERE ACQUITTED

Appeal Court to hear state appeal

MALEMBA MKONGO/ The Court of Appeal in Mombasa has said it has powers to hear an appeal by the state against 25 former KDF soldiers.

The ex-soldiers were acquitted by the High Court in 2015 after the Mtongwe-based Court Martial sentenced them to life imprisonment. They were charged with deserting the military in 2007 and 2008, a time when the country needed their services. However, Judge Martin Muya said the country was not in a war when they left for greener pastures. He set them free. The state, through the DPP, appealed, but the soldiers said the three-judge bench did not have jurisdiction to hear the case. Yesterday, the court said they were freed by the High Court, not the Court Martial, hence, it has powers to hear the case.

SQUATTERS CLAIM LAND

Sacco rebuilds demolished wall

BRIAN OTIENO / Bandari Sacco yesterday began rebuilding a perimeter wall brought down in March by squatters.

Police were on standby around the 60-acre parcel to deal with those who would resist. Tension was high in the morning. The squatters say Hussein Dairy Farm allocated them the land in the 1990s. But the sacco says it bought it in 2011 from the farm for Sh300 million. The squatters had asked for 14 days to file a counter case to stop the reconstruction, but the security apparatus and the sacco warned against disobeying court orders. The reconstruction ended peacefully. Sacco chairman Ken Sungu said they incurred Sh20 million losses to destruction. "It'll cost us Sh20 million to rebuild this wall. The other time it cost us a similar amount to put it up," he said at the site.

LOW BIRTH RATE

Chewing miraa making Boni men impotent, elders warn

CHETI PRAXIDES/ Many Boni men in Lamu cannot sire children because miraa is turning them impotent, elders warned yesterday.

They said miraa chewing is on the rise and their population is dwindling as birth rates have dropped. They want miraa banned so the community does not go extinct. Kiangwe, Basuba and Bodhei Junction in Lamu East are worst hit, they said. Chief Yusuf Nuri said he will seek to have miraa banned from their villages. "Women complain that men don't take care of them. You can hardly see a pregnant woman or a baby," he said.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Boda boda riders to get skills to help cops in war on crime

CHARI SUCHE/ Kwale security agencies are to train boda boda riders in community policing.

Msambweni deputy commissioner Ronald Enyakasi yesterday said they will also equip the riders with skills on security because they are exposed to criminals. "The training is one way of providing riders with relevant skills on handling criminals before police reach the scene. It'll enhance a mutual relationship between them and security officers," he said. He said the riders know many routes and would help police to tackle crime. Matuga deputy commissioner Isaac Keter said some riders are used to abet crime, hence the need to have the initiative. Kwale peace committee chairman Shariff Hajj said they had engaged Matuga and Msambweni riders.



Game wardens view the whale shark found dead on the shores of Indian Ocean, Diani, on Wednesday /CHARI SUCHE

TO BE KEPT IN MUSEUM

Researchers to probe death of whale shark

CHARI SUCHE/ Researchers are investigating the death of a male whale shark found on the shores of Indian Ocean in Diani, Kwale, on Wednesday.

The 3.6-metre fish was found stranded near the shore before it died. Lilian Ndauri of the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute yesterday said it might have come to the reef, which is shallow, after being pushed by strong waves.

"This situation can only happen if the animal was hurt and couldn't swim in deep seas, or ate something poisonous. We've yet to establish the cause of its death," she said.

Ndauri added that it might have fed on microplastics. "Incidents of big fish dying do happen rarely. We'll take DNA samples to do research and find out more on the exact specie and keep it at the museum as a specimen to get an analysis," she added.

Peter Musembi said the whale shark wasn't a big one and weighed only 1.2 tonnes. "Such animals are up to 18 metres in length," he said.

Last month, a sperm whale was found dead at the shores of the Indian Ocean on Zote Beach, Kwale. Residents cut huge chunks of the mammal for food.

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COUNTIES EASTERN

ONE ARRESTED

Lorry offloading suspected stolen goods seized in Makindu

MUTUA KAMETI/Detectives in Makindu on Wednesday impounded a lorry that was offloading office equipment at Kibarani shopping centre. The vehicle had allegedly been hijacked in Voi.

Makueni police commander Joseph Napeiyan said the equipment included water dispensers, refrigerators and electronics. They are suspected to have been stolen.

He told the Star the driver of the lorry who was headed to Nairobi is being treated in Voi. Police arrested the person who was in control of the lorry when it was impounded.

The police boss said they received reports at 4am about the lorry. It was found offloading the equipment outside a shop at 5am. He said the driver claimed he was ambushed by a gang near Voi when he was inspecting the tyres. Police are investigating whether the driver is part of the gang.

IN USE FOR 10 YEARS

Sabaki residents protest against 'blocking of road' by developer

GEORGE OWITI/A contractor was forced to flee on Wednesday after more than 500 residents stormed a construction site in Sabaki, Machakos county.

They were demonstrating against a private developer whom they accused of blocking an access road to Sabaki estate. Carrying twigs and chanting "punda amechoka", the demonstrators pulled down part of a perimeter wall that was under construction. They claimed the wall was on the road.

They said the developer started blocking the road on Monday. Sabaki Residents Association's chairman Muradha Kariuki said they would keep a vigil to ensure the road remains open. "We have been using the road for 10 years," Kariuki said. He said on checking on the original map, they realised there is a 20-metre-access road on the land.



Residents demonstrate against a private developer in Sabaki, Machakos, on Wednesday / **GEORGE OWITI**



Meru governor Kiraitu Murungi distributes macadamia seedlings to farmers at Gitoro ASK Showground on Friday last week / **GERALD MUTETHIA**

SH2.2 BILLION

Ask CS Kiunjuri where miraa money is, Kiraitu urges MPs

Says he isn't using miraa funds to distribute avocado, macadamia seedlings

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Meru governor Kiraitu Murungi has distanced himself from Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri remarks that they agreed to allocate part of Sh2.2 billion miraa funds to macadamia and avocado seedlings.

He said last Friday he distributed 200,000 macadamia and 200,000 avocado seedlings to farmers because they have ready market in China and Europe.

"I have not received or spent a coin from the national government miraa fund. We have met with CS Kiunjuri several times but we never agreed that I would use any shilling from the miraa money," Kiraitu said.

He said he aims to distribute one million avocado and macadamia seedlings for each crop. The aim is diversification.

"The whole budget for the project is Sh90 million. No one is coerced to plant," Kiraitu said. He said if the na-

tional government wants to promote avocado and macadamia farming using their miraa funds, it will do so as the national government, not the county government.

Kiraitu asked Meru MPs to summon Kiunjuri in Parliament to explain where the miraa money is.

"I never told anyone to uproot miraa to plant macadamia or avocado. I have only urged farmers to practice intercropping," the governor said.

Kiunjuri had said the ministry and Kiraitu's administration were in agreement the miraa funds would go towards buying macadamia and avocado seedlings to help farmers diversify crops.

"I have the miraa money and we have agreed with the Meru governor to allocate the biggest share of the funds in provision of avocado and macadamia seedlings this rainy season," the CS had said at Gitoro ASK Showground during the Meru Dairy Union Farmer's field day.

The announcement led to public outrage, splitting of MCAs and condemnation by MPs.

Three Meru MPs demanded clarity from Kiraitu and Kiunjuri.

Tigania East MP Gichunge Kabebea, his Igembe North counterpart Maoka Maore and East Africa Assembly MP Mporu Aburi said there will be negative consequences if the money is diverted to other uses.

Maore said the miraa money was set aside to improve the crop, provide water, build sheds, seek markets and carry out research "The truth of the matter is the Meru government has its own agriculture budget. Let the county use it for purchasing avocado and macadamia, not miraa funds," Maore said.

Kabebea said the funds should be used to develop new miraa markets. Aburi said Sh1 billion for miraa was factored into the 2016-17 budget and an additional Sh1.2 billion later to cushion miraa farmers from effects of the European markets ban.

KIUNJURI HAD SAID THE MINISTRY AND THE COUNTY AGREED THE MIRAA FUNDS WOULD GO TOWARDS BUYING MACADAMIA AND AVOCADO SEEDLINGS

CRACKDOWN ON FOOD HAWKING

Embu on high cholera alert, three in hospital

REUBEN GITHINJI/Two people in Embu county have tested positive for cholera.

One patient is admitted at the Embu Level 5 Teaching and Referral Hospital in an isolation room. The other was treated and discharged on Wednesday.

Embu Health executive Jamleck Muturi said the two men who tested positive come from Embakasi, Tassia, in Nairobi, where they consumed 'mutura' before they travelled to Embu.

He said two other patients, a father and daughter from Runyenjes, are being treated for cholera-like symptoms. The executive said the father and daughter are being treated at Kyeni Mission Hospital and Runyenjes Hospital, respectively. Muturi said medics are waiting for the tests of samples from the patients to ascertain if they have cholera. He said the health department is on high alert to prevent spread of the disease.

Muturi urged residents to practice good hygiene, boil drinking water and wash their hands after using the toilet. He said public health departments officers have been instructed to inspect all eateries to ensure the food is clean and safe.

Muturi said there will be a crackdown on food hawking. He said the county government on Wednesday organised a free medical camp at Embu Municipal stadium to educate residents about cholera and offer free treatment for other illnesses.

RESEARCH UNDERWAY

Meru residents urged to go for cancer tests

GERALD MUTETHIA/A palliative cancer care centre in partnership with researchers, doctors and institutions of higher learning are conducting holistic research to establish the main causes of cancer prevalence in Meru.

Meru Hospice director Gladys Mucee told the Star the pilot study was conducted in June, but she was not at liberty to release the findings. She said concrete research needs funding.

Mucee said the challenge of not having an oncologist, late cancer detection and lack of chemotherapy have severely undermined the war on the disease.

She urged residents, especially men, to go for prostate cancer screening. Mucee said free screening will be provided near Mwendantu in North Imenti, Meru town, on Saturday. Most men, she said, are afraid to go for screening.

Mucee said the most prevalent cancers are those of the stomach, oesophagus, colon, breast, cervix and prostate. "We have raised concerns with Governor Kiraitu Murungi who has been so helpful, opening a cancer centre and having an oncologist," Mucee said.

She said they are worried over effects of cancer on young children. She urged everyone in Meru to donate Sh10 each.

COUNTIES NORTHEASTERN

SELECTIVE DESTRUCTION?

Traders count losses in Garissa demolitions

Garissa county commissioner's compound hit even as some town residents say demolitions needed for town expansion

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Garissa town businessmen are complaining about demolition of structures encroaching on the Kismayu road reserve.

The Kenya National Highways Authority yesterday started pulling down buildings. It demolished or partly brought down hotels, electrical shops, kiosks, car wash businesses, eateries and retail shops.

Traders who were alerted of the demolition that started at about 3am rushed to salvage property but it was too late for some.

Several police officers guarded the bulldozer that was bringing down

perimeter walls, parts of buildings and structures along the busy road.

Power supply to buildings along and adjacent to the road reserve was disrupted during the demolition.

The county commissioner's compound was among those affected. KeNHA issued a notice two months ago to all business people who have erected buildings on the road reserve. They were told to bring them down but some ignored it.

The demolition is expected to extend to Modikam about 10km from Garissa town. The bulldozer attacked Getune Primary School, bringing down the gate and part of the building.

Proprietors who were interviewed said the exercise was done selectively as other premises along the same re-

serve were left out. Mohamud Maalim who owns a petrol station said his water reservoir was destroyed "yet it was not near the road reserve".

Hassan Abdinoor, an elder, said the expansion of the town was long overdue because estates cannot be accessed in emergencies. He urged KeNHA to carry on and bring order to one of the fastest growing towns in the country.

(+) WEST POKOT'S 420M ASSEMBLY TO COME DOWN

A Sh420 million West Pokot county assembly complex under construction has been marked for demolition. identified for demolition.



Getune Primary School in Garissa and a bus. The school was targeted for demolition /STEPHEN ASTARIKO



SELFISH POLITICIANS

Handshake hurt credibility of the House — MP Kassim

MP blames chaotic passing of VAT Bill on members

STEPHEN ASTARIKO/ Wajir East MP Rashid Kassim has cautioned a section of politicians against exploiting the handshake for expediency.

The MP said a few selfish politicians want to hijack the process and turn it into a 2022 succession campaign tool.

The MP who was speaking in Wajir town Wednesday. He said the March 9 handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga was well structured with terms of reference and goals.

"We are closely watching the political arena. One thing is clear — it is no longer about the handshake

but 2022 succession," Kassim said.

The Wiper legislator said the handshake is being exploited to threaten the independence of the Parliament. It has hurt the opposition, he said.

"There needs to be clear separation of powers between the Executive and Parliament to enable checks and balances to prevail. We risk missing the whole point, due to the much hyped handshake," he added.

Kassim cited the recent chaotic passing of the Finance Bill, including eight per cent VT on petroleum products by the National Assembly. He said it was driven by partisan interests, not people's interests.

Wajir East MP
Rashid Kassim
in Wajir town on
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COUNTIES WESTERN



Nurse Violet Kwanusu on Wednesday /BRIAN OJAMAA

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Drugs, alcohol 'to blame' for rising cases of mental illness

BRIAN OJAMAA / Rampant drug abuse, overconsumption of illicit alcohol, homosexuality and watching of pornography are the main causes of mental disorders among the youths, Webuye subcounty hospital nurse Violet Kwanusu said.

She is in charge of mentally ill patients at the hospital. Kwanusu spoke on Wednesday during World Mental Health Day celebrations. She said the number of people who have mental disorders in Bungoma East has risen over the years. "Our children are engaging in sexual relations that deviate from the norm; boys are getting together with their fellow boys," she said.

'NOT A WITCH-HUNT'

Busia to start performance contracting for all workers

JANE CHEROTICH / Busia deputy governor Moses Mulomi has called on departmental heads and all county staff to use performance contracting to improve service delivery.

He said every employee will soon sign a performance contract. "Some people will start thinking we are engaging in a witch-hunt. Performance contracting is aimed at guiding them to work hard to meet their set targets with various evaluation methods," Mulomi said.

He spoke to directors and the management performance champions during a performance contracting awareness workshop at Busia Agricultural Training Centre.

EYES ON 2022

Ruto to tour Western before Uhuru visit

DP has been on a mission to make inroads in region that voted for NASA in the last polls; Ruto will be in Matungu, Kakamega county, today to preside over a fundsdrive for women's group, invited by area MP

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Deputy President William Ruto will tour Western today. The visit comes against the backdrop of a meeting between President Uhuru Kenyatta and leaders from Western at State House on Tuesday.

The meeting attended by MPs, senators and governors discussed the development agenda of the region ahead of his visit during this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations in Kakamega. The DP has been on a mission to make inroads in the area that voted for NASA in the last polls. Ruto will be in Matungu, Kakamega county, today to preside over a funds drive for women's groups on the invitation of area MP Justus Murunga.

National Assembly Majority Chief Whip and one of the DP's point men in Western Ben Washiali confirmed Ruto will also preside over a harambee in aid of Butonge Secondary School in Sirisia constituency, Bungoma county, the same day.

The DP met Jubilee MPs from Western at his Harambee Avenue office in Nairobi on Tuesday to plan his tour of the region today. The MPs were part of the larger Western leaders' delegation to State House earlier in the day. Mid-this year, the DP delivered a bus to Tande Secondary School in Kakamega county. He donated Sh2 million to Mwangaza Primary School and promised a bus

to Mwangaza Secondary School in Kakamega in August.

On September 29, he sent Kenya National Union of Nurses secretary general Seth Panyaco to deliver Sh2 m for the construction of classrooms at Daisy Special School and promised a bus for the institution later in the year.

His aide Farouk Kibet last Sunday donated Sh500,000 to St Stephen's Catholic Church in Shinyalu sub-county and another Sh300,000 for the Malava boda boda fundraiser.

During the State House meeting, the President assured the leaders the Sh700 million owed to cane farmers in the region would be paid and a strategic plan made for the revival of the sugar sector.

Political analyst Martin Andati said the DP considers Western critical to his 2022 bid. "He operates in Western and Coast because he believes that shares of the vote bloc in the two blocs will strengthen his bid. This is part of his normal forays he has been trying to make in the region," he said.

Kakamega county assembly Minority leader David Ndakwa said the DP's visit was a plot to preempt what the President has promised leaders from the region ahead of his visit so he can take the credit. "He has been coming here and talking about revival of Mumias Sugar with little happening. Now that the President has promised that farmers will be paid, he wants to take credit for that," he said.

President Uhuru Kenyatta (at high table, R) with Western leaders at State House, Nairobi/
HILTON OTENYO



'VISIT A PLOT TO PREEMPT WHAT PRESIDENT PROMISED AND TAKE CREDIT'



Bungoma PSB chairman Gideon Sirai taking oath of office /BRIAN OJAMAA

TRAVERSING REGION

Is Bungoma PSB chairman eyeing Mt Elgon MP seat?

BRIAN OJAMAA / Bungoma County Public Service Board chairman Gideon Sirai might be eyeing the Mt Elgon MP seat in 2022. Mt Elgon political activist Amos Chemabus said Sirai is among the notable figures traversing the region.

However, Kaptama resident Steve Cheserek said that it will take a miracle to dethrone incumbent Fred Kapondi. Cheserek said Kapondi has managed to get the area to receive marginalisation funds to build roads, schools, hospitals and other developments that had been neglected by previous politicians.

INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Kakamega county to work with national government on framework for mining

CALISTUS LUCHETU / The national government and Kakamega are working on a legal framework to operationalise mining activities in the county. Mining CS John Munyes said the ministry has decentralised mining to the counties and was working with the National Land Commission and Nema to fast track implementation of the activities.

He spoke during a mining investment conference in Kakamega on Tuesday. The CS called for public participation, saying members of the community must be involved. He urged MCAs to sensitise residents on the need to be involved. "Once the gold refinery has been set up, 30 per cent of ownership will be allocated to locals of Kakamega. I, therefore, encourage both local and international investors to come and invest in Kakamega," the CS said.

COUNTIES NYANZA

TRIED TO EXCLUDE RELATIVES

Nyong'o loses case in Sh200m estate

Nephews win as Kisumu High Court orders governor to include them as beneficiaries of Sh200m estate



FAITH MATETE AND GODFREY ODHIAMBO

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Kisumu governor Anyang' Nyong'o yesterday lost a family estate battle after a court ordered that his nephews and nieces be included as beneficiaries of his father's Sh200 million estate.

Nyong'o had wanted them excluded.

A Kisumu court revoked the letters of administration and certificate of confirmation of the grant of the estate and instead appointed Kenneth Odhiambo Okuthe as a co-administrator of the estate, jointly with Nyong'o and his sister Risper Nyagoy. The governor's father Hesbon Shimei died on November 10, 2006, without a will.

The governor's two nephews, Okuthe and Geoffrey Omondi, sued him and his sister Risper for leaving out some relatives in the list of beneficiaries of the estate. They said the governor and his sister were made the administrators of the estate af-

ter the local chief certified the two and their mother as the true beneficiaries.

They accused the two of neglecting the children of Margaret Awuor and Judith Nyong'o, who were daughters of Shimei. Omondi is the eldest son of Judith, now deceased. Upon her death, she left Omondi and another sibling, Fiona Atieno. The applicants are accusing Nyong'o and Nyagoy of concealing important information on confirmation of the grant and not accounting for the estate.

However, yesterday justice Trip-sisa Cherere said she was satisfied that the applicants were beneficiaries and are entitled to the estate of the deceased.

Cherere noted the children of Margaret Awuor and Judith Nyong'o are entitled to inherit their grandfather's estate as the deceased mothers were daughters of Shimei. Whether the applicant made a case on the revocation of the certificate of grant, the judge said there was overwhelming evidence to revoke the certificate of confirmation of the grant.

Kisumu governor Anyang' Nyong'o and his wife Dorothy at a past event in this file picture/FAITH MATETE

PROBE OF TENDERING PROCESS

MPs tell Nyamira governor to tackle increasing graft

Says corruption holds back development

ALVIN RATEMO/Nyamira county governor John Nyagarama has been urged to end increasing corruption to spur development.

Nyamira woman representative Jerusha Momanyi and West Mugirango MP Vincent Kemosi have said increasing graft is dragging the county down in development.

"If such cases of corruption will be tolerated, our people will continue suffering," Momanyi said on Wednesday in a phone interview.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission has questioned 14 people in connection with the tendering process for an office block.

EACC detectives raided assembly

offices and took away documents this month.

"Our country has been dragged down by a few individuals who have been stealing our resources. Now that the president has decided to deal with corruption and all those behind it, let us support him fully to realise our goals," she said.

Kemosi said the government will not allow development funds to end up in a few people's pockets. He said the government will not allow a few individuals to continue tainting the county.

"The leadership should be committed to delivering and not support selfish workers," she said.

EACC RAIDED ASSEMBLY OFFICES, TOOK AWAY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TENDER FOR OFFICE BLOCK

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

INVITATION FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR TRAINING UNDER KENYA DEVOLUTION SUPPORT PROGRAM (KDSP)

CGN/EP2018-2019

RFQ NUMBER: 694438.

The KDSP program is part of the National Capacity Building Framework (NCBF) aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of County Government through selected Key Result Areas (KRA). The two relevant KRAs in focus include the following:

i. KRA 1 – Public Finance Management including improved County budgeting, Revenue Management, Use of Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS), Financial Accounting, Recording and Reporting, Procurement, and Internal and External Audit Performance.

ii. KRA 2 – Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation including Improved County Planning, Progress Reports, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Linkage Between County Plans and Budgets.

The bidding firms must:

- Have a strong written and oral communication skills in English.
- Be able to work independently and as part of a team.
- Be well organized, detail-oriented, able to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously with minimal supervision.
- Have good knowledge of the role and functioning of the county governments.
- Have great mastery of the finance laws in Kenya.
- Hold an accountancy qualification from a recognized but relevant professional on each of the Key Result Area.
- Hold relevant Bachelors or Master's Degree from a recognized university with relevant work experience.
- Has demonstrated interest and experience in development of capacity through training and development.
- Has demonstrated ability to manage collaborations between multiple organization and stakeholders.
- Have Previous work experience in counties, Kenya, Africa or developing countries.
- Have strong understanding of causal chains, logical frame work and theories of change.
- Be accredited by Kenya School of Government (KSG).

The following are mandatory requirements that must be submitted together with the application:

- a) Firm's copy of Certificate of Registration.
- b) A valid Tax Compliance Certificate
- c) Valid Single Business Permit
- d) Physical Location
- e) Certified copies of Certificates and Testimonials of professional experts in Financial Management
- f) References of previous similar assignments
- g) Company profile
- h) Audited financial report for the last three years
- i) CR 12

The expression of interest **MUST** be submitted online through **IFMIS SYSTEM (RFQ No. 694438), on or before Friday 26th Oct. 2018 at noon**

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NAKURU COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY



Nandi governor Stephen Sang flags off drugs in Kapsabet Wednesday/BARRY SALIL

RENOVATIONS DONE

Kapsabet Hospital to get Level 5 status, more staff to be hired

BARRY SALIL / Nandi county will employ 300 new health workers in preparation for upgrading Kapsabet Referral Hospital to Level 5.

Governor Stephen Sang said the workers to be hired include consultants, medical officers, pharmacists, clinical officers and nurses.

Sang spoke on Thursday morning when he flagged off medical supplies worth Sh80 million for five subcounty hospitals.

He said for the last e year, Kapsabet Hospital has had major renovations, including installation of new medical equipment.

BREASTFED CHILD

Woman accused of infecting baby with HIV to stay in cell

RITA DAMARY / A woman who was charged with deliberately infecting a nine-month -old baby with HIV through breastfeeding has been denied bail by a Nakuru court.

The state urged the court to deny bail to Susan Njeri as the baby is to undergo further medical examination after the one-month window period expired.

Njeri will remain in custody until October 17 when her bond terms will be determined.

The 27-year-old woman arraigned on September 25 fon charges of breastfeeding her neighbour's daughter in Njoro, Nakuru, knowing she was HIV positive.

We'll stop demolitions in Eldoret – Sudi

Kapseret legislator, a close ally of DP Ruto, says he and other leaders will provide political protection against removal of the buildings said to be on riparian land and road reserves. Twenty-seven structures targeted

JESSICAH NYABOKE
@TheStarKenya

Political leaders in Uasin Gishu county will not allow demolition of illegally built houses in Eldoret town and its environs, Kapseret MP Oscar Sudi has said.

He said the multi-agency team carrying out the demolition must consult local leaders before bringing down any structures that have been declared unsafe.

Sudi said 27 structures built on riparian land and wetlands are targeted. He urged the government to proceed with caution.

Sudi, a close ally of Deputy President William Ruto, told owners of the targeted buildings not to worry, as he and other leaders will give the property “political protection” against demolition.

The MP spoke in Eldoret on Wednesday during a funds drive to offset the medical bills of prominent businessman Benjamin Kiplimo who died in a road crash.

Governor Jackson Mandago and his Nandi counterpart Stephen Sang were present.

The Kapseret MP told the multi-agency team to respect the sanctity of title deeds and stop flattening buildings constructed on parcels of land acquired through the correct procedures.

“As elected leaders in the county, we shall not allow any of the buildings listed as unsafe to be flattened without our goodwill and support. He said they will not allow demoli-

tions like those that “befell” owners in Nairobi.

He faulted the state for “ambushing” owners of the structures with demolition notices, instead of giving them enough time.

The National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) has defended the planned demolition of structures in Uasin Gishu county. The authority said buildings on their radar include those built along river Sosiani and on wetlands.

In August, 10 structures were pulled down in Eldoret. They were said to be standing on a road reserve.

Uasin Gishu Industrialisation executive Emily Kogos said the buildings will be pulled down. She said owners of the structures have been given notices for demolition. Buildings on road reserves are being demolished.

The county plans to use Sh300 million for re-planning Eldoret to position itself for city status.

Former Uasin Gishu governor aspirant Bundotich Kiprop, popularly known as Buzeki, has opposed demolitions in Nairobi and elsewhere.

–He said the government should negotiate with owners to come up with amicable solutions, instead of ruining investments. The businessman said government officials approved some of the buildings and destruction would not be the best way to solve the problem.

He said those who approved the buildings should be punished.

Kapsiret MP
Oscar Sudi /
MATHEWS NDANYI



MP TELLS
DEMOLITION
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TITLE DEEDS



Trans Nzoia DG Stanley Tarus on Tuesday/MATHEWS NDANYI

SH500 MILLION LOST

North Rift counties to fight livestock diseases jointly

MATHEWS NDANYI / Eight counties in the North Rift lose more than Sh500 million annually due to frequent outbreaks of livestock diseases.

Governors are planning a joint vaccination drive covering Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Nandi, West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and Turkana.

The counties have been unable to separately control the outbreak of especially foot and mouth disease.

Trans Nzoia deputy governor Stanley Tarus said the diseases will only be eradicated through joint efforts. He spoke to farmers in Kitale on Wednesday.

SEVEN VEHICLES IMPOUNDED

Architect wants Sh11 million from pyrethrum board for building work

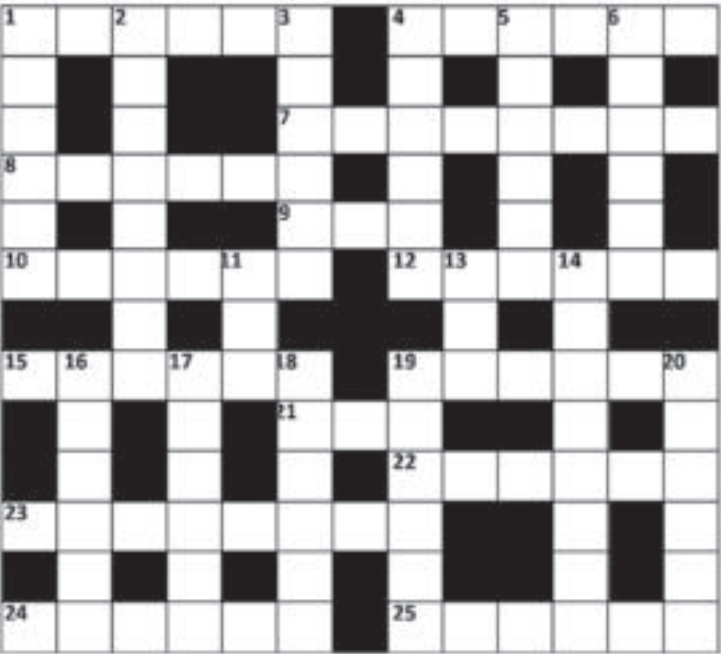
RITA DAMARY / An architect hired by the Pyrethrum Board of Kenya to build a godown in 2001 is seeking over Sh11 million. Julius Matasyo sued the board for the debt in 2005.

Matasyo says PBK paid him Sh400, 000 in December 2001 for work done. The balance allegedly remained unpaid. On April 27, 2012 a judgment was issued in favor of Matasyo against PBK for the sum of Sh4.8M. But the money and accrued interest has not been paid. PBK was dissatisfied with the judgment and obtained an order of stay of execution.

The architect hired auctioneers who impounded seven vehicles belonging to PBK. Acting PBK manager Paul Lolweritoi asked the court for time to propose on how to pay the debt. Judge Justice Joel Ngugi allowed application.

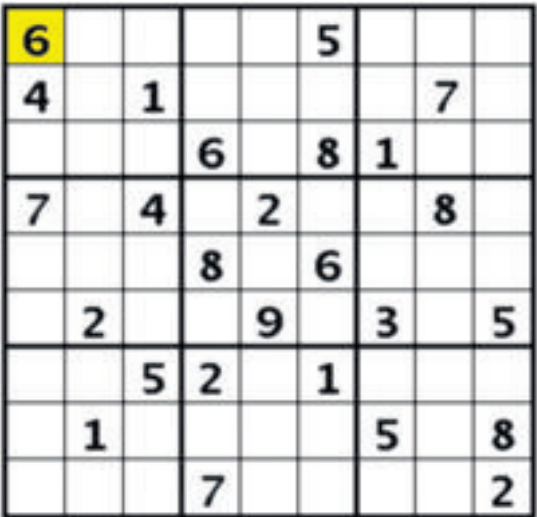
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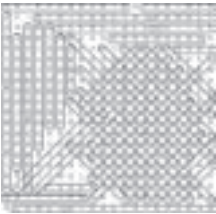
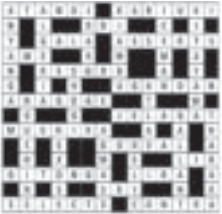
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- 16at an oblique angle (6)
- 17a professional person authorized to practice law (6)
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- 19Hon member of Parliament for Kanduyi constituency (6)
- 20relatives by marriage (6)
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- 4Hon member of Parliament for Ruiru constituency (6)
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- HANDBALL
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ALL IN THE STARS



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September 24 – October 23

Help those incapable of taking care of their personal affairs. Discuss your objectives with partners or peers.

SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

Don't bother getting even; they'll make themselves look bad. You won't get the reaction you want from your mate today.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

Taking on too much won't help the situation. Unexpected changes in friendships could occur.

AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

Make your intentions perfectly clear and find out exactly what is expected of you. Use your creative flair.

PISCES

February 20 – March 20

You are ready to blow up and your stress level has gone into over drive. Your loved ones could set you off.

ARIES

March 21 – April 20

This may not be your day if you are overly melodramatic and unnerving everyone around you.

TAURUS

April 21– May 21

You can make money if you're willing to push your ideas on those in a position to support your efforts.

GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

Be diplomatic but stem. Be prepared to neutralize any threats. Sudden disruptions will cause upset and a change of routine.

CANCER

June 22–July 22

Groups that indulge in social events to raise money will be conducive to meeting new and exciting lovers.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Put your efforts into moneymaking ventures. Don't divulge secret information. Don't let criticism upset you.

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Duly instructed by our principals on behalf of their clients, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned Motor Vehicle on **19TH October 2018 at Startruck Investment Yard off Kiambu Road commencing at 10.30 am.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION
FINANCIER -VS- ABDIWAHAB HAJJ ISSACK**

M/V REG NO.	MAKE	MODEL
KCG 308G	TOYOTA	HARRIER

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

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Duly instructed by the Managing Agents and Advocates on behalf of their Principals the Landlords, we shall sell by Public Auction on **Monday 22nd October 2018 at 10:30AM or soon thereafter at Pangani Auction Center along Murang'a Road opposite Guru Nanak Hospital the under mentioned goods-**
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THE LANDLORD -VS- (1) TABITHA NJERI KIMANI (2) DANIEL MUREITHI

1. 6 Seater sofa set, Hisense 21" TV set, Sony radio cassette, dining table+6 chairs, TV/DVD stand, waterdispenser, Sony DVD player, computer set,carpet,lg 2 door fridge,
2. 7 Seater sofa set, glass topped coffee table, wooden coffee table, TV set, water dispenser, wall units, Sony DVD, cooker cylinder, bed mattress

CONDITION OF SALE

CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER

UPSCALE AUCTIONEERS

PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal the financier, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles on **Friday 19th October 2018 at Intergra yard Kitengala and Greypost limited Kiambu road**

1. FINANCIER-VS- SIMON MAKORI ONKWARE

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	VIEW AND SELL AT
1.	KCG 422R	NISSAN VANETTE	INTERGRA YARD KITENGALA AT 12 NOON

2. FINANCIER-VS- JACOB OUMA OGUOKO

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	VIEW AND SELL AT
2.	KCA 616J	NISSAN BLUE BIRD	GREYPOST LIMITED AT 10.30 AM

CONDITION OF SALE

CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER
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Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **Saturday 20th October 2018 at 11:00 am outside Epren centre buruburu**
LIMURU SPMC NO 41 OF 2016
VICTOR MUTHEE NJERI = VS = JOSPHAT NJUGUNA AND ANOTHER

Motor vehicle REG NO KCD836L Toyota (matatu)

CONDITION OF SALE

Cash at the fall of the hammer



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CONDITIONS OF SALE

CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER



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PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Pursuant to Court order issued at Mariakani law courts, we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned unclaimed properties at **Rabai Police Station on 22nd October 2018, at 10:00 AM.**

NO/ITEMS		
1	MOTOR CYCLES	11 KMCX 064X SKYGO RED
2	KMCS 837E SANLG BLACK	12 KMCU 778Z BOXER RED
3	KMDD 229Y HAOJIN RED	13 NUMBERLESS HAOJIN BLACK
4	KMCY 041B HAOJIN RED	14 NUMBERLESS SANLG BLACK
5	KMCM 388V TIANAM BLACK	15 NUMBERLESS HAOJIN GREEN
6	KMCT 689G HAOJIN RED	16 2 NUMBERLESS HAOJIN
7	KMDV 271A HAOJIN BLACK	17 KTDW 474D APE BLUE
8	KMDG 456Y HAOJIN RED	18 KMDW 976Q HAOJIN GREEN
9	KMDK 066D HAOJIN GREEN	19 NUMBERLESS NISSAN BODY WHITE
10	KMCE 233S HAOJIN RED	

CONDITIONS OF SALE.

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer
2. Viewing shall be done between 10:00 AM to 4: PM.

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The owner of Plot Title no. **Mitumbiri Wempa Block 2/4746** proposes to Change the use of this parcel from **Agricultural to Light industry (Petrol station and other auxilliary services)** subject to approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections/comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

The Director of Physical Planning
Muranga County
P.O Box 145
Kenol

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286 CHANGE OF USER

In pursuit of the Physical Planning Act (Cap 286) and in line with the associated regulations, the owner of the Plot No. **Nairobi/block 153/187**, located off outerring Road in Pipe line Area is proposing to Change the Use of the plot from **Single dwelling Unit to Multi-dwelling Units (flats)**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations with comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to:

The County Secretary,
Nairobi City County Government,
P.O. Box 30075-00100,
Nairobi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286 REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USER

The owner of **Dagoretti/Uthiru/874** in Kabete Sub-county, Kiambu County wishes to regularize the change of use of the plot from **Agricultural User to Residential (Multi-dwelling-Flats) User** subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) with comments or objections to the proposal should submit them in writing within fourteen days (14) to:

The Director Urban Development & Management,
County Government of Kiambu,
P.O. Box 2344-00900,
Kiambu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286 CHANGE OF USE

The owner(s) of Plot **No.NRB/BLK 139/1683** located off Northern Bypass in Marurui is proposing to change its use from **Single Dwelling Unit to Multi-dwelling units (Flats)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations e.t.c with objection(s) or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

County Secretary
Nairobi City County
P.O.Box 30075-00100
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286 CHANGE OF USER

In pursuit of the Physical Planning Act (Cap 286) and in line with the associated regulations, the owner of the Plot No. **A2-115**, located off Kangundo Road in Kayole Area is proposing to Change the Use of the plot from **Residential to Multi-dwelling Units (Apartments)**, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations with comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS THE CHARGEES IN EXERCISE OF THEIR STATUTORY POWERS OF SALE, WE SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE UNDER MENTIONED PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS:-

1. On Friday 26th October 2018 Outside Dagoretti Post Office@ 11.00 O'clock

Financier -VS- Julie Wanjiru Mwangi
All that Parcel of land known as Dagoretti/Mutu-ini/1154 registered in the name of Julie Wanjiru Mwangi Measuring 0.5 Acres . The property is situated within Karinde (Karen end) Area of Dagoretti, Kiambu County. Approach from Dagoretti Road is through a murrum/Earthen road branching southwards at ACK Karen end Church for about two Kms then turn to the North towards Farmline Academy for about 100 metres. It is a freehold interest plot which is gently sloping regular shaped of redsoils whose boundaries are marked by chain-link fence or live hedges. Electricity water are available for connection from the immediate neighborhood.

2. On Monday 29th October 2018 Outside Thogoto Shopping centre @ 11.00 O'clock

Financier -VS- Julie Wanjiru Mwangi
All that parcel of land known as Dagoretti / Thogoto / 3072 Registered in the name of Julie Wanjiru Mwangi measuring 0.166 Acres. The property is situated about 200 metres Of Thogoto-Gikambura Road branching off to the left about 55 metres after its junction with Kikuyu - Dagoretti Road within Kihunguro stage area of Kikuyu, Kiambu County. It is a free hold interest whose Access road is earth leading to tar-surfaced Thogoto - Gikambura Road which is only 200m away. The plot is developed with a proposed 4 storeyed Block comprising one & two bedroom units, and one three bedroom unit. The property is currently under construction. Main services of Water & Electricity are available for connection to the property from the immediate neighborhood.

3. On Tuesday 30th October 2018 Outside Lusigetti Shopping Centre @ 11.00 O'clock

Financier -VS- Beatrice Wanjiru Gichure
All that parcel of land known as Karai/Karai/3234 registered in the name of Beatrice Wanjiru Gichure measuring 0.838 Acres. The property is situated within Lusigetti area of Nachu ward, Kikuyu sub-county, Kiambu County. Approach from Lusigetti shopping centre is northwards towards Mutarakwa for about 1.5kms before branching at Mawatha shops for a further 490 meters and finally turn right for about 225 metres to the subject property. It is about 0.7 kms off the Tarmac. The property is a free hold title whose main service i.e. water and electricity are not connected to the subject property but are available for connection from the immediate neighbourhood. The plot is under natural vegetation hence no structural improvements.

4. On Wednesday 31st October 2018 Outside Kambi Moto Shopping Centre @ 11.00 O'clock

Financier -VS- Beatrice Wanjiru Gichure
All that parcel of land known as Ngong/Ngong/51139 Kambi Moto Area Registered in the name of Ephantus Muigai and Beatrice Wanjiru Gichure measuring 0.5 Acres. The property is situated within Kambi Moto area in the outskirts of Ongata Rongai Town, Kajiado County. Approach from Magadi road is through Rimpa Road to Kambi Moto Shops, then divert northwards for about 300 metres to the subject property. It is a free hold interest whose mains and electricity are available for connection from the immediate neighborhood. Foul drainage would be to a septic tank . The plot is outgrown with grass hence no structural improvements on the plot.

5. On Thursday 1st November 2018 outside Juja Post Office 11.00 O'clock

Financier -VS- Veronica Wagio Wanjiru G/T Mwithegei s/h Group
All that parcel of land known as Ruiru East/ Juja East Block 2 / T. 6478 juja farm Registered in the name of Veronich Wagio Wanjiru g/t Mwithegei Self Help Group measuring 0.197 Acres. It is a free hold interest parcel situated near Juja farm Township area Green Valley Bar approximately 430m from the shopping centre. Developing in the plot is A two (2) no. bedroomed residential house and free from any adverse environmental issues. Water & Electricity are connected to the property. It is under a fair state of repair & maintenance. The property has never been set aside for any public purpose in the past such as road By-pass. The property is also neither on a wetland Ndung'u report.

6. On Thursday 8th November 2018 Opposite Kiserian Post Office @ 11.00 o'clock

Financier -vs- Ann Wangui Muchunu
All that parcel of land known as Lr. No. Kajiando/Kitengela/81618 measuring 0.9379 registered in 0.99 Acres registered in the name Ann Wangui Muchunu. The parcel is situated about 9.5kms to the South West West of Tuala/ Oloosirkon Township off Tuala - Shonlinke - Pipeline Road within the larger Tuala area in Kajiado County. Tuala township is about 6.3 kms to the East of Mgadi Road/ Ongata Rongai via Masai Lodge Road. It is a free hold interest. There are no structural improvements on the land main water and electricity are not connected to the parcel water would be from private boreholes.

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SPORTS LOCAL

ATHLETICS

Major boost for Standard Chartered Marathon

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / The 16th edition of the Standard Chartered Marathon yesterday received a major boost with eight corporates pledging Sh130 million.

The bank has invested about Sh100 million towards sponsorship of the event scheduled for October 28.

The partners, who donated sponsorship yesterday included the Nairobi County Government with Sh8m, Alpine Coolers kshs

(Sh6.7m) Tsebo Caterers(Sh3m), Internet Solutions(Sh1.5m) and Subaru Kenya(Sh500,000)

Speaking during a free eye camp at Uhuru Park yesterday to mark World Sight Day, Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon Local Organising Committee chairman Peter Gitau said the bank had achieved its global target of raising US\$100 million towards 'Seeing is Believing'.

"The 2018 edition marks the 15th anniversary of the marathon and I

am happy to announce that we have attained the target we set in 2011 to raise US\$100 million two years ahead of schedule for the fight against avoidable blindness and visual impairment," he noted. Gitau said they have so far registered 10,000 participants and hope to reach their target of 26,000.

All participants, individual and Corporate can register through the official website .www.nairobimarathon.com at a fee of Sh2000 till Monday.



Participants of 21 km race during 2017 edition/FILE



FOOTBALL

Qualification matrix

Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia wait as Caf delay decision on Sierra Leone's fate

BY FRANCIS WADE-GU AND REUTERS /

Hopefuls to qualify from a tricky group that includes Harambee Stars, four-time continental champions Ghana and unfancied Ethiopia will have to hold their breath a little longer on the fate of Sierra Leone.

This follows Caf revelation late on Wednesday that they will not make a decision on their suspension at least until December.

Ghana were due to face Sierra Leone yesterday and again on Monday but with the games shelved, a Caf spokesman said it would not allow the matches to be played later, even if the ban was lifted.

However, he said they would delay the decision on whether to award Ghana a 3-0 victory in each match or disqualify Sierra Leone, in which case their results would be expunged and three teams

would be left in the group, with the top finishers advancing to next year's finals.

Stars would be the biggest beneficiaries should the Sierra Leone results be removed as the West African nation had beaten them 2-1 in the opening group game. That would obviously be refuted by the national team as it would seem a case of schadenfreude on a sporting opponent.

However, with a chance of reaching a first Africa Cup of Nations final in 15 years on the line, Kenyans who were due to fly back last evening, would welcome the move having lost to the west Africans. Should that be the case, both Ethiopia who beat Sierra and Ghana in particular will be downcast.

The first proposal will be received with glee in Accra and Kumasi as it would give the Black Stars six points without kicking a ball particularly after their loss to

Kenya and a final day decider due in March. As it stands, without factoring in the suspension ramifications, Kenya lead the group with four points same as Ethiopia both having played three times after Wednesday goal-less but entertaining stalemate.

Ghana and Sierra Leone have a win each from two matches. Kenyans are expected to move straight to their Utalii Hotel base once they land from Ethiopia.

The Caf spokesman told Reuters that depending on if and when the ban was lifted, Sierra Leone could play their last two qualifiers against Kenya in November and Ethiopia in March.

On Tuesday, Fifa rejected a petition from the country to lift the ban because they did not meet a deadline to reinstate ousted Sierra Leone FA president Isha Johansen, who is accused of corruption by government officials.

RUGBY

Kenya 7s off to Tunisia as coach calls for support

Harambee Stars' Eric Johanna challenges Ghana's Daniel Opare during their Afcon qualifiers match at Moi Stadium Kasarani last month/FILE

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / The Kenya Sevens team departed the country yesterday for the Africa Cup Sevens in Tunisia with the new coach Paul Murunga urging all Kenyans to rally behind the team in a bid to boost their morale.

"We are going for the trophy. We have won this cup severally and we are set for nothing less," he said. The 12-man squad that will play in the Africa Cup tournament has five new faces including Daniel Taabu, the 2018 National Sevens Circuit MVP, his Mwamba team-mate Eliakim Kichoi, Derrick Keyoga of Menengai Oilers, Benjamin Marshall and Gramwell Bunyasi from Nakuru RFC.

Others who have made a comeback in the team include Homeboyz winger Leonard Mugaisi, Alvin Otieno, Michael Wanjala, Charles Owino and Cyprian Kuto.

Kenya are in Pool 'A' together with Morocco and Botswana while defending champions Uganda headline Pool 'B' alongside Senegal and Ghana. Pool 'C' has Zimbabwe, hosts Tunisia and Mauritius while Pool 'D' comprises of Madagascar, Namibia and Zambia.

The team was flagged off by Brand Kenya Board Ag. CEO Floice Mukabana, who wished them the best of luck. "Our win is our win as a country. I am happy that you are all going out there with one voice to push our country's flag even higher," said Mukabana. The national team will be wearing the "Make It Kenya" branded jerseys during the tournament.



Coach Paul Murunga /FILE



SPORTS LOCAL



FOOTBALL

Charges waived

Echesa gives fans a treat as he drops gate charges for Stars' duel

**CYPRIAN LIMO AND
MESHACK KISENGE /**

Kenyan football fans have every reason to smile after Sports Cabinet Secretary Rashid Echesa announced that there will be no gate charges for the Africa Cup of Nations qualifier between Kenya and Ethiopia at Moi Stadium, Kasarani.

This is a sharp contrast to the previous home game against Ghana, where tickets were sold at a flat rate of Sh1,000 for VIP and Sh200 for terraces.

Kenyans are expected to out-number their rivals who on Wednesday showed up in full numbers to support the Walia Antelopes at the Bahir Dar Stadium, Ethiopia.

In a statement, Echesa explained it was the duty of all patriotic Kenyans to come out in large numbers

Tanzania's
Abdul Hassan
challenges
Harambee Stars
Wesley Onguso
/FILE

to support the team unreservedly.

The return leg is crucial as the national team stand a chance of qualifying for next year's Africa Cup of Nations for the first time since 2004.

"A win for Stars in this match will take the team to the brink of qualifying for Afcon 2019 in Cameroon. In this regard, I wish our team all the best as they prepare to take on Ethiopia," said the CS.

Echesa also assured the national team of full support amidst claims of head coach Sebastien Migne threatening to walk out due to unpaid salary dating back three months.

The Frenchman, who was hired in May has only been paid twice. However, FKF and the Ministry of Sports will be working hard to keep the coach happy having also led Harambee Stars to a histor-

ic 1-0 win against Ghana's Black Stars in his first competitive match.

Meanwhile, Migne has called upon fans to replicate the attendance witnessed at the Bahir Dar Stadium when he leads his charges against Ethiopia this weekend in the return match.

Kenya salvaged a valuable point at the hostile venue to move to three points within the reach of the qualification and Migne has urged Kenyan fans to paint Kasarani red on Sunday.

He said the atmosphere in Ethiopia made his puzzle thicker and has asked the Kenyan fans to serve the Ethiopians with the same when they visit this weekend.

He said: "The fans were amazing and the atmosphere made it difficult for sure. If I have one wish, I hope to have a full stadium next Sunday," he noted.

HOCKEY

USIU upbeat as they brace up for Africa club show in December

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / United States International University—Africa women's team coach Willis Okeyo is upbeat ahead of their debut at the African Cup of Clubs Championship from December 17–24 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Okeyo, who also plays for Kenya Police in the Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) men's Premier League, said he is aware of what awaits them at the Africa Club Championship but exuded confidence that they will be ready.

The students will be making their maiden appearance at the annual event by virtue of finishing second to champions Telkom in the last season's Premier League.

Okeyo said: "It is my first time as a coach to lead an equally first time team to the event and as usual, there are a lot of expectations. Our aim is to expose the players and at the same time try to give a good account of ourselves."

He added: "I'm glad we received a letter from the institution, assuring us of our participation in the event. We have upped our training ahead of the December event since we are keen to go out there and prove our worth. We are currently training at the institution but we hope to move to the City Park Stadium soon."

He promised to give a chance to new signings including striker Naomi Kerubo (Trans Nziro Secondary School), defender Redempta Wambalambala (St Joseph's) and mid fielder Harriet Atieno from Chase Amira.

"We are currently fourth on the league standing with 10 points from eight matches and we are optimistic of registering good performance going forward to finish among the top teams when the league comes to an end," said the tactician.

Ghana Revenue Authority are the reigning champions after they defeated Telkom 1-0 last year in Ghana.



Telkom's Lilian Aura in action against Ghana Revenue Authority during the Africa Club Championships /FILE

FOOTBALL

Tickets out as focus turns on Gor vs Everton encounter

BY STAR REPORTER/ The countdown to the historic clash between English Premier League giants Everton and Kenyan SportPesa Premier League Champions Gor Mahia is on as fans started buying their tickets yesterday.

The two sides will contest the SportPesa Trophy, with Gor Mahia making history as the first African side to play against Premier League opposition in the UK.

Gor Mahia Manager Dylan Kerr said: "I was really excited when we

won the SportPesa Super Cup and qualified to play Everton. It's a huge opportunity for the players to test their skills against European opposition and showcase what they can do.

It's not every day that you get the chance to face a Premier League team and we're going to make it count on November 6."

Kelvin Twissa, chief marketing officer at SportPesa said: "SportPesa is passionate about football and taking every opportunity, and there's no bigger opportunity for Gor Ma-

hia than facing EPL heavyweights, Everton. Playing in England will help the players improve and they will no doubt be able to take their experience back to Kenya which will help grow the game there."

Football fans will be able to watch the match for only £5 (Sh650) for adults or £1 (Sh130) for concessions, with all match proceeds donated to Everton community. SportPesa will also hold a public screening at Nairobi's National Archives area on match day.

BASKETBALL

Warriors seek to corner KCA University

BY DANN O' WERRE / FORMER national champions Ulinzi Warriors play Kenya College of Accountancy in a Premier League show tomorrow at United States International University courts.

The soldiers, who have had an erratic campaign this year, must bag maximum points if they have to make a strong finish before the play off starts in a few weeks.

Equity Bank, another team that had high hopes when the season started but have not fared well ei-

ther, have a date with World Hope.

The bankers, eyeing a strong finish will bank of Ian Wachiye, Fred Lugasi and the shooting Mike Munene for the much-needed points.

The bulk of the matches this weekend are women fixtures and will see Western Delight travel to the city to play Zetech University and host USIU.

Kenyatta University meet Storms while Strathmore University take on Eagle Wings and Masaku Sparks tackle USIU.

SPORTS LOCAL

RUGBY

Kabras beef up

Kakamega-based side sign up three South African players ahead of season

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

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Kenya Cup runners up Kabras have signed three players from South Africa ahead of the 2018-2019 season. The move will be to boost the Kakamega-based side's chances of reclaiming the Kenya Cup from rivals KCB.

This will be the first time the South African players will be playing in the top tier of Kenyan rugby. The players signed include centre Enzo Foutie, who used to ply this trade for the Boland Under-21 side in South Africa and number eight Johannes Claude, who played in the Varsity Cup for Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) as well as top South African franchise Blue Bulls, and provincial outfit Boland Cavaliers.

Logan Basson is the third player to have signed for the sugar millers. The utility back play across the back-line from fly-half to winger and fullback. He played Currie Cup rugby for Border Bulldogs and Griquas. Speaking yesterday, the newly appointed head coach Henley Du Plessis, said the South African trio have settled in well and adjusted to the new environment in Kakamega.

"The boys arrived a fortnight ago and have settled in well. They are getting acquainted to the new system and structure while at the same time trying to gel with their team-mate," added Du Plessis.

Du Plessis, who was appointed in August on a three-year contract, said Kabras have had an extensive pre-season ahead of the start of the league campaign and intensified preparation for the start of the season this week by having a training camp, where the players report at 6am.

"The players are relishing the start of the season," he added.

Du Plessis was noncommittal on his side's chance of winning the league. "Our first five games of the



Kabras' Kevin Keagan tackles KCB's Brian Omondi in a past Kenya Cup match.

/OLIVER MORGAN

season will be without five players who are way with the Simbas in the repechage. So it's premature to start talking about the title. However, I will be able to assess that in the new year," observed Du Plessis.

The five on national duty include forwards Hillary Mwanjilwa, George Nyambua, Andrew Chogo, Coleman Were and Joseph Otero.

The tactician said the side will

play two build-up matches next month against Oilers and a yet to be identified team on November 3 and 10 respectively at Kakamega show ground.

Kabras open their campaign against Mean Machine with subsequent fixtures against Blak Blad, Nakuru RFC, Strathmore Leos and Impala before the Christmas and New year break.

"OUR TOUR IS ALSO GEARED TOWARDS HAVING AS MANY AFC LEOPARDS SUPPORTERS JOIN THE SACCO"

FOOTBALL

Leopards' legends want counties to boost their Sacco

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / AFC

Leopards legends started their tour of Western Kenya yesterday to reach out to Governors from the region to help boost their newly formed Sacco and the medical cover scheme.

Speaking outside the Busia County Government Offices, Regional Asibwa who led the team that included Mahmoud Abbas and Enos Motokaa, said they will also visit Vihiga, Kakamega, Bungoma and Trans Nzoia counties on the same grounds.

"Our tour is also geared towards having as many AFC Leopards supporters join the Sacco. We want Governors from the region and parts of the country to support us realise their dream," he said.

Asibwa thanked Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong for presiding over their harambee in Nairobi alongside Devolution Cabinet Secretary, Eugene Wamalwa.

He said over 100 legends will convene a meeting at Paradiso Hotel along Jogoo Road on Sunday to deliberate on their Sacco, medical cover and the future of AFC Leopards.

VOLLEYBALL

Mombasa Prisons bag 2nd win in Nyerere tournament

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / Former champions Mombasa Prisons men's team recorded their second victory against Faru, beating them 3-1 (25-20, 20-25, 25-17, 25-17) in the ongoing Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Cup at the National Indoor Stadium in Tanzania, yesterday.

The Mombasa-based side had won against Pentagon 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-12) in their opening Pool 'B' match on Wednesday.

The 2016 champions started poorly in the first set, trailing 2-8 and 16-17 at the first and second technical time out before they regrouped and turned tables on the hosts. The side, coached by Henry Nyambu, then squeezed a 20-18 lead and 23-20 before they won the set 25-20. The Kenyan started well in the second set but faded as the game progressed—giving it away 25-20.

The coastal side then recollected themselves in the third set to lead 16-12 at the 2nd TTO and from here never looked back to bag the set 25-17. Mombasa picked from where they left, leading 8-6 and 16-15 before extending the lead 19-16 and 22-17. They then sealed the set 25-17.

Meanwhile, the other Kenyan men's representative General Service Unit, who recorded a 3-0 win against Jeshi Stars in the opener were scheduled to take on Mji Mwema yesterday in their second Pool 'A' match.

RUGBY

Kenya Lionesses land invite for next month's Dubai Sevens

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / Kenya Lionesses will feature in the 2018/19 HSBC World Women's Sevens Series in Dubai next month

A statement from Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) read: "The Kenya Lionesses will kick off their 2018/2019 season on a high note and they have received an official invite to participate in the Dubai 7s leg of women's Rugby Sevens Series."

This will be the second time Lionesses will be playing in the HSBC World Sevens Series against core

teams having done so in Clermont Sevens in 2016 when they were preparing for Rio Olympics. "The invite came as a result of their outstanding performance during the Rugby Africa women's 7s tournament in May this year," said the statement.

The women's series will kick off with USA Sevens on October 21/22 in Glendale, featuring the 11 core teams and invitational team, Mexico. Previously, the Lionesses used to play in the invitational tournaments in Dubai.

Elsewhere, the varsity rugby league enters its third week tomorrow at the Kenyatta University.

The hosts, University of Nairobi, Egerton and Catholic University already have a place in the semis to be held on October 20 at Egerton.

The battle for Pool 'A' will be between Blak Blad and Egerton Wasps who have nine and eight points respectively, starting 4pm. Mean Machine take on leaders Catholic University at 2pm even though both sides are on nine points.



Lionessess' Janet Owino battles South Africa Mathrin Simmeps and Jacqueline Kiel in a past action /COURTESY

SPORTS INTERNATIONAL

FOOTBALL

Russia players Kokorin, Mamayev detained by police over attacks

MOSCOW / Russian police said have opened a criminal investigation and detained Russia internationals Alexander Kokorin and Pavel Mamayev, who are accused of carrying out violent attacks in central Moscow.

The attacks, allegedly perpetrated by Zenit St Petersburg forward Kokorin and Krasnodar midfielder Mamayev on Monday, were captured on CCTV and prompted widespread outrage among ordinary Russians as well as reaction from the Kremlin.

Footage, which has been circulated widely by the Russian media, shows

a man being kicked and punched in the street by a group of people said to include the two footballers and another incident in which two civil servants appeared to be assaulted in a cafe. Mamayev and Kokorin have declined to comment.

The two players were summoned by police for questioning on Wednesday and told that if they did not appear then nationwide search warrants would be issued. Police said both players had turned up and had been detained over charges of hooliganism.



Kokorin celebrating his goal against Liechtenstein in past match /REUTERS

FOOTBALL

Villa appoint Smith as manager with former Chelsea captain as assistant

LONDON / Aston Villa have appointed Brentford boss Dean Smith as their new manager with former England captain John Terry as his assistant, the English Championship club said on Wednesday. Smith, who developed a reputation for playing exciting, attacking football at Brentford, is a Villa fan and will replace Steve Bruce, who was sacked last week following the second tier side's dismal start to the season.

Former Chelsea and England skipper Terry decided to call time on his playing career on Sunday.

He had been without a club since leaving Villa following their play-off defeat by Fulham at Wembley Stadium last season. Villa have also appointed Jesus Garcia Pitarch as Sporting Director.

"These three appointments represent the start of a new era and direction at Aston Villa and we are delighted to secure their services after an extensive search," Villa CEO Christian Purslow said. "Dean has a clear and successful coaching philosophy as well as a real understanding of Aston Villa Football Club."



FOOTBALL

Italy, Ukraine draw

Malinovskiy nets volley to cancel out Bernardeschi's opener in friendly

LONDON / Italy and Ukraine played out a 1-1 draw in their friendly at the Stadio Luigi Ferraris, which saw tributes paid to those who died in the Genoa motorway bridge collapse.

In the build-up to Wednesday's match, a wreath had been laid at the Ponte Morandi, where 43 people were killed during August, with the message 'The Azzurri with Genoa in their hearts'.

Just before half-time, everyone at Sampdoria's home ground, where Italy boss Roberto Mancini spent the majority of his playing career, paused to pay their respects to those who lost their lives. Italy had taken the lead early in the second half when Federico Bernardeschi's

Italy's Federico Bernardeschi in action with Ukraine's Oleksandr Karavayev /REUTERS

shot was fumbled by Ukraine goalkeeper Andrei Pyatov.

Ukraine, though, were level just after the hour when Ruslan Malinovsky hooked the ball in following a corner. The Azzurri—now win-less in the last five home matches—continue their Nations League campaign away to Poland on Sunday, while Ukraine will host the Czech Republic next Tuesday night.

Cagliari midfielder Nicolo Barella made his senior debut, with Napoli's Lorenzo Insigne, Juventus forward Bernardeschi and Fiorentina's Federico Chiesa leading the frontline. Italy started brightly and Pyatov had to be alert on seven minutes when he saved from

Leonardo Bonucci's volley after a corner. The Shakhtar Donetsk keeper was then out quickly to deny Alessandro Florenzi and before tipping over a goal-bound effort from Barella.

On 43 minutes, the game was paused for everyone at the stadium to pay tribute to the victims of the Ponte Morandi collapse - with the message 'Genoa in the heart' displayed on the big screens.

Italy started the second half strongly and went ahead on 55 minutes following an unexpected mistake by Pyatov. The Ukraine goalkeeper had been impressive during the first half, but failed to read a low, angled effort from 20 yards from Bernardeschi.

FOOTBALL

Ronaldo's lawyer admits to paying off claimant, denies rape

BY IAN HERBERT / Cristiano Ronaldo's new Las Vegas lawyer confirmed the player had struck a financial deal with Kathryn Mayorga, the woman who accuses the Portuguese of rape, but insisted documents about the case had been forged in a deliberate attempt to defame him.

Peter Christiansen said there was nothing suspicious about Ronaldo paying Ms Mayorga \$350,000 (£266,000) to keep quiet about what the player claims was consensual sex at a Las Vegas hotel, in 2009.

"This settlement is by no means a confession of guilt," the lawyer said. He insisted Ronaldo had paid up to quash 'outrageous allegations' which were an attempt to 'destroy a reputation that has been built upon hard work, athleticism, and honour.'

He said Ronaldo, 33, who denies the allegations, would sue German media outlet Der Spiegel over the publication of documents secured from the whistle-blowing platform, Football Leaks — which has revealed hundreds of contracts, third party ownership deals and alleged tax evasion strategies.

Christiansen added: "In 2015, dozens of entities, including law firms... were hacked and their electronic data was stolen and captured by a cyber criminal."

"This hacker attempted to sell this data, and one media outlet has now irresponsibly published the stolen documents, significant portions of which were altered and/or completely fabricated."

Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring their second goal /REUTERS



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Eyes on Sterling

Real 'monitoring Raheem's contract situation' at Man City as he enters the final two years

BY GLEN WILLIAMS / Real Madrid are keeping close tabs on Raheem Sterling's contract situation at Manchester City.

The 23-year-old has less than two years left on his current deal and has previously said he would be open to discussing a move away from the Etihad.

"It would be nice to play abroad," Sterling said last year. "It would be a great experience. Spain's attractive. Anywhere the weather is nice really."

And, according to ESPN, there is willingness from both parties for Sterling to sign a new deal at the club— but Real Madrid are closely monitoring the state of play.

Sterling put pen to paper on five-year contract back in 2015 when he moved from Liverpool for £49million.

But as yet there has been no sign of a new deal for the England international, despite the likes of Kevin De Bruyne and Sergio Aguero penning extensions in the last year.

City boss Pep Guardiola, however, has waxed lyrical about the player and, back in August, said the club will do their best to keep him. "We are delighted with him



City's Raheem Sterling with manager Pep Guardiola/REUTERS

and would like Raheem to stay," Guardiola said this summer.

"We'll do our effort to make him feel we count on him. And we count on him. We arrived after a difficult season (two years ago) and I told him I want to help him and would like him to be happy."

"In the end, the agents may not have agreements and that may not happen. But he knows and his agent knows we like him and want him a lot."

As yet, there has been no contact between the clubs regarding the player. However, should City allow Sterling's contract to run down further, the La Liga giants will certainly have their interest piqued.

Elsewhere, Everton can learn

from the mistakes of rivals in building a new stadium to help bridge the gap to the leading Premier League teams, their finance chief said.

The Merseyside outfit last year formally agreed a 200-year land lease at the proposed Bramley Moore Dock site. Everton have played at their distinctive Goodison Park ground since 1892, but with a capacity of only 40,000 the club struggles to compete with the match-day income of rivals.

Yet some top-flight teams have experienced difficulty moving to new homes. West Ham United have endured crowd trouble and disruption since their switch to the London Stadium in 2016.

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Zabaleta calls for West Ham consistency after break

LONDON / West Ham United's patchy early form has cost them places in the Premier League table and although the club are not in a crisis they must strive to be more consistent, defender Pablo Zabaleta has said.

The London club, who began the campaign with four defeats, appeared to be back on track after victories over Everton and Manchester United on either side of a draw against Chelsea.

However, Manuel Pellegrini's side lost 1-0 to Brighton and Hove Albion last weekend which left them 15th in the standings with seven points from eight matches.



West Ham's Pablo Zabaleta applauds the fans after recent duel/COURTESY

"OK, let's say the situation isn't a crisis but also it's not perfect. The most important thing we can learn from those games is to understand that to become a better team we need to improve our consistency," Zabaleta told the club's website.

"Those dropped points make the difference in the table. If we had three or four more, we'd be a few places higher, six or seven points from the relegation zone and just three or four points from the European positions."

West Ham, who spent most of their last two league campaigns struggling in the bottom half of the table, started poorly as they adapted to new manager Pellegrini's tactics.

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The importance of Skipper’s role has diminished

JUST WHERE HAVE ALL CAPTAIN MARVELS GONE IN MODERN GAME?

Petr Cech passed the captain’s armband to Aaron Ramsey who wore it for a while then handed it to Mesut Ozil. Up in the Emirates Stadium stands, Frank McLintock scratched his head and wondered what had become of this prestigious office.

In Azerbaijan, four days later, Nacho Monreal led out Arsenal against Qarabag and in the second half it was Danny Welbeck. Against Fulham, on Sunday, Granit Xhaka had the honour. Six different players in three games. The official club captain Laurent Koscielny is injured.

“It seems anybody can take it – like it’s a present,” said McLintock. “For me, the great teams always had great captains. I don’t know if that was just a British thing. Bobby Moore, Bryan Robson, Danny Blanchflower... not all the same style but all leaders.

“We’ll probably never see these types again. As long as they’re good players. Virgil van Dijk doesn’t shout like Tommy Smith but he’s a good player.”

McLintock, 78, belongs in company with great club captains of the past – with Billy Bremner, Roy Keane and Tony Adams. At Arsenal, manager Bertie Mee wanted the Glaswegian to be the first voice his players heard at half-time. Trailing 3-1 to Anderlecht after the first leg of the Fairs Cup final in 1970, McLintock’s passionate speech inspired a fightback which clinched the trophy at Highbury and launched them towards the Double a year later.

In the FA Cup at Manchester City, he once conjured magic from Charlie George by inventing a tale about how City’s flamboyant assistant manager Malcolm Allison really didn’t rate him. “I told him Mal thought he was a bottler, a typical Cockney, all mouth and no trousers,” said McLintock. “I had to defuse it afterwards.

“Charlie scored twice and gave him a right mouthful. Poor Mal had no idea what was going on.”

Arsenal’s captaincy has been restless since Patrick Vieira’s exit

in 2005. Manager Arsene Wenger seemed to use the role as a device to stop players leaving but it not work with Thierry Henry, Cesc Fabregas or Robin van Persie any more than it convinced William Gallas to embrace responsibility.

Others in the upper echelons of the Premier League appear equally unsure what to do with the role.

At Manchester United, Jose Mourinho stripped Paul Pogba of the vice-captaincy and captain Antonio Valencia hit the ‘like’ button on a social media message calling for his manager to be fired.

Michael Carrick was named captain when Wayne Rooney left but was mostly injured and Valencia, who took over, is not always in

“IT SEEMS ANYBODY CAN TAKE IT – LIKE IT’S A PRESENT,” – MCLINTOCK

the team. Others have also led out the team, including Ashley Young and Chris Smalling. A strong captain might have helped Mourinho. At Chelsea, where John Terry was captain for years, Cesar Azpilicueta has had the armband because Gary Cahill is out of favour but there is a suspicion the job is Eden Hazard’s if he commits to a new contract.

Manager Maurizio Sarri swerves the question and says he must first talk to the board and the players about his plans – hardly a ringing endorsement for Azpilicueta.

“I don’t think it matters any more,” said Terry Butcher, former captain of Ipswich, Rangers and England. “It doesn’t have the same aura. The higher you go, the less the captain plays a role. There are exceptions, you see it more in the lower leagues, but it’s lost some of its sparkle.

“It’s generally given to the best player and the best player is not the best leader. That’s diluting the role. Ultimately, the team can run out in any order and decide among themselves who does the toss.

“Maybe there are not enough leaders. People used to point fingers and get you going. Bryan Robson would have a go at me on a regular basis and it sharpened me up. I don’t see it in the Premier League. Players make a mistake and no-one’s shouting, driving people. They walk away.

“Maybe they think they’ll still play next week. We’ve lost a lot of things but you have to say the standard has improved enormously.”

Glenn Hoddle wanted Alan Shearer as his England captain. He wanted the best player leading the team just as Diego Maradona led out Argentina. This season, Lionel Messi is the captain of Barcelona.

Gareth Southgate, the current England boss, was a thoughtful captain as a player and he took time before opting for Harry Kane. The lionhearted leader that blood-soaked Butcher came to embody was a British creation since eroded by the internationalism of the Premier League and the demand from coaches for more refined footballers.

Different cultures and sports science have meant fewer paintballing expeditions and booze-ups to organise. Increasingly, there are headphones and iPads or agents and entourages for company rather than a band of brothers. There may be tickets to organise, fines to administer and bonuses to discuss but player-liaison officers and translators help new signings settle and managers can now lean on armies of support staff.

In the no-excuses environment of modern elite football, players are spared all distractions. Yet at the same time the cult of the manager has flourished here.

The Premier League attracts the world’s best coaches and most want to take complete control. If they are to fail they want to fail on their terms. Not yielding to accommodate a cult hero in an armband.

Personality captains such as Troy Deeney and Mark Noble have fought to regain their places at Watford and West Ham respectively.

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14:30	3102	Singapore vs Mongolia	1.43	4.81	6.61
17:00	5756	Montenegro U21 vs Luxembourg U21	1.62	3.93	5.66
17:30	1261	Cameroon vs Malawi	1.25	5.68	12.98
18:00	1000	Angola vs Mauritania	2.21	3.07	3.67
18:00	5217	Gabon vs South Sudan	1.18	8.07	12.37
18:00	5720	Malta U21 vs Hungary U21	4.86	4.05	1.67
18:00	5973	Cape Verde vs Tanzania	1.71	3.58	5.35
18:30	1526	Finland U21 vs Georgia U21	1.87	3.58	4.22
18:30	4670	Qatar vs Ecuador	3.57	3.35	2.08
18:30	5554	Germany U20 vs Netherlands U20	1.70	3.65	4.22
19:00	1641	Serbia U21 vs Austria U21	1.94	3.66	3.83
19:00	2684	Togo vs Gambia	1.72	3.33	5.92
19:00	3210	Slovenia U21 vs Bulgaria U21	1.57	4.18	5.70
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19:00	3364	Denmark U21 vs Poland U21	1.72	3.81	4.88
19:00	3543	Faroe Islands U21 vs Lithuania U21	2.80	3.34	2.54
19:00	3968	Russia U21 vs Macedonia U21	1.16	6.61	10.42
19:00	4847	Croatia U21 vs Greece U21	1.72	3.93	4.63
19:00	5139	Romania U21 vs Wales U21	1.49	4.26	6.92
19:30	1596	Guinea vs Rwanda	1.36	4.47	10.89
20:00	4313	Egypt vs Swaziland	1.09	8.85	18.75
20:00	5674	Ivory Coast vs Central African Republic	1.36	4.73	9.78
20:45	4874	Saudi Arabia vs Brazil	20.32	7.46	1.09
21:00	1533	NEC Nijmegen vs FC Eindhoven	1.45	4.78	6.18
21:00	2004	Jong AZ Alkmaar vs Jong Utrecht	1.60	4.36	4.90
21:00	2555	FC Volendam vs Almere City	2.56	3.68	2.51
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21:00	5120	Den Bosch vs Dordrecht	1.77	4.03	4.03
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21:45	2045	Croatia vs England	2.59	3.13	2.91
21:45	2063	Estonia vs Finland	3.89	2.92	2.22
21:45	2339	St Patricks vs Shamrock Rovers	3.71	3.60	1.99
21:45	2366	Moldova vs San Marino	1.07	7.08	25.27
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ATHLETICS 138 KENYANS HAVE TESTED POSITIVE IN LAST 14 YEARS

Kalalei banned

Another Kenyan athlete handed four-year ban after testing positive for EPO

BY REUTERS / Kenyan marathon runner Samuel Kalalei (pictured), who won the Athens marathon last November, has been banned for four years after testing positive for blood-booster EPO, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has said.

Kalalei's urine sample, which was collected after the Rotterdam Marathon in April, had returned positive for EPO. The 23-year-old was provisionally suspended by AIU, the independent agency of world athletics ruling body IAAF, on June 4.

The AIU said that all of Kalalei's results since that event in the Netherlands would now stand disqualified. Kalalei had set a personal best time of two hours 10 minutes and 44 seconds to finish in seventh place.

Kenya's reputation as a dominant force in global middle and long-distance running has been tarnished in recent years by doping cases among their elite athletes.

Earlier this year, the AIU handed four-year doping bans to Kenyan long distance runners Eliud Magut and Suleiman Kipses Simotwo. Both had tested positive for Norandrosterone, a metabolite of the prohibited Nandrolone.

A World Anti-Doping Agency report said that between 2004 and Aug. 1, 2018, as many as 138 athletes from the east African nation had tested positive for prohibited substances, 113 of them during competitions.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee admitted nine new members but snubbed both soccer's Fifa and athletics' IAAF again as both have struggled with widespread corruption and doping scandals.

Greece, host of the first modern games, was also left out in the cold for the third year running, in the wake of bitter disputes there over control of the national Olympic committee.

Morinari Watanabe and Andrew Parsons, the heads of the international gymnastics federation FIG and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) respectively, were among those to join the committee. They were joined by Italian Olympic Committee President Giovanni Malago, whose country is bidding for the 2026 winter Games.

The other IOC inductees were senior national Olympic committee members Samira Ashgari from Afghanistan, Prince Jigvel Ugyen Wangchuck from Bhutan, Daina Gudzinaviciute from Lithuania, Camilo Perez Lopez Moreira from Paraguay, Felicite Rwemarikwa from Rwanda and William Blick from Uganda.

While membership of the IOC for the heads of soccer and athletics, two of the world's largest federations, was seen as almost automatic for years, the committee did not propose Fifa President Gianni Infantino or IAAF President Sebastian Coe this time. Despite presiding over two of the most popular sports in the world, Fifa and the IAAF have been embroiled in a range of scandals in recent years. The IOC also snubbed Greece - host of the first modern Games - for the third year running, leaving it without a representative since 2015.



Kenyan Samuel Kalalei reacts while finishing first in the Athens Marathon Men's race / FILE

FOOTBALL

Belgian agent questioned in match-fixing investigation

BRUSSELS / Belgian investigators questioned the country's most influential soccer agent Mogi Bayat yesterday, a day after he and senior figures in Belgian football were detained on suspicion of financial fraud and possible match-fixing.

At the same time, a Belgian judge was deciding whether or not to charge some 25 people, including the coach of champions Club Bruges, the former general manager of Anderlecht, referees and other officials. Some could be kept in custody.

Belgian police raided 44 Belgian clubs and residences across the country on Wednesday, while a further 13 searches took place in France, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Montenegro, Serbia and Macedonia.

The lawyer of former Anderlecht general manager Herman Van Holsbeeck told broadcaster RTL that his client had been released on Wednesday after giving information about transfers and contracts.

Ivan Leko, the Croatian coach of Bruges, was still in custody, his lawyer said, after answering questions on Wednesday. Bruges are playing in Champions League Group A with Atletico Madrid, AS Monaco and Borussia Dortmund. Bayat, a high profile figure who has brokered a series of larger player transfers in the country, was facing questions yesterday, his lawyer said, while complaining about the force used to detain him at dawn on Wednesday.

Three months after the Belgian national side reached the World Cup semi-finals, the news indicating uncomfortably close ties between agents, soccer officials and referees dominated Belgian media. There was widespread speculation about which matches might have been fixed.

Many focused on an extraordinary end to the regular season in Belgium's top division, when Mechelen were relegated on a goal difference of one after they won their final match 2-0 while Eupen scored four goals in the last 20 minutes of their game to stay up.

