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Moi varsity on the sport over Sh30m gate construction

by Mercy Mwai
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Law makers have commenced investigations into how Moi University spent Sh30 million to construct a gate and took Sh 3 billion loan from Exim Bank to acquire a broke Eldoret-based textile manufacturer Rivatex.

The lawmakers who sit in the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Education have summoned National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi, his counterpart in the education sector Julius Oigamba, officials from the industry department and former VC Richard Mbeyi to appear before them in the next two weeks to explain how they allowed the university to spend billions of shillings on such a dead project instead of injecting the money into the university for other purposes.

On the Sh 30 million gate, the MPs sought to know why the university management had cancelled an initial tender of Sh4.8 million that had already been paid to the contractor, and thereafter, proceed to spend another Sh 25 million to construct another gate without following the right procedures.

Led by the chairperson Bumula MP Wamboka Wanani, the MPs who were meeting top officials of Moi University led by vice chancellor Isaac Kosgey, were shocked to learn that despite the university taking such a huge loan and spending an additional Sh600 million to acquire the facility, it has been making losses of Sh300 million every year.

The lawmakers could not further comprehend why the university acquired the facility yet it would only cater for 600 learners out of the 30 000 students that the institution has.

Said Wamboka: "How do you as a university commit the National Treasury to acquire a dying entity at Sh 3.3 billion and when you do that and the institution starts making losses you throw it away and say it is now in another department."

He added: "You spent Sh 3 billion on a dead project and your university is ailing. Imagine today if you are given Sh 3 billion, I would expect you to use it to improve learning in schools and infrastructure such as hostels."

Lawmakers up in arms over CBC's poor implementation

MPs accuse State of failing to put in place adequate structure to employ teachers to effect success

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There was uproar in the National Assembly over the implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) after lawmakers accused the government of being ill-prepared for the transition of the first cohort of Grade Eight to Grade Nine, next year.

Lawmakers accused the government of failing to put in place adequate infrastructure, employ more teachers as well as conduct adequate training for teachers.

While discussing an adjournment motion sponsored by Kathiani MP Robert Mbui, the MPs said it is regrettable that teachers are being forced to teach learners when they are ill equipped due to the failure by the government to set aside adequate funds for the exercise.

The lawmakers claimed that the situation is so bad that even teachers themselves have raised concerns over the syllabus being crafted by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) saying it has errors, which ought to be addressed before the transition takes place.

Led by Mbui, the MPs said that despite almost 1.5 million students awaiting transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 in over 32,000 schools in the country in the next three months, the Ministry of Education is still not prepared for the transition.

Increased apprehension

Mbui in particular regretted the transition into Grade 9 has caused increased apprehension among parents and widespread concern on the preparedness of the education sector with regard to the transition.

He also claimed that the confusion is also due to the shift on where the infrastructure in schools was to be domiciled.

Initially it was meant to be lodged within secondary schools but then when



Pupils engage in an interactive class session through the new CBC curriculum. Recently the National Parents Association said that it will defend the embattled Competency-Based Curriculum in court after a case was filed to challenge it./ng. PD/FILE



ROBERT MBUI

We also require teachers and the teacher issue is one of the most notorious problems that we have

President William Ruto government took over power, it constituted the Presidential working party on education reforms, which recommended this transition remain in primary schools, implying that the Junior Secondary Schools remain domiciled in primary schools.

Said Mbui: "We require 32,469 classrooms and that is only on the assumption that every one of the schools requires only one class. There are schools with 3 or 4 streams, so we are probably requiring almost 60,000 classrooms. Do we have the classrooms and if we don't, what are we going to do so that we can have them in the next three and a half months?"

Notorious problems

He added: "We also require teachers and the teacher issue is one of the most notorious problems that we have. We have talked about free education for a long time, even primary schools we say we have free primary education but if you go to more schools you find there are not enough teachers, so the parents have on a regular basis got to contribute to pay teachers. Now when parents pay for teachers, what do we call that free education?"

The uproar by the lawmakers comes at a time when 1.3 million grade eight learners are set to transition to Grade Nine in Janu-

ary. The Grade 9 will however remain in primary schools, in line with recommendations of the Presidential Working Party on Education Reform.

January will see the first cohort of CBC learners join Grade Nine. There are 23,286 primary schools according to 2013-2021 Ministry data.

Last week the National Treasury said that the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) would only be able to hire the 46,000 Junior Secondary School intern teachers into permanent and pensionable terms from January 2025. The JSS teachers are supposed to teach grade nine learners.

Last month Principal Secretary for Basic Education, Belio Kipsang disclosed that the construction of 11,000 classrooms is ongoing countrywide in preparation for Grade 9 pupils. He reported that the ministry had allocated an extra Sh1 billion for schools in Nairobi County because of their unique challenges.

Kipsang said 5,000 classrooms will be constructed by the National Government Constituency Development Fund, to achieve a total of 16,000 units that were needed for the Grade 9 pupils.

"As we speak, 11,000 classrooms are at various levels of completion countrywide. We are working with members of parliament and NG-CDF to support us with 5,000 classrooms," he said.

Mutua vows to streamline employment agencies operations

by People Reporter
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The Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection, Dr. Alfred Mutua, has announced a series of reforms aimed at streamlining the recruitment and deployment process for Kenyans seeking employment abroad.

The reforms, that are designed to bring efficiency to employment and labor migration, with several key administrative changes set to take effect, comprises introduction of a new registration system for employment agencies.

Speaking at a meeting with private recruitment agencies and home care training institutions at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Dr Mutua revealed that the new measures were the result of extensive consultations with key stakeholders both in Kenya and overseas.

The initial registration certificate for new employment agencies will now be valid for one year, costing Sh500,000.

The renewal of registration certificates will be extended to a period of two years, a change from the current one-year renewal period.

This will be priced at Sh500,000 for two years, or Sh250,000 per year with an option for one-year renewal.

"These changes will take effect from September 23, and those currently holding renewal notifications can also benefit from this reform. To ensure compliance, the National Employment Authority (NEA) has fully staffed its compliance section to enforce these new regulations," Dr Mutua said.

In an effort to enhance the preparation of Kenyans working abroad, Dr Mutua announced changes to pre-departure training and orientation programmes.



Ruto, Gachagua silent war casts shadow on CoG's coming poll

By afternoon yesterday, two governors—Wajir's Abdullahi and Nyeri's Kahiga—had tabled their nomination forms for consideration

by Samuel Kariuki
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The silent war between President William Ruto and his deputy Rigathi Gachagua is rearing its ugly head in the forthcoming elections for the Council of Governors chair as the term of the incumbent Anne Waiguru comes to an end.

By afternoon yesterday, two governors: Wajir's Ahmed Abdullahi and his Nyeri counterpart Mutahi Kahiga had tabled their nomination forms for consideration.

Kiambu's Kimani Wamatangi who is also being touted among his colleagues was yet to submit his papers.

Kahiga and Wamatangi were elected as county bosses through the UDA ticket while Abdullahi is from former Prime Minister Raila Odinga's ODM party. Already, Kahiga's presentation of his papers has elicited friction within Ruto's camp due to his closeness to Gachagua.

Though considered by many of the governors as the "right person" to push the government to the corner on devolution matters, allies of President Ruto view him as "a too anti-government." Yesterday, Kahiga urged his colleagues not to be tied by the ongoing rivalry between Ruto and Gachagua but elect an individual capable of defending devolution. "It is not about Ruto or Gachagua but about who can fight for the interests of devolution. We must look at the bigger picture of protecting devolution which the government appears inclined to kill," Kahiga said.

Political climate

The election for the new CoG chair is slated for October 7, 2024 and will happen at a time when the political climate in the country is heating up. United Democratic Alliance, the party through which Waiguru won the Kirinyaga gubernatorial seat, is currently embroiled in a discord between its chairman President Ruto and his vice chairman Deputy Gachagua.

Of the three, Wamatangi was the most preferred candidate among his peers to succeed Waiguru as colleagues argue that he has maintained a sober and neutral position about the unfolding political situation and especially the ruling UDA party infightings. Governors also credit him for being a strong defender of devolution since the time he was a Senator.

However, he comes from the Central region same as the outgoing chair and is



Governors at a past event. PD/FILE

likely to be dropped as the seat may be handed to a sitting governor from outside the region of the incumbent. Wamatangi was not reachable for comment. The CoG chair is a rotational seat where the officeholder serves for a one-year term but may seek to be re-elected once. Former Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto was the first chairman of the CoG and was succeeded by his former Meru Governor Peter Munya Turkana Governor Josphat Nanok served as the third chairman before being succeeded by former Kakamega Wycliffe Oparanya who eventually handed over to Waiguru.

Going by regions where Waiguru predecessors originated from, counties in the greater North Eastern, Coastal and Nyanza regions had never a governor serving at the apex of the council. Among the three hopefuls, Abdullahi who is also serving as the vice chairman of CoG has the upper hand in being elected as the next chair.

Governor Abdullahi is seen as a vocal arbitrator having successfully brokered a truce between the county governments, doctors and clinical officers through a return-to-work formula. He has been instrumental in proposing and drafting bills on devolution.

However, Abdullahi's undoing for the role of the CoG chair is that he is viewed as not being bold enough to withstand President Ruto's administration which is accused of manipulating the council leadership. Critics say that the chairmanship being a political seat, Abdullahi may not have the stamina to resist government manipulation and pressure to endorse its agenda at the expense of governors' interests. But Abdullahi says he has what it takes for the posi-

tion. "My tenure as the CoG deputy chair speaks for itself. My push for devolution has been evident and I am determined to ensure that the government surrenders all devolved functions as well as release funds on time," Abdullahi said.

Mutahi on the other hand has been described as a bold and consistent figure who on numerous occasions has condemned the delayed disbursement to money owed to counties by the National Treasury. For the CoG chair position, he may not be the favourite due to his fierce anti-Ruto remarks which could likely cause bad blood between the council and the government.

The Governor, widely seen as Gachagua's right-hand man has also been at the forefront of defending the embattled Deputy President who is facing growing hostility from Ruto allies in the Mt Kenya region who have shifted their support to the Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki. Waiguru has served the council for two terms having been initially elected in September 2022 and then re-elected through general consensus during a full council meeting in October last year.

Glass ceiling

She broke the glass ceiling to become the first woman to sit at the helm of CoG and the fifth chairperson but exits the council amid a myriad of challenges affecting the counties and blamed on the national government. The jinx of late disbursement of equitable share revenue still haunts the county governments where currently National Treasury is withholding an estimated Sh100 billion owed to the 47 devolved units.

The money was supposed to fund operations and pay workers and suppliers of the counties in July, August and September 2024. Earlier this month, CoG Chief executive Mary Mwiti wrote to the Senate Finance Committee to protest over the delayed disbursement of the funds, stating that as of September 5, no county had received its allocations for the three months.

"We note that the current status has paralysed operations of the counties with regards to continuity of service delivery, payment of suppliers and remuneration of county employees," the letter read in part.

Waiguru's replacement is expected to take the national government head on over the delayed disbursements to ensure the smooth and uninterrupted running of counties. Additionally, this week, counties served a major blow after the National Treasury sliced the money allocated to counties by Sh20 billion from Sh400 billion to Sh380 billion. The incoming chair will also be hard pressed to champion the wish of governors to have the equitable share revenue increased to Sh450 billion.



DP Gachagua assures Lamu residents of their security

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has pledged that the government will continue enhancing security in Lamu county and avert terror attacks.

Reaffirming the government's commitment in beefing up security in the county, the Deputy President said Kenya Kwanza administration has brought together every security agency in the county to ensure residents coexist peacefully and in harmony.

"Lamu county has for a long time been a battleground for terrorists. They have had their time but now and moving forward, it will not be business as usual. They will get it rough because our security agencies are on their case," he said.

Gachagua was speaking at Muungano Grounds in Mpeketoni, Lamu county, during the burial service of the late Raphael Munyua, the county's Deputy Governor.

The Deputy President emphasised the importance of peace in the resource-rich county, adding that Lamu county can only flourish if only peace and tranquility exists.

"Security is paramount in this county. Lamu is an important county-rich in resources including the blue economy. We are kindly asking for unity of communities living here. I want to encourage you to continue building cohesion for the purposes of communal unity," he added.

Responding to the former Lamu County Woman representative Shakilla Mohammed who called for the removal of sniffer dogs at road blocks, claiming that they are inconveniencing residents, Gachagua said it is not possible to do so because the Government will have compromised on security.

"I have heard the request by Shakilla Abdallah, but I want to inform you that it will not be possible to remove the sniffer dogs on our roads. Let's give our officers time to ensure that there is safety. Those sniffer dogs are doing a good job to detect explosives," he insisted.

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● Despite having a high-flying political career, Waiguru's critics say she failed to be at the top of the game as the CoG chair as they viewed her as being too soft on the ruling Kenya Kwanza government.

● They also see her as a person who was keen to protect top government officials who have failed to respect devolution and the interests of the devolved units.

● The incoming chair has an uphill task of putting to an end the tendency of the national government to interfere with devolved functions.

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Sakaja warns grabbers as he issues land titles

by Alvin Mwangi
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Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja has issued at least 912 title deeds as part of his administration plan to empower residents through land tenure.

The beneficiaries include members of 14 county schemes in Nairobi residing in Kayole Soweto, Sharp Corner in Dandora, Matope Spring Valley, Patanisho in Lower Savanna and Pumwani.

Others are Dandora Phase II, Mathare North, New Pumwani, Humama in Komarock, Jua Kali Sector B in Kariobangi South, KCC in Mowlem, Umoja One and Umoja Inncore.

The move will now address a

long-standing issue where 50 per cent of county allotment land remains untitled and unrated, despite allocations that were made over 45 years ago.

Sakaja reassured the public that the title deeds being distributed are fully verified.

Right to title deeds

"Many people have faced a lot of challenges just to attain their title deeds which is not supposed to be the case. It is your right to get the title deeds," he said at Charter Hall, Nairobi.

"I can assure you that the 912 title deeds we are currently giving have been verified and do not have cases or issues. *Hizi ni title zenyu.*"

The county boss highlighted that

in the past 24 months, his administration has issued 7,000 title deeds to individuals and public institutions across the city.

Sakaja reaffirmed his commitment to continuing this exercise, which is part of his broader strategy to transform Nairobi into a well-managed and orderly city.

"This effort is part of my administration's broader commitment to transforming Nairobi into a well-managed, orderly city, focusing on improving public infrastructure, education, and land administration," he added.

The governor emphasised the significance of holding a title deed, especially for Nairobi's elderly landowners.

"A title deed is an important

document in this county. It unlocks economic security for you and your families.

Securing these titles would allow residents to invest more confidently in their properties, creating jobs and improving living standards," Sakaja said.

The Governor also issued a stern warning to defrauders and land grabbers.

"Those who are used to grabbing land, your days are numbered," Sakaja said.

In addition to that, the Governor revealed that the county is currently mapping public utilities, with 75 percent already mapped and the process still ongoing. He noted that it is part of the county's ongoing efforts to unlock pending leases.

Detectives probe fraud, forgeries at BRS offices

by People Reporter
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Detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) are camping at the Business Registration Service (BRS) investigating circumstances under which individuals have lost directorship and shareholding in companies through forgery of documents.

Detectives from the DCI privy to the investigations told the People Daily that the multibillion syndicate is undertaken by some unscrupulous employees at the BRS.

Last month, the DCI detectives were forced to acquire a warrant of arrest of BRS Director General Kenneth Gathuma to compel him to surrender documents related to the fraudulent activities at the state owned agency that has seen several business people defrauded of shares worth hundreds of millions of shillings in companies.

In some instances, the unscrupulous individuals, after using forged documents from BRS, have gone ahead to fraudulently change ownership of companies, before subsequently disposing off property worth hundreds of millions of shillings owned by the firms.

Employees complicit

"We decided to move in after an outcry from several business people over the fraud going on at BRS where we suspect a number of employees to be complicit," a senior detective at the DCI's Serious Crime Unit involved in the operation told the People Daily.

Early last year, city businessman Josiah Nicholas Mbathi Mwangi appeared in court charged with forging documents to kick out his co-directors from their company, Nimba Technologies that deals in importation of surveillance and security products.

Appearing before Milimani law court senior principal magistrate Bernard Ochoi, Mwangi faced five counts of forgery, with the first indicating that he had forged an affidavit purporting it to be genuine and sworn by his co-director Njeri Kinuthia.

The businessman further denied forging minutes of a meeting, purporting it to be genuine and counter-signed by Njeri. He was also accused of forging company shares transfer deed form and company resignation claiming both as genuine, and were prepared and signed by Njeri.

Detectives now say that individuals like Mwangi, present such forged documents to their collaborators at BRS, where the change of directorship or shareholding is hastened.

The fraudsters are so meticulous in their modus operandi that they are able to file annual returns at the BRS for years without the conned persons discovering them.



Drama galore as Masengeli fights sentence

Masengeli through Ogolla and Miller petitioned to be allowed to appear in court today

by Zaddock Angira
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It was a day of drama yesterday as former acting Inspector General of Police Gilbert Masengeli made desperate last-minute efforts to get a six-month prison sentence imposed on him last week quashed.

A meek-looking Masengeli, who for three weeks had exuded the aura of an arrogant and above-the-law figure, was on his knees begging a court to accord him the opportunity to appear before Judge Lawrence Mugambi, the same one he had snubbed seven times.

With the seven-day window accorded to him by Justice Mugambi elapsing by midnight yesterday before the sentence became effective, Masengeli pleaded with the court to give him a hearing.

Through lawyers Cecil Miller and Steve Ogolla, Masengeli – who has now retreated to his office of Deputy Inspector General of Police for Administration Police, after David Kanja was sworn-in yesterday as Inspector General – informed Justice Chacha Mwita that he was ready to appear in court between 12pm and 2pm.

Out of desperation, Miller, who appeared before Justice Mwita by video link, asked the judge to direct that his client appear physically before Justice Mugambi.

Three-judge bench

But luck was not on his side. His last-minute efforts were dashed by Justice Mwita, who insisted that Justice Mugambi's diary was full yesterday as he was on a three-judge bench hearing another matter.

Miller told the judge that his client had been ready since morning to appear and table important documents related to the case. "We are praying that you give directions so that we appear before Mugambi

today. The sentence for my client will take effect if he does not appear before the judge today."

To which the judge responded: "The matter was mentioned today before me, since the trial judge is before another bench. If you ask me to allocate the matter before him, I am not aware whether the judge is available. How do I establish whether the judge is available today?"

Justice Mwita ordered the file be placed before Justice Mugambi today so that he could order when and what times the parties should appear.

Meanwhile, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and lawyer Nelson Havi, who is representing the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, requested that the matter be mentioned next week.

Havi told the court that he was in Western Kenya and could not make it back to Nairobi on such a short notice.

Last evening, Havi said Masengeli had the opportunity to explain to the court why he failed to honour summons.

Contempt of court

"But there is also the matter of habeas corpus, where he is required to produce the three missing Kitemanga boys – Bobby Njagi, Aslam Longton and Jamil Longton," Havi said. "The police boss has not produced the boys as ordered by the court, nor has he shown any efforts to do so or shown what steps he is undertaking to find them. We shall still oppose his apology to the court over contempt."

Masengeli was handed a six-term jail sentence on September 13 for contempt of court, but the sentence was suspended for seven days to give him a chance to appear personally and explain the whereabouts of three political activists alleged to have been abducted in Kitemanga.

The Court of Appeal on Wednesday declined Masengeli's plea to suspend the prison sentence pending a hearing.

A three-judge bench consisting of Justices Aggrey Muchelule, Gatembu Kairu, and Weldon Korir rejected the request by



Newly appointed Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja and his deputy in charge of Administration Police Gilbert Masengeli during a media brief at the National Police Service headquarters in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

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● Lawyers acting on behalf of Masengeli had presented their prayers before High Court presiding judge Chacha Mwita who declined to grant his request to appear before Lawrence Mugambi for apology.

● Masengeli's woes mounted when he decided to withdraw security officers offering protection to justice Mugambi maintaining that the officers had been recalled for advanced training.

Masengeli's legal team on Wednesday.

The judges said a three-judge bench would hear Masengeli's request, which the trio deemed "reasonable", on a date determined by the court's president, Justice Daniel Musinga.

"We feel it's a reasonable request. They have two days within which to file their responses. Both applications will [be] heard together next week," the bench had said.

The judges moved the hearing after the LSK indicated it was not ready to proceed. The court had received two appeals – one by the Attorney General and another by Masengeli.

In his application filed by Miller, Masengeli argued that Justice Mugambi had convicted him without considering the plea he had filed in the court. He had asked the High Court to suspend the sentence pending the determination of the matter.

The IG argued the court made the decision in the absence of any formal application for contempt. "The judge erred by holding that [Masengeli] cannot send representatives to explain why the order requiring the production of the missing persons had not [been] complied with," court papers said.

Masengeli accused Justice Mugambi of bias, saying the court summons did not require him to attend personally.

"It is in the interest of justice and equity that the application filed be certified urgent and admitted for hearing on priority basis," Masengeli's lawyers told court.

Full in-tray as IG Kanja takes hot seat

Douglas Kanja sworn in as the 5th Inspector General of the NPS during a ceremony at the Supreme Court

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The new Inspector General Douglas Kanja Kirocho takes office today with a full in-tray, and is expected to deal with the heightening tension between the service and the Judiciary, redeem the image of the Service, deal with banditry and terror threats in the country.

During his inaugural address as the IG yesterday, Kanja maintained that the service does not and will not condone abductions and will instead thrive to be a professional service guided by the rule of law.

The career police officer now becomes the fifth IG of the National Police Service under the 2010 Constitution after he was sworn in yesterday morning at the Supreme Court.

Investiture of rank

After the swearing in, Kanja proceeded to the State House for the investiture of rank, a ceremony that involves formal conferment of badges of rank and the handing over of the instruments of power including the Constitution, the Service Standing Orders, the cap, and the NPS flag.

President William Ruto said the new IG has the responsibility as the commander to protect the NPS from any manner of ma-

nipulation, intimidation or blackmail and to ensure that everyone respects the laws of the land without status or any form of entitlement.

The joint committee of National Assembly Administration and Internal Security and Senate Internal Security, Defence and Foreign Relations earlier vetted and approved Kanja.

Baringo Senator William Cheptumo, who chairs the Senate Internal Security and Defence Committee, moved the motion, which was unanimously endorsed by Senators on August 20.

Kanja, then the Deputy Inspector General in charge of the Kenya Police Force was initially appointed the acting IG after the former IG Japhet Koome resigned. On July 25, President Ruto nominated Kanja as the new IG.

Following this nomination, Kanja was replaced by the DIG Administration Police Service (APS) Gilbert Masengeli, who has since then been the acting IGP.

Career policeman

His journey to the helm of the police service began from a humble beginning as a Police Constable.

His current position is a culmination of a long journey that started way back in 1985 when he joined the Kenya Police Force for the Basic Recruits Training Course at the then General Service Unit (GSU) Training School, now the National Police College – Embakasi 'B' Campus.

Kanja's wide experience in operations saw him deployed as the Joint Operations Commander in the Operation Linda Boni



Newly appointed Inspector General of Police, Douglas Kanja takes oath of office at the Supreme Court Building before Chief Justice Martha Koome.
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for a period of two years, 2016-2018.

He was later appointed as the fourth Deputy Inspector General (IG) of the Kenya Police Service (KPS) in 2023.

With close to four decades of experience in law enforcement, Kanja has risen through the ranks from police constable to the top position of Inspector General. He has undergone specialized training both locally and internationally, enhancing his leadership and operational skills within the National Police Service.

Kanja's work has not gone unnoticed. He was awarded the Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS), one of the high-

KANJA TAKES TOP COP POST

- Kanja's appointment follows the resignation of Japheth Koome, who stepped down on July 12.

- President William Ruto appointed Kanja on September 18, to serve a four-year term as the new Inspector General.

- Before his appointment, Kanja served as the Deputy Inspector-General of the National Police Service, overseeing police operations and ensuring efficient management of the police force. His extensive career includes acting as a Commissioner at the National Police Service Commission.

est honours bestowed by the President for exemplary service to the nation.

One of Kanja's notable moments came in 2019 during the Dusit2 Hotel terror attack in Nairobi. As the GSU Commandant, he led a team of officers in the rescue operations, successfully repelling the attackers and saving lives.

The first IG was David Kimaiyo who resigned on December 2, 2014 just a few hours after the Manderu dawn massacre that claimed 36 lives. Kimaiyo however maintained that his resignation was not as a result of the then rise in insecurity in the country.

"The security challenges in the country need concerted efforts with all the stakeholders. These are challenging times, especially with the current trend of international terror. We are at war as a country but we cannot relent," he said when he resigned.

Court stops burial of police officer in protracted internment site row

by **Winstone Cheseremi**
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Eldoret Law Court has issued injunction stopping the burial of a regular police officer Vincent Kiplimo who succumbed to a short illness at a private hospital last month following a dispute over his burial place pitting his wife Caroline Mumbua Kiplimo and her in-laws.

The deceased's wife wants him to be buried at their Uswa Farm along the border of Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin Gishu counties where they had settled for the last 18 years.

But her in-laws led by the deceased's mother Elizabeth Yator, a retired primary school tutor and one of sons, Hosea Kiptoo Korir, insists that Vincent Kiplimo should be laid to rest at Kibendo village in Keiyo North Sub County which is the family's ancestral land.

Traditions clash

Senior Principal Magistrate Onkoba Mogire has ordered that the deceased's mother and her son not to bury or dispose of the body of the officer which has been lying at Iten county referral hospital morgue for one month until the matter before his court is heard and determined.

The deceased's widow



moved to court and obtained the orders on learning that her in-laws had planned to bury the police officer at Kibendo village and not at his matrimonial home located at Uswa village along the border of Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin Gishu counties.

She has sued her mother in-law Elizabeth Yator and brother-in-law Hosea Kiptoo Korir for deliberately excluding her and her four children among them a Form Two student from the funeral arrangements.

"I got married to Victor Korir eighteen years ago and we were blessed with four children with our first who is now in form two. My husband built me a home at Uswa where we have settled and there is no way he should be buried at his parents' home in Kibendo village along the

Kerio Valley," argued the deceased's widow.

In her affidavit filed

through Nyamwega Osoro and company advocates, Mumbua argues that she was taking care of her husband -at Real Hospital in Eldoret until his demise on August 20.

Mumbua further states that while at the hospital, her brother-in-law asked her to surrender all documents and bank details belonging to the deceased.

She says she did not respond to the demand because she was still in shock as it was soon after her husband died.

Matrimonial home

Mumbua claims that her brother-in-law went to Harabee Sacco Eldoret branch to follow up on the deceased shares since he knew that the deceased was a police officer.

She says her brother-in-law further told her that she would not benefit from or access the benefits of late brother.

Mumbua said that her in-laws decided that the deceased be buried in Kapedo with total disregard of his matrimonial home located on parcel number KARUNA/SOSIANI BLOCK 8 (USWO) /330 at Uswa sub location on the border of Elgeyo Marakwet and Uasin Gishu counties without her involvement and participation.

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Kenyans could be consuming substandard cooking oil - Kebs

Agency discovered eight consignments were low quality, wrote to KNTC to, within 30 days, ship it back

by **Mercy Mwai**
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Kenyan consumers could be consuming substandard cooking oil because the importing agency allegedly botched the handling of the commodity, members of a Senate committee heard yesterday.

Of the total 73 consignments that the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC) shipped in from Malaysia, the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) told lawmakers it cleared only 44.

Of those cleared, eight consignments comprising 293,800 jerricans (of 20-litre capacity) were found to be substandard.

Six of the 73 consignments imported between May and November 2023, Kebs said, are in the submission stage and were yet to be approved for release, while 23 others had not reached customs.

Lab tests showed that the oil had insufficient levels of vitamin A in the final product, Kebs Managing Director Esther Ngari members of the Senate Trade Committee.

The presence of high amounts of insoluble impurities, she added, could accelerate the oxidation of the oil, potentially shortening its shelf life.

Vitamin A is a fortificant added to cooking oil at levels of 20 to 40 milligrams as one way of addressing the deficiency of the mineral in the population.

Failed vitamin tests

She said: "Of the eight sampled consignments, a total of seven failed vitamin A [tests], while one consignment failed in both insoluble impurities and vitamin," Ngari said.

After Kebs discovered the eight consignments were substandard, the agency wrote to KNTC asking it to, within 30 days, ship back the supply or destroy it at the cost of the importer.

But the consignments were not destroyed, because by the time the 30 days were lapsing, the Directorate of Criminal



Kebs chief executive Esther Njeri Ngari before the Senate's Trade committee, yesterday. PD/ KENNA CLAUDE

Investigations had started investigating the matter.

She said: "I wish to state that we tested the eight containers and the result showed they failed. The other containers came in different." The agency declared the product substandard because it did not meet Vitamin A requirements.

Asked why Kebs released 36 containers to KNTC even when eight of them had been found to be unfit for human consumption, Ngari clarified that her agency did not pretest the product as it had a certificate of conformity from SGS, a company the agency had contracted to inspect the goods in the country of origin.

Allowed 36 containers

But senators still demanded to know why Kebs proceeded to allow the 36 containers of the product to be released to the market when tests on some of them had been declared unfit.

Jackson Mandago (Uasin Gishu) sought to know why Kebs failed to recall all the imports after all the samples failed the tests.

"Now, when you do something and you find out [that] of 10, seven samples have

failed, what does that say about Kebs?" he said. "Would you still go ahead and approve the rest of the shipment or the sample should act as a red flag."

Betty Montet (nominated) asked: "You want to tell us the rest of the consignments, which are 36, you released them to Kenyans and did nothing about that?"

Mohamed Chute (Marsabit) and Karungo Thang'wa (Kiambu) sought to know what Kebs did to the consignment after the 30 days elapsed. In particular, Chute demanded to know where the substandard oil was being sold. "The first consignment came in June and the last one in November and you all rejected them. I want to ask you, when you found out that the first consignment was substandard, what action did you take? "We want to know exactly where this oil is being sold so that if it is Marsabit county, I can tell my people not to consume it," he said.

Okoiti Omtatah (Busia) raised concerns that four of the rejected consignments came from Multi Commerce FZC, three from Inno Wangs (which was not on the supplier list), and one from Ascent Group (which was also not on the supplier list).



Court orders realtors to respond to Sh16m suit

by **Alphonse Mungahu**
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The High Court yesterday ordered a real estate company to respond to the suit filed by its three US-based clients in a dispute over Sh15.5 million within 14 days.

Justice Lucy Mbugua directed Certified Home Ltd, its two directors Lilian Oketch and Dennis Oketch to file their response in the case seeking financial refund amounting to Sh15.5 million within 14 days.

The defendants are hereby directed to file their response within 14 days failure to which the will enter judgment in favour of the plaintiffs," said the judge.

The court heard that Certified Homes Limited allegedly duped Kenya Women In US by breaching a contract it had entered. The contract was to construct an ultra gated residential home for its clients.

The plaintiffs namely Elizabeth Wangari Green, Caroline Ongito and Eddah Wanjiku Kimani through their lawyer Victor Arika said the Certified Homes Ltd them from the beginning of 2022 and made an arrangement for development of an off-plan designed gated estate called KWITU (Kenyan Women in the US) Gardens Phase 2 which was exclusively meant for members specifically targeted for purchase of houses by family investors in the US, among others.

Clarity of land ownership

The plaintiffs averred that the defendants totally ignored the clarity of land ownership from the beginning and failed to respond to the complainant's concerns as the written contract made the purported parcels of land not lawfully owned by the two Directors Dennis Oketch and Lilian Oketch of the company.

The documents also revealed that the company in construction used building materials with no known source of manufacturing with finishing such as tiles and cabinets, among others, compared to what they used in advertising video and pictures.

Lilian and Dennis are also accused of failing to provide the complainants with architectural plans, construction, and architectural approvals from the county government contrary to information by advertisement that the property had water and electricity at the site.

The director allegedly promised that the house units can be sold between Sh9 million to \$12 million without evidence to support that estimate, which was a misleading way and tactic of attracting more investors/purchasers.

Prisoner finally arraigned for defrauding Sh7.6m

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Hesbon Onyango Nyamweya, currently serving time at Kamiti Maximum Prison, has finally been charged before Milimani Law Courts with conspiring to defraud businesswoman Purity Karambu Laird of Sh7.6 million.

Accompanied by his mother, Pamela Akinyi Wara (pictured), they both denied the allegations before Milimani Chief Magistrate Susan Shitubi.

The prosecution claims that Nyamweya orchestrated the scam while behind bars, promising Laird he could sell her land.

Using a mobile phone and a network of prison contacts, he allegedly directed the operation from his cell, coordinating with his mother and other accomplices outside.

According to court documents, from May 1 to September 17, 2020, Akinyi received Sh7,656,500 from Laird, who was misled into believing she was purchasing legitimate property. The funds were reportedly funneled into multiple prime real estate acquisitions in areas such as Ngata Rongai, Lang'ata, and Migori County, highlighting the scam's sophistication and scale.

Coordinated scheme
Investigators from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) discovered a well-coordinated effort behind the scheme.

Officers believe Nyamweya utilized his prison connections to facilitate the fraud, while Akinyi's elderly status allowed them to evade suspicion for an extended period.

Police are also pursuing Nyamweya's sisters, who are allegedly on the run after withdrawing funds to buy properties linked to the fraud-

ulent activities.

The charges against Nyamweya and Akinyi include conspiracy to commit a felony, money laundering, cheating, and stealing.

Akinyi faces additional charges for handling stolen property, with prosecutors alleging she retained Sh7,656,500 while aware—or should have been aware—that it was obtained through theft.

Despite these serious allegations, Akinyi claimed ignorance, stating her son had misled her regarding the source of the funds.

Chief Magistrate Shitubi acknowledged the severity of the case but granted Akinyi bail, setting her bond at Sh2 million, while Nyamweya was denied bail due to the nature of the charges.

The court scheduled the next mention of the case for October 2, as the investigation into the sophisticated fraud scheme continues.



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Why femicide cases now need national action

Civil rights organisations have raised awareness and achieved shifts in the country's legal framework

Ugandan athlete and Olympian Rebecca Cheptegei died in September 2024 after being set alight by a man she knew in Eldoret, Kenya. Cheptegei's murder was reported to have been about a conflict over land ownership. Her attacker, Dickson Ndiema, has since died from injuries sustained in the attack.

Cheptegei is not the first woman athlete to be murdered in Kenya. In 2021, Agnes Tirop, an Olympic runner, was stabbed to death in her home in Iten. In 2022, Damaris Mutua was found strangled, also in Iten, and her boyfriend is wanted for her murder.

While all the victims in these murders were competitive athletes, these deaths are part of a larger constellation of murders of women across Kenya. Investigative media house Africa Uncensored estimates that 500 women were killed in Kenya between 2017 and 2024. Femicide Count, a Kenyan organisation, recorded 152 cases of femicide in 2023 based on media reports.

The earliest recorded definition of femicide by feminist scholars Diana Russell and Jill Radford in 1992 refers to it as "the misogynist killing of women by men". In 2001, Russell tightened that definition to the killing of females by males because they are female.

Kenya has a long history of activism at a community and policy level on violence against women and girls, which includes femicide. This includes the work done by the Kenyan chapter of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, which was formally registered in 1993. The Coalition on Violence Against Women was founded in 1995.

These organisations, among others, have raised awareness and achieved shifts in the country's legal framework.

The Sexual Offences Act of 2006 was informed by women's rights work across Kenya. This legacy of feminist organising also informed the setting up of gender desks at police stations to create better conditions

for vulnerable survivors to report violence. Women's rights organisations led gender training for the police, judiciary and media to create a more effective chain of support for women survivors.

In January 2024, a coalition of organisations across Kenya organised multi-city marches against femicide. These protests were spurred in part by the gruesome murders of two young women barely a week apart in accommodation designed for short rentals.

Ten demands emerged from the march. Here, I focus on three because they speak to the root causes of femicide rather than the symptoms. I draw on my work as a professor of feminist studies and over two decades of work as an activist across Africa, including my research into femicide in Kenya and South Africa.

The first of the three demands asks that the government declare femicide a national crisis. This would lead to the extraordinary allocation of financial and human resources, as well as the highest level of government attention to address the root causes and symptoms of femicide.

The second is zero tolerance of violence against women. This would elevate any report of femicide to full legal penalties.

The third is better, regular and accessible data collection. This would allow any agency, including civil society organisations, to better understand the scale, nature and demographic factors associated with cases of femicide beyond relying on media reports.

If these demands were to be met in Kenya, there would be a focus on addressing the root causes underpinning femicide and the narratives that sustain it.

The drivers

My research illustrated patterns in the root causes of femicide. Two in particular provide useful context to the three demands highlighted earlier.

The first is that femicide and violence against women assert heterosexuality as the basis for organising socio-economic and political structures in society – whether this is about labour and pay, intimate life or cultural understandings about leadership and societal order.

Women who are viewed as acting outside acceptable norms – such as exercis-



Protesters hold placards during a 'Feminists March Against Femicide' held across Kenya in January 2024.

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FIGHTING FEMICIDE

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ing economic freedom and freedom over their sexuality – are disciplined through the increased surveillance of their bodies. This includes what women wear, where they can walk and feel safe, and what they can say.

The objectification of women by men – whether the men are in power or not – is central to physical and other forms of violence meted out on women who don't conform to particular societal boundaries.

For my research on femicide in Kenya, I reviewed the debates on Twitter that followed the gruesome unsolved murder in 2018 of Sharon Otieno, who chose to have a consensual relationship with a married man. In these conversations, many argued that death was a justified outcome for women like Otieno.

Victim blaming absolves the murderer of any responsibility. It turns the murder into a socio-cultural question about women's respectability.

The second pattern I observed in my research is the argument about "not all men" being perpetrators. When femicide occurs, many men argue that these are isolated cases carried out by deviant men, while at the same time placing responsibility for addressing femicide in the hands of feminists.

What next

It's all too easy to continue to place the responsibility of resolving what is a societal question in the hands of feminist activists. However, doing so belies the reality of

structural power in favour of men, which sustains femicide.

For femicide to be considered a crime for which there is zero tolerance in Kenya, the government must challenge the underpinning logic of women's murders as justifiable because they don't conform to conservative societal views on gender. This would require that the reporting and prosecution of femicide cases doesn't sanitise murderers as sensible, responsible people who simply acted out of character.

National crisis

Additionally, the demand to declare femicide a national crisis expands societal responsibility. It moves the responsibility of addressing heinous crimes against women from women's rights and feminist organisations. If it's true that "not all men hate women and want them dead", then it behoves men who distance themselves from these crimes to take responsibility for addressing the toxic masculinity that feeds violence against women.

This includes a national response, led by the head of state and his cabinet, who have been silent thus far. Such a response will require the allocation of necessary resources for swift and effective prosecution and driving awareness work to challenge toxic masculinity that causes femicide.

The change Kenya requires is for everyone to say one case of femicide is one murder too many.

The article first appeared in The Conversation

Lawyer calls for community to unity ahead of 2027 polls

by Gastone Valusi
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A senior lawyer in Machakos County has called for unity among Ukambani leaders ahead of the 2027 General Election and warned against divisive politics.

Bernard Mung'ata said leaders need to put the region's interests first, saying without unity it would be hard to tackle the problems facing residents.

"Political wrangles will derail development and I urge all leaders to work together in order for the community to have a say in national politics and chart the way forward for the region's

political destiny," he said yesterday during a burial ceremony of late former MCA Benson Kasyoka at Nzambani village in Matungulu constituency.

Mung'ata offered to unity leaders in the region saying that they cannot continue waiting for leadership to be given for them on a silver platter they must fight for it.

"Let us sit down as leaders in this region and talk with each other because dialogue is the only option for us to speak with one voice and to have one person to lead us. We should not be a wrangling community or taking a gamble in leadership," the senior lawyer added.

DG wants counsellors for public schools

by Gastone Valusi
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Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi now wants the government to make it mandatory for every learning institution in the country to have a qualified counsellor to deal with the emerging challenges.

This, Mwangangi said, should apply to all learning institutions from Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) to universities in a bid to address unrests and arsons that result from students' mental instability.

Mwangangi says the Teachers Service Commission (TSC)



should look into ways through which each school in the country should have a fully trained and qualified counsellor.

"Students today face challenges and pressures that need additional support from experts. Schools need to be equipped to assist students of all ages to cope better with the challenges in the

institutions, transitioning from childhood to young adulthood, social media and so many other distractions in today's world," Mwangangi said yesterday.

He said the counselling should be designed in such a manner that it gives students a healthy outlet to safely discuss their problems, work together to resolve conflicts, improve behaviour, and help with social development.

The counselling programme, Mwangangi disclosed, should prioritize student wellbeing in a number of ways, including having highly qualified counsellors for elementary and secondary school.



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Deepen technology in the service sector

Kenya has made impressive progress in digitalisation, particularly with innovations like mobile money through platforms like M-Pesa and the use of technology in advancing livelihoods. However, much of the service sector remains under-digitised, posing a significant barrier to productivity and economic growth. According to the Kenya Economic Report 2024 from the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPR), the digital adoption rate in the service sector stands at just 0.56 percent, far below its potential.

The think tank now advises that to drive economic growth and remain competitive, Kenya urgently needs to rev up technology integration in the service sector. Despite leading the way in mobile money adoption, Kenya's broader digital landscape remains underutilised.

Mobile money has transformed financial inclusion, with 98 percent of Kenyans using it, but only 22 percent primarily use basic digital services. Less than a third of users report increased income from these tools, highlighting a critical gap in digital literacy and the effective use of technology. This gap must be addressed for Kenya to unlock the full economic potential of its digital economy.

One of the key barriers to technology adoption in the service sector is low digital literacy. Many business owners lack the skills necessary to integrate digital tools into their operations, limiting productivity and competitiveness. This is a missed opportunity for economic development.

Kenya's digital superhighway initiative offers a promising path forward. By expanding the fibre network by 100,000km and installing 25,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots, the country can reduce internet costs and improve access to digital services.

Kenya should also learn from countries like India, which has become a global hub for IT services by investing in digital infrastructure and skills development. India's thriving tech sector has attracted global firms, creating jobs and fostering innovation.

While Kenya has the potential to follow a similar path, the country must accelerate the integration of technology in its service industries. E-commerce is a prime example of where Kenya has already begun to make strides. Platforms like Jumia, Kilimall, and Masoko are driving e-commerce growth, with the sector expected to reach a value of \$1.5 billion by 2025.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

MAYA ANGELOU

Courage is the most important of all the virtues because, without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently.



Universities have to rediscover their existence

The jury is out on whether Kenya's universities play the critical roles they should play in this society. Take Nanyang Technical University, for example, in the heart of the tiny city-state of Singapore. It was established just about three decades ago. In these 30 years, it has been on the cutting edge of technological evolution in science, innovation, medicine, technology, and the environment, among other fields.

Universities like those in Singapore are more than just educational institutions. They are thought leaders, shaping the direction of their nations and beyond. What our society is today is a product of institutions of learning of years gone by.

It is not for nothing that a university was a requirement for a place to be called a city and that university cities created a culture of their own, making the environment more outward-looking and receptive to change.

Sometimes innovators who dropped out of university to set up their enterprises are cited as indicative of the overrating of universities. What may be lost in the argument is that one does not have to stay in university to gain the qualification and make a difference. Sometimes mere proximity to an institution is sufficient to stir the seed of change.

Like many other establishments in economies guided by vision, these institutions are premised on a vision of their contribution to society. In their lifetimes, they have worked to achieve this objective of being at the forefront of change and development



LEVI OBONYO

Reputation is built on the ability to foster new ideas and drive society ahead.

in their communities.

Universities are about more than just training the future workforce. They are the epicentres of thought, innovation, and technology. Their reputation is not built on the training they provide but on their ability to foster new ideas and technologies that drive societal progress.

Kenya takes pride in the number of universities established. For long, the pride of the nation was the University of Nairobi. Here, minds came to duel, and the best that the country and the region offered congregated in the senior common room to explore the mysteries of the unknown.

True, academics may be obsessed with the mundane and lost in a world wondering about the mysteries of the unseen. They may take forever fascinated with the definition of a term. But these are the building blocks of discovery on which a better understanding of the future is founded. Imagination is the foundation of innovation and a better tomorrow.

But what works elsewhere is different from

what is happening in our backyards. With over six dozen universities, Kenya is hostage to a cyclic debate over the welfare of university teachers and the ratio of locals hired.

The principles informing the establishment of universities in Kenya could be better. At present, they have nothing to do with the country's future, innovation, discovery, or thought focus. We equate concrete structure with development—a poorly disguised campaign tool in the arsenal of the political leader under whose term of service the concrete structure came up.

Today, Kenyan universities teeter on the brink of collapse, weighed down by debt, mismanagement, bloated staffing, decayed infrastructure, and toxic politics, and lost to the critical purpose of their existence. Faculty are focused on primitive wealth acquisition rather than exploring mysteries unknown. Research is padded to suit the moment rather than unveil the opacities of the undetermined.

The rains started beating Kenya when politicians began thinking for the university rather than the university thinking for society. It could also be true that the institutions are packed with pretenders to the throne of knowledge rather than with genuine seekers of knowledge. Or maybe universities are mere reflections of the symptomatic degeneration of the nation's social fabric.

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Folly of Katiba Day fete without constitutionalism

Since a new Constitution was adopted on 27 August 2010, pro-reform citizens, civil society organisations and quasi-state institutions have marked its promulgation as the start of a trajectory of transformative governance.

But as Professor Yash pal Ghai, who led the constitutional review process and the subsequent related national conference at Bomas in 2003-04, would put it, Kenya was a classic case of a constitutional democracy without constitutionalism.

One does not need lenses to notice that though Kenya is a constitutional democracy in the letter of the Constitution, successive leaders and institutions tasked with breathing life into the wordings of the supreme law have constantly failed to live by the calling of their high offices. As a result, clashes between what is written in the document and actual conduct are daily occurrences that anyone can see.

Take, for example, the ritualistic requirement that whenever a constitutional or public-office institution is recruiting officers, applicants are required to satisfy Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity. While we have had instances



SUBA CHURCHIL

Successive leaders who should breathe life into the supreme law have failed to do so

when individuals were not appointed because they performed poorly in interviews, I can hardly remember when anyone was rejected for failing the integrity test, save for the few instances when courts declared so.

Such contradictions came to the fore at one of this year's Katiba Day events at Ufungamano House on August 28, appropriately dubbed 'Okoa Katiba' (save the Constitution), as the anniversary is widely called in Kiswahili. It was a privilege to be invited by the Azimio party to be on a panel that reviewed the performance of the Constitution, as well as that of State institutions and others at the county level. The focus was on how the socio-political ills of corruption, tribalism and nepotism persist as impediments to equal access to opportunities.

Put differently, the panel was about leadership and integrity as envisaged in Chapter Six of the Constitution. Lo and behold, I was

paired with Morara Kebaso, the Gen Z firebrand who has understandably styled himself as the public auditor-at-large, doing a commendable job as a social auditor on publicly funded projects that have become the gravy train for the corrupt. Kebaso ably used his share of the time to spotlight public projects that President William Ruto was launching almost daily, some of them twice, to announce the amount of resources that had gone into a non-existent enterprise that was yet to take off since its initial launch, at times with claims that billions of taxpayers' money had allegedly been spent on it.

Kebaso said the President "launched" projects that he had previously launched as President. But it was Kebaso's rendition of the launching ceremonies, complete with his near-perfect imitation of how the President speaks and gestures, that has become the climax of the shame of political leaders' moral decay.

Integrity is about being accountable and following through with decisions made. To this extent, President Ruto has already failed the integrity test when he promised to reduce the number of his advisers now choking the public wage bill only to reappoint into advisory roles some of the Cabinet ministers he had dismissed. These are roles taxpayers can ill afford, never mind that the President has never been transparent enough to disclose how many advisers he had in the first place!

As the cornerstone of effective leadership, integrity is about being honest, embodying trustworthiness and moral uprightness regardless of any short-term implications. Leaders who prioritise integrity cultivate a culture of transparency and trust, laying the foundation for sustained success.

So if you were still in doubt as to why there is so much trust deficit in Kenya's leaderships – political, religious, administrative or traditional – lack of integrity in our leaders is the answer.

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YOUR TAKE



Ruto must uproot corruption in parastatals

Last Sunday, Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwa urged President William Ruto to shake off the snake in his government. Indeed just as Ichungwa's said, the Kenya kwanza administration is full of snakes that require to be shaken off as soon as possible.

While we focus much attention on Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries the reality we have is the biggest snakes holding this administration back and Director-Generals and Managing Directors in most agencies we have.

Allegedly, this is where corruption thrives. These MDs and DGs are the people who control the entire tendering process. They siphon public coffers to the fullest.

As we speak most of them have already befriended the newly appointed CSs to secure their jobs.

President Ruto should be told that he should focus his full attention on the parastatals and start a process of changing most MDs.

We still don't know of what became of a report written by a team led by former Mandera Central MP Abdikadir Mohammed which recommended the merger of parastatals whose roles are a duplication of perform devolved units. The Kenya Rural Roads agency is a case in point.

The Transport and Agricultural ministries are host to parastatals which are well known gravy trains for bureaucrats aided by those leading them.

The writer is Eutyclus Njenga a waiter at the Miritini Kenya Railways terminus



TRUTHS: It's God's mercy and not our own merit that we are alive today.

How to help tea farmers raise output, earnings

With its ideal climate, strategic location on the equator and fertile soils, Kenya is among the leading players in the global tea market. It cultivates about 160,000 hectares of tea, producing around 350 metric tonnes annually. With this, it has established itself as one of the top tea producers worldwide, second only to China. Kenya's tea industry is a vital and lucrative sector, contributing about 33 percent to GDP from exports.

The tea industry directly and indirectly employs roughly five million people, with about 650,000 dependent on it as their primary source of income. Despite Kenya's reliance on crucial overseas exports, smallholder tea growers, who account for the vast majority of production, have not always benefited. The sector has had issues, prompting many farmers to uproot their tea bushes to pursue other commercial crops or enter the real estate market. This should worry the government. But is the problem with the tea itself or with the industry's systems? Is it not amusing that farmers are uprooting tea but Kenya is still one of the world's greatest tea producers?

A spot check with tea farmers on their bandas revealed numerous frustrations. The rising cost of labour,



MACHARIA MUHOHO

They need info on farming techniques, crop diversification and market access

fertilisers, and other inputs poses a significant challenge for smallholder farmers

Some are transitioning to other agricultural activities to mitigate the financial losses. Others are exploring value-added opportunities, such as processing and selling tea products directly from their farms to consumers.

The government should intervene to address this pressing issue and provide support to ensure that the tea industry is sustainable.

One possible solution to help smallholder farmers cope with the rising costs is for the government to provide subsidies or financial assistance. By offering support as grants or low-interest loans, farmers can access the resources they need to continue operating their tea farms. The government should invest in research and development to find more cost-effective farming methods and technologies without damaging the labour force.

Continuous provision of training and education programmes is

vital. Equipping farmers with the knowledge and skills to improve their farming practices can increase their productivity and profitability. Workshops on sustainable farming techniques, crop diversification, and market access strategies are crucial for small-scale farmers. These will have a ripple effect on the local community and the economy. As farmers become more efficient and successful in their practices, they can generate more income, which can be reinvested in their businesses or spent in the local market. This increased economic activity can create job opportunities, stimulate growth in related industries, and ultimately improve the standard of living for the entire community.

Despite ongoing efforts to combat corruption in the leadership of the tea sector, including the introduction of new regulations such as guaranteed minimum returns and enhanced transparency measures, the fundamental issues contributing to corruption and inefficiency persist. Farmers are left grappling with

dwindling profits and mounting debts, as middlemen and officials siphon off resources meant for them. The lack of accountability and oversight only exacerbates the situation, leaving farmers feeling helpless and marginalised. Without significant reforms and a commitment to ethical practices, devoid of politics, the future of the tea sector will remain uncertain.

The Kenyan government and tea industry stakeholders should collaborate to ensure fair compensation for smallholder farmers, promote sustainable practices, and address low prices, climate change, and competition. Kenya has the opportunity to enhance its status as a top tea producer and the well-being of individuals reliant on the industry by enacting measures that provide support to farmers and champion the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.

This will help Kenya maintain its position as a top tea exporter, providing economic stability for farmers and communities. Investing in innovation and technology will help the industry adapt to changing market demands and ensure long-term sustainability.

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#TWEETS THE DAY

Kenya Ni Home



@muli_brian_: Kenya Ni Home founder ironically wanted to go to Finland Kenya Ni Home founder cannot even attend court sessions. Kenya Ni Home was first tweeted in 2013 by someone else So who owns Kenya Ni home? Who stole from who?

Parliament

@MarvinGakunyi: Members of Parliament have approved new tax regulations pertaining to churches and non-profit organizations engaging in business activities outside their charitable objectives.

Riggy G

@NeshkinUtd: They called Riggy G a vilager for pushing murima unity, now they are splitting it into two and crowning Kindiki as the Mt. Kenya East Kingpin. Politicians only care about the next election.

Kasmuel McOure

@Kaysparks: Look at Kasmuel McOure now. We do not have revolutionaries here, just poverty stricken young men led by hunger.

Residents tipped to abandon wood fuel for cleaner options

Use of old cooking antic blamed for depletion of forest cover and public health complications

The widespread use of wood-based charcoal and firewood for cooking among rural communities around the Lake Victoria region poses serious consequences for both the environment and public health.

As floods and drought are becoming more frequent and intense, affecting livelihoods, local communities are being encouraged to transition to clean energy sources as a proactive measure to combat climate change, air pollution, and health risks.

Traditional cooking methods using inefficient stoves emits soot (black carbon) and other harmful pollutants into the atmosphere, contributing significantly to the deterioration of the environment.

According to the Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA), approximately a billion metric tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent is produced annually from burning wood fuels, accounting for about 2% of global CO₂ emissions.

Globally, nearly 2.3 billion people still rely on kerosene, firewood and charcoal for cooking contributing significantly to environmental pollution. Household cooking, heating, and lighting are responsible for up to 25 per cent of black carbon emissions, and in countries like Kenya, cooking alone contributes 60% to 80% of these emissions.

Health implications

The health implications of using traditional cooking methods are severe, particularly for women and children. The CCA estimates that nearly half a million premature deaths occur annually in Africa due to household air pollution.

Transitioning to cleaner stoves and fuels could reduce energy consumption by 30% to 60%, thereby lowering climate-harming emissions.

To address this, Nyalore Impact Enterprise, based in Homa Bay County, is providing clean energy solutions like the electric pressure cooker (Quooker Digi) and modern biomass stoves.

These innovations are helping reduce deforestation and carbon emissions in the Lake Victoria region.

Since its establishment in 2016, Nyalore Impact has been at the forefront of advocating for clean cooking solutions for rural populations, aligning with Kenya's ambitious targets of generating 100% of its electricity from clean energy sources by 2030 and achieving 100% clean cooking by 2028.

Benter Akinyi, a 37-year-old resident of Abouro village in Ndihiwa, Homa Bay County, has experienced significant improvements in her life since adopting the Quooker Digi appliance in 2021.

Previously, Akinyi relied on charcoal and fire-



Forewood as a source of fuel in a Kenyan home.

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wood, which not only endangered her family's health but also contributed to environmental degradation.

"My kitchen walls were covered in soot, and the smoke from burning firewood caused constant coughing and chest pain for my family," Akinyi recalled.

Since switching to the cleaner cooking option, Akinyi's family well-being has improved while also significantly reducing household energy costs.

Initially, she used to spend about Sh7,400 weekly on charcoal. Now, with the energy-efficient cooker, she saves up to 70% of that amount, freeing up funds for other family needs.

Similarly, Mary Ouma, a 43-year-old mother of five from Thunon Gweno Village, Ndihiwa, Homa Bay County, discarded the traditional three stones fireplace in 2018 for biomass cook stove that uses charcoal briquettes and pellets.

The high cost of traditional fuels and health concerns drove her family to seek alternatives, with charcoal briquettes proving to be a cost-effective and clean energy source.

Briquettes

"We buy the briquettes from Nyalore Impact distributors, and they're very affordable," Ouma explained. A traditional meal of maize and beans for a household of five now costs about Sh13 using briquettes, which is nine times cheaper when cooking the same meal using wood charcoal or kerosene costing Sh85 and Sh125 respectively.

Dorothy Otieno, founder and CEO of Nyalore Impact, shared that they have sold over 500 units of electric pressure cookers and 5,000 units of biomass cookstoves to underprivileged communities, reducing carbon emissions by over 1,000 tons annually. Currently, the cookstoves are available for

retail at a cost ranging between Sh2,500 to Sh11,000. However, to make the appliances affordable Nyalore Impact is offering installment payment choices to enable low-income households and small businesses overcome the upfront cost barrier.

"We target majorly households in Kenya's rural and peri-urban areas and also the small businesses, which many ordinary Kenyans depend on as their main economic activity. So to make it more affordable, we introduced a pay-go model where locals can pay a deposit and the remaining balance can be paid over a period of time as they continue using the product," Otieno says.

Biomass stoves

She reports that households have saved by about 50% on the cost of fuel they currently use in cooking after shifting to biomass cook stoves.

Environment experts emphasize the importance of transitioning to cleaner cooking methods to address both environmental and health challenges. Kenya continues to lose vast areas of forest due to the production of wood fuel, exacerbating climate impacts like floods, air pollution, and droughts.

Clean cooking solutions are a key part of Kenya's Energy Transition and Investment Plan (2023-2050), which aims to phase out traditional cooking methods and promote efficient stoves and appliances to all rural inhabitants by 2030.

Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), underscored the urgency of these efforts at the IEA's 9th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency in Nairobi.

Dr Birol urged world policymakers and governments to hasten adoption of energy-efficient policies as enshrined in the new IEA 2024 Energy Efficiency Policy Toolkit. This policy seeks to double energy efficiency progress globally by 2030.

"Despite the ambition demonstrated at COP28, and good progress in many countries and regions, we are not yet seeing the necessary progress on energy efficiency globally. Governments must speed up action, and the private sector must also play its part. We have seen strong progress, including from countries like Kenya," Dr Birol said.

To augment these efforts, the African Development Bank group (AFDB) committed to channel over Sh258 billion for advancing clean cooking solutions in the continent over the next decade.

The AFDB President of Dr Akinwumi Adesina speaking during the International Energy Agency's Summit on Clean Cooking in Africa held in Paris, France in May 2024, said they will create a dedicated Africa Clean Cooking Programme through the Bank's Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) to provide blended finance for clean cooking projects.

The substantial support signifies the importance of clean cooking and its potential in addressing pressing challenges like environmental sustainability.

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Red Cross ambitious bamboo planting plan

The Kenya Red Cross Society has started a programme to assist irrigation farmers along the river Tana grow bamboo trees to stabilize river banks and restore degraded farmlands that were destroyed by floods early this year.

During the March-April rains irrigation farmers along the vast river Tana in Garissa County incurred massive financial losses after their crops mostly horticultural were destroyed by raging floods.

The farmers were forced to abandon crops that were ready for harvesting when the floods submerged the farms rendering them inaccessible.

Mitigation flood

According to Daudi Ahmed, the Kenya Red Cross Society Garissa branch coordinator the long-term programme is aimed at mitigating the effects of floods on irrigation farming that is among the sectors hardest hit by floods.

With the October - December rains expected, Garissa County will be among the regions that could be affected by floods.

Daudi said that the disaster committees have already been activated to roll out an awareness campaign to avert chances of losses in case the region is hit by floods.

The Red Cross official was speaking Wednesday at a Garissa hotel during a one-day media workshop for Garissa based journalists to discuss areas of collaboration during disasters.

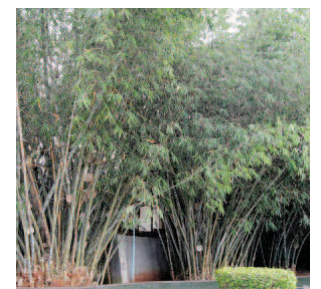
"Our disaster risk reduction teams have already been dispatched to several sub-counties in Garissa to activate the ward committees who would be disseminating early warnings on the predicted La Niña to livestock farmers to avert chances of losing their livelihood," Daudi said.

Daudi said their teams are on the ground advising local pastoralist communities to sell their large stock of animals and restock them during the rainy seasons when there will be plenty of water and pasture.

He said the lack of community-managed disaster risk reduction in the past largely contributed to the loss of livelihoods to the local community which has been affected by a vicious cycle of drought.

On his part the chairman of the Kenya Red Cross for North Eastern region Abdinoor ole Hussein acknowledged the role of journalists in creating public awareness by providing real-time coverage of rescue and relief efforts.

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Bungoma Knut branch set to elect new secretary

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The Bungoma Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) will next week go to polls to elect their executive secretary after Kenneth Ngangah was appointed by President William Ruto to be the ambassador in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Those who want to replace the ambassador have intensified their campaigns by criss-crossing schools selling their manifesto to members.

The current assistant executive

secretary Dennis Masai will be battling it out with Ngangah's arch rival Kennedy Luketelo.

Luketelo has lost two times to Ngangah and now he hopes to clinch the elusive seat after his exit.

2000 members

Bungoma South KNUT branch comprises of two constituencies; Kanduyi and Bumula with over 2,000 registered members.

"I have been the main challenger of Ngangah for the last two consecutive elections and its now the high time the members con-

siders me" said Luketelo.

He also argues that since the outgoing secretary was from Kanduyi constituency it was prudent that teachers now replaces him with someone from Bumula constituency.

"Kanduyi teachers are now privileged to have an ambassador, let Bumula now remain with the executive seat," argues Luketelo.

However, Masai maintains that he is best suited to replace his boss after working under him for close to three years.

"I have enough experience

to steer this branch to greater heights if given chance on 28th when we shall have a by election," said Masai.

Despite the two contenders selling their manifesto's to teachers, it seems regional balance will be a key factor in the coming by election.

A section of teachers feels that Bumula people have been in cold for long and it was their time to lead the giant union while others feel that since the seat belonged to Kanduyi it should remain intact until 2026 during the union general election



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TikToker attacked by gang for criticising county bosses

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A Mombasa based TikToker who frequently comments on political issues relating to the county is currently nursing injuries after he was reportedly manhandled and sodomised by suspects known to him.

The 25-year-old social media influencer found himself embroiled in trouble after he reportedly used his online space to lodge personal attacks on the county leadership.

After sustained online combats with rival political sycophants, the TikToker known for perfecting the art of online abusive attacks went live on TikTok one evening hurling unprintable insults in video he dragged the name of a senior county boss and his family members.

Speaking to the media from his hospital bed at Beyond Scope Hospital—a private medical facility in Kisauni where he was treated and discharged, the TikToker said on Thursday last week he was picked by a group of men from his room in the morning.

"I was asleep at around 8am when I heard my door kicked open. On checking, I saw familiar faces

who asked me to accompany them to apologise to the senior county official for the abuses I had hurled against him. In the house, there were like 10 men but there was another group of about 10 waiting outside on motorbikes," he explained.

The man says he was told he would be ferried to a Nyali hotel to mend fences with the county official not knowing he was about to be subjected to one of the most dehumanising tortures any man could imagine.

Political activist

On arrival outside the hotel, the TikToker-cum-political activist recalls seeing a saloon car speeding towards where they were waiting before he was hounded inside and sandwiched by two men before the vehicle drove off.

During this time as the vehicle snaked through the Fidel Odinga Road towards Kengeleni junction to join the Nyali Bridge on the way to Mombasa west mainland, he was plunged into total confusion as he was caught unaware by his tormentors.

He would realise things were about to get worse when his tor-

mentors told him that the story about apologising to the county official was all cooked up lies.

"They told me I have been going overboard with my social media videos criticising the county and they wanted to perform some acts on me that I will never repeat such," he said in between sobs as beads of tears rolled down his cheeks.

He would then be blind-folded in a sack as the journey progressed.

After sustained blows and kicks, the vehicle would pull off at a secluded thicket near the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Miritini terminus where the worst would happen.

"After beating me up I thought that I had enough of the punishment but I was wrong. They pulled me out of the car and beat me up

again. I was not aware they had also hired two street boys. The ones who go round onboard the garbage collection lorries. The two were somewhere on standby. After I was held by the other men with all my arms and legs and one had stepped on my head, I saw the two street boys undress me. They sodomised me in turns as the other men video-recorded the act," he said before bursting into tears.

Under probe

Thereafter, he said his both hands were tied before being put in a sack again and bundled in the rear of the car this time round.

His family alleged there was a deliberate delay to handle his case at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital prompting them to transfer him to Beyond Scope where he treated and discharged.

The matter was reported at Bamburi Police Station that Thursday at 1756hrs under OB No.39.

Coast Regional Police Coordinator Peter Kimani says the matter is under investigations. "We are aware of the case which we are investigating and all those culpable would be arrested and made to face the law."

POLICE BOSS PETER KIMANI

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Kiambu tea farmers joy as earnings increased

by Oliver Musembi
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Farmers in Lari and Gatundu South, Kiambu county, have sighed relief after their tea earnings were increased from Sh44.25 to Sh50.92 per kg.

The farmers who deliver their crop to Kagwe Tea Factory had boycotted picking tea for three days to protest against a meagre bonus payout that was announced by Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) last week.

They lamented that despite increasing production and maintaining quality of tea, the factory management reneged on their promise to pay farmers more than Sh50 per kg of the tea. The farmers had high hopes of reaping huge proceeds from their produce.

However, the backlog of unsold tea at the Mombasa auction hugely affected Kagwe Tea Factory farmers as some 480,000kg of their orthodox made tea remain unsold. Failure to secure markets for the tea has hugely affected the farmers' pay.

Meagre pay

To address the impasse and woo farmers to troop back to their farms, KTDA Zone 1 Board Director Gabriel Kagombe revealed proper plans have been made to ensure that some 300,000kg of the unsold tea gets to the market. This, he said, will increase the farmers' earnings and ensure that their pay rises to Sh50.92 per kg.

Kagombe who doubles as the Gatundu South MP pointed an accusing finger to Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) management saying they have frustrated sale of orthodox tea while pursuing selfish interests through their brokerage firms.

The MP who was accompanied by his Lari counterpart Mburu Kahangara, noted an attempt to monopolise orthodox tea marketing by a few individuals have been hurting farmers with delayed and meagre pay for their produce.

Financial hiccups

"I am also sending a stern warning to KTDA employees at the factory, who have been harassing farmers including using uncouth and foul language towards the growers. They must stop disrespecting our farmers or they go home," said Kagombe.

On his part, Kahangara called on KTDA management and leaders to prioritise farmers' interests including ensuring tea Kenyan tea is sold on time so as to save farmers from the agony and anguish of receiving pitiable pay for their hard toil.

Farmers welcomed the decision and efforts to improve their earnings by Sh6.67, saying that it will go a long way in solving some of the financial hiccups they are facing including settling their loan facilities as well as providing basic necessities for their families.

They promised to call off the tea plucking boycott and work hard in their farms to improve yields while maintaining production of high quality tea.

Film board rolls out creative content production streamline

Programme informed by lack of information among the creatives on the existing policy framework

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The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) has rolled out a sensitization programme to streamline content production in the creative industry.

The initiative dubbed Creatives in Arts and Film Literacy (CAFIL), seeks to empower creatives in Arts and Film to create content that upholds Kenya's cultural values while safeguarding children from exposure to inappropriate media content.

KFCB's acting manager in charge of licensing Marcus Alexander said the programme has been informed by lack of information among the creatives on the existing policy framework that guide the sector.

Alexander said apart from licensing most creatives are not conversant with other requisite factors of consideration before venturing out to film production.

"Besides the film license issued by KFCB, it is imperative that creatives be aware of other factors, among them seeking consent where necessary and securing the relevant permits from other government agencies," he said.

Create awareness

Consequently, he disclosed that the initiative aims to create awareness of the legal framework and licensing procedures to ensure production of clean content and sustainable growth of the sector.

Alexander revealed that KFCB was developing a number of policies that target to create suitable regulatory environment for film makers and creatives.

Among the regulations, he said include



Kenya Film Classification Board acting manager in charge of licensing Marcus Alexander (centre) during a press briefing in Kisumu town on Wednesday. PD/NOVEN OWITI.

user-generated content policy and self-classification policy which if adopted will make the licensing and regulation processes more convenient for the sector players.

"We are trying to provide a conducive regulatory environment for the industry by developing policies that can accommodate and keep to speed with the new trends that are presented by technology," he said during a stakeholder engagement forum in Kisumu town.

According to Alexander, the local film industry has registered tremendous growth, with the number of local productions licensed outnumbering foreign productions. "These forums we are undertaking across the country are meant to gather feedback from the industry and will inform the policy that we are going to put in place going forward."

KFCB acting chief Manager in charge of corporate services Nelly Muluka said the state agency seeks to capacity build the

SUPPORT FOR CREATIVES

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filmmakers and all the actors within the audio-visual space to sharpen their understanding of the regulatory environment.

Tremendous growth

Muluka said the move followed revelations that despite the potential in the creative space many people before venturing in film production do not probably understand what they need to do, the legal framework, the processes and agencies that are involved in the creative industry.

"In this program, we are targeting the creatives in all genres in line with the government's plan to harness the potential of all the creatives within the country to contribute positively towards the economy," said Muluka.

She noted that KFCB working with other related agencies has developed regulatory framework policies for film practitioners in the country to create a facilitative regulatory environment that will ease the way of doing business.

"The objective is to ensure we impart all of them with particular knowledge within our regulatory framework so that they become well equipped to know what is necessary as they do their work," she said, adding that the Board's CAFIL Programme will also be extended in Nakuru, Embu, Mombasa and other parts of the country to ensure the creatives are empowered through getting the necessary information.

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IMF urges Kenya to remain on economic reforms path

Bretton Woods institution asks country to intensify efforts to tackle budgetary and economic challenges, following reforms that sparked protests in June

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International Monetary Fund (IMF) has urged the National Treasury to intensify efforts to address budgetary and economic challenges following reforms that triggered mass protests in June, leading to the rejection of the Finance Bill 2024.

The move follows the conclusion of a six-day visit by IMF team leader Haimanot Teferra, who engaged with Kenyan officials to discuss policies and reforms aimed at tackling the country's fiscal and economic difficulties, many of which align with Bretton Woods institutions' recommendations.

"We remain fully committed to supporting the authorities in their efforts to identify a set of policies that could support the completion of the reviews under the ongoing programme as soon as feasible," Teferra said in a statement. She added that the IMF and Kenyan officials had productive discussions focused on addressing the economic and fiscal challenges facing the country.

The Finance Bill 2024, which was expected to generate an additional Sh346.7 billion in revenues, aimed to meet IMF-set targets by introducing new tax measures, such as removing exemptions on certain food items and increasing taxes on mobile money transfers.

These moves, however, led to a spike in the cost of essential goods and services, fuelling widespread discontent.

Critics argue that the IMF's loan conditions, often perceived as stringent, disproportionately impact the poor by raising taxes on basic commodities. They blame these conditions for exacerbating Kenya's economic crisis.

The IMF agreement, which was approved in 2021, was initially designed to help Kenya navigate the challenges posed



The IMF staff team said following a six-day visit to Kenya that the institution is "fully committed" to helping the country advance economic and governance reforms to address economic and fiscal challenges. PD/FILE

FINANCE BILL 2024

● The Finance Bill 2024 had initially been positioned as a cornerstone for addressing Kenya's fiscal deficit and achieving its revenue goals.

● However, the public's rejection of the bill now signals the widening gap between government policy and public sentiment, as the cost of living continued to rise.

by the Covid-19 pandemic, drought resilience, and surging global inflation.

Despite the mounting criticism, Kenya affirmed its commitment to advancing economic and governance reforms, which are seen as crucial for promoting sustainable and inclusive growth. "We will continue our discussions with the authorities," Teferra said, signalling the IMF's ongoing involvement in shaping Kenya's economic path.

Broad-based administration

The September 11-16 discussions with the IMF took place on the back of public unrest, which saw President William Ruto bring opposition politicians into his government to form what he termed a broad-based administration. This political shift

was driven by the growing domestic pressure after the rejection of the Finance Bill 2024, leading to complex negotiations over revenue collection, spending priorities, and wider economic reforms. The rejection of the Finance Bill underscored the disconnect between the government's fiscal policies and the economic realities faced by ordinary citizens. Many viewed the government's initial policies as insufficient to alleviate the economic pressures confronting Kenyans.

In response, President Ruto made a strategic move by appointing former opposition MP John Mbadia as the new Treasury Cabinet Secretary, tasking him with leading the economic discussions that had sparked protests—most notably those led by the youth, often referred to as the "Gen Z uprising."

This youth-driven movement, vocal in its demands for economic reforms, has significantly influenced the government's economic strategy, particularly in its stance on austerity measures and tax policies. Gen Z's push for austerity, which contrasts sharply with the government's earlier fiscal approaches, has increased the pressure on policymakers to address austerity measures, corruption, and the escalating cost of living.



Norfund, Irvine's Group ink Sh2.3b investment deal

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Norwegian development finance firm, Norfund, has tapped Irvine's Group to sign a \$18 million (Sh2.3 billion) deal to spur poultry farming in the country.

The move meant to enhance food security and scale sustainable poultry production in Sub-Saharan Africa, will enable Irvine's, already a poultry breeder and supplier of broiler day-old chicks (DOCs) and high-quality poultry feed across Sub-Saharan Africa, to further scale operations in East Africa.

This comes as lobby groups in the sector earlier this year warned of major losses should the government go through with the negotiations to have US traders import finished poultry products.

Local poultry products

The Poultry Breeders Association of Kenya (PBAK) claimed that Kenya was at risk of losing Sh172 billion annually if the negotiations went through, projecting that it would come from 75 per cent reduction in demand for local poultry products.

Speaking during the partnership announcement, Norfund Regional Director, East Africa, William Nyaoke (pictured), said that the part-

nership aligns with Norfund's commitment to foster sustainable food systems and the shared vision of both organisations to strengthen food security and make agribusiness a driving force for Africa's economic prosperity.

"By scaling production capacity and strengthening the local supply chains, Norfund's investment will improve Irvine's capability to serve more smallholder farmers and create new jobs for East Africa's fast-growing youth population," he said.

The partnership with Norfund is set to enhance Irvine's total offering through increased feed and chick production, expanded technical assistance, and broader distribution networks.

Additionally, Irvine's Group will increase its procurement of essential grains, including maize and soybeans, providing further support to local farmers and strengthening regional agricultural commodity value chains.

Also speaking during the announcement, Craig Irvine, Group CEO of Irvine's Group said the funds will fuel the next chapter of their growth, enabling them to continue driving their purpose of changing lives in Africa by providing accessible, high-quality protein while empowering local businesses.



Naivas widens footprint at Coast with its 106th branch

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Naivas Supermarket has opened its 106th store in Mtwapa, just three weeks after launching its 105th outlet at Nyalı Bazaar Mall in Mombasa, in what is seen as a strategic move to strengthen its presence in the coastal region. This marks Naivas' 13th branch in the Coast region, as the retail chain taps into the area's growing economic potential. Naivas Limited's

Operations Manager Cyrus Mathenge (pictured) said the new Mtwapa store will operate 24 hours a day, catering to the town's vibrant nightlife and round-the-clock economy.

"We've opened this store today, and its doors will remain open for our customers at all hours. This is a huge advantage for our Mombasa clientele, ensuring they can access services anytime," he told journalists during the store's opening. Naivas, he stated, is raising the bar in the region with a

new promotion, the "Coast Bonanza," offering products tailored to the local market. The initiative features coastal community staples such as locally manufactured flours and edible oils, aimed at enhancing the customer experience.

Mathenge observed that as Mombasa and its surrounding areas expand rapidly, Naivas continues to provide job opportunities to locals. The retailer employs 12,000 people across Kenya, with 58 new hires for

the Mtwapa branch. "We've provided jobs for over 1,000 people in the Coast region alone," he stated.

Naivas' Regional Manager in charge of the Coast, Joseph Kimathi, echoed similar sentiments indicating that the retailer plans to explore additional locations, including Miritini and Voi which remain untapped, as it seeks to cement its coastal footprint. "Our exclusive Coast Bonanza promotion has been a huge success, and we're promising more to come," he said.

Abdi Mohamed: The new Social Health Authority chairman

APPOINTMENT: With less than two weeks left to the official launch of Social Health Authority (SHA), President William Ruto has made critical leadership changes to the entity that has not yet shown any signs of transition from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

In a gazette notice, Ruto appointed Dr Mohammed Abdi (pictured) as the new chairperson of SHA, taking over from Timothy Olweny who has been transferred to serve as chair of the National Cancer Institute. Both will serve in their respective positions for a period of three years.

"In Exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 (1) (a) of the Social Health Insurance Act, the President of the Republic of Kenya and the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, appoint Mohammed Abdi Mohammed (Dr) to be the Chairperson of the Social Health Authority, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from the 17th September 2024," the notice read in part.

Umbrella Fund

Prior to his appointment, Abdi was already a member of SHA, serving as an Independent Board Director for nine months.

He also served at Takaful Umbrella Fund where he was in charge of the scheme's operations, support growth, and investments. Abdi also worked at Villgro Kenya as an independent director, providing oversight on investment deals as well as supporting incubatees.

He also served at a senior level capacity at the Kenya Association of Private Hospitals (KAPH) where he was the National Chair for nearly eight years. Before his term at KAPH, Abdi was the chair of Disciplinary and Ethics Committee at the Kenya Medical Association where he oversaw



and handled complaints against doctors and institutions, in addition to supporting the regulation of professional conduct.

At KMA, he was also the convener of the Standing Committee on ICT/CPD, overseeing ICT and online presence needs of the Association. He also served as the convener for the Standing Committee on managed Health care and the chair for the Nairobi division.

In addition to his experience, Abdi was the Director and Chief Operations Officer at the Metropolitan Hospital in Nairobi, and later became a council member of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council.

Private healthcare

He has also worked as medical officer at the Malindi District Hospital as well as Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

Besides his roles in the public and private healthcare sectors, Abdi runs the Ladnan Hospital which he co-founded and is also the institution's CEO and managing Director. Abdi is stepping into a role that is faced with several challenges, including legal battles that saw the High Court declare SHA unconstitutional.

— Cynthia Atuo

NSE-listed banks cash in on expansion to boost profits

KPMG report says revenue streams diversification and innovation have also been crucial in driving growth and earnings in the sector

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The growth and profitability of most Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)-listed lenders have been driven by strategic expansion, technological innovation, and revenue diversification, according to a new report by KPMG.

The report notes that the adoption of digital banking solutions has been a key growth driver in the sector. Digital platforms such as mobile banking, internet banking, and agency banking enabled banks to reach a broader customer base and offer a wider range of services. These innovations have significantly increased transaction volumes and enhanced customer engagement.

"Diversification of revenue streams has been crucial in sustaining profitability. Banks have expanded their offerings beyond traditional lending, venturing into areas such as bancassurance, asset management, and investment banking," the 2023 report states in part. This shift has allowed banks to mitigate risks associated with over-reliance on interest income and opened new revenue channels, strengthening their financial performance.

The sector's growth comes against the backdrop of a challenging economic environment characterised by inflationary pressures and high interest rates.

Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) maintained its anchor lending rate to stabilise the shilling, which has been under pressure. According to CBK's report there is significant variance interest rates across the banking sector. While some banks offer loans at rates below 10 per cent, others charge as much as 24 per cent per annum, despite a reduction in the Central Bank Rate to 12.75 per cent from 13 per cent.

Among tier-one banks, Co-operative Bank of Kenya (Co-op Bank) offers the lowest lending rate at 15.18 per cent, followed by Equity Bank at 16.02 per cent. In contrast, KCB's lending rate is slightly higher at 16.40 per cent.

Premier Bank currently offers the low-



Cooperative Bank Matuu Branch opening. Growth and profitability of most listed lenders have been driven by strategic expansion, technological innovation and revenue diversification. FILE

STRONG CAPITAL BASE

- Enhanced credit risk management frameworks will be essential as banks navigate a potentially volatile interest rate environment.
- Maintaining a strong capital base and exploring new growth avenues will be critical for banks as they navigate the evolving financial landscape.

est lending rates in the country, with an overall rate of 9 per cent, while Middle East Bank charges the highest at 20.96 per cent. Last year, Co-op Bank made headlines by reducing its loan interest rate by one percentage point, offering relief to borrowers amid rising living costs. This move contrasted sharply with other lenders, many of whom were increasing their rates at the time.

Loan recovery efforts

The CBK further estimates that, over a five-year period, SBM Bank and Guaranty Trust Bank offered the highest rates for personal loans, at 21.79 per cent and 21.00 per cent, respectively. Amid these rate fluctuations, banks have responded by tightening credit appraisal processes and improving loan recovery efforts.

Additionally, the uncertain global economic environment has posed risks, prompting banks to adopt more prudent

risk management practices. With inflation showing signs of moderation following recent monetary policy tightening and economic activity stabilising, banks are focusing on managing margins, controlling costs, and innovating business models to sustain growth and profitability.

KPMG's report also says prudent cost management strategies have been pivotal in bolstering profitability in 2023. Many banks implemented measures to enhance operational efficiency, including process automation and optimising branch networks. These strategies have reduced operational costs and improved bottom-line profitability.

Despite these positive trends, Kenyan banks continued to face challenges in 2023, particularly with non-performing loans (NPLs), which remain a significant concern impacting asset quality and profitability. The cost of doing business in Kenya has been rising, with the economy facing pressures from exchange rate fluctuations, high living costs, and global economic uncertainties.

"Going forward, the banking sector is expected to see increased growth and profitability due to heightened credit demand from businesses and rising interest rates, as indicated by the Central Bank's rate increase," the report notes.

However, KPMG's report also warns of potential risks, noting that the rise in the non-performing loan ratio from 11 per cent in 2022 to 13.33 per cent in 2023 could affect asset quality and profitability.

Kalro opens shop to enhance access to disease-free, certified seeds

by Nicholas Waitathu
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Farmers across the country will benefit from certified crop varieties and latest agricultural information, thanks to an initiative to open one-stop shops by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (Kalro). The facilities stocked with clean planting materials are part of enhancing farmers capability to produce more food while accessing clean seeds and climate tolerant seedlings.

Kalro Deputy Director General in charge of crops Felister Makini (pictured) confirmed that the research organisation has initiated a process to ease access of the farming materi-



als and thus guarantee high food production. "We have opened 11 Mukulima shops across the country. Going forward will establish six more to ensure farmers access planting materials at competitive rates," she said while speaking at Muguga Research station when opening the 11th Mukulima shop.

"The idea to open the shops is part of exposing our technologies and especially climate smart agriculture technologies to the farmers to enable them to produce more food."

The shops are stocked with certified and disease-free seeds and seedlings sold at subsidised prices compared to rates being offered by the private companies. Makini observed that farmers due to lack of

certified seeds tend to recycle their produce leading to spread of diseases and pests in addition to decline in food production.

Agriculture sector, she observed is grappling with climate change effects especially new diseases and pests and crops being vulnerable to rising temperatures. "Due to low unreli-

FELISTER MAKINI



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able rainfall, Kalro and other research agencies have been undertaking investigations on various challenges resulting in production of climate and drought tolerant varieties.

For example, new bean varieties –Nyota – are popular and boost farmers' production as they are drought tolerant and can grow in wider ecological zones. "Farmers will also benefit from good agricultural knowledge by the researchers as well answers to many challenges they are battling," she added.

Kalro Director of Seeds Robert Musyoka confirmed that every year over 2,000 tonnes of seeds are produced annually and the volume is expected to increase as more shops are opened.

US big first rate cut in four years

Historically interest rates cuts of 0.5 percentage points were announced at moments of crisis

The US central bank has lowered interest rates for the first time in more than four years with a bigger than usual cut.

The Federal Reserve reduced the target for its key lending rate by 0.5 percentage points, to the range of 4.75 per cent - 5 per cent.

Jerome Powell, the head of the bank, said the move was "strong" but that it was needed as price rises ease and job market concerns grow.

It will be a relief to US borrowers, who have been dealing with the highest interest rates in more than two decades.

Cuts had been predicted

Wednesday's cut was larger than many analysts had predicted just a week ago, and the bank's forecast signalled that rates could fall another half percentage point by the end of the year.

Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell said the aggressive action on Wednesday was intended to make sure that high borrowing costs, put in place to fight inflation, would not end up hurting the US economy.

"The labour market is in a strong place - we want to keep it there," Mr Powell said. "That's what we're doing."

The move by the Fed follows cuts by other central banks, including those in Europe, the UK, and Canada and a reduction was widely expected.

But ahead of the meeting there was unusual uncertainty about how large a cut officials would approve.

"Despite there being no significant economic woes on

the radar, policy makers have decided to get ahead of the curve," said Isaac Stell, investment manager at Wealth Club, a UK investment service.

"Many may be left wondering what the Fed sees on the horizon to prompt such a bold move." The Fed raised interest rates sharply starting in 2022, aiming to cool the economy and stabilise prices, which were then surging at the fastest pace since the 1980s. The moves, which rippled out to the public in form of more expensive mortgages, car loans and other debt, were intended to ease price pressures by reducing spending.

But as inflation, the rate at which prices rise, has subsided, officials have become more concerned about risks to the wider economy from high rates.

The unemployment rate in the US has climbed to 4.2 per cent from 3.7 per cent at the start of the year as hiring slowed. Projections released after the meeting showed officials now see inflation falling faster and unemployment rising higher than they did in June, with the jobless rate expected to hit 4.4 per cent by the end of the 2024. Mr Powell said the job market had been too hot last year, and he welcomed some cooling, but he denied that the Fed was worried about the start of a serious slowdown.

"I do not see anything in the economy right now that suggests that the likelihood... of a downturn is elevated," he said.

- BBC

WHY IT MATTERS

● **Economist Randall Kroszner, a professor at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business said announcement was significant not because of the size of the cut but because it will kick off a new period of lower borrowing costs.**

STOCK OF THE DAY

KenGen stock surge by 10pc

Kenya Electricity Generating Company Plc (KenGen) share price increased by 9.96 per cent at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), closing at Sh2.94 from Sh2.71. The trading session recorded a high of Sh2.98 and a low of Sh2.75, trading 2.3 million shares in 129 deals resulting in a turnover of Sh7.02 million. The company has outstanding shares of Sh6.59 billion and market capitalization of

Sh19.4 billion. Over the half year ended December 31, 2023, the company reported an increase in its net revenue by 7.8 per cent from Sh22.9 billion in December 2022 to Sh24.7 billion in the period under review. Profit before tax also improved by 1.8 per cent to Sh4.8 billion for the six months ended December 31, 2023 from Sh4.7 billion over the same period the previous year. - Vanessa Sandra



MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	AGRICULTURAL	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL
			PRICES			SHARES
14.50	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25		12.70	1295	700
430.00	240.00	Kakuzi Ptc Ord 5.00		400.00	400.00	200
280.00	81.00	Kapehoruct Tea Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		246.00	246.25	100
430.00	320.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ptc Ord 10.00			365.00	
32.60	16.50	Sasini Ptc Ord 1.00		17.70	16.95	700
289.00	120.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		219.25	219.75	2,100
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES						
49.00	18.50	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00		19.75	2070	700
BANKING						
15.00	10.00	ABSA Bank Kenya Ptc Ord 0.50		14.30	14.20	36,400
37.00	26.50	BK Group Ptc Ord 0.80			3250	
56.00	43.05	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00		47.65	4690	3,200
51.00	39.70	Equity Group Holdings Ptc Ord 0.50		43.25	43.00	195,200
15.20	2.80	HF Group Ptc Ord 5.00		4.45	4.28	347,300
35.00	15.80	IBM Group Ptc Ord 1.00		22.90	2375	23,200
3050	moo	KCB Group Ptc Ord 1.00		33.35	33.00	227,200
46.50	28.50	NCBA Group Ptc Ord 5.00		41.00	41.00	644,100
132.00	90.00	Stanbic Holdings Ptc Ord 5.00		117.25	116.50	5,100
213.00	134.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		207.00	211.50	4,300
15.20	10.10	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00		13.25	11.20	42,303
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES						
0.45	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Ptc Ord 2.50			0.45	
1.88	0.59	Eversandy East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		1.12	104	10,500
5.40	2.70	Express Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00			3.53	
4.66	4.66	Homeboyz Entertainment Ptc Ord 0.50			4.66	
3.83	3.83	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00			3.83	
3.27	2.00	Longhorn Publishers Ptc Ord 1.00			2.00	
5.00	1.93	Nairobi Business Ventures Ptc Ord 0.50		1.91	2.10	54,700
22.40	14.00	Nation Media Group Ptc Ord 2.50		15.15	14.75	2,000
2.90	1.80	Sasni Ptc Ord 1.00		2.26	2.36	200
10.80	5.36	Standard Group Ptc Ord 5.00		6.14	5.60	100
18.00	10.85	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		12.45	13.45	1,300
0.28	0.16	Uchumi Supermarket Ptc Ord 5.00		0.19	0.18	4,600
3.20	1.86	WPP Scangroup Ptc Ord 1.00		2.37	2.26	368,500
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED						
5.55	5.55	ARM Cement Ptc Ord 1.00			5.55	
84.00	21.30	Bamburi Cement Ptc Ord 5.00		80.00	80.25	225,600
46.00	29.70	Crown Paints Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		30.00	29.00	2,800
1.10	0.72	E.A. Cobles Ltd Ord 0.50		0.89	0.90	21,000
14.50	4.38	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		17.15	15.60	9,100
3.00	1.94	KenGen Co. Ptc Ord 2.50		2.94	2.71	2,389,003
2.97	1.30	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ptc Ord 2.50		3.56	3.27	3,103,900
4.20	4.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ptc 4% Prof 20.00			4.00	
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ptc 7% Prof 20.00			6.03	
26.00	14.55	Totalenergies Marketing Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		21.00	21.00	300
18.00	8.30	Umembe Ltd Ord 0.50		16.95	16.40	700
INSURANCE						
6.48	4.01	Britam Holdings Ptc Ord 0.10		5.58	5.64	4,100
2.53	1.60	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00		2.05	2.09	91,300
206.00	142.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		160.00	158.75	1,300
2.97	1.08	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50		1.20	1.10	2,304,703
624	3.30	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00		5.60	5.50	200
9.70	5.50	Suntan Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		6.20	6.58	2,300
INVESTMENT						
10.00	7.60	Centum Investment Co Ptc Ord 0.50		8.84	8.80	46,100
0.39	0.27	Homes Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		0.34	0.31	22,200
1500.00	1,500.00	Kumudu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00			1,500.00	
5.60	1.91	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00			2.70	
1.35	0.29	Trans-Century Ptc Ord 0.50 & 6.		0.35	0.36	407,700
INVESTMENT SERVICES						
7.20	5.22	Nairobi Securities Exchange Ptc Ord 4.00		5.64	5.60	29,400
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED						
95.00	65.00	B.O.C Kenya Ptc Ord 5.00		86.00	79.00	300
495.00	325.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ptc Ord 10.00		347.00	349.75	5,600
23.90	11.00	Carabid Investments Ptc Ord 1.00		22.65	23.35	15,700
190.00	100.00	East African Breweries Ptc Ord 2.00		154.25	159.75	600
1.54	0.90	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825		1.00	0.95	6,400
19.50	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00		19.80	19.50	600
0.27	0.27	Minim Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00			0.27	
31.00	12.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00		13.55	13.50	100
TELECOMMUNICATION						
24.95	11.50	Safaricom Ptc Ord 0.05		15.20	15.25	724,800
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST						
20.00	20.00	LAPTRUST (MARAI)-REIT Ord 20.00			20.00	
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS						
3065.00	1880.00	ABSA New Gold ETF		3035	2860.03	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.18 points to close at 107.09
 NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 15.96 points to close at 1771.09
 NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 8.19 points to close at 2882.23
 NSE 10-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.16 points to close at 1115.28

CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	12.75%	06/08/2024
Inter-Bank Rate	12.70%	19/09/2024
CBK Discount Window	15.75%	06/08/2024
91-Day T-Bill	15.746%	23/09/2024
REPO	0.00%	08/05/2024
Inflation Rate	4.36%	August, 2024
Lending Rate	16.84%	July, 2024
Savings Rate	4.56%	July, 2024
Deposit Rate	11.28%	July, 2024
KBRR	8.9%	27/06/2016

KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 19/9/2024

DATE	CURRENCY	EXCHANGE
19/09/2024	DAN KRONER	19.2877
19/09/2024	SAUDI RIYAL	34.4270
19/09/2024	IND RUPEE	1.5433
19/09/2024	HONGKONG DOLLAR	16.5799
19/09/2024	EURO	143.9015
19/09/2024	CHINESE YUAN	18.2515
19/09/2024	S FRANC	153.1313
19/09/2024	AE DIRHAM	35.1778
19/09/2024	KES / BIF	22.4528
19/09/2024	SARAND	7.3669
19/09/2024	KES / USHS	28.7916
19/09/2024	SINGAPORE DOLLAR	99.9068
19/09/2024	NOR KRONER	12.2301
19/09/2024	US DOLLAR	129.2045
19/09/2024	CAN \$	95.1467
19/09/2024	KES / RWF	10.3758
19/09/2024	AUSTRALIAN \$	87.6459
19/09/2024	STG POUND	171.2153
19/09/2024	SW KRONER	12.6894
19/09/2024	JPY (100)	91.0949
19/09/2024	KES / TSHS	21.0906
18/09/2024	STG POUND	170.1170
18/09/2024	CHINESE YUAN	18.2182
18/09/2024	SARAND	7.3459
18/09/2024	EURO	143.7671

NBK unveils Sh2b new agri-financing deal

by Vanessa Sandra @PeopleDailyKe

The National Bank of Kenya (NBK) has unveiled a Sh2 billion new agri-financing deal aimed at supporting farmer networks and households across the country.

Kilimo Connect, is set to provide tailored financial services to help farmers overcome challenges related to working capital, equipment procurement, and post-harvest processing.

The lender will collaborate with stakeholders including Private Equity Support, Netherlands Enterprise Agency,

Endless Africa and Grobox Ltd to offer interventions and capacity-building opportunities that promote the adoption of innovative technology centric agricultural solutions.

NBK managing director George Odhiambo emphasized the importance of

We are happy to be collaborating with partners who share our vision

supporting the agri-business sector, given the challenges farmers face in accessing finance.

"Together, we can catalyze the agriculture sector to success and foster economic growth," he stated.

Bio-digesters offer

During the launch, NBK gave two fully paid-up bio-digesters to farmers, a 10 per cent facility discount for the first 10 biodigester loans taken up by cooperative members, and also covered the cost of Last Expense Insurance for one year for 10 households.

Farmers will also have the opportunity to buy and install biodigesters through affordable financing options.

These devices enable them to convert organic waste into energy for both household and farm use.

This aims to reduce operational costs and promote sustainable farming practices by leveraging renewable energy. "Through Kilimo Connect, we seek to transform the agricultural landscape in Kenya, ensuring that farmers are well-equipped to meet the challenges of modern farming and thrive in a competitive market," Odhiambo said.

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WORLD NEWS

Friday, September 20, 2024

UN requests Israel to end occupation of Palestinian land

General Assembly demands that Jewish state ends its presence in the Palestinian territories within 12 months

■ New York City, Thursday

The UN General Assembly has adopted a Palestinian-drafted, non-binding resolution demanding Israel end "its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" within 12 months.

There were 124 votes in favour and 14 against, including Israel, along with 43 abstentions. As a non-member observer state, Palestine could not vote.

The resolution is based on a July advisory opinion from the UN's highest court that said Israel was occupying the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip against international law. The Palestinian ambassador called the vote a turning point "in our struggle for freedom and justice". But his Israeli counterpart denounced it

as "diplomatic terrorism". Although the General Assembly's resolutions are not binding, they carry symbolic and political weight given they reflect the positions of all 193 member states of the UN. It comes after almost a year of war in Gaza, which began when Hamas gunmen attacked Israel on October 7, killing about 1,200 people and taking 251 others as hostages.

More than 41,110 people have been killed in Gaza since then, according to the territory's Hamas-run health ministry.

There has also been a spike in violence in the West Bank over the same period, in which the UN says more than 680 Palestinians and 22 Israelis have been killed.

Not legally binding

The advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) - which was also not legally binding - said a 15-judge panel had found that "Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful" and that the country was "under an obligation to bring to an end its unlawful presence... as rapidly as

RESOLVE CONFLICT

● Israel's foreign ministry called the resolution "a distorted decision that is disconnected from reality, encourages terrorism and harms the chances for peace."

● It said the resolution "bolsters and strengthens the Hamas terrorist organisation" and "sends a message that terrorism pays off and yields international resolutions."

possible". The court also said Israel should "evacuate all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory" and "make reparation for the damage caused to all the natural or legal persons concerned".

Israel has built about 160 settlements housing some 700,000 Jews in the West Bank and East Jerusalem since 1967. The court said the settlements "have been established and are being maintained in violation of international law", which Israel has consistently disputed.

Israel's prime minister said at the time that the court had made a "decision of lies" and insisted that "the Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land".

Wednesday's General Assembly resolution welcomed the ICJ's declaration.

It demands that Israel "brings to an end without delay its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory... and do so no later than 12 months", and "comply without delay with all its legal obligations under international law".

The West Bank-based Palestinian Authority's foreign ministry described its passing as a "pivotal and historic moment for the Palestinian cause and international law". It emphasised that the support of almost two thirds of UN member states reflected "a global consensus that the occupation must end and its crimes must cease", and that it "reaffirmed the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination".

Israel's foreign ministry called the resolution "a distorted decision that is disconnected from reality, encourages terrorism and harms the chances for peace", adding: "This is what cynical international politics looks like."

BRIEFLY

Putin extends ban on Western imports

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree extending an embargo on agricultural products from Western countries for another two years, local media reported on Wednesday. The embargo, which will run from Jan. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2026, marks the first time the extension has exceeded one year. Originally enacted in August 2014 in retaliation for Western sanctions over the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the ban affects products from the United States, the EU, Australia, Norway, and Canada. The restrictions were later expanded to other European countries, including Ukraine. It is reported that Putin has praised the import ban for spurring Russia's agricultural growth.

— Xinhua



Hongkonger jailed for 'incitive' T-shirt

A Hong Kong man has been sentenced to 14 months in jail after pleading guilty to sedition for wearing a T-shirt with a protest slogan on it.

The jail term is the first handed down by the city's court under a new local national security law that was passed in March. The law, also called Article 23, expands on the national security law that was imposed by Beijing in 2020. Critics feared the law could further erode civil liberties in the city, while Beijing and Hong Kong defended it, saying it was necessary for stability. Chu Kai-pong, 27, was arrested at a subway station in June wearing a T-shirt sporting the phrase "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our times". He was also wearing a mask that read "FDNOL" - initials for another slogan, "Five demands, not one less".

— BBC

Ten-year-old boy dies after stabbing

A 10-year-old boy enrolled in a Japanese school in China's Shenzhen city has died after being stabbed by a 44-year-old man, according to officials in both countries. Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs Yoko Kamikawa said the child, who was attacked about 200m (220 yards) from the gate of the Shenzhen Japanese School on Wednesday morning, died in the early hours of Thursday. The boy's father is a Japanese citizen, while mother is a Chinese citizen, said Lin Jian, spokesman of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He told a news briefing on Thursday that the attack was an "individual" case and that "China and Japan are in communication on the case".

— Agencies

Taking a long aim

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, inspects a sniper weapon developed by the Academy of National Defence Science, at an undisclosed location in this photo released by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency. COURTESY



Storm Boris causes havoc in northern Italy

■ Wroclaw, Thursday

About 1,000 people have been evacuated in the northern Italian region of Emilia-Romagna after devastating floods brought by Storm Boris that had wreaked havoc across Central and Eastern Europe. The development came on Thursday before a meeting between the leaders of four flood-hit European Union countries - Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria - and European Commission

President Ursula von der Leyen in the southwestern Polish city of Wroclaw.

Boris caused the worst flooding in more than 20 years from Romania to Poland over the past week, killing at least 24 people before moving west. In Italy, schools were closed and rail services were suspended in several provinces on Thursday. In the town of Lugo, near Ravenna, authorities ordered the evacuation of all ground-floor residences, after the local Senio river broke its banks. "We are in a full

emergency," the mayor of Ravenna, Michele De Pascale, told the Radio 24 broadcaster. Irene Priolo, the acting president of Emilia-Romagna, told RAI public radio that 250mm (9.8 inches) of water had fallen in some areas and three rivers had overflowed.

The national fire department said it carried out more than 500 rescue operations in Emilia-Romagna, including with helicopters. Floods and mudslides were also affecting regions of Tuscany and Marche.

— Agencies



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SUSTAINABLE FASHION

While the fashion industry in Kenya is a vibrant and essential part of the economy it faces a critical challenge regarding its environmental impact, particularly concerning waste, writes Harriet James

Statistics indicate that Kenya deals with over 10,000 tonnes of textile waste annually from a rapid turnover of fashion trends, which consequently results to a high volume of discarded clothing and textiles. All this ends up in landfills, contributing to pollution and resource depletion.

During her recent tour in Kenya organised by Quinetha Fraiser of Geechie Adventures, international celebrity stylist Fiskani Kaira got together with fashion enthusiasts, stylists and designers for a sustainable fashion styling soiree to increase awareness on the global cost of fast or dump fashion and the environmental impact of the growing fashion industry. Part of her trip was to visit Dandora dumpsite, one of Kenya's largest and most notorious dumpsite that bears a significant burden from fashion waste.

"It was highly impactful just going to Dandora and a realisation the impact of fast fashion which not only clutters the dumpsite but poses both environmental and health issues. The dumpsite is almost 40 acres of fashion and textiles are the worst for the environment as they not biodegradable," she notes.

For her, sustainable fashion has been a way of life and has spent years advocating for up-cycling and in addition, partnering with designers who share the same vision. Her other purpose was to connect with local designers and stylists. Fiskani's fashion show room in Atlanta, *The Ivy Showroom*, is one of the solutions that she is bringing in fashion: renting.

"My idea is a disruptor. This has been a common practice in Hollywood for years; stars don't spend their own money on clothes. I wondered what would happen if I adapted this concept for everyday people and marketed it as a form of sustainability. By offering clothing rentals, we can help individuals save money and promote reuse," she explains.

Fiskani Kaira in sustainable clothing.

FISKANI

By offering clothing rentals, we can help individuals save money and promote reuse

Social media impact

In the 10 years that the business has been in existence, Fiskani has worked with various high-profile events and celebrities. When it comes to sustainable fashion, she believes that social media is one of the factors influencing the high uptake of fast fashion. "There seems to be an unwritten rule in social media that one should not repeat an outfit in their posts, which significantly influences the fast fashion industry. Some individuals have social media accounts with thousands of photos, while others are frequent posters who are not concerned about wearing the same outfit more than once," she says.

Lisa Kibutu, the founder of the Regenerative Fashion Collaborative Exchange, believes that the collaboration with Fiskani is important as it will enable local fashion stylists and designers be able to adopt regeneration in their styling practices.

"The conversation on regenerative fashion is important because we cannot continue to destroy the planet and live carelessly as if the resources that we are depleting from them are just renewable. We need to be conscious of what we are wearing and how we treat the planet that we live on as it reflects on health and well-being," she says.

Over the last five years, Brian Kihindas Founder-Kenya Fashion Council and Creative Director-Nairobi Fashion Week, has observed the rise in conscious conversations on the direction that the industry needs to take as more consumers are embracing the slow fashion movement.

Janet Chemitei





Soko Kenya Manufacturers up-cycling the garments.

"There has been an emergence of young advocates of sustainable fashion, petitioners of sustainable fashion, sustainable fashion movements like reface or regenerative fashion, there is quite a lot of designers who have fully embraced sustainable fashion within the brand ethos hence I'm very optimistic that we have started on the good base," he elaborates.

He adds that some Kenyan designers are embracing sustainable fashion as well. "If you look at our own fabrics like kikoi, kishutu, kitenge, you'd realize that there is a lot of focus on sustainable fashion because most of the fabric are organic in nature. We have brands like Tosheka Textiles that are doing quite extraordinary activity in as far as slow fashion is concerned. They are able to produce silk and make fabric out of it. Africa Collect Textiles recycling of fabric, other brands are doing up-cycles, I think the conversation is very robust and we are growing," he continues.

Need for change

The rise in sustainable fashion consciousness has resulted in influential figures and advocates like Janet Chemitei, a waste and slow fashion educator, who is spotlighting the need for change within the fashion industry.

"The interest has been growing and more people want to be involved in the conversation especially young people. The more I share my work around textile based by visiting Dandora and Gikomba dumpsite, the more I see that people desire to learn and understand how their choices impact our communities. Most of them want to share where they buy their clothes from, why they buy them and why they don't

necessarily follow trends and that gives me hope that there are people who care and want to do better," she explains.

Janet believes that it's high time that fashion brands and companies take a different direction by embracing a circular economy. "We have so many clothes that no busy is wearing and nobody needs and yet we still keep producing more. We need to stop producing and use what already exists to make something new. It's not new and has been done but brands want to make money off of people and I think that's wrong and needs to change," she says.

She adds: "We should also be holding each other accountable. Consumers need to demand that these fashion brands change their operations from a linear to a circular one and start embracing things like recycling and up-cycling, and even using alternative fabrics that are more sustainable."

Globally, the conversation has resulted in change in legislations in Europe where legislative laws have been passed on sustainable fashion. In the US, Extended Producer Responsibility mandates that all products and their packaging must be designed with a circular economy approach, ensuring that their end-of-life is properly managed.

"This policy is driven by the recognition that the true costs of waste—both environmental and public health impacts—are ultimately borne by society, and addressing these costs is crucial to prevent further strain on landfills and healthcare systems," she explains.

Lisa adds that with a conscious approach to design, understanding the importance of a product's end-of-life is crucial. "This awareness influences the choice of fabrics used in garment creation

and guides how you style and educate clients about their clothing choices and the processes involved in making those garments. It also promotes a return to indigenous cultural practices, which were inherently regenerative. These cultures were deeply committed to ensuring the well-being of future generations, always planning for the long-term impact on their environment and society," she continues.

However, when it comes to Kenya, one of the challenges that we face is the fact that there is currently no clear policy or approach on how we should embrace sustainable fashion.

"There is a significant influx of textiles into the country that largely bypasses slow fashion and sustainable practices. Polyester fabrics from Turkey and China are competing with second-hand clothing (mitumba) from Europe and America, contributing to a market saturated with non-sustainable options. Additionally, there is a lack of effective measures and structures for standardizing the quality of imported textiles. For instance, it's not uncommon to find men's clothing labelled as cotton, bearing the Kenya Bureau of Standards mark of quality, even when the fabric is not actually cotton. This discrepancy raises questions about the standardisation and regulatory processes governing the import of such goods," explains Babu.

Enforcement deficiencies

"The existing gaps in checks and balances, as well as deficiencies in enforcement, have undermined the integrity of textile standards, complicating the evaluation of what constitutes genuine, high-quality cotton and affecting the overall state of the textile market in the country," notes Lisa.

Another challenge that she observation that she makes is that the country lacks fashion institutes where fashion designers can learn about fibres. As a solution, she has signed an agreement with Pwani University to set up the first institute of its kind for textile development.

"Efforts are being made to develop alternative fibres to cotton and to revive traditional textile practices that were once common among our ancestors. Colonisation disrupted these ancestral practices and introduced foreign knowledge that did not contribute to our advancement, leaving a legacy of stagnant innovation within our education system that continues to impact us today. The Coast remains the only region in Kenya with a rich weaving tradition, as they have been doing it before the arrival of the Portuguese, yet it lacks a textile manufacturing industry. This historical legacy is central to the purpose of the new textile factory, which is intentionally located at the Coast to honour and build upon this ancient weaving heritage," she says in conclusion.



Brian Kihindas

SWEETNSOUR By Ely Gitau

Kenyan comedy star Barbara Nyambura set for new phase

After a year-long hiatus, multi-faceted Kenyan entertainer Barbara Nyambura is poised to make a comeback that promises to redefine her artistic journey. Known for her razor-sharp wit, insightful social commentary, and ability to capture the essence of Kenyan life through her comedic content, Barbara is on the brink of unveiling an exciting new chapter in her career. Her creative journey is a testament to her versatility and connection with her audience. Rising to prominence through her engaging TikTok skits and Instagram content, she quickly amassed a following of over 300,000 across platforms. Her unique blend of humour, authenticity, and relatability struck a chord with young Kenyans, making her a voice for her generation.

"The past year has been transformative. It's been a time of introspection, growth, and exploring new avenues of creative expression. I've been working on something

that I believe will surprise and excite my fans in equal measure," Barbara reveals.

Her content has always been deeply rooted in her cultural heritage. Her ability to address social issues with a light-hearted yet impactful approach has earned her not just laughs, but respect as a thoughtful commentator on Kenyan society. "My journey has always been about connecting with people, sharing our collective experiences, and bringing light to important issues. This next phase is an evolution of that mission. It's about pushing boundaries and exploring new ways to tell our stories," she explains.

While the details of her upcoming project remain scanty, Barbara hints at a departure from her usual medium. "I'm stepping out of my comfort zone. It's terrifying and exhilarating all at once. But I believe that growth happens when we challenge ourselves, and I'm ready for this new challenge," she says.



Mejja to lead a major 'coup' on Meru this weekend

Genge maestro Mejja (*pictured*), rap goddess Maandy, hitmakers YBW Smith and Jaysoul Highpitch, deejays Kalonje, Daffy, Final and Starmie, and hype masters MC Gogo and Hype Ola will all converge on one stage for a mega concert this Saturday at Ridgeways Garden in Meru. The solid line-up will unleash the ultimate experience for fans courtesy of East Afri-

ca Brewery's Ltd's leading rum brand Captain Morgan, as it launches a new personalisation campaign. Dubbed the Meru Spice Takeover, the event is part of the rum brand's broader Spice On campaign, which celebrates the brand's adventurous spirit and commitment to adding a bold twist, to spice up your life's everyday moments.

The campaign encourages fans to bring their creativity and individuality to the forefront. "Captain Morgan has always been about fun, adventure, and bold expression. With this campaign, we're thrilled to offer our fans in Meru and beyond a chance to make their mark on our brand. It's an experience you won't want to miss," said Captain Morgan brand manager Davis Chantalwa.



Books & Leisure

► The Right Reads

How Ghanaian publisher put women's writing on the map

Published in 1992, *Daughters of Africa* is a groundbreaking volume of writing by women of African descent. It was followed by an expanded second edition, *New Daughters of Africa*, in 2019. The mind behind the books is pioneering Ghanaian-born publisher, writer and editor Margaret Busby. She became the first black female publisher in the UK at 20, when she co-founded Allison and Busby in 1967. The company was first to publish a number of significant writers during her two-decade tenure. Busby has continued to nurture new generations of writers, academics, editors, publishers and critics. In May she was in South Africa for the second Johannesburg Festival of Women Writers and she was interviewed by **Phillipa Yaa de Villiers**

It is a significant achievement, in editing *Daughters of Africa*, to bring such a large and diverse body of women together and keep them together. How did you manage that?

I do what I can do. What I can't do, I can't do. I don't defeat myself before I start out. When it was published in 1992, people would say, "How long did it take to put this together? That's over a thousand pages." And I'd say, well, it either took me maybe 18 months or else it took me my whole life. Because, for as long as I was literate and interested in reading, I was collecting books and magazines. That first volume was what I resonated with, what I knew of, what I had access to.

And in fact, back then you'd have thought there were only, you know, a few women of African descent who were writing, and they were all American. Because back in those days, you'd find anthologies that would be called "anthology of short stories from the West Indies".

And they wouldn't say by men, but then you wouldn't find any women in them. Or there's a volume of poetry from Africa; where are the women? It's was as if women were not writing. I wanted to say, well, they are there, they just

haven't been given the potential. I was trying to just share the space, I suppose, the literary space.

You were feminist before feminism, and that comes out in your books.

As you know, being a woman isn't necessarily always easy. And historically, in terms of the way society has treated women, there've been all sorts of expectations of what you can do, what you can't do. And sometimes it's only another woman who can understand that, because it doesn't happen to other people. Just as I don't have to explain to another black person what it is to be black.

The way things were in the 1960s and 70s was not the way things are now. There are possibilities now that women can tune into, take advantage of, that work.

But who is controlling what is put out there? Who is controlling the narrative? Who are the publishers? Who's controlling what gets reviewed? Unless those gatekeepers represent us all, then we have to rely on their impartiality or knowledge or whatever. I think we have to be involved. Women of African heritage have to be involved at every level. **What do you still feel like you want to do? Because you've created a forest of all those women who write. You've conferred an authority on us.**

It's lovely for you to say that - makes it worthwhile. Of course, I'd love to do another volume and another volume, because in both *Daughters* and *New Daughters*, I'm not saying these are the only people you should read. And in the first volume, there was a bibliographical section of other books at the end, which were probably a hundred pages, just saying "go and find out more for yourself". And now there's the internet, so people can go and do their own research and do their own anthologies. I saw there was some anthology that came out of women of Hispanic descent in America, inspired by *Daughters of Africa*.

BUSBY

And historically, in terms of the way society has treated women, there've been all sorts of expectations of what you can do, what you can't do. And sometimes it's only another woman who can understand that, because it doesn't happen to other people.

Then we created the Margaret Busby New Daughters of Africa Award, which means that a woman student from the African continent gets a free course of study at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies. And the first student who came through was (Kenyan writer) Idza Luhumyo, and she went on to Texas State University, and then won the Caine Prize in 2022. So we're all part of this chain and this ripple effect, and that's what I like.

What are some important things you've learned in your career?

If you say to anybody, "Start a publishing company", they would say, "Oh, I haven't got enough money", "I don't know enough whatever". There's always some reason they think it's going to be difficult. When I was 20, did I have any money? Did I know what the conventions were? Did I know I wasn't meant to be doing this? No, I just said, that's what I want to do, okay, I'll do it. You shouldn't be put off by somebody saying, "Oh, you can't do that, it's not done..."

That's the great thing about youth. And I think sometimes youth has been stolen from the youth now, because they know too much. They think they know too much. But also, it's not real knowledge. It's just statistics on the internet. It's just projections. It's simulations. The Sims. That's not reality. You don't know if that's how it's going to pan out. So, you have to try anyway. You have to just try.

I think that whole tradition of storytelling is important to hold on to. Listening to other people, listening to the stories you're told by your elders, doesn't necessarily mean you have to repeat what they do or what they say. But if you don't know, you don't know whether you agree, where you want to move on from. But it's all part of making you who you are, who you may end up being, who you want to be, who your children might be. It's all part of something that we're contributing towards.

The Conversation



Margaret Busby, a Ghanaian-born publisher, was the first female publisher in the UK. PD/ COURTESY

REVIEW OF THE WEEK

BY WENDY NJORGE

The thrilling adventures of Shigidi and Neoma

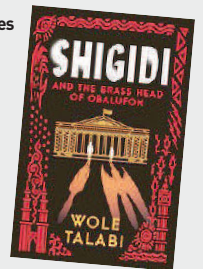
Shigidi and the Brass Head of Obalufon by Wole Talabi is a riveting fantasy novel that cleverly weaves together African mythology, modern-day heist thriller elements, and a compelling love story. The protagonist, Shigidi, starts off as an unremarkable and unmotivated god within the Orisha spirit company—a divine organisation that operates much like a corporation, complete with bureaucracy and a capitalist structure.

Initially, Shigidi seems resigned to his unglamorous role, lacking the ambition or drive to do anything significant in the spirit world. However, everything changes when Shigidi meets Neoma, a stunningly beautiful, rebellious demon. Their love story forms the emotional core of the novel, sparking a profound change in Shigidi. His devotion to Neoma ignites a fire within him, plunging him into a life filled with danger, adventure, and the challenges of her colourful past.

Their relationship introduces a fascinating "Bonnie and Clyde" dynamic as they navigate the complexities of their respective roles in the spirit world, all while being drawn deeper into a thrilling mission. At the heart of the story is a daring heist—one that feels both audacious and deeply symbolic. Shigidi and Neoma embark on a high-stakes mission to rescue the looted Brass Head of Obalufon from the British Museum, a nod to real-world historical artifacts that have been stolen from African cultures. This plot line not only serves as a vehicle for action and suspense, but also touches on the themes of cultural restitution and the lingering effects of colonialism.

One of the most striking aspects of *Shigidi and the Brass Head of Obalufon* is its portrayal of Yoruba deities as part of a modern corporate structure. The depiction of gods navigating the complexities of office politics, hierarchies, and performance reviews brings a refreshingly unique perspective to the story. It adds layers of humour, satire, and relatability to the narrative, making it more than just an ordinary fantasy novel.

While the story takes some time to gain momentum, once it does, the pace is electric. The combination of rich world-building, memorable characters, and the seamless blending of myth and modernity makes this book an absolute page-turner. Talabi's writing is fresh, and it's no surprise that the novel has garnered recognition, winning the Nommo Award and being nominated for two other awards. A sequel would be eagerly anticipated, as Shigidi and Neoma's adventures in the spirit realm are far from over.



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DUST HAS SETTLED



by Mwangi Alberto

Two weeks of spectacular international polo action concluded in style both on and off the field as Tusker Malt emerged runner-up at the 7-Goal International Polo Tournament, which took place at the Nairobi Polo Club recently. The International Weekends, traditionally reserved for September at the Nairobi Polo Club, saw players with handicaps of 5 and 6 take to the field of play with less highly rated players. Tanqueray gin and Tusker Malt were on hand to lead in the festivities, as attendees swapped the fields for the dancefloor, enjoying incredible cocktails and unmatched social vibes.

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Subsidiary tournament winners Team Tusker Malt receive their trophy from KBL managing director Mark Ocitti (in white).

Tanqueray brand manager Scaver Saitaga, communication consultant Nelson Stembu and Diageo reserve portfolio lead Nancy Gitonga.



Njeri Kirubi and her bestie Kim Kheillah.



The incredible trio! Rachael Tania, Nandy Umteshi and Pinky Matama.



Fashion and lifestyle content creator Joy Kendi.



People Daily's Milliam Murigi (centre) receives her award from ISAAA-AfriCentre director Dr Margaret Karembu and Livestock Development PS Jonathan Mueke.



University of Embu Deputy VC Prof Eucharia Kenya presents an award to Stanley Kimunge.



K24's Kilimo Na Biashara producer Reyhab Watari.



ISAAA AfriCenter senior programme officer Bibiana Iraki.

Exemplary science journalism

by Muthoki Kithanze

The Kenya Chapter of the Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa (OFAB-Kenya) recently celebrated exemplary science journalism and recognised the media's contribution in promoting agricultural biotechnology. During the gala ceremony in Nairobi, *People Daily's* Milliam Murigi was named the overall winner, while Mildrine Sabwami of North Rift Radio and Jeremy Omondi of West TV took second and third places, respectively. Stanley Kimunge of Nation Media Group and Patrick Okumu of Emuria FM were fourth and fifth. In addition to plaques and certificates, the top three journalists received cash prizes. Milliam will represent Kenya at the OFAB-Africa Media Awards in Malawi this November.

PD/MUTHOKI KITHANZE

Boma ▶ Home of Property & Leisure

By integrating green roofs into modern house designs, experts say Kenyans can lower water bills, reduce energy consumption, and support biodiversity, contributing to urban sustainability efforts amidst climate challenges

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Every time I step into my house, I usually leave the door open for a while to let the heat out," says Jane Wambui, a 35-year-old resident of Dandora, one of Nairobi's most populated estates. For Jane, the daily struggle against the oppressive heat has become an exhausting routine, especially during the hotter months of the year. Her one-room iron sheet house absorbs and retains intense heat, turning it into an oven by midday.

"By the time I return from work, it feels like I'm walking into a furnace. My two children have trouble sleeping at night because it's too hot. On the hottest days, my family sleeps on the floor in a desperate attempt to find some relief as I cannot afford to buy fan or air conditioning technologies," she reveals.

Dandora is not the only area experiencing higher temperatures in Kenya. The whole country is, but cities/urban areas are major victims of these high temperatures. The reason is that as temperatures increase, cities tend to absorb and retain more heat than rural areas due to the abundance of concrete, asphalt, and buildings, making them significantly hotter.

This is why most urban areas are now experiencing something that experts call the "urban heat island effect," where temperatures soar much higher in these areas than in surrounding rural regions. Nickson Otieno, founder of Niko Green says because of climate change and rapid urbanisation if nothing is done, urban temperatures will continue to rise and people will be forced to rely on cooling technologies throughout or they will suffer health consequences of increasing temperatures.

Roofing system

"Awareness on the role of buildings in addressing climate change is growing, there is also accelerated uptake of nature-based solutions," says Otieno.

Green roofs, Roy Githaiga, a built environment disruptor and sustainability expert, says, are a type of roofing system where vegetation is grown over a roofing structure. A typical green roof consists of multiple layers, including waterproofing, a root barrier, drainage, soil, and plants. These layers function together to absorb water, provide insulation, and create a habitat for wildlife, while also enhancing air quality and aesthetic appeal.

In the context of Kenya, green roofs can be seen as an evolution of traditional vernacular architecture, which has always prioritised harmony with nature. Historically, Kenyan communities used



A green roof is a vegetated roofing system which is functionally integrated onto a roof area. COURTESY

Green roofs cooling down urban spaces

natural materials, such as thatch, grass, and clay in construction, which blended seamlessly into the landscape. Green roofs offer a modern adaptation of this relationship, using contemporary techniques while maintaining the connection between building, community, and environment. This not only reflects the values of sustainability but also brings back cultural approaches to living in balance with nature.

Cooling technologies

Peter Muriithi, from Ngong Town, has embraced a green roof for his five-bedroomed. Before planting vegetation (grass and flowers) in his flat-roofed house, Muriithi relied on cooling technologies to manage the sweltering indoor temperatures, but the maintenance costs soon proved unsustainable. He needed a long-term, cost-effective solution.

"It is now two years since I installed a green roof and I cannot regret it. I no longer use cooling technologies, and I've noticed a significant difference in the temperatures inside my house. The once unbearable heat is now manageable, even on the hottest days," says Muriithi.

Muriithi is not the only Kenyan who has embraced this solution. The Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), the umbrella organisation that regulates architects in the country, estimates that Kenya currently has nearly 200 buildings with green roofs, including apartments, offices, and hotels. It says that about 30 more are under construction in East Africa, mostly in Nairobi, and that several more are in the process of being approved.

Otieno explains that green roofs can reduce house temperature because the vegetation on a green roof is a smart and constantly self-regulating system that understands how to adapt to its surrounding system. When it is too hot, a green roof releases water vapors through evapotranspiration. When it is cold, the

dormant vegetation flattens its roots and stems close to the roof to expand the surface volume exposed to the sun, thus keeping the building warmer.

"Apart from reducing the heat island effect in cities by absorbing less heat than conventional roofing materials, green roofs also have the potential of alleviating pressure on drainage systems in towns and cities by capturing, temporarily retaining, and slowly draining rainfall, reducing stormwater runoff. This merits green roofs as one of the most feasible Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), for medium to high-density developments and zones," says Louis Kariuki, the Impact Lead with the Kenya Green Building Society.

Affluent areas

Though green roofs have been adopted in Kenya, Githaiga says that their application remains limited to niche developments, primarily in affluent areas of Nairobi, such as Karen, Runda, Lavington, where the focus is on sustainability, aesthetics, and energy efficiency. Some of the buildings in Nairobi that have embraced this solution are GTC, Morningside Office Park, Swiss Embassy, French Embassy, and Haveli Towers.

To increase the adoption of green roofs, Kariuki says education and awareness campaigns can be done about the benefits of green roofs, including energy savings, improved air quality, and increased property value. Continued innovation in the building materials supply chain can lead to the development of green roof solutions that are modular, or even providing DIY kits for residents. The government can also provide an enabling environment by offering incentives, such as tax breaks or subsidies can be offered to homeowners who install green roofs.

A study done by the University of Nairobi two years ago found that although green roofs would increase the chances of having more green spaces in the city

of Nairobi and solve the issue of loss of green spaces, the existing urban policies neither promote nor discourage the adoption and maintenance of green roofs. Therefore, the few green roofs installed have been adopted without any specific government policy.

Apart from the lack of urban legal framework, other barriers that discourage the adoption of green roofs in the city, Githaiga says, are high initial costs and lack of awareness as many developers and homeowners are unaware of the long-term benefits of green roofs. There is also maintenance challenges as green roofs require ongoing maintenance, such as watering, weeding, and ensuring the health of the plants, structural limitations since not all buildings are designed to support the added weight of a green roof, and limited expertise since technical know-how for designing, installing, and maintaining green roofs is still underdeveloped in Kenya.

"Flat roofs are designed in a way that they can support additional weight, making them ideal for eco-friendly solutions, such as green roofs. With the increasing uptake of flat roofs and rising eco-consciousness, there is a great opportunity for integrating green roofs into more building projects," says Otieno.

Kariuki says green roofs can be integrated into existing buildings with conventional roofing provided the building has adequate structural support. However, modifications to the building's design may also be required. This process will be more complex than building one from scratch, but it is entirely feasible.

Muriithi says that while his green roof has effectively helped cool the temperatures in his home, it has come at the cost of not being able to harvest enough rainwater as he used to.

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Roy Githaiga



Louis Kariuki

FEATURE

Before considering that real estate investment...

The property industry has continued to experience rapid growth yearly thanks to the increasing population, increase in the middle income earning population, diverse taste, among others, but what are the key factors to consider when investing in it?

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Real estate is one of the most attractive investment opportunities in Kenya, offering strong returns and portfolio diversification. Whether you're an experienced investor or new to the market, understanding key aspects of the industry is crucial to making informed decisions.

First, understanding your investment goals is critical before entering the market. Are you looking for a long-term asset for appreciation, or do you want to generate rental income? Your goals will determine the type of property and the timing of your investment.

For example, to generate steady rental income, consider investing in properties in high-demand areas, such as Nairobi's Kilimani or Westlands. These areas attract tenants looking for prime locations and access to key amenities. On the other hand, if you're looking for long-term capital growth, buying land in developing areas such as Athi River or Juja, where infrastructure projects are underway, might offer better returns over time.

If you're buying to live in, it's important to consider amenities and lifestyle needs. If you're investing, focus on high-demand rental locations.

One popular strategy in Kenya is

Timing is equally important. You want to invest when property prices are favourable and poised to grow. For example, some regions undergo major price increases after key infrastructure, such as roads or shopping malls, are completed



buying an apartment before it's built (off-plan purchasing). This often means buying at a lower price, with the potential for higher returns as property values rise upon completion. Many investors in Nairobi have made solid returns with this approach, particularly in high-demand areas, such as Kilimani, Westlands, and Kileleshwa. When buying off-plan, choose a reputable developer to minimise the risk of delayed or substandard construction.

Real estate investment requires significant capital, but if you don't have the funds to purchase property outright, there are other options. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) offer a way to invest in real estate without owning physical property. With as little as Sh5,000, you can invest in commercial properties, such as office buildings, shopping malls, or rental properties through REITs. With REITs, you can invest small amounts, making them accessible to young professionals and first-time investors.

Unlike physical property, REITs offer more liquidity since you can sell your shares on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

In Kenya, REITs such as the Stanlib Fahari I-REIT allow investors to pool their money and earn returns from the rental income generated by these properties. This option provides an entry point for those with limited capital and offers flexibility, as REIT shares can be bought or sold on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

Location and timing

Location is a fundamental factor in real estate investing. Properties in well-established areas like Nairobi's Upper Hill or Westlands may come with higher price tags, but they often guarantee steady demand. However, there are also emerging areas, such as Konza City or Ngong that, while currently less developed, may experience significant growth as infrastructure projects progress.

Timing is equally important. You want to invest when property prices are favourable and poised to grow. For example, some regions undergo major price increases after key infrastructure, such as roads or shopping malls, are completed.

With Kenya's growing population and urbanisation, affordable housing is in high demand. Areas, such as Athi River, Kileleshwa, and Syokimau are seeing increased investment in affordable housing projects, making them ripe for investment.

Nairobi and other urban centres have strong rental demand, particularly for apartments. Many young professionals prefer renting, offering consistent rental yields if you invest in residential properties.

Areas with upcoming infrastructure projects, such as the Konza Technopolis, offer strong potential for long-term growth.

Investing in real estate goes beyond just securing a mortgage or paying for the property itself. There are additional costs that many new investors overlook.

These include stamp duty, which in Kenya is four per cent of the property value, as well as legal fees, property taxes, and maintenance costs.

For instance, if you're buying a home or an apartment, budgeting for ongoing maintenance is essential, particularly if you plan to rent the property out. The upkeep of the property, repairs, and unexpected expenses can affect your overall returns.

If you're considering financing options, Kenya offers a range of mortgages through banks like KCB and Co-operative Bank, as well as government-backed schemes under the Affordable Housing Programme.

Clear long-term strategy, exit plan

Real estate is generally considered a long-term investment, but it's important to think ahead and have a strategy for how you'll eventually exit the market. Whether you plan to sell, rent, or hold onto the property, having a clear vision for the future is key.

If you're investing in rental property, plan for long-term rental income, especially in growing areas. Cities, such as Mombasa and Nakuru offer promising rental yields due to increasing population and tourism-driven demand.

Certain areas like Karen, Runda, and Upper Hill continue to appreciate, making them ideal for those looking to sell properties for profit after a few years.

Another common strategy in Kenya is land banking buying land in developing areas and holding it until its value appreciates significantly. Areas around Nairobi's outskirts, like Ngong, Juja, and Rongai, are popular for this approach.

If reselling, ensure that the property is well-maintained and consider renovating to increase its resale value.

Investment options

Investing in real estate in Kenya can be highly rewarding, but it requires careful planning and an understanding of both the market and your financial situation. By defining your goals, exploring different investment options like REITs, choosing the right location and timing, and having a long-term strategy, you can maximize your chances of success. Real estate offers many opportunities, but it's essential to be well-prepared and informed before making any commitments.

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Stylish ways to spruce up your balcony

A balcony is where you can take a break from everything else and unwind. It can also be your safe space to chill and meditate while enjoying outdoor views. So, whether large or small, your balcony should look like a million bucks. Here are a few ideas we can consider

Adding furniture

Furniture enhances the general look of the balcony. It adds functionality to the space since you can relax outside the house comfortably, and even host friends in case you don't want to stay inside the house. Wooden furniture creates a comfortable and serene mood on your balcony while classy and elegant furniture gives it a luxe feeling.



Installing a swing

Why go for a still bench when you can install a swing? Being suspended in the air creates a zen moment and puts you in a siesta mode when you need to rest after a long day. You can get either a simple hanging chair or a wooden swing and add throw pillows to make it cozy.

Using artificial turf

Artificial turf is a go-to décor for both large and small balconies. It has different ways of adding appeal to your balcony, and all you have to do is get creative. It is famous for being resistant to pressure and, therefore, ideal for children. For a more creative feel, decorate it with wall patterns.



Use of artificial lighting

Instead of using LED bulbs for lighting, use lights that enhance your balcony's appearance. Fairy lights add a subtle twinkle to the balcony and you can also hang them around the railings and walls. Hanging lights, such as chandeliers also add elegance to the space, setting a relaxed ambiance on your balcony.





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- 2.00 Personal Trainer
- 2.30 You Were There
- 3.00 Dw- Docfilm
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- 4.30 Mchipuko Extra
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- 7.30 Aapke Aa Jaane Se
- 8.30 BBC- Focus On Africa
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- 10.30 BBC Africa Eye
- 11:00 Beat Box
- 12:00 Al Jazeera



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HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
Don't overspend to impress others. Sudden changes at home will affect family members more than you anticipated.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
Be careful while traveling. Pamper yourself; the self esteem it brings you will be most gratifying. You may be sensitive to a point of absurdity.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. Put your efforts into being creative. You're ready to take action and take over.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Your personal life is going through a state of confusion. Your fun loving approach will be admired and appreciated by others.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Romantic encounters will develop through group activity. The answers can only come from within. Travel, although enticing, will cost more than you expect.

VIRGO (AUG. 23- SEPT. 23)
You'll find love and you'll get into tiptop shape at the same time. Your irritability will lead to family squabbles. Your hard work will payoff; advancement looks positive.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24- OCT. 23)
You can accomplish a lot if you work out of your home today. You can raise your standard of living if you pick up some freelance work on the side. Channel your energy into passionate interludes with your lover.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24- NOV. 22)
Get involved in jobs that require creative input. You can win points with both peers and superiors. Call siblings or old friends to catch up on recent news.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)
You must be extremely careful not to let relatives or friends interfere in your personal life. Don't share your dilemma with those you work with.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)
Seminars will provide you with knowledge and amusement. Don't be too quick to voice your opinion. Listen to others carefully.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21- FEB. 19)
Don't push your luck with authority figures. Changes regarding your career direction will payoff handsomely. You need to look into new philosophies.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
Think of starting a new business or emotional partnership. You could meet potential new mates if you go out with friends or take pleasure trips.



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- 7:00 Taarifa
- 7:30 Maza
- 8:00 IDare You To Leave
- 9:00 KBC Channel 1 News
- 10:30 The Rave
- 11:00 CGTN
- 12:30 France 24



- 06:00 Your Motor Week
- 06:30 Command Your Morning
- 07:00 Afrimaxx
- 09:00 Tendereza
- 09:30 News Hour
- 10:00 Afriscreen
- 12:00 Amplify
- 12:30 The killer Bride
- 1:00 News Desk
- 1:30 Sports Legends
- 2:00 Afriscreen
- 3:30 Akili & Me
- 4:00 Mbiu Ya KTN
- 4:10 Winx Club
- 6:00 Prima Donnas
- 7:00 KTN Leo
- 7:30 Sports legends
- 8:00 Whats your story
- 9:00 KTN Friday Briefing
- 10:21 Movie
- 10:30 Movie
- 11:00 Baseline
- 1:00 Aljazeera



- 4:00 Pambazuka
- 05:30 PE At Home
- 06:00 Day Break
- 09:00 Cartoons Animation
- 10:00 Music Mix generic
- 15:00 Afrosinema
- 11:00 Sema Na Citizen
- 11:15 Afrosinema
- 12:15 Afrosinema
- 13:00 Sema Na Citizen
- 14:00 Mseto Africa
- 15:00 The Neighbour
- 15:54 Supa Sema
- 16:00 News Brief
- 16:15 PE At Home
- 17:30 Rubi
- 18:30 Machachari
- 19:00 Nipashe
- 19:30 Sultana
- 20:00 Vencer EL Desamor
- 21:00 JK Live
- 23:05 Mis Fortuna El Marte
- 00:00 Afrosinema
- 01:00 News Night



- 5.00 Passport Plus
- 6.00 Am Live
- 8.00 Better Living
- 9.00 On The Wings Of Love
- 10.00 Music Mix
- 11.00 NTV Today
- 1.00 NTV at 1
- 1.30 Music Mix
- 3.00 Blood Sisters
- 3.30 The Three Sides Of Ana - Rpt
- 4.00 NTV At 4
- 4.15 Passport Plus
- 5.00 The Heat
- 6.00 It Had To Be You
- 7.00 NTV Jioni
- 8.00 Forever My Love
- 9.00 NTV Tonight
- 10.00 Movie
- 11.00 Music Mix
- 12.00 CNN

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Sudoku solutions

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The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

Crossword

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- YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
- ACROSS**
- 7. Violence
 - 8. Answ
 - 9. Date
 - 10. Needless
 - 11. Inverse
 - 12. Woods
 - 15. Actor
 - 17. Knights
 - 20. Intaglio
 - 22. Nine
 - 23. Gown
 - 24. Pressing
- DOWN**
- 1. Discow
 - 2. Altoago
 - 3. Oneness
 - 4. Jewel
 - 5. Hall
 - 6. Ceased
 - 13. Organism
 - 14. Annoyed
 - 16. Canyon
 - 18. Turing
 - 19. Flops
 - 21. Aunt

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Trees of the genus Ulmus (4)
 - 3. Worrying problem (8)
 - 9. Edible marine fish (7)
 - 10. Latin American dance (5)
 - 11. Sullen in appearance (6-6)
 - 14. Exclamation of contempt (3)
 - 16. Less narrow (5)
 - 17. Ruction (3)
 - 18. Deceiver (6-6)
 - 19. Shows
 - 2. Mosquito (5)
 - 4. Largest deer (3)
 - 5. Ill-mannered (12)
 - 21. Scale representation (5)
 - 22. Damaged (7)
 - 23. Mobster (8)
 - 24. Unit of heredity (4)
 - 6. Volcanic crater (7)
 - 7. School test (4)
 - 8. Fear or apprehension (12)
 - 12. Form or apprehension (12)
 - 13. Breakfast food (8)
 - 15. Walked upon (7)
 - 19. Scoop (5)
 - 20. Type of air pollution (4)
 - 22. Very small (3)

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(No. 13 of 2019)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Plot Title No:Konyu/Baricho/1523, located in Jambo area, along Karatina-Nairobi Highway (A2), near Karatina Town, proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Commercial**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member – Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development, County Government of Nyeri, P.O. Box 112-10100, Nyeri.

Name of the Registered Planner: David Mathenge Reg No. 0316

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT
(NO. 13 OF 2019)

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of property **RURIU KIU BLOCK 2/28430**, situated within the jurisdiction of Ruru Sub County, County Government of Kiambu, is proposing to change of use of their property from **AGRICULTURAL to COMMERCIAL CUMS RESIDENTIAL MULTI-DWELLING (FLATS)**, subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Any individual(s), Institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days to this notice as granted by law to:

THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING, COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU, P.O. BOX 2344-00900, KIAMBU.

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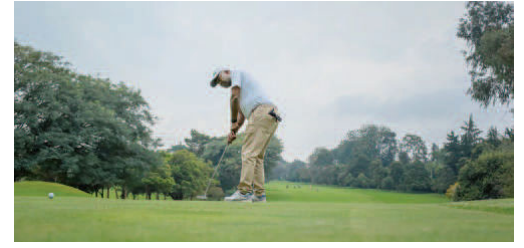
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Golf action reloaded

John Kamais of Nakuru Golf Club in action during the 2024 Nyanza Open Hippo Pot tournament. PD/FILE

KCB East Africa Golf Tour heads to Machakos Club as large field expected at home of hospitality



John Okulo, Director Corporate Banking at KCB Bank Kenya putts during a past event. PD/FILE

by Keith Otieno
@PeopleSports11

Over 100 golfers from Machakos and other clubs are expected to headline the 17th leg of the KCB East Africa Golf Tour at the hole Machakos Golf Club this Saturday.

The much-awaited tourney will see action get underway at 6:30 am as golfers brave the greens for a competitive outing. Top two teams will book a slot in the tour's grand finale slated for December 6, 2024.

"This is the second year running we are visiting Machakos Golf Club underscoring our commitment to score the game from this talent rich region. Our involvement in the sport is not only aimed at giving golfers an opportunity to play but also, expanding the game to ensure that everyone enjoys and becomes part of our series. We are looking forward to hosting over 100 top players in an amazing outing," noted KCB Group Director Marketing and Communications Rosalind Gichuru.

The latest entries to the grand finale party includes Jeff Muthoki, Winston Kirimi, Kevin Kabugi, Ian Kirimi, Gabriel Miungu, captain Anthony Rukwaro, James Warui and Rama Maulid who qualified after their impressive performance at the Nanyuki leg of the series a fortnight ago.

Commenting on the event, Machakos Golf Club Captain Stephen Musyoka said: "The course is in a good shape and our fairways are wide enough to allow the players to enjoy themselves. I appreciate KCB for always thinking about us in their series, this shows that they believe in our capacity to host a successful tournament. We look forward to Saturday and we cannot wait to see the overall winners."

The Bank has also embedded sustainability at the heart of the series, since last year, tree planting exercises have been done in the different courses the tour has graced – highlighting KCB's efforts to curb the climate change effects.

The NCBA Malindi Open and Vasco Da Gama Cup events set for weekend

by PD Reporter
@PeopleSports11

The highly anticipated NCBA Malindi Open and Vasco Da Gama Cup events will take place this weekend from September 20th to 22nd, 2024 at the Malindi Golf and Country Club Course in Kilifi County.

The three-day 54-hole stroke play Championship has drawn the Amateurs from across the Country where the players will play in the first two rounds after which the top 33 and ties

will make the cut to the final round to be played on Sunday.

Among the top contenders are Kenya's number one golfer and also the defending champion for the event- Michael Karanga from Kiambu Golf Club, Lejirma from Railway Golf Club and William Odek from Nyalii Golf Club.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors who have come on board to support this event, particularly our main sponsor, NCBA Bank, for their continued commitment to this year's series. Our appreciation also goes to I-sal, Jambo Jet, and Kilifi County Government for their invaluable support," said KGU Chairman David Ndungu.

NCBA Group Managing Director, John Gachora, said: "We

are thrilled to have reached this point in the Kenya Amateur Golf Series. As NCBA, we take immense pride in being part of these events that brings together the best amateur golfers from across the region for friendly yet highly competitive tournaments. So far, the events have been exceptional, with outstanding performances all around. We look forward to an exciting tournament in Malindi, which is not only known for its beauty but also for its passionate golfing community. Based on what we've seen so far, we expect it to be just as remarkable, if not better. We wish all the golfers the very best of luck."

The total prize money for the tournament is five hundred and twenty thousand Kenyan

shillings (Ksh 520,000), with the winner set to take home one hundred thirty thousand Kenyan shillings (Sh 130,000).

Additionally, this event will count towards the World Amateur Ranking Golf (WARG), adding further significance to this exciting tournament.

The event follows the 2024 Nyanza Open 'Hippo Pot' tournament held 6th – 8th September at the Nyanza Golf Club that was claimed by John Kamais of Nakuru Golf Club.

In the gripping three-day tournament, Kamais dethroned defending champion and national team captain John Lejirma of Kenya Railways Golf Club.

WEEKEND GOLF DRAWS

● **Ruiru:** Tomorrow: September Pendant Golf Day, First Tee: 6:30 Kaunda J, S K Nyingi, L Munene, J Wambugu; 6:40 C Maina, J Thomas, F Kamau, G Wachira; 6:50 T John, Jefferson K, S Kungu, P Kungu; 7:00 C Ndegwa, N Gitonga, S Irungu, G Ndungu; 7:10 Sponsor x 4; 7:20 Ano, S Kingara, B Ndumu, J Gicheuru; 7:40 Sponsor x 4; 7:50 D Muiruri, J Wachira, S Wainaina, A Kimani; 8:00 M Wwani, I Githinji, P Njeru, N Kingori; 8:10 F Kinyanjui, G Njuguna, A Mwaura, P Kamau; 8:20 J Gitau, M Irungu, H Maina, A Kariuki; 8:30 H Muhia, M Kiememia, D Kiriga, Sponsor; 8:40 Captain X 4; 10:40 Captain X 4; 10:50 C Gitonga, E Njagi, E Waitthaka, P Wanjiru; 11:00 J Ndegwa, S Lokonyo, P Serem, G Shoko; 11:10 Sponsor x 4; 11:20 Sponsor x 4; 11:30 J Kambo, M Kenji, G Gichohi, B Waweru; 11:40 P Mitiiti, L Nganga, N Nganga, J Ngugi; 11:50 W Njenga, Eng J Mwaniki, S G Njuguna, J Kamiri; 12:00 M Muthee, E Kamau, S Nganga, J Maina; 12:10 M Nyambura, D Kamau, T Kiiru, B Kimani; 12:20 Sammy M, T Thuku, G Karuku, E Maina; 12:30 P Mburu, P Kigwe, C Wambui; 12:40 Kanyo G, D Githinji, D Muita, J Munga; 12:50 P M Mwangi, Njonjo, G Maurice, T Ruhui; 13:00 J Kanari, E Kariuki, C Gitonga, M Kibera; Tenth Tee: 6:30 G Wachira, S Mbuchi, T Kiragu, J Wambugu; 6:40 A Maina, C Maina, C Njeru, W Theuri; 6:50 C Njoroge, G Ndungu, Ano; 7:00 A Kariuki, G Gacheru, D Gateru, D Ngugi; 7:10 Sponsor X 4; 7:20 Sponsor 4; 7:30 J Njeru, E Wainaina, L Gicheru 7:40 M Waititu, D Kabera, B Kanyo, E Njau; 7:50 A Mwangi, B Waititu, J Mbugua, A Kamau; 8:00 K Kimathi, B Mugo, J Nd-

ungu, A Muthigani; 8:10 E Njau, P Kamau, E Maina, A Ngugi; 8:20 R Kithuka, C Wakaro, B Kanyo, Brig Mohamed; 8:30 A Muigai, L Njuguna, V Pandya, E Koech; 8:40 J Mburu, C Muniyiri, P Githuku, F Mwangi; 10:30 Sponsor x 4; 10:40 Sponsor X 4; 10:50 Captain X 4; 11:00 M Kariuki, R Kithuka, Brig Mohamed, Fr Gaiho, Fr J Munga; 11:10 W Karume, P Mbugua, F Kiamba, B Mutindi; 11:20 Z Muigai, M Wanjohi, M Kinyua, H Thuku; 11:30 Captain x 4; 11:40 Captain X 4; 11:50 S Mwaura, D Gitonga, M Karunga, T Kiragu; 12:00 S Mbinda, D warui, E Mwangi, M Mwititi; 12:10 L Wachira, D Kibui, M Kairu, M Karimi; 12:20 P Ngunjiri, A Gitu, Fr P Kimani, M Karunga; 12:30 J Kilonzo, Dr Thoronjo, D Mukei, W Kamau; 12:40 A Machochi, A K Ndungu, V Wangondu, D Waruinge; 12:50 C Njoroge, F Kiamba, C Karanja, E Gathu; 13:00 A Wamahia, M Wahome, W Ngechu.

● **Vet Lab:** Tomorrow' September Pendant and August Monthly Mug, 1st Tee 06:30 S. Gadiraju, K. Reddy, V. Sharma; 06:40 C. Ogolla, J. Munge, A. Njaaga Mbugua, B. Mabango; 06:50 N. Hirani, R. Rupra, S. Dossaji, S. Parmara; 07:00 I. Nyakwara, S. Kinuthia, P. Mwatha, E. Kiarie; 07:30 E. Wakarima, C. Maitho, Ano; 07:40 S. Ndonga, J. Ndonga, I. Njoroge, M. Iraki; 07:50 E. Maritim, J. Irimu, D. Muriithi, M. Macharia; 08:00 C. Muniyori, R. Mutungi, M. Ndegwa, J. Mureu; 08:10 T. Opar, R. Bore, B. Akun, M. Muiruri; 08:20 F. Musila, P. Karing'ur, R. Shah, H. Kamuti; 08:30 F. Muthiani, P. Kamau, V. Muthiani, M. Makundi; 08:40 K. Njoroge, L.

Migoye, W. Burugu, J. Mathu; 11:20 K. Gretton, G. Warui, R. Shah, M. Kombo; 11:30 E. Munene, A. Mwangi (Jnr), E. Chebii, N. Kariuki; 11:40 K. Ondieki, J. Kiengo, W. Nadida, K. Okumu; 11:50 S. Ngure, R. Mohamed, J. Lyoba, F. Kamau; 12:00 T. Thanawalla, D. Mukabi, G. Gathitu, W. Wanjiku; 12:10 V. Budhdev, R. Lakhani, S. Thakkar, H. Joshi; 12:20 Lady Captain x4; 12:30 G. Kirui, T. Watima, C. Kibet, S. Mella; 12:40 J. Raithatha, M. Gorassia, O. Kibuna, N. Nyoi; 12:50 D. Warui, G. Kembai, E. Ng'ethe, A. Thuku; 13:00 Captain x4; 13:10 G. Sehmi, R. Khanna, N. Ndiritu, E. Njuni; 13:20 A. Khamar, C. Muguku, S. Patel. 10th Tee 06:50 M. Victor; 07:00 V. Sonigra, C. Parmar, P. Mandalaya, F. Nurani; 07:10 K. Njuru, B. Njuru, M. Runo; 07:20 E. Mugo, W. Kabugu (Jnr), D. Kihara; 07:30 M. Shah, A. Unia, L. Koki, A. Shah; 07:40 B. Jones, T. Shah, A. Muchai, P. Gitumbi; 07:50 J. Kosgei, S. Githinji, C. Gathumbi; 08:00 J. Kirui, J. Kinuthia, L. Mbaabu, M. Mutiira; 08:10 J. Njoka, J. Ndambiri, R. Nduta, M. Hassanali; 08:20 M. Mugo, M. Mburu, E. Kamau, D. Thenya; 08:30 M. Ndung'u, P. Githua, J. Gitari, E. Maina; 08:40 S. Kushagra (Jnr), S. Gouri, L. Bakshi, R. Githinji; 11:20 P. Muiruri, C. Kamari, L. Munyua, S. Kigera; 11:30 J. Osoro, B. Cheruvot, M. Bector, D. Muehangu; 11:40 S. Mweru, R. Wanjiku, E. Wangui; 11:50 J. Mwangi, P. Njuguna, J. Kagema, S. Kiproop; 12:00 B. Wamatu, K. Mariga, C. Muteshi, B. Adhiambo; 12:10 W. Muchemi, J. Macharia, P. Githinji, R. Shirekuli; 12:20 M. James, S. Lutta, K. Maruti, C. Nyaga; 12:30 B. Kariuki, G. Kabuuri, C.

Ndung'u, J. Mukua; 12:40 F. Kithinzi, I. Rasanga, W. Mastamet, N. Wakahiu.

● **Machakos:** Tomorrow, Saturday, 21st, KCB East Africa Golf Tour; AM; 6:30 P. Kimatu, F. Maithya, C. Nzivo; 6:38 B. Mutua, J. Kaloki, S. Kimatu, B. Siro; 6:46 J. Musomba, N. Ateka, J. Masai; 6:54 Dee. Kivuva, V. Mutwii, J. Chege, A. Juma; 7:02 S. Musyoka, D. Salaton, K. Karanja, J. Ndunda; 7:10 D. Mwau, S. Makau, R. Ngumeh, Col. Mbithi; 7:18 N. Kiatiu, B. Mukuria, H. Arunga, K. Chebii; 7:26 B. Nyamai, L. Wachira, R. Mbeti, J. Chacha; 7:34 P. Muema, A. Muree, E. Katheu, Liz. Wachira; 7:42 J. Komu, B. Mumo, A. Kioko, C. Kithuku; 7:50 S. Kimilu, J. Kamwere, E. Satuny, N. Macharia; 7:58 B. Muithia, S. Matilu, P. Karingithi, D. Muasya; 8:06 A. Kyalo, M. Makau, J. Mboya, G. Matola; 8:14 D. Ndichu, M. Nderitu, F. Musyimi, L. Njenga; 8:22 M. Mello, D. Mello, J. Kirui, B. Chuma; 8:30 A. Mwonga, C. Ndumai, W. Malinda, J. Ndunda; 8:38 E. Maingi, M. Mwai, L. M. Kamba, S. Kiproop; 8:46 J. Nzioki, D. Nganga, D. Ooko. PM; 11:02 F. Mbithi, M. Mbugua, G. Cheruiyot, O. Saina; 11:10 F. Mativo, A. Gitu, N. Kibiku, S. Onsongo; 11:18 C. Nzioka, P. Abira, L. Apuke, B. Rono; 11:26 L. Kemei, F. Makala, L. Kittony, A. Ochota; 11:34 J. Nzau, O. Philip, Eng. Mwinzi; G. Mutulu; 11:42 A. Abere, Gen. Musombo, A. Mohamed, A. Muthemba; 11:50 C. Musungu, J. Maingi, C. Katoki, F. Riungu; 11:58 B. Omudo,

N. Wanyonyi, E. Wakaba, R. Muli; 12:06 I. Lande, C. Kikui, T. Ruhui, B. Musyoki; 12:14 F. Njeru, J. Liku, F. Kiamba, S. Singh; 12:22 B. Mungata, C. Katiku, G. Kirathe, C. J. Mwaura; 12:30 J. Kinyua, P. Kibet, M. Mandela, C. Musyoki; 12:38 M. Litali, W. Musili, D. Mwangangi, A. Gatuma; 12:46 K. Wabungu, Eng. Okemwa, C. Maitha, N. Kariuki; 12:54 E. Huma, M. Mwangi, J. Kavivya, J. Samuel; 1:02 B. Komu, W. Kimondo, C. Oketch, B. Mbeke; 1:10 M. Rotich, A. Korir, J. Kioko, A. Kirui; 1:18 M. Kavita, P. Mbagaya, E. Siganga, W. Kariuki; 1:26 N. Ongato, B. Githae, E. Wambua, T. Rotich; 1:34 A. Mwendwa, N. Amayo, P. Ndichu, D. Mila. NOTE-POST ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED.

● **Malindi:** Today, NCBA Malindi Open 'Vasco Da Gama' 2024; First Tee AM; 07:30 E. Sylvester, T. John; 07:40 N. Peter, K. Wesley, O. Tukero; 07:50 M. Kandu, K. John, R. Josphat; 08:00 S. Tsevi, D. Francis, W. Maina; 08:10 N. Ndegwa, M. Peter, O. Benard; 08:20 N. Anuj, O. Michael, O. Ebiil; 8:30 K. Gathongo, S. Orind, K. Komu; 08:40 W. Odeck, H. Akello, W. Sang; 08:50 W. Ombogo, E. Muigua, J. Sulubu; 09:00; K. Irungu, J. Koina, D. Barassa; First Tee PM; 11:30 A. Ndichu, M. Wanji; 11:40 I. Makhoza, A. Bozzolascio, H. Kamau; 11:50 K. Juma, F. Kenga, R. Leming'ani 12:00 G. Opiyo, E. Kiptoo, M. Karanga 12:10 M. Ngene, D. Awdeer, R. Wekesa; 12:20 J. Lejirma, S. Changawa, J. Muriuki; 12:30 S. Karari, A. Dhanji, K. Choyi; 12:40 S. Dena, S. Mulama, D. Makori; 12:50 A. Abdullahi, C. Wambasi, N. Wafula.

Gor Mahia players at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport awaiting to board their flight to Cairo, Egypt yesterday.

COURTESY/GOR MAHIA



Gor Mahia pray for miraculous comeback away

K'Ogalo face a mountain to climb, but former coach Bob Oyugi believes all is not lost for Kenya's 21-time champions

by Dennis Mabuka
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Former Gor Mahia coach Bob Oyugi is confident that the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League champions can still turn the tables and eliminate

Egyptian giants Al Ahly from the Caf Champions League.

K'Ogalo's chances of reaching the group stage of the inter-club competition suffered a huge blow after the African champions registered a 3-0 win in the first leg second preliminary round fixture at Nyayo National Stadium last Sunday.

Goals from Ramy Rabia in the 14th minute and a brace from South African forward Percy Tau in the 15th and 73rd minutes respectively ensured that the record Champions League winners will head into the return leg in Cairo after a fortnight with a healthy advantage.

During the fixture at Nyayo Stadium,

Gor Mahia started off strongly and after missing two open chances, Al Ahly punished Gor Mahia with the opener when Rabi met a cross from Tau to sneak it past goalkeeper Kevin Omondi.

Before the dust could settle, the Red Devils, who have won the Champions League trophy a record 12 times in history, scored the second to stun the record Kenyan champions. A poor defending by K'Ogalo players allowed Tau to steal the ball before slotting it past Omondi.

From there on, the game belonged to Al Ahly, who, despite playing away from home, continued to attack for more goals. Infact, Gor Mahia were very lucky to have headed into the half-time break trailing by a slim 2-0 margin.

Al Ahly started the second period from where they had left, and after a host of missed chances, they finally grabbed the third, the Bafana Bafana striker finding the back of the net to end K'Ogalo's slim hopes of staging a comeback.

Beating Al Ahly

According to Oyugi, who helped Gor Mahia to win the Premier League title in 1993, all is not lost for the Kenyan side because they can still get a positive result in Cairo with proper mentality.

"They (Gor Mahia) can still turn the tables, yes, it is possible, this situation happens all over the world. Gor Mahia players are highly technical, and creative. They only need to change their mentality. The coach, and officials should ensure that the players are in their proper mental state. You remember we had the same challenge with Hellenic FC from South Africa in 1993," Oyugi conveyed during a past interview.

"We beat them (Hellenic) 2-0 here in Nairobi, after they had beaten us 3-1 in Cape town to qualify. So, what makes you think that Gor Mahia cannot do the same, go to Egypt and get a positive result? It is football and we must accept that football dynamics have changed in recent years, everything is possible. Does it mean Al Ahly being the African champions are unshakable?"

During the Gor Mahia versus Hellenic Confederation Cup second round fixture, the South African club came as the favourites having finished second behind Kaizer Chiefs in the league. Hellenic were heavily favoured against Gor Mahia. They were a fully professional outfit whereas Gor Mahia was a fully amateur team.

Kalekwa downplays poor start of season at Sofapaka



Sofapaka FC president Elly Kalekwa during a past event.
PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

by Dennis Mabuka
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Sofapaka president Elly Kalekwa is upbeat that the club will not be drawn into a relegation battle in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League this season.

After miraculously surviving the drop last season, extending their 16-year stay in the top flight, *Batoto ba Mungu* have started the current campaign on a disastrous note, losing their first two matches.

Despite hiring former Tusker coach and four-time Premier League winner Robert Matano, Sofapaka lost their season opener 1-0 against Tusker on August 24, followed by another 1-0 defeat to FC Talanta on September 14.

Although it's still early to predict how the season will pan out, *Batoto ba Mungu* already find themselves at the bottom of the 18-team table without a point from two matches.

In addition to Sofapaka, reigning champions Gor Mahia and domestic Cup winners Kenya Police have also yet to earn points, as their involvement in the Caf Champions League and Confederation Cup led to their league matches being

postponed.

Ulinzi Stars, who lost their opener 1-0 to Murang'a Seal, also have a game in hand.

Last season, Sofapaka started in a similar fashion, losing their first five matches before falling into the relegation zone.

They fought for survival until the final day of the campaign, ultimately avoiding the drop by the slimmest of margins.

They had to face National Super League (NSL) side Naivas FC in a two-legged FKF/NSL relegation/promotion playoff. Sofapaka won the playoff 2-0 on aggregate, winning both legs 1-0.

"We are very safe; there's no need to panic. The problem with the first two matches is that we didn't have most of our new players available, so I can't judge the outcome," Kalekwa stated during a past interview. "We have a good team, and there's no need to worry."

"We've signed several new players, including five foreign players who are yet to be cleared to play. This is why our results haven't been great. These five are very important, and once they're cleared, everything will be fine."

World Half Marathon champ Kipkoech, other top athletes face anti-doping sanctions



by Dennis Mabuka
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Paskalia Chepkorir Kipkoech (pictured), a 2012 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships athlete, is among eight athletes who have been sanctioned by the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) for violating doping regulations.

According to a statement from ADAK, signed by CEO Sarah Shibuste and seen by *People Sport*, the sanctions include one basketball player, Alex N'sasse Ramazani, and seven athletes from the sport of athletics.

"In accordance with the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya Rules as provided under Rule 14.3 on Public Disclosure, find below a listing of athletes that have received a sanction for anti-doping violations under the ADAK Rules and /or the

Athletes International Federation Rules," read part the statement in part.

The 35-year-old Kipkoech, whose personal best of 67:17 minutes ranks her among the top twenty all-time for the half marathon, has been suspended for the presence of a prohibited substance, S9. Glucocorticoids/deflazacort metabolite desacetyldeflazacort.

Kipkoech, who won a 3000 meters silver medal at the 2003 World Youth Championships at the age of fourteen, will serve a two-year ban from February 5, 2024 to February 4, 2026.

She has achieved notable victories, including the Berlin Half Marathon, Nairobi Half Marathon, Udine Half Marathon, and the Corrida Internacional de São Silvestre, and is also in the top ten

all-time for the 10K run with a best of 30:57 minutes.

Also suspended is 2023 Amsterdam Marathon champion Joshua Belet, who has been sanctioned for the presence of prohibited substances S1.1 Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/Testosterone, 5Adiol, Pregnanediol, Androsterone, and Etiocholanolone.

Belet will miss competition for four years, from February 13, 2024, to February 12, 2028.

Hengdian marathon champion Alfred Biwott Chemeitot will serve a four-year ban for the presence of a prohibited substance, S1.1 Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/19-norandrosterone, the same duration as Joan Jeruto, who was banned for evading, refusing, or failing to submit to sample collection.

Other athletes affected include Allan Kipkoech, who faces a four-year ban after his sample tested positive for multiple prohibited substances, including S1.1 Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)/Pregnanediol, Androsterone, Androstane, Ketoetiocholanolone, Androstanediol, Etiocholanolone, Adiol, Epitestosterone, and Testosterone.

Isgah Cheruto, who set her personal best of 1:09:50 in the half marathon in Philadelphia, PA (USA) in 2022, will also serve a four-year ban for evading, refusing, or failing to submit to sample collection. Meanwhile, basketball player N'sasse Ramazani has been handed a one-month period of ineligibility for the presence of S8, Cannabinoids/Carboxy-THC (a substance of abuse).

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Winless Kakamega Homeboyz lock horns with Tusker as FKF Kenyan Premier League continues

UEFA Champions League

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FOOTBALL

Saliba names one thing still holding him back from being best world defender

LONDON: William Saliba has claimed he only has one shortcoming holding him back from being the best defender in the world. The Arsenal star has been a rock at the back since becoming a mainstay in Mikel Arteta's side in the 2022-23 season. Last season Arsenal had the best defence in the Premier League with Saliba playing every single minute as he and Gabriel solidified their watertight partnership. Many football fans would consider Virgil van Dijk and Ruben Dias to be up there but Saliba believes he can be the outright best with one addition to his repertoire. 'I'm perhaps on my way to becoming the best defender in the world,'



Saliba told Fox Sports Mexico. I have been on the right track for both seasons, mainly last season. 'I think I'm one of the best at the moment, but to say that I have to win some titles. I think that's what I'm missing right now. 'If you win titles, you're good and if you don't, you can't say you're the best. 'That's what I believe. I'm one of the best in the world.' His only two pieces of silverware to date are the 2020 and 2023 Community Shield trophies.

WINTER GAMES

Significant progress achieved prior to Asian Winter Games 9th edition

HARBIN: Construction activities have been bustling in Harbin and Yabuli Ski Resort, as preparations for the 9th Asian Winter Games have reached a significant milestone. The Games are scheduled to take place from February 7 to 14, 2025. With less than five months remaining until the Games, Harbin is working diligently to adhere to the tight schedule. The city boasts a robust infrastructure of winter sports facilities, providing a solid foundation for the preparations. The Harbin Ice Hockey Arena, which previously served as a venue during the 1996 Asian Winter Games, is one of the key competition sites for the upcoming event. Recent renovations have been completed, and the arena is now ready for test events. Qin Xulin, the head of the engineering department at the Harbin Urban Development Investment Group, has been diligently working with his colleagues to prepare for the upcoming test competitions.

FOOTBALL

Women Champions League umpire overwhelmed by sexist messages

LONDON: Female referee Emanuela Rusta has revealed she is fed up of being referred to as 'the sexy ref' after officiating in the Women's Champions League. Rusta, 30, hails from Albania, and after becoming the first woman to referee a men's Albanian SuperLiga match she has made the step up to the European stage in recent months. She has previously been active on social media, posting glamorous photos of herself in a bikini and working out at the gym, but has now shut down her Instagram account due to receiving sexist messages on the platform. Rusta, who is due to referee tonight's Champions League women's match between Sporting Lisbon and Real Madrid, believes media coverage of her appearance



has made it difficult for her to reach the same level as her male counterparts. 'They should focus more on my professionalism than on other things,' she told AFP, as quoted by Marca. Rusta has had to put up with headlines such as 'The sexy referee who raises the temperature' in her homeland, while another report in 2022 claimed she 'stole the show' in a Champions League match, despite only being the fourth official.

-DailyMail

Stakes raised in Spain

Two Madrid derbies and Barcelona's toughest test so far to light up Spanish La Liga Match Day Six

Madrid, Thursday @PeopleDailyKe

Match Day 6 of the new LALIGA season promises to be one of the most fascinating yet, with league leaders FC Barcelona paying a visit to high-flying Villarreal CF on Sunday. There are several other standout games too, including a pair of Madrid derbies and a crucial home game for Valencia CF.

The very first fixture of the matchday is in the Basque Country, where Deportivo Alavés will take on Sevilla FC on Friday night. If this game is anything like it was last year, when the Basque side won 4-3 at Mendizorrotza, then we're in for a treat.

Four matches follow on Saturday, starting with Real Valladolid vs Real Sociedad. Although they've lost all three away games since their promotion, Los Blanquioletas have collected four points from two matches at home so far so will feel confident going into this duel at the Estadio José Zorilla.

CA Osasuna vs UD Las Palmas is next up and the pressure is on the islanders as they continue to seek their first victory of the season. Valencia CF are feeling similar pressure as they'll enter this matchday on just one point and bottom of the table, making their home game against Girona FC a hugely important one, even at this early stage of the season.

The Saturday night game this matchday takes place at the Bernabéu, where Real Madrid will take on RCD Espanyol keen to maintain their excellent home record against Los Blanquiazules. The Catalan team haven't won away against Real Madrid since 1996 and have lost each of their past 10 away games against the capital city side.

The first match of Sunday is a southern



Stanko Juric of Real Valladolid (left) in action against Real Sociedad. COURTESY/LA LIGA

LA LIGA WEEKEND FIXTURES:

Friday:	Deportivo Alaves vs Sevilla	10pm
Saturday:	Real Valladolid vs Real Sociedad	3pm
	Osasuna vs Las Palmas	5.15pm
	Valencia vs Girona	7.30pm
	Real Madrid vs Espanyol	10pm
Sunday:	Getafe vs Leganes	3pm
	Athletic Club vs Celta Vigo	5.15pm
	Villarreal vs Barcelona	7.30pm
	Rayo Vallecano vs Atletico Madrid	10pm

Madrid derby between Getafe CF and CD Leganes, a hugely important fixture for both clubs and one that hasn't taken place since 2020. In total, these neighbours have met six times in Spanish football's top tier, with Getafe CF winning three times, CD Leganes once and with two draws. It'll be a big day at the Coliseum as these two old foes resume their rivalry.

How RB Leipzig became destination for European lads

Berlin, Thursday @PeopleDailyKe



Dutch winger Xavi Simons who plies his trade for RB Leipzig. COURTESY B/R FOOTBALL

Fresh from a summer projecting himself as one of Europe's finest playmakers, the loss of Dani Olmo may well have sparked concern at RB Leipzig.

Instead, the Bundesliga club celebrated the transfer as confirmation of a philosophy that has seen them emerge as the go-to destination for young talent.

Olmo's departure in a £51m deal for La Liga giants Barcelona followed a victorious Euro 2024 campaign with Spain, in which he finished as joint top-scorer and came on the back of four promising years

at club level in Leipzig, having joined the club from Dinamo Zagreb. He joins a stellar list of names to have been recruited by the club, or the wider Red Bull model, developed and sold on for healthy profit.

It is the fourth time in two years Leipzig have banked more than £50m on a player, with midfielder Dominik Szoboszlai joining Liverpool, forward Christopher Nkunku moving to Chelsea and defender Josko Gvardiol signing for Manchester City - the club's record sale at £77m.

For Marcel Schafer - the RB Leipzig managing director of sport who joined from Wolfsburg in the summer - the sale of Olmo, along with

that of 24-year-old defender Mohamed Simakan to Saudi Arabian side Al-Nassr for £29m, presented an opportunity rather than a setback.

In came highly-touted 19-year-old winger Antonio Nusa, teenage midfielder prospects Assan Ouedraogo and Arthur Vermeeren, initially on loan, 22-year-old goalkeeper Maarten Vandevoordt and 24-year-old defender Lutsharel Geertruida - all for a combined £30m less than this summer's sales.

'My feeling after the first transfer window was the players definitely want to come to Leipzig because they saw so many examples in the past,' explains Schafer.

Harambee Stars climb six places in Fifa rankings to position 102

by Dennis Mabuka
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Kenya's Harambee Stars made a remarkable leap, moving up six places in the latest Fifa world rankings released on Thursday.

The East African nation is now in 102nd position after gaining eleven points, increasing their total from 1,197 to 1,208 points.

This achievement can be attributed to the team's recent performance in the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) qualifiers, where they played

two matches against Zimbabwe and Namibia on September 6 and 10, respectively.

Under head coach Engin Firat, Kenya opened their Group J qualifying campaign with a 0-0 draw against Zimbabwe at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Uganda.

They then bounced back to beat Namibia 2-1 at Orlando Stadium in South Africa in their second match.

Kenya secured victory against Namibia with two second-half goals from striker John Avire and midfielder Duke Abuya, moving to the top of

Group J with four points. This is the same number of points as Cameroon, who beat Namibia 1-0 in their opener before drawing 0-0 against Zimbabwe.

Kenya will now prepare to face Cameroon in a back-to-back fixture of the Afcon qualifiers.

The first match will be played away in Cameroon on October 15, followed by the return leg at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Uganda on October 15.

In a recent interview, the 54-year-old Firat expressed concerns that

Kenya might play their away game in a remote area of Cameroon, which he believes could impact their performance against the Indomitable Lions.

"It is crucial for us that the government helps us with a chartered flight; otherwise, the players will be too tired to get any result," noted Firat.

"Cameroon might not play in Yaoundé or Douala, so if they play somewhere remote, there may not be a direct flight. Without a chartered flight, it will be a big challenge to arrive there and return after the game."



Harambee Stars celebrate victory against Namibia during the 2025 Afcon Qualifiers match on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. COURTESY/HARAMBEE STARLETS

Tusker FC players during their recent training session ahead of their weekend fixture. COURTESY/TUSKER FC



Brewers back in action

After a disappointing defeat, Tusker FC look to regain momentum with a crucial win over Kakamega Homeboyz this weekend

by Dennis Mabuka
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After losing their matchday two fixture, Tusker FC will return to Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League action, seeking to make amends against a struggling Kakamega Homeboyz side at Machakos Stadium on Sunday.

The Brewers' fixture is among the seven matches lined up across the country tomorrow and Sunday, with only the matches involving Gor Mahia and Kenya Police postponed.

K'Ogalo, the defending champions, face a tall order in Cairo where they are scheduled to play Egyptian champions AlAhly in the return leg of their Caf Champions League fixture tomorrow.

Gor Mahia lost the first leg 3-0 in Nairobi.

Meanwhile, Police will be in Cairo to take on defending champions Zamalek in the Confederation Cup

today having lost the first leg 1-0 at Nyayo Stadium.

Back to the local scene, four matches will be played tomorrow, with AFC Leopards, who suffered a shock 1-0 defeat against Posta Rangers last time out, seeking to bounce back against Bidco United. Rangers will confront KCB and Mathare United will host winless Sofapaka.

On Sunday, Tusker stand-in coach Charles Okere has demanded an immediate response from his players after surrendering a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 against Karioabangi Sharks in their last match. "We must show our abilities by bouncing back against Homeboyz. We lost to Sharks, but I don't think we deserved to lose the game. We were undone because of our own mistakes, so I have asked my players to respond with a good game against Homeboyz," Okere told *People Sport*.

The Brewers, who finished sec-

FKF-PL WEEKEND FIXTURES

Tomorrow:		
P.Rangers vs KCB (Thika Stadium)	1pm	
Mathare Utd vs Sofapaka (Ulinzi Complex)	3pm	
M.Sugar vs N.City Stars (Awendo Stadium)	3pm	
Bidco United vs AFC Leopards (Thika Stadium)	3pm	
Sunday:		
K.Sharks vs Murang'a Seal (Police Sacco)	3pm	
Tusker vs KK.Homeboyz (Machakos Stadium)	3pm	
U.Stars vs Shabana FC (Ulinzi Complex)	3pm	

CHARLES OKERE

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ond behind Gor Mahia last season, will face a Homeboyz side that is yet to win or score a goal in their last two matches this season.

Homeboyz, under Ken Kenyatta, kicked off their season with a 3-0 thrashing by promoted side Mara Sugar before drawing 0-0 against another promoted outfit, Mathare United.

Last season, Tusker and Homeboyz met three times, with Homeboyz winning twice while Tusker won once. The first meeting was in the league, where Homeboyz won 2-1. They met again in the domestic FKF Cup, where Homeboyz triumphed 1-0. However, Tusker made amends by winning the reverse fixture of the league 1-0.

In the 2023 campaign, Tusker won both league matches - 2-1 and 1-0 - but Homeboyz defeated the Brewers 1-0 in the final of the FKF Cup to earn a ticket to play in the Confederation Cup.

In other matches set for Sunday, Ulinzi Stars will host Shabana FC, with the Soldiers smarting from their opening 1-0 defeat against Murang'a Seal, while *Tore Bobe* started off with a 1-1 draw against Bidco United.

Kenya's Under-17 girls seek World Cup stardom after pre-event camp in Spain

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Kenya national Under-17 girls' team, also known as the Junior Starlets, began their journey to their historic debut at the 2024 Fifa U-17 World Cup, which is slated for the Dominican Republic from October 16 to November 3.

Their first assignment will be an 11-day training camp in Marbella, Spain, before proceeding to their final destination in the Dominican Republic at the end of this month, ahead of the global tournament.

During their flag-off ceremony on Wednesday, President William Ruto expressed optimism the Junior Starlets would deliver outstanding performances throughout their fixtures on the global stage.

The Head of State observed that it had taken Kenya 60 years to reach the global arena, stating: "When the history of Kenyan football is written, your names will be inscribed in gold."

Under the tutelage of coach Mildred Cheche, the Junior Starlets will face Group C rivals and powerhouses England, Korea, and DPR.

Meanwhile, coach Cheche, has named the final squad for the upcoming Fifa U-17 Women's World Cup.

12 players, including Claire Meris and Mitshele Waitheira, have not been selected for the final roster.

Despite their significant contributions during the World Cup qualifiers, the coaching staff felt it was essential to prioritize a balance of fitness, form and tactical alignment to ensure the team's readiness for the challenges ahead.

Sheryl Amuok is another notable absence from the squad, having sustained a knee injury during the East Africa School Games.

Despite not making the final roster, these players remain key figures in the program, and their commitment has played an essential role in the team's journey to this point.

During their time in Spain, the Junior Starlets will participate in friendly matches designed to sharpen their skills and tactics ahead of their debut on the global stage.

Junior Starlets kick off group stage matches on October 18 against England.

They will face Korea DPR on October 20, and complete their group fixtures on October 24 against Mexico.

It will be Junior Starlets' first appearance at the World Cup, and the team remains focused on representing Kenya with pride.



Part of the Junior Starlets players at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) yesterday before boarding their flight to Spain. COURTESY/FKF

Tennis star Coco Gauff splits with coach Gilbert

LOS ANGELES: American world number six Coco Gauff has ended her partnership with coach Brad Gilbert just two weeks after what she described as a "disappointing" US Open title defence. Gauff, 20, won the first major of her career in New York last year under Gilbert's guidance. But she lost in the fourth round to fellow American Emma Navarro this year. "Coco, at just 20 years young, your future is incredibly bright, and I wish you nothing but continued success ahead," Gilbert, who also coached former Grand Slam champions Andre Agassi, Andy Murray and Andy Roddick, wrote on X. "I'm excited for the next chapter in my coaching career." Gauff hired Gilbert to work alongside Spanish coach



Pere Riba after a chastening first-round exit at Wimbledon last year. That led to a turnaround in fortune as Gauff won 18 of her next 19 matches in her home hard-court swing, leading to title victories in Washington, Cincinnati and New York. Beating Aryna Sabalenka in the US Open final was a career-best 12th victory in a row. Riba left the team in November to leave Gilbert as the sole main coach. -BBC

Bynoe-Gittens hailed as England's next star after scoring two European goals for

BERLIN: Jamie Bynoe-Gittens has been hailed as 'England's next superstar' being developed at Borussia Dortmund after he scored twice in the Champions League. The youngster was only introduced in the 68th minute but two goals from his right boot inspired Dortmund to victory and earned him man of the match. He could have had a hat-trick but new striker Serhou Guirassy hovered up a 95th-minute penalty to give the Germans a 3-0 win at Club Brugge. Bynoe-Gittens now has four goals in five games this season and people feel he could chart a similar path to Jude Bellingham. The 20-year-old has even been hailed as 'England's next superstar' by Get German Football News thanks to his stunning

form. 'Bynoe-Gittens is such a threat 1v1. He's so explosive. He will be nice competition for Gordon for England,' one fan wrote on X. 'They certainly know how to unearth a British gem of a player,' another said of Dortmund. One fan thinks Arsenal should try and sign him: 'Mikel Arteta would do wonders with Jamie Bynoe-Gittens at Arsenal. Four goals in just 122 total minutes across major comps is mental. One of the most potent English wingers in the world right now.' After watching the match, Joe Cole offered his insight into young English stars' development at Dortmund on TNT Sports. 'Talking to people out in Germany, they want to take the best young players in England, take them out, there's a pathway.' -DailyMail



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Another weekend treat



A Tottenham fan reacts after Arsenal scored against his side during a league match last weekend. PD/FILE

Wounded Tottenham Hotspur host Brentford as EPL action intensifies at the weekend

London, Thursday @PeopleSports11

After both coming from behind to eliminate lower-league opposition in the EFL Cup, London rivals Tottenham Hotspur and Brentford lock horns in Saturday's English Premier League London derby.

Ange Postecoglou's men made life incredibly difficult for themselves against Coventry City but eventually got the job done by two goals to one, while the Bees were 3-1 victors over Leyton Orient.

A day on from doubling down on his claim that he "always" wins trophies in his second year in a job - a factually correct statement for the time being - Spurs boss Postecoglou was a few minutes away from seeing Tottenham's hopes of EFL Cup stardom crash and burn in Coventry.

The lacklustre Lilywhites could have had few complaints if Brandon Thomas-Asante's strike proved to be the winner, but Postecoglou's embarrassment was spared by a pair of inspired substitutes right at the death, as Djed Spence and the recently-vilified Brennan Johnson completed a striking turnaround.

As abysmal as Tottenham's attacking display was, the manner of the Lilywhites' dramatic success offers a sliver of hope that Wednesday's victory could be the catalyst for a change in fortunes, as Spurs have been a shadow of their former selves from 12 months ago.

Indeed, Tottenham could not even beat a weakened Arsenal team on their own patch last weekend, where set-piece weaknesses reared their ugly heads once more as Gabriel Magalhaes headed home a second-half corner, the 25th Premier League goal that Saturday's hosts have conceded from dead-ball situations since the start of last term.

Residing in an unlucky 13th place in the standings on account of their underwhelming start, Spurs now endeavour to avoid losing three of their first five games of a new season for the first time since 2008, when Juande Ramos left his post after just eight games of that campaign.

While Brentford were also made to do it the hard way in their EFL Cup third-round tie

with Leyton Orient, who took a shock lead at the Gtech Community Stadium via an 11th-minute Brandon Cooper effort, the Bees faithful did not have to wait until minute 88 for their side to come good in the final third.

Just six minutes after Cooper's opener, ex-Liverpool starlet Fabio Carvalho got Brentford back to square one with a phenomenal overhead kick, before Mikkel Damsgaard's header and a crisp Christian Norgaard strike saw Thomas Frank's men avoid an almighty upset.

The Bees' 3-1 success saw them prolong their 100% record at the Gtech Community Stadium this term, having also overcome Crystal Palace and Southampton on familiar turf, but Frank's men are now facing a third straight away fixture against one of the so-called 'Big Six'.

Brentford are one of three teams without an away point after two matches this season, but they have been forced to pit their wits against Liverpool at Anfield and Manchester City at the Etihad, giving the champions a massive scare last week only to succumb to an Erling Haaland double.

Each of the visitors' last four away North London derbies last season also ended in defeat, and January's trip to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium saw Frank's crop go down 3-2. Entertainment

should be a guarantee on Saturday afternoon, though; the last four meetings between the London rivals have seen a staggering 17 goals.

Tottenham's offensive ranks could be depleted by two fresh attacking absences this weekend, as Wilson Odobert and Timo Werner were both forced off in the victory over Coventry; Postecoglou has admitted that the former's issue looks serious.

The severity of Werner's knock has not yet been ascertained, but the German put in an atrocious display on Wednesday and would have surely dropped out either way; Johnson and Dejan Kulusevski are primed and ready for attacking recalls.

Yves Bissouma (groin) and Richarlison (unspecified) are also in the Tottenham treatment room, although Postecoglou is optimistic that the former's issue will settle down in time for him to make an appearance on Saturday.

Brentford came through their midweek success without any fresh injury concerns, but early Etihad goalscorer Yoane Wissa is confirmed to be facing a couple of months on the sidelines with the ankle issue he sustained against the champions last week - a devastating blow to the Ivan Toney-less visitors.

Wissa joins Josh Dasilva (knee), Gustavo Nunes

EPL WEEKEND FIXTURES:

Saturday:		
West Ham	vs Chelsea	2.30pm
Aston Villa	vs Wolves	5pm
Fulham	vs Newcastle	5pm
Leicester	vs Everton	5pm
Liverpool	vs Bournemouth	5pm
Southampton	vs Ipswich	5pm
Tottenham	vs Brentford	5pm
Crystal Palace	vs Man United	7.30pm

Sunday:		
Brighton	vs Nottm Forest	4pm
Man City	vs Arsenal	6.30pm

(back), Mathias Jensen (calf), Igor Thiago (knee), Aaron Hickey (thigh) and Rico Henry (muscle) on the sidelines; the latter was on the verge of returning from a long-term knee injury before picking up a fresh muscle issue.

With Wissa in the infirmary, Bryan Mbeumo and Kevin Schade could act as Brentford's front two for the next several weeks, although Carvalho's acrobatics on Wednesday may have given Frank food for thought up front.

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3. 20/09/2024	21:00	Bastia vs Paris FC	2.85	3.15	2.43
4. 20/09/2024	21:00	Dordrecht vs Excelsior	2.28	3.40	2.70
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7. 20/09/2024	21:30	Augsburg vs Mainz	2.48	3.60	2.80
8. 20/09/2024	21:30	Catanzaro vs Cremonese	3.00	3.30	2.21
9. 20/09/2024	21:45	Verona vs Torino	2.70	3.40	2.65
10. 20/09/2024	21:45	Motherwell vs Dundee Utd	2.21	3.60	2.75
11. 20/09/2024	21:45	Galway United vs Shelbourne	2.30	3.30	2.95
12. 20/09/2024	22:00	Stoke City vs Hull City	2.07	3.50	3.55
13. 20/09/2024	22:00	Alaves vs Sevilla FC	2.22	3.25	3.55

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2. 21/09/2024	19:30	Crystal Palace vs Manchester United	2.75	3.75	2.44
3. 21/09/2024	21:45	Lecce vs Parma	2.26	3.40	3.30
4. 22/09/2024	13:30	Fiorentina vs Lazio	2.36	3.25	3.25
5. 22/09/2024	14:00	Preston vs Blackburn	2.85	3.35	2.50
6. 22/09/2024	14:30	Magdeburg vs Karlsruhe	2.65	3.65	2.39
7. 22/09/2024	15:00	Getafe vs Leganes	2.14	2.90	4.30
8. 22/09/2024	15:00	Tenerife vs Sporting Gijon	2.20	3.00	3.40
9. 22/09/2024	16:00	Monza vs Bologna	3.15	3.20	2.45
10. 22/09/2024	16:00	Frosinone vs Bari	2.25	3.20	3.00
11. 22/09/2024	17:00	KV Mechelen vs Cercle Brugge	2.55	3.75	2.50
12. 22/09/2024	17:00	Rizespor vs Samsunspor	2.40	3.40	2.75
13. 22/09/2024	17:15	Cartagena vs Cadiz	3.00	3.20	2.31
14. 22/09/2024	18:00	Angers vs Nantes	3.15	3.35	2.35
15. 22/09/2024	18:00	Stade Brest vs Toulouse	2.17	3.60	3.35
16. 22/09/2024	18:00	Montpellier vs Auxerre	2.31	3.45	3.15
17. 22/09/2024	18:30	Stuttgart vs Borussia Dortmund	2.36	3.85	2.80

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TIME	GAME ID	GAME	1	X	2
22:00	2383	Stoke City vs Hull City	2.07	3.50	3.55
22:00	5616	Alaves vs Sevilla FC	2.04	3.35	4.00
21:45	4137	Verona vs Torino	2.75	3.25	2.75
19:30	1476	Cagliari vs Empoli	2.23	3.35	3.40
20:00	1920	Hatayspor vs Bodrumspor	2.48	3.15	2.85
21:00	1741	PEC Zwolle vs AZ Alkmaar	5.80	4.50	1.48
21:00	4819	Al-Ettifaq vs Al Nasr Riyadh	4.30	3.85	1.67
21:30	3057	Augsburg vs Mainz	2.48	3.60	2.80
21:30	4308	Granada vs Malaga	1.79	3.50	4.30
21:45	2598	Derry City vs Shamrock Rovers	2.03	3.40	3.40
21:45	3071	Standard Liege vs Union Saint Gilloise	4.10	3.60	1.85
21:45	5287	Nice vs St. Etienne	1.66	3.95	5.39
21:45	5893	Bala Town vs Newtown AFC	1.92	3.25	3.40
22:00	5295	Aberystwyth Town vs Haverfordwest	3.00	3.40	2.02
22:15	2714	Nacional Madeira vs Sporting Braga	4.60	3.45	1.81

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME	GAME ID	GAME	1	X	2
14:30	1353	West Ham vs Chelsea	3.20	3.85	2.13
19:30	3857	Crystal Palace vs Manchester Utd	2.68	3.66	2.55
22:00	1397	Real Madrid vs Espanyol	1.19	7.45	15.28
19:30	4376	Valencia vs Girona	2.85	3.35	2.55
19:30	4479	Eintracht Frankfurt vs Borussia Monchengladbach	1.77	4.10	4.30
16:30	1745	Werder Bremen vs Bayern Munchen	7.00	5.60	1.39
15:00	5534	Valladolid vs Real Sociedad	3.75	3.15	2.19
16:00	2804	Venezia vs Genoa	3.25	3.30	2.33
16:30	1022	Union Berlin vs Hoffenheim	2.09	3.65	3.45
16:30	3174	Heidenheim vs SC Freiburg	2.80	3.55	2.50
16:30	5993	VfL Bochum vs Holstein Kiel	1.99	3.70	3.75
17:00	1020	Leicester vs Everton	2.55	3.50	2.75
17:00	1935	Tottenham vs Brentford	1.55	4.70	5.60
17:00	2200	Fulham vs Newcastle	2.85	3.55	2.44
17:00	2893	Sheffield Utd vs Derby	1.65	4.00	5.20

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17:00	3842	Luton Town vs Sheffield Wed	1.93	3.55	4.00
17:00	4163	Southampton vs Ipswich	2.25	3.60	3.15
17:00	4837	Liverpool vs Bournemouth	1.32	5.93	8.80
17:00	5411	Aston Villa vs Wolverhampton	1.60	4.40	5.40
18:00	2520	Lille vs Strasbourg	1.67	4.10	5.00
19:00	1569	Juventus vs Napoli	2.21	3.40	3.40
20:00	1246	Fenerbahce vs Galatasaray	2.08	3.50	3.30
20:00	2056	Vitoria Guimaraes vs FC Porto	4.10	3.20	1.98
20:00	5587	Rennes vs Lens	2.42	3.50	2.90
20:30	3604	Hapoel Beer Sheva vs Hapoel Hadera	1.57	3.80	5.00
21:00	4110	Al Hilal Riyadh vs Al Ittihad Jeddah	1.66	4.30	3.95
21:00	5894	GO Ahead Eagles vs Ajax	3.75	3.70	1.88
21:45	1653	Lecce vs Parma FC	2.26	3.40	3.30
22:00	4089	Reims vs Paris St Germain	6.15	4.71	1.50
22:00	5190	Zaragoza vs Levante	2.12	3.10	3.50

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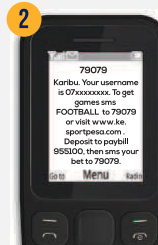
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16:30	3567	Bayer Leverkusen vs VfL Wolfsburg	1.34	5.55	8.43
17:15	1744	Athletic Bilbao vs Celta Vigo	1.70	3.95	5.00
17:30	5493	FC Winterthur vs BSC Young Boys	4.10	3.95	1.71
17:45	2770	Fortuna Sittard vs PSV Eindhoven	10.00	6.20	1.23
18:30	2011	Stuttgart vs Borussia Dortmund	2.38	3.80	2.80
19:00	5666	Roma vs Udinese	1.65	4.10	5.20
20:00	5319	Besiktas vs Eyupspor	1.44	4.60	6.40
20:30	5470	St. Pauli vs RB Leipzig	5.00	4.10	1.67
21:45	5242	Lyon vs Marseille	2.95	3.85	2.25
22:00	3501	Rayo Vallecano vs Atletico Madrid	4.70	3.50	1.83

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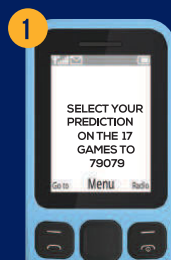
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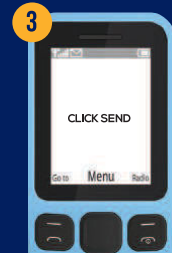
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