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Boniface Kariuki is cornered by police officers during demos over the death of Albert Ojwang on June 17 /DOUGLAS OKIDDY

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• Excise duty of 25% to be introduced on imported tea, whether flavoured or not

• Steel and iron are now back to 17.5% as the rate of Export and Investment Promotion Levy

• Tax loss extension applications will be for periods beyond 5 years and not 10 years

• The Bill was signed into law with 4 days left to the statutory sunset date of June 30



ANOTHER VICTIM

Mask hawker Kariuki is brain dead – family

He was allegedly shot by police on June 17 in a protest against the death of Ojwang



Face mask vendor Boniface Kariuki is carried after he was shot during demos over the death of Albert Ojwang on June 17 /DOUGLAS OKIDDY

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BONIFACE Kariuki, who was shot in the head at close range, by police during “Justice for Albert Ojwang” protests, has been declared brain dead, the family has said.

The shooting was captured on camera.

Family spokesperson Emily Wanjira said yesterday they were called by the hospital at midnight on Saturday and informed of the patient’s state. “We were called to come here at midnight. When we got here, they told us that he is now brain dead but there is still a pulse. They cannot turn off the life support machine because of legal issues,” she said.

Brain death is the irreversible cessation of all brain function, including the brain stem. It’s a widely accepted legal and clinical definition of death.

Two policemen have been charged with assault and shooting; the charge sheet could be amended to reflect brain death. The shooting was captured on camera.

There was no immediate comment from the police. Spokesman Michael Muchiri said the matter is

in court. Wanjira said the hospital bill is now more than Sh3 million and she called for financial support from Kenyans of good will.

The family had said bullet fragments were still lodged in his brain.

For two weeks, Kariuki has been in critical condition at Kenyatta National Hospital. Kariuki, 22, was rushed to the facility on June 17 after being shot along Mondlane Street during the demonstration.

While surgeons who performed the first brain surgery removed the bullet, some remaining fragments presented a serious challenge to the medical team.

Wanjira on Friday disclosed Kariuki had undergone a third surgery to relocate breathing tubes from the nose to the throat to help him breathe normal oxygen. It also involved creating a pathway for feeding tubes below the abdomen, connecting to the intestines for patients unable to swallow.

Two police officers, Klinzy Barasa Masinde and Duncan Kiprono, were arrested on June 18 and detained at Capitol Hill police station for 15 days, pending investigations by the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (Ipoa). The Direc-

tor of Criminal Investigations had sought 21 more days.

Corporal Nahshon Zoka of DCI’s homicide bureau said good Samaritans rushed the victim to Kenyatta National Hospital, where he underwent surgery and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.

DCI sought detention to allow for ballistics analysis of the officers’ firearms, forensic review of CCTV footage, analysis of scene samples by the Government Chemist, and recording of statements from witnesses.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

When an individual is pronounced brain-dead it means he or she has no chance of recovery again unlike in cases of brain coma where patients have some brain activity still left. Though in cases of brain death the heart can still continue beating that does not mean the patient has a chance of regaining consciousness again. Based on what doctors have told the family Kariuki has suffered irreversible cessation of brain activity, which also means he is clinically dead.

John Kariuki (in cap), the father of Boniface with other family members at Kenyatta National Hospital yesterday /HANDOUT

HIGH-RISK 2025

Awards for human rights defenders announced

GORDON OSEN

DO you know a human rights defender who is helping people and deserves recognition?

A coalition of human rights organisations has opened nominations for this year’s Human Rights Defender Award for outstanding rights activists. Launched in 2016, the award will be presented in November or December.

The honours are presented in five categories: Upcoming Human Rights Defender of the Year, Human Rights Defender of the Year Award, Munir Mazrui Lifetime Achievement Award, Global Solidarity Award and the Popular Vote Award. The award

spotlights courageous individuals who, often at great personal risk, stand up for the rights of others.

The award is organised by the Working Group on Human Rights Defenders, a network of diplomatic missions and civil society organisations concerned with protecting human rights defenders and Kenya’s broader human rights landscape in Kenya. The Defenders Coalition remains the main anchor of the process and the award.

The award is especially timely when young activists — particularly from Gen Z — are rising up to demand better governance, police accountability, and an end to abuse of public resources.

ASSIST PATIENTS, STAFF

How new bill plans to help fund public hospitals in Nairobi

GORDON OSEN

FOR years, Nairobians have endured long queues, overworked medical staff and empty pharmacy shelves at public hospitals and clinics.

Better days could be ahead for struggling health facilities if a proposed bill passes in the county assembly.

The Nairobi City County Health Services Bill, 2025, proposes a bold shift in management of public hospitals — granting them financial autonomy and the power to manage their operations more directly.

Under the proposed legislation, Nairobi public hospitals would retain patients’ payments, instead of depositing them into the county treasury’s central account. The aim is to address long-standing delays in accessing essential services caused by financial bottlenecks and red tape.

Majority whip Moses Ogeto, one sponsor of the legislation, paints a sobering picture of Nairobi’s public healthcare. Speaking at a recent assembly session, he described how the city’s most vulnerable residents, and others, are failed by underfunded and understaffed facilities. “You see, they are unable to access public clinics simply because these public clinics don’t even have the staff,” he said.

“Many hospitals operate with limited personnel and underpaid workers, making it extremely difficult for patients to receive timely care.”

The bill proposes that even modest fees — such as the Sh100 many patients pay — should stay within the clinics that collect them, providing a lifeline for facilities in desperate need of funding for basic supplies and maintenance.

“We want to decentralise the management of the hospitals, especially when the budgets have been approved,” Ogeto said, highlighting how delays by the Treasury in releasing funds — even after budgets have been passed — cripple day-to-day hospital operations.

The proposed law would also establish more robust management structures at the facility level. Hospital boards would be created to meet quarterly to oversee performance and financial decisions. These boards would work alongside internal committees handling daily operations — adding a layer of oversight and accountability that has long been missing.

Significantly, members of the Nairobi assembly would, for the first time, be formally included on hospital boards. Their membership is expected to improve transparency and ensure elected leaders can directly monitor how resources are being used in the communities they serve.

Another key aspect of the bill is the formal recognition of hospital chief executive officers. Currently, many CEOs operate in a legal grey area, without a formal appointment process or defined powers.

“We want to strengthen the CEO position; currently, they are there illegally, so we want to make them legal,” sponsor Ogeto said.

“They should have powers similar to those of private hospital executives.”

If passed, the Nairobi City County Health Services Bill, 2025, could mark a turning point for public healthcare. By empowering clinics and hospitals to manage their own resources and staff, the law aims to slash the bureaucratic delays that have for years left patients waiting, and sometimes suffering.

For mothers queueing for hours at maternity wards, for children needing urgent treatment, and for overworked nurses doing their best with too little, the bill is more than policy reform.



Majority whip Moses Ogeto /FILE

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should government foot Boniface Kariuki’s hospital bill?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Are IEBC’s high legal fees justified?

YES 70%



NO 30%





PHOTO STORY

ODM leader Raila Odinga witnesses the appointment of Mama Ida as a canon of honour at St Peter's ACK Nyamira in Bondo, Siaya county

/EMMANUEL WANSON

INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

NSE shrugs demos as market cap rises 3.6%

KenGen was the biggest mover with 9.4 million shares traded

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TRADING at the Nairobi Securities Exchange remained stable during the week ended Friday as the market capitalisation recorded a 3.6 per cent jump, with investor sentiments remaining strong despite the demos that rocked the country.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange All Share Index (NASI), NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 3.6 per cent, 2.8 per cent and 3.4 per cent, respectively, with blue-chip companies like Safaricom, KCB and KenGen being among the biggest movers, alongside Kenya Power and Kenya Re Insurance.

NSE data shows market capitalisation closed the week at Sh2.4 trillion even as equity turnover and total shares traded decreased by

67.7 per cent and 52.4 per cent, respectively.

KenGen was the biggest mover with 9.4 million shares traded followed by KCB (3.9 million), Kenya Power (3.4 million), Safaricom (2.4 million) and Kenya Re (2.2 million shares moving).

The market generally remained bullish, an indicator of investor confidence in Kenya despite the protests that saw businesses looted in different parts of the country, with destruction of property.

The protests were witnessed in 27 counties, among them Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu, Uasin Gishu, Kajiado, Makueni, Machakos, Nyeri, Embu, Nyandarua, Murang'a, Laikipia and Meru, with businesses being looted mainly in Nairobi. Businesses are estimated to lose up to Sh3 billion in foregone sales and looting per day of protests, according to private sec-

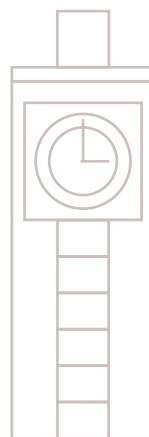
tor players, with Nairobi taking the biggest hit. Both national and county governments also lose revenues during protests.

The manufacturing sector suffered as the supply chain remained disrupted during the protests. The sector's contribution to the Kenyan economy stands at about Sh1 trillion as per the Economic Survey.

This translates to approximately Sh2.9 billion daily in value addition, an estimated amount lost during protests according to the Kenya Association of Manufacturers.

"While some parts of the country witnessed peaceful picketing, it is regrettable that several counties experienced violence resulting in loss of life, looting, vandalism and widespread disruption of businesses and property," Kenya Association of Manufacturers CEO Tobias Alando said.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **A VOCAL FORMER** Member of Parliament has been criticised for alleged hypocrisy and his short memory. The politician called for the arrest of a key opposition figure over last week's demonstrations. Ironically, however, the man has pending case in court where he is accused of being among plotters of the demonstrations. Critics are questioning how honest he is with his call for arrests.

★ **A TOP MAN** in the security sector is allegedly getting on the nerves of people due to his acerbic tongue. The man, who keeps moderation and restraint at arm's length, has recently been in the news for his unbridled speeches that inflame passions around the latest national developments. When he last made a public speech, we are told, the powers that be banged the table in frustration, saying the man should not address the press without being coached to tame his language. Observers are now reportedly beginning to think the politician is perhaps better in a different role and not in such a serious docket. Maybe it's time he took classes in anger management, emotional intelligence and discreet speaking.

★ **A HIGH-RANKING** police officer is said to be under siege. The man who in recent days has been seen to be upping his media presence and addresses is apparently set on resigning. Corridors understands that even before the recent demonstrations, the man allegedly had tendered his resignation, but it was rejected by a top man. The individual has been forced to accompany another top civilian, a move that some observers say is handing him a handball.

★ **WHAT HAPPENED TO** a popular politician's campaign team? This is what some keen observers are asking about the team that arrived with a lot of hype against the backdrop of Gen Z demos. The observers noticed that members of the team have long stopped mentioning the politician and his bid. Could the entry into the scene of two key figures from his backyard scene have complicated the situation for the activist?

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BUDGET REVIEW THE IMPACT ON PAYSLIPS WILL BE DUE TO INDIRECT TAX IMPLICATIONS



Households to be hit despite soft tax punch

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AS Kenyans marked Labour Day on May 1, there were growing concerns as most salaried workers said they were taking home less than a third of their net salaries.

This was occasioned by the new statutory deductions that President William Ruto's administration had effected, with experts saying this was in contravention of local and international labour laws.

Kenyan workers have been hit by a number of payslip deductions that have cut their take-home pay since last year, amid job cuts and a rise in commodity prices that have combined to hurt households.

This has not been matched by a corresponding rise in incomes, exposing consumers to shrinking purchasing power.

Under Kenya's employment laws, an employer cannot deduct more than two-thirds of an employee's basic pay in a single month, a rule designed to protect employees by ensuring they have sufficient income for basic needs.

The push for increased disposable income has been up on the agenda as the government looks to kick-

start new revenue raising measures beginning July 1.

Annually, with the passage of a Finance Bill, taxpayers typically brace for a decrease in disposable income due to new taxes, levies and increased compliance costs.

This year, Treasury CS John Mbadi seemingly sought to turn away from what his predecessor went through after tax proposals were thrown out.

Streamlining its implementation, the Bill adopts a cohesive rollout, with nearly all provisions taking effect at the same time, save for Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) and penalty waivers for electronic tax errors, which were postponed to January 1, 2026.

"Mr Speaker, no life should be lost and no property should be destroyed again," Mbadi said during his budget speech.

"The message from Kenyans was clear. Instead of additional tax burdens, the 2025 Finance Bill proposes to raise Sh30 billion in revenue through reforms, improved compliance and rationalisation of tax incentives."

However, unlike the past years, where the state set three effective dates for the adoption of new tax-

ation measures, the upcoming financial year will only have two.

Finance Act 2025 doesn't have any provisions slated for September 1 as the effective date. There are only two provisions set to take effect on Jan 1, 2026. All the remaining 57 clauses are effective July 1, 2025.

"Kenyans complained about high taxation. Therefore, we were very

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CLIFFORD OTIENO

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cautious as a government to ensure we didn't introduce unreasonable taxes that would again overburden Kenyans," Mbadi said.

In previous years, July 1 marked the commencement of direct taxes and a direct impact on Kenyans pay slips.

With the new approach, it seems the impact on payslips will be due to indirect tax implications.

The act, which targets to streamline tax administration and increase revenue collection, has introduced key amendments to Income Tax Act, the Stamp Duty Act, the Excise Duty Act, Tax Procedures Act, and Value Added Tax Act.

These are expected to sustain revenue collection for the fiscal year 2025-26.

Starting tomorrow (Tuesday 1), private sector employees are set to benefit from a significant increase in tax-free daily allowances, following a proposed change that will raise the per diem exemption from Sh2,000 to Sh10,000.

The adjustment is among the first to be implemented in the latest round of tax policy proposals, to align the private sector with existing public sector per diem limits.

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Workers demonstrate their skills during the Labour Day celebrations at Uhuru Park in Nairobi /FILE

tax analyst, says the measure would mark a major step toward harmonising tax treatment of employees across both sectors.

"This was also on the Tax Laws Amendment Act 2024, which raised the annual limit for tax-exempt non-cash benefits granted to employees to Sh60,000 from Sh36,000," he said.

Policy experts view this development as part of a broader effort by the government to modernise and streamline tax laws affecting workers.

"The move appears to be in recognition of evolving cost realities and the need for parity between public and private sector employees," the Nairobi-based tax analyst said.

This change significantly enhances the non-taxable compensation employees can receive for work-related travel.

"It also reflects a gradual shift by policymakers toward incentivising employee welfare through more generous and equitable tax treatment," he said.

The proposed increase could see employees who travel for work or are required to spend time away from their primary duty stations retain more of their daily allowances without additional tax burdens.

It is expected to benefit mid- and senior high-level professionals across various industries, particularly in consultancy, engineering, sales and development work.

The Act also proposes several changes that carry significant implications for access to health and affordability.

According to AAR CEO Justine Kosgei, limiting tax loss carry-forwards to five years.

This measure will strain insurers that rely on longer-term loss recovery to sustain affordable health plans.

"The Finance Bill 2025 offers a chance to strengthen public financing and can be implemented in a way that does not undermine affordability, innovation, or trust in healthcare," said Justine Kosgei while commenting on how the 2025

finance Bill will impact healthcare.

Bajeti Hub executive director Abraham Rugo acknowledges that additional funding for the Primary Healthcare Fund and the Emergency and Critical Illness Fund in Health is a positive move, strengthening SHIF's resource base.

Yet, he points out that the measures put in place don't adequately address the issues, like how the gap from donor-funded projects will be filled.

"Concerns remain over the lack of extra funds for the National AIDS Control Programme, especially after the US Government's stop-work order exposed a Sh9.4 billion HIV budget shortfall," Rugo said.

Among the other financial implications Kenyans are staring at beginning Tuesday is the amendments made to the Income Tax Act, which now mandates employers to apply all applicable reliefs, deductions and exemptions to an employee automatically, as provided by law.

The implications of this will include a legal obligation for employers to incorporate deductions such as pension contributions, insurance relief, personal relief and disability relief into payrolls.

This results in improved employee take-home pay due to the immediate application of tax reliefs, reduces the need for refunds and lowers the administrative burden on KRA by decreasing the number of refund claims.

The government is proposing to reinstate limited powers to the National Treasury CS, allowing them to waive penalties and interest charges that arise from errors or malfunctions in electronic tax systems.

The move marks a significant policy shift from the position adopted in the Finance Act 2023, which removed the Treasury's authority to waive such charges amid growing concerns about abuse of discretion and lack of transparency.

"The Cabinet Secretary may, on the recommendation of the commissioner, waive the whole or part of any penalty or interest imposed under this Act, where the liability

to pay the penalty or interest was due to an error generated by an electronic tax system, a delay in the updating of an electronic system," reads the Act.

However, tax experts had noted that the absence of this waiver mechanism has posed serious challenges for taxpayers, particularly in cases where penalties stem from technical failures beyond their control.

One puzzling detail in the proposed amendment is the delayed effective date. The provision is set to take effect on January 1, 2026, six months after the start of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Observers are questioning why the change isn't being implemented earlier, potentially as soon as July 1, to offer immediate relief.

Amendments to Value Added Tax (VAT) structure could see consumers bear increased costs on a range of essential and industrial goods.

In a fresh round of tax policy adjustments, the government seeks to remove several items from the VAT Zero-Rated Schedule and reclassify them as VAT Exempt.

Among the affected items are inputs or raw materials (locally sourced or imported) used by pharmaceutical manufacturers to produce medicaments, transportation of sugarcane from farms to milling factories, locally assembled and manufactured mobile phones, electric bicycles, solar and lithium-ion batteries and Inputs for the manufacture of animal feeds.

While both zero-rated and exempt goods are not taxed at the point of sale, the crucial difference lies in how producers handle VAT on inputs.

Zero-rated suppliers can claim a refund for VAT paid on raw materials and production costs, keeping final prices lower.

Exempt suppliers, on the other hand, cannot recover VAT paid on inputs, which means those costs are typically passed down to consumers.

"This shift from zero-rating to exemption will likely lead to increased prices in sectors where affordability and access are already sensitive issues," Otieno said. "It's effectively an indirect tax on consumers."

The proposal marks a significant policy reversal, echoing past attempts to tax sectors like electric mobility and animal feed production, moves that were shelved after public and industry pushback.

For instance, similar efforts to standard-rate VAT on electric bicycles, lithium batteries and animal feed ingredients have previously been withdrawn amid concerns over inflationary pressure and disruption to emerging industries.

The government, however, appears determined to clean up and streamline the VAT regime as it seeks to boost domestic revenue and reduce refund obligations.

The proposal may also be aimed at curbing what Treasury views as abuse of zero-rating provisions, which have sometimes been linked to fraudulent refund claims.

Still, analysts warn that removing input VAT claims for local manufacturers could undermine the competitiveness of key sectors, including agriculture, renewable energy and pharmaceuticals.



EXPERTCOMMENT
DR ABRAHAM RUGO

Address debt and improve services

As we enter 2025-26 financial year, we are staring at hard options. For the third year, the budget deficit is above Sh900 billion.

This means more borrowing, most of which is to come from the domestic market. More than 60 out of every Sh100 in ordinary revenue is going to debt repayment, with domestic debt taking the lion's share of interest payments.

Service delivery demands are increasing, and so are contingent liabilities across the national and county government. In the same vein, reports from the Attorney General and the Controller of Budget indicate massive abuse of public resources at an increasing scale. What are some key focal areas?

First and key is to consider how to deal with debt repayment. More than Sh1 trillion will go to interest payment. This is increasingly untenable and perhaps a key time to consider some form of restructuring to make the instalments manageable to allow room for other services to be available without pain.

To enhance competitiveness, it is time to go bold and firm on drivers of the economy. While agriculture remains key for inputs, a bigger focus has to be on industrialisation and manufacturing.

A deliberate goal to reduce non-productive sectors, especially related to size of government, is core. This is related to what the World Bank calls fiscal policy for growth and jobs.

While a wide accommodation in government yields some semblance of political peace and harmony, it does not necessarily enhance service delivery, especially where accountability is weak.

Creating jobs and incomes, especially for the youth, is not only an urgent matter but one about the very existence of our country.

Additional taxes will only come from increasing incomes by a wider citizenry. This is only possible where control of corruption and strengthened governance is a priority. It combines a focus on public services, debt management and growth of the private sector building on a what is already a very resilient Kenyan economy and people.

Improving service and enhancing accountability is the only way to reverse the trust deficit. Citizens and investors must be able to trust that the government and institutions of governance are doing what they ought to. That increases their participation in the economy, payment of fair taxes and ultimately creation of the much-needed incomes.

Rugo is the executive director at Bajeti Hub



National Treasury CS John Mbadi addresses the National Assembly during the budget reading on June 12 /ENOS TECHE

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INTERVIEW

Mumbi: Kenya must invest in AI upskilling, collaborations

Unequal access to devices and reliable internet excludes rural youth from tech

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POWER Learn Project Africa (PLP) has been keen on unlocking hidden potential in Kenya and the African continent by ensuring young people, including outside major cities, contribute to and benefit from the digital rise. *The Star* spoke to the executive director Mumbi Ndung'u on PLP and Kenya's tech space at large.

Excerpts:

In a nutshell, tell us about Power Learn Project Africa

Power Learn Project Africa (PLP) is a Pan-African impact organisation working to democratise access to digital skills and unlock the continent's vast potential through technology. We run a flagship 16-week software development scholarship programme that has trained over 20,000 African youth. Our model is built on accessibility; we deliver virtual learning, partner with local tech hubs and ensure learners from remote and underserved communities can thrive. Why do we do it? We believe that Africa's greatest asset is its youth and tech is the bridge that will take them from potential to prosperity.

The organisation is on a mission to unlock Africa's potential by training one million developers. How do you intend to do this?

We are executing a continent-wide strategy to train one million developers by combining accessible delivery, local partnerships and clear post-training pathways. Accessible learning: Our platform is optimised for low-bandwidth use and available to learners with laptops across Africa. We deliver high-quality, digital-first content that is easily accessible even in regions with unstable internet. Community-rooted implementation: We collaborate directly with county governments, grassroots organisations and tech hubs to embed our programmes locally and ensure relevance to regional needs. Pathways after training: Learners transition into jobs, startup support or advanced tech courses in areas like backend development, AI and cybersecurity, guided by our Talent Hub and employability team.

African-led execution: Our model is driven by African teams who design, build and lead the work. This ensures cultural relevance, faster adaptability and real connection to the learners we train.

This approach is not theoretical; it's what we are delivering across Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, to mention but a few countries. Our goal is not just to train developers but to make tech a pathway to income, innovation and impact for Africa's youth.



Power Learn Project Africa executive director Mumbi Ndung'u during a PLP and Safaricom hook cohort graduation in Nairobi
/HANDOUT

How would you describe Kenya's developers' space in the wake of a digital revolution?

Kenya is the beating heart of East Africa's tech revolution. The developer community here is creative, bold and rapidly growing, supported by a vibrant startup scene and innovation-friendly policies. But the ecosystem still suffers from urban concentration, with most opportunities centralised in Nairobi. Through PLP, we are working to unlock hidden potential in places like Kakamega, Kilifi, Garissa and Kisumu, ensuring young people outside major cities can contribute to and benefit from Kenya's digital rise.

What is the in thing for developers?

Today's developer is not just a coder; they are a problem-solver. The "in thing" is building scalable, real-world solutions that address African challenges. That means leveraging AI and data to improve agriculture, healthcare and governance. There is also the use of cloud, APIs, and mobile-first design to build products that are accessible. Mastering frameworks like React, Node.js, and languages like Python, which dominate today's job market and perhaps most importantly, learning how to collaborate, pitch and monetise ideas. The modern

developer is part technologist, part entrepreneur that is a techpreneur.

Python and Blockchain have, in recent times attracted a lot of attention. How would you rate these programmes in Kenya?

Python is everywhere and for good reason. It powers AI, machine learning, automation and web development, and it is part of our core curriculum because it's both accessible to beginners and valuable to employers. Blockchain is gaining ground, especially in Kenya's fintech and digital ID ecosystem. From SACCO systems to cross-border payments, we are seeing real-world use cases emerge. While still in early stages, the appetite is growing and we are preparing our learners to be part of that future through blockchain modules and hackathons.

What is your take on Kenya's regulatory environment in regards to digital transformation?

Kenya has taken meaningful steps like the Digital Economy Blueprint and support for youth-focused initiatives like Ajira Digital and the Kenya Youth Employment Program. These have laid a strong foundation as far as regulation is concerned. But more work is needed. Regulations around

data privacy, AI and digital inclusion must evolve quickly and equitably. It is also crucial that we see more decentralisation so counties can drive innovation independently while being supported nationally. A smart, agile regulatory framework will define how fast Kenya can leap forward.

What do you think of AI in Kenya?

AI is no longer a luxury. It is a necessity for inclusive progress. Across Kenya and Africa, we are already seeing AI in action from health diagnostics and agri-tech forecasting to customer service chatbots and digital credit scoring.

But these innovations must go beyond consumption. For Africa to shape the future of AI, we must build from within: training engineers, generating local datasets and ensuring our youth have the tools to become creators, not just users of emerging technology. At Power Learn Project Africa (PLP), we launched AI Safari to democratise access to AI education in Africa.

This programme is not a technical bootcamp for the few—it is an accessible, story-driven journey designed for beginners, entrepreneurs, students and professionals who want to understand AI's impact and potential.

Which sectors do you think AI can help in driving the country's growth and how best can Kenya tap into these opportunities?

AI can supercharge nearly every sector. For instance, in agriculture, AI is a tool to develop smart irrigation, crop monitoring and supply chain forecasting tech solutions. In healthcare, AI is useful in developing early diagnosis tools, patient records automation and mental health chatbots. Within the finance space, AI comes in handy for fraud detection, personalised banking and risk modelling and in the education sector, AI is powering personalised learning and digital tutors. To truly tap into this, Kenya must invest in AI upskilling, cross-sector collaborations, and policies that promote ethical AI development rooted in African values.

What inspired you to invest in this project?

It started with stories and with struggle. Across the continent, we kept hearing the same thing: "We need tech talent, but we can't find it." Companies were looking to hire software developers but the pipeline was dry. Not because the talent didn't exist but because it had never been nurtured. At the same time, we saw thousands of young people brimming with potential. Curious, motivated eager to learn but locked out by cost, by geography, by a lack of belief that this space was for them. We built Power Learn Project Africa to bridge this gap. Not just to teach code, but to remove the barriers—cost, access, mindset, that were keeping young Africans on the sidelines of the digital revolution.

What are some of the biggest challenges in the Kenyan tech space and how can they be addressed?

The challenges are layered. First, unequal access to devices and reliable internet excludes a large percentage of rural and underserved youth from even beginning their tech journey. Second, there's a persistent underrepresentation of women and learners from non-urban counties, which further limits the inclusivity of the ecosystem.

Third, there is a disconnect between training programmes and real employment opportunities—many young people finish a course with no clear path to income generation. At Power Learn Project, we've responded by launching county-based cohorts to localise access, providing device and data grants to remove entry barriers and building the PLP Talent Hub to link graduates with internships, freelance gigs and full-time roles. We also engage employers early to co-design relevant training. The future of Kenya's tech space depends on removing these systemic barriers and creating clear, supported pathways from learning to earning.

What drives you as an individual?

My radical belief in African potential. I am constantly inspired by the resilience and brilliance of our youth. Every time I meet a learner who has never touched a laptop and see them, six months later, launching an app, freelancing or pitching a startup, I am reminded that access is everything. It is not about charity. It's about rebalancing the scale of opportunity and giving people the tools to thrive.

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ACTION

City Hall: Why we evicted rent defaulters from our estates

Chief officer says county government owed in excess of Sh300 million in arrears

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ABOUT 5,000 tenants living in City Hall estates in Nairobi have defaulted on their rent payments and are part of a group that is facing the ongoing evictions, housing chief officer Lydia Mathia has said.

More than 20,000 tenants live in county houses across the city. So far, about 100 of the rent defaulters have been evicted as part of a multi-sectoral revenue collection drive.

City Hall says it is keen on recovering the total rent arrears amounting to over Sh300 million, with some cases dating back nearly 20 years.

Mathia said the evictions are meant to uphold fairness and service delivery across the city.

"We are talking about over Sh300 million in arrears, some dating back to close to 20 years. It is unfair to everyone else in Nairobi who expects services from the county in terms of water supply, garbage collection, and more yet some tenants don't pay even a cent," she said.

Investigations into county housing estates revealed shocking levels of default.

In Woodley for instance, a prime area where private two-bedroom houses go for Sh250,000 a month, tenants were paying as little as Sh17,000 for county houses yet some were still defaulting on their rent payment.

"We found people who have not



A demolished house in Woodley Estate, Nairobi after owners were evicted /FILE

paid rent for over 10 years. We engaged them through public participation, urged them politely to pay, but many simply refused," she said.

In another case, a tenant reportedly racked up Sh425,000 in arrears for over 16 years for a house meant to cost Sh2,200 a month.

Another, occupying a Sh900 monthly unit, hadn't paid rent in 15 years, owing Sh151,000.

"When there are others ready to pay more, how is it fair to let someone live rent-free for decades?" Mathia posed.

President William Ruto, speaking during a church service in Buruburu on June 8 backed Governor Johnson Sakaja's administration on the evic-

tions, and asked those with arrears to pay or negotiate with the county on a payment plan.

"Governor Sakaja is a listening leader. He gave over two years for tenants to clear their arrears. Those who paid were not evicted," Mathia said.

However, the policy stance has triggered a political backlash with furious MCAs tabling a censure motion against the chief officer.

She has since challenged the move in court where a judge has issued injunctive orders offering her reprieve.

Justice Bahati Mwamuye ruled that the process was flawed and stopped the MCAs from enforcing the reso-

lution, pending a full hearing set for August 11.

In her affidavits, Mathia argues the MCAs' motion was unconstitutional and amounted to an impeachment disguised as a probe.

"This is not about punishing the poor it's about fairness. Sh300 million could build stadiums and fund essential services. Let's not politicize what is simply a matter of accountability. This is a government-wide revenue drive for a better Nairobi that delivers on service," she said.

This comes as the county government continues with its urban renewal housing project, aimed at upgrading several estates.

For instance, in Woodley, where there were originally 43 housing units, the county is now constructing 1,975 modern units after compensating the 43 tenants with Sh600,000 each and issuing them allotment letters.

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LYDIA MATHIA

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SPENDING PLAN

Health, Urban mobility top in Nairobi county budget

JACKTONE LAWI

THE Health, Wellness and Nutrition sector has been allocated the highest amount of Sh 11.75 billion in the Sh48.98 billion budget for Nairobi City County Government for the financial year 2025-26.

Finance and Economic Planning County Executive Committee Member Charles Kerich presented the budget estimates on Friday, June 27. The allocation represents 24 per cent of the overall budget and is an improvement in comparison to the current FY 2024-25 allocation of Sh9 billion.

The health sector has struggled with stalled projects within the level four hospitals, despite billions of allocations for the past 12 years.

"In the estimates, Sh34.72 billion will cater for the recurrent expenditure while Sh 14.26 billion has been set aside for development. The allocation presents an increase of Sh5.1 billion compared to the revised budget for FY 2024-25," said Kerich.

The allocation undermines the strategy paper 2025 that had set the ceilings at Sh46.5 billion but the county is counting on projected Own Source Revenue collections of Sh 23.5billion to fund its programs.

The governor has also given priority to the Mobility and Works sector with an allocation of Sh3.5 billion for improvement and maintenance of critical road infrastructure.

The budget which has received unanimous support from MCAs has an allocation of Sh2.155 billion for the Ward Development Fund (WDF). Every ward will get Sh25.4 million with this poised to boost key projects proposed by the legislators. The education sector has seen an allocation for Secondary and Primary Education Scholarships be retained at Sh269.9million and Sh595million respectively.

The Environment and Water sector has a Sh4.5 billion which is a similar amount allocated to the finance department. The County Assembly has an allocation of Sh3.6 billion with Sh2.15 billion set to cater for the recurrent expenditure while Sh1.46 billion will be used to fund capital projects at the assembly. The county expects to collect Sh23 billion from Own Source Revenue Streams with Sh23.5 billion expected from the equitable revenue share and Sh590 million as grants. The County Treasury further expects to inject Sh1 billion to the revenue basket as projected cash balances carried forward from the current financial year. The plans to boost its revenue collection through green financing and alternative funding approaches.

Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee chairperson Wilfred Odalo raised concerns over the ambitious Sh23.5 billion target for own source revenue.

TRAVEL

Twiga Tours, Kenyan SME that is Africa's most responsible travel firm, Safari leader



Twiga Tours director Nargis Manji, Tanzania country manager Omar Mungia and chairman Minaz Manji during the annual World Travel Awards 2025 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania /HANDOUT

BY MARTIN MWITA

TWIGA Tours, one of the oldest tour companies in Kenya, has continued to cement its position as a top travel company in the East African region with major wins at this year's World Travel Awards.

Founded in 1980, the family-owned company, which offers

personalised African Safari experiences in Kenya and the region scooped the Africa's Responsible Tourism Award 2025 for the fourth year running.

It also took home Kenya's Leading Safari Company award and Tanzania's Leading Safari Company award at this year's World Travel Awards-Africa and Indian Ocean,

held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on Saturday. "These accolades are a true reflection of our unwavering commitment to responsible travel, exceptional service and heartfelt hospitality. As a family-owned company, we share this success with our dedicated team, our loyal guests and our beautiful continent, whose stories we are so privileged to tell," chairman Minaz Manji told the Star. The recognitions, he added, are a testament to the company's unwavering commitment to responsible, world-class safari experiences.

Manji and his late father teamed up to start the tour company from humble beginnings in 1980, with a dream of building one of East Africa's formidable tour operation company. He saw the need to offer visitors the traditional African hospitality and treat them as long-lost relatives who had come to visit and that has been his philosophy to date, he told the Star. At the start, it was not easy to get international visitors

so they rented their minivans to tour companies that needed vehicles, whilst promoting the company both locally and internationally.

"In 1984, our personalised service, custom-designed minivans and well-trained guide-drivers quickly saw the fleet grow substantially but the urge to be a tour company rather than a rental company was getting stronger and stronger. That was always the plan, to be a tour company and not a rental company and show Africa through our eyes," Manji told the Star during an interview. The company started promotions to the domestic traveler and participated in the first-ever Holidays Exhibition at the Sarit Centre in March 1984.

"By then we were already a sought-after company for offering superior quality and personalised service to enthusiastic travelers in Kenya and our fame was fast spreading beyond Kenyan borders with international visitors finding us mostly through referrals from resident family and friends," he recalls.

In 2003, Twiga Tours made an entry into the travel sector making all travel arrangements such as airline tickets, international holiday and business travel bookings for the leisure and business traveler.

BUSINESS PICTORIAL



Air France-KLM's country sales manager, Kenya Hildabeta Amiani and Joris Holtus, Air France-KLM's general manager for East and Southern Africa, Nigeria and Ghana explore the cabin of Airbus A350-900 following its inaugural flight landing at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport /HANDOUT



Cowland chief executive Antony Githuka interacts with President William Ruto during World MSME Day at Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi county /PCS



Nakuru youth acting chief officer Josephat Kimemia (left) and team leader at Safaricom company Clive Jabedo (second left) during deliberations on a planned digital training programme /KNA



An exhibitor showcases apparel at the second edition of the East Africa Fashion Life Show and International Small Commodities Expo in Nairobi /XINHUA



Kenya Dairy Board director Kenneth Lomaibong', Brookside's Rift Valley regional manager Elijah Keter, KDB acting managing director William Maritim, Brookside Dairy's communications manager Wilson Okong', West Pokot Deputy Governor Robert Komolle and Julius Rotich of the First Lady's office during the launch of the pilot milk programme for schools in West Pokot county at Kodengel Comprehensive School /HANDOUT

Johana Cheptoo receives the overall winner award from Minet Kenya director finance, retail and administration Caroline Nderitu. Cheptoo delivered a remarkable performance at the Minet Kenya Golf tournament, finishing with an impressive score of 41 stableford points to clinch the prestigious overall title in Eldoret /HANDOUT

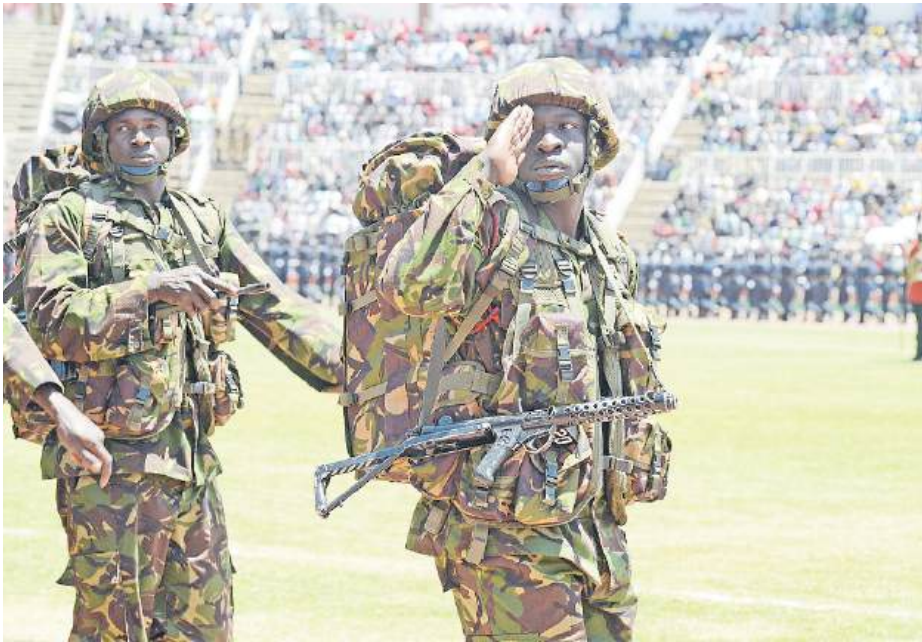


Directline Assurance head of customer service Eliakim Alando, CEO Sammy Kanyi, James Njoroge of Kaka Travellers and Directline corporate client Elvine Owanga cut cake during the celebrations to mark 20th anniversary of the company /EZEKIEL AMING'A



Mombasa Governor Abdullswamad Nassir receives a gift from Brenda Nekesa of Hotel Sapphire during a public forum in Mombasa /HANDOUT

NEWSGENERAL



KDF soldiers during Mashujaa Day celebrations at Nyayo Stadium /FILE

TRANSITION

State ends free meals, KDF to Pay-As-You-Eat

Directive means adjustment to already stretched payslips

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KENYA Defence Forces officers will from tomorrow start paying for their meals as the subsidy programme comes to an end.

KDF, in an internal memo seen by the Star, has directed units to prepare for the rollout of the new feeding programme, Pay-As-You-Eat (PAYE), starting on July 1.

This means that officers will now have to part with a fraction of their salary to cater for their lunch or source cheaper options outside the barracks.

Military personnel of lower ranks normally depend on the subsidy programme and the new directive will mean fiscal adjustment to their already stretched payslips.

It has been a tradition in the region to have disciplined officers supplied with free meals while on duty to avoid predisposing them to security risks as a result of eating outside their camps.

In a circular dated June 23, the Army Headquarters directed units to demand Ration Scale Four for 14 days as seed capital for the transition.

“Please note that it is envisaged the proceeds of the Seed Capital will form a self-sustaining revolving fund to be administered by the PAYE management committees established at Fmn/Base/unit levels to oversee operation of the messing facilities,” read the memo signed by Brigadier E N Kitusya.

KDF noted, in an earlier memo, that the shift in the policy is necessitated by the inefficiency and ineffectiveness of the former system.

“To ensure a seamless transition and effective implementation of the PAYE system, roll out a comprehensive sensitisation programme for all service personnel to enhance understanding of the PAYE system,”

the memo reads. Commanders have also been instructed to leverage existing mess infrastructure to support the new programme, with any further needs to be addressed progressively into the 2025/26 financial year.

SUSTAINABLE MODEL

The new directive, according to the headquarters, marks a significant shift towards a more accountable and sustainable logistics model within the military.

This is, however, not the first time the government has tried to end the free meals to KDF officers, with each push failing to take off.

The new system is a product of a committee that had been looking into the transition since October last year.

The committee’s mandate was to develop and recommend modalities for the successful implementation strategy of the system following consultations with stakeholders.

The panel submitted its recommendations to the Service Commanders Committee Meeting on October 29, 2024.

“A subsequent presentation on December 17, 2024 outlined the implementation strategy and timelines for the PAYE system, which were reviewed and deliberated,” a document in possession of the Star reads.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Under the new model, middle-level military bosses were to put in place a secure payment method ahead of the rollout this Tuesday. Earlier, attempts by the government to have KDF officers pay for their meals have been shelved after disquiet, especially from the junior ranks who depend on the free provisions after committing their payslips.

IT HAS BEEN A TRADITION IN THE REGION TO HAVE DISCIPLINED OFFICERS SUPPLIED WITH FREE MEALS WHILE ON DUTY

HOSTILE TAKEOVER

Kenya, AU welcome US-led peace deal between DRC and Rwanda

ELIUD KIBII

THE place of ‘African Solutions to African Problems’ has been questioned as Kenya and the African Union have welcomed the US-brokered Rwanda-DRC peace deal.

The Donald Trump intervention has been interpreted by some players in the peace process as a ‘hostile takeover’, rendering the African-led processes irrelevant.

Foreign Affairs PS Korir Sing’Oei commended Rwanda and DRC for the agreement signed in Washington on Friday, saying its dividends will accrue to the people of these two countries, the region and the world.

“The involvement of the United States in this process has been a vital success factor building on the foundational efforts by the heads of states of EAC-SADC,” Korir added.

AU chairperson Mahmoud Youssouf termed the deal a historic development that marks a milestone in collective efforts to restore regional peace, stability and cooperation.

“The chairperson commends the leadership and political will demonstrated by President Félix Tshisekedi

of the DRC and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda in prioritising dialogue and regional solidarity over conflict,” he said.

While Youssouf recognised efforts played by regional players – among them Angola President João Lourenço who led the Luanda process, the EAC, SADC and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region – he also acknowledged the role of other external players, including Qatar, whose “diplomatic efforts and support for dialogue created a conducive environment for confidence-building between the parties. Qatar’s commitment to promoting peace and its partnership with African-led initiatives is highly valued”.

“Additionally, the chairperson recognises the support of the United States of America, whose diplomatic engagement and encouragement of peaceful resolution contributed meaningfully to the success of the negotiations. The USA’s support reflects the importance of strong international cooperation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding in Africa,” the AU statement said.

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WHEREAS Sections 44, 58 and 58A of the County Governments Act (Cap. 265) provide for the establishment of the Office of the County Secretary and the procedure for the appointment of County Secretary;

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Opposition leaders Eugene Wamalwa, Kalonzo Musyoka and former DP Rigathi Gachagua at a past function /FILE

CHARM OFFENSIVE

Kalonzo, Gachagua team woo Rift Valley, Western

They are starting rallies to make Ruto a one-term President

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OPPOSITION leader have lined up rallies and meetings as they criss-cross Western and Rift Valley to woo voters ahead of the 2027 elections.

The rallies that start today will run for the whole week, with numerous whistle-stop engagements in at least 10 counties.

Those headlining the tour include Kalonzo Musyoka (Wiper), Rigathi Gachagua (DCP), Eugene Wamalwa (DAP-K), Martha Karua (PLP), Justin Muturi (DP) and former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i.

The former political rivals have united in what they described as the beginning of a nationwide movement to send President William Ruto and his Kenya Kwanza administration packing.

The political charm offensive will be the third significant foray by the grouping after previous tours of Ukambani and the Coast region.

This is the first time the opposition heavyweights are taking their joint campaigns to Rift Valley and Western region.

Those areas traditionally are seen as strongholds of President Ruto and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, the opposition icon who has been supporting the government, albeit with reservations.

Gachagua and Kalonzo are seeking to consolidate their support bases and penetrate new territories as they craft what they claim to be a winning ticket for the 2027 General Election.

The political caravan will kick off in Narok town, with lined engagements in Mulot and Bomet, which

are strongholds of President Ruto's UDA Party.

The team heads to Nyamira county on Tuesday, then Kisii on Wednesday, marking a symbolic return to Matiang'i's political backyard. It is expected to draw significant crowds.

On Thursday, the opposition brigade rolls into Vihiga and Kakamega to popularise their new, if fragile, unity and woo the region that traditionally has voted for anti-government candidates.

Raila's recent move to sign a co-operation agreement with President William Ruto has triggered a political shake-up, as the opposition now eyeing a significant share of the coastal vote.

Far from everyone in the opposition support Raila working with Ruto and there are calls for him to pull out or to support an opposition candidate at the last minute.

Gachagua and Kalonzo are banking on solid support from Western Kenya to strengthen their coalition and mount a serious challenge to make President Ruto a one-term president.

The tour continues with Busia on Friday and Bungoma the following day.

According to a schedule seen by the Star, Trans Nzoia Governor George Ntembeya will join the team as they visit the Western counties.

"Governor Ntembeya will join the group in Western counties," the itinerary seen by the Star reads.

His inclusion is meant to add regional political muscle to the movement.

Recently, Ntembeya held a series of rallies across the region following

his arraignment on graft charges, vg! which he denies. The rallies highlight the region's shifting political loyalties.

The climax of the tour will come Monday, July 7, when the leaders embark on a symbolic roadside blitz through key towns along the Kitale-Nairobi highway.

They will address rallies in Eldoret, Nakuru, and Naivasha, which have long been seen as UDA bedrock.

The move is being interpreted as a bold attempt to rattle the ruling coalition in its own backyard.

During previous Coast and Ukambani tours, the opposition leaders sustained their push to unseat President Ruto in the next poll.

The leaders pledged to unite behind a single presidential candidate, promising a well-organised campaign with trained agents at every polling station to counter alleged election rigging.

"Even if they stuff the IEBC with their puppets, we will beat them at every polling station. Our agents will relay real-time results. No tricks. No games," Kalonzo said.

"Time is up for this administration."

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The opposition has united with the sole aim of unseating President Ruto. The united figures have of late undertaken major tours to popularise their new unity and ingratiate themselves with Kenyans. The group, which includes rivals, is faced with a major task of keeping intact as a team and not disintegrating when a flagbearer is decided.

CS DENIES SAYING KILL

Shame on you, Raila tells CS Murkomen over shoot directive

LUKE AWICH

ODM leader Raila Odinga has come out strongly against police shooting protesters, saying everyone deserves their day in court.

Speaking in Nyamira Anglican Church of Kenya in Bondo, he said it is unconstitutional to take away another man's life.

Raila appeared to respond to statements attributed to Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen.

Murkomen on Thursday was captured on camera instructing police officers to deal with criminals who attempt to storm police stations or put their lives and those of the public at risk.

"When someone comes to the police station and wants to take over the government's office, the police gun and your life, shoot him," he told police officers in Kiambu, where a police station was set ablaze.

The sentiments were widely interpreted as a shoot-to-kill directive to police officers.

Murkomen has, however, clarified that his statement did not amount to issuing shoot-to-kill orders, saying as a Cabinet minister, he has no powers to direct the police.

Raila termed the remarks unconstitutional and a direct threat to democracy and human rights.

The veteran opposition leader also cautioned that such utterances threaten constitutional freedoms and could amount to criminal behaviour by state officials.

"We have witnessed a lot of blood-

shed in the country. People who had the right to demonstrate, some of them died. Anybody giving instructions to a police officer that 'if someone comes near a police station, shoot them' — shame on you," Raila said.

"If somebody is committing a crime, that person should be taken to a court of law, charged and then sentenced. Taking away of life in a way that is not provided for in the constitution is criminal."

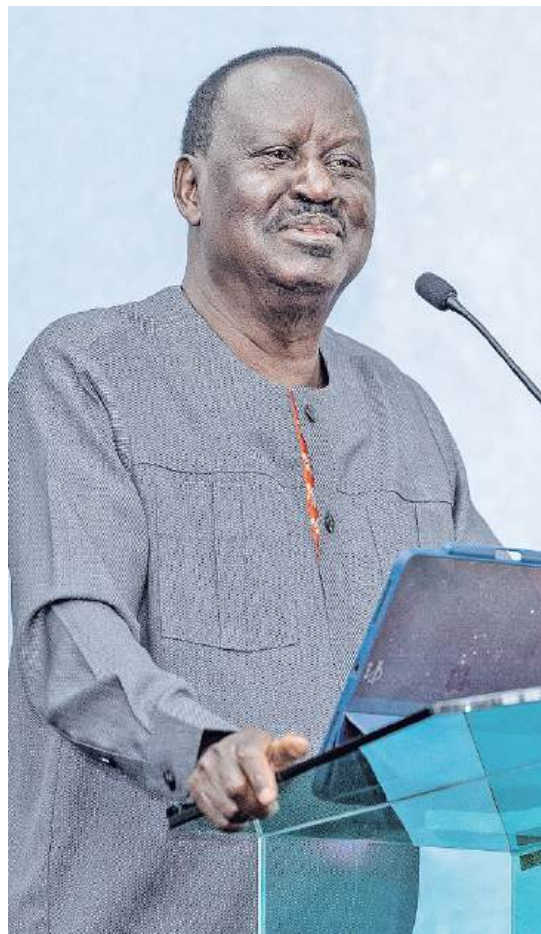
The ODM boss was accompanied by Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga, MPs Eve Obara (Kabondo Kasipul), Otiende Amollo (Rarieda), Lilian Gogo (Rangwe), Ruth Odunga (Kisumu MP) and Migori Woman Representative Fatuma Mohammed.

Raila spoke at a time the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights is putting at 19 the number of deaths during the nationwide demonstrations held on June 25.

According to the commission's update issued on Friday evening, 531 sustained injuries and 15 individuals were forcibly disappeared during the protests. The statement also reported 179 arrests, as well as multiple cases of sexual violence, including two cases of individual rape, two gang rapes and one attempted gang rape.

KNCHR condemned the violations in the strongest terms and called for accountability from all responsible parties.

"The commission strongly condemns all human rights violations and urge accountability from all responsible parties," read part of the statement.



'IF SOMEBODY IS COMMITTING A CRIME, THAT PERSON SHOULD BE TAKEN TO A COURT OF LAW, CHARGED AND THEN SENTENCED'

ODM leader
Raila Odinga
/FILE

NEWS GENERAL

'PEOPLE-LED'

Opposition launches parallel justice tribunal amid claims of state failure

JACKTONE LAWI

A section of Kenya's opposition leaders has launched a parallel justice tribunal in response to what they describe as a growing crisis of state violence and institutional collapse.

The People's Restorative Justice Commission is a people-led tribunal created outside formal state channels, a response to what they attribute to mounting violence.

PRJC is billed as a grassroots mechanism to document abuses, push for accountability, and give voice to victims—outside the formal justice system.

The PRJC, which lacks any statutory backing, is chaired by former National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi. Other members include Makueni Senator Dan Maanzo, People's Liberation Party secretary general Asha Bashir, and

public policy expert Prof Fred Ogola.

Its formation comes at a time of heightened political tensions, with opposition figures accusing President William Ruto's administration of using excessive force against protesters and silencing dissent.

"Do we expect justice from the Ruto regime? A regime that would pick a young man, Albert Ojwang, from Homa Bay and bring him to Nairobi and murder him, then say he committed suicide?" DAP-K leader Eugene Wamalwa posed during the launch.

The opposition leaders, said predecessor commissions like the Akiwumi Commission to the TJRC - carried presidential seals but delivered little else, their reports were shelved, ignored, or weaponised.

The PRJC is not the first justice agency Kenya has seen. But it is the first to emerge with no statutory

mandate and no state blessing. It derives its mandate from Article 1 of the constitution of Kenya, which states that all sovereign power belongs to the people. That is its strength and its risk.

Organisers say the commission's mandate includes collecting citizen testimonies, documenting cases of abuse, and supporting victims in pursuing private prosecutions. The goal, they say, is to create a historical and moral record that can serve as a counterweight to what they view as compromised state institutions.

The launch was moderated by former Nairobi Town clerk Philip Kisia, as a reminder to June 25, a day now widely remembered as a watershed in Kenya's protest movement following nationwide demonstrations marked by youth mobilisation and violent crackdowns.

"This approach reflects a deeper



Opposition leaders, led by Kalonzo Musyoka (third left) and Eugene Wamalwa (second right) during the launch of the People's Restorative Justice Commission /HANDOUT

shift. Opposition forces are no longer litigating their place within Kenya's institutional order. They are building alternative structures - of justice, of public memory, and of accountability - outside that order," the commission noted.

However, critics argue that even symbolic pressure can have impact, especially if the commission is able to surface credible evidence and mobilise citizens around clear demands. They say it lacks teeth and cannot compel witnesses, prosecute

cases, or enforce rulings.

It will rely on private prosecutions and public advocacy tools that require high legal thresholds and sustained popular mobilisation.

The PRJC is expected to begin collecting statements in the coming weeks, as its founders try to turn protest energy into sustained political action—outside official channels.

For the opposition, the message is even sharper - justice will not be outsourced to a regime it considers irredeemably compromised.

16 VOTED IN FAVOUR

Senators to meet today over Guyo impeachment

Allegations include gross misconduct, abuse of office and violation of various laws



Isiolo Governor Abdi Guyo /FILE

During today's session, the Senate will vote on which route to take in considering the proceedings - either through plenary or formation of an 11-member committee.

Guyo, according to the county assembly, did not appear before it to defend himself despite being formally invited.

His absence was recorded and the session proceeded in line with standing orders.

At the heart of the impeachment charges are allegations of gross misconduct, abuse of office and violation of various laws and the constitution.

Guyo, a seasoned political operator and former majority leader at Nairobi county assembly, has maintained the impeachment is a product of political vendetta.

Null and void

The High Court on Friday declared his impeachment by the county assembly null and void.

The ruling, delivered by Justice Heston Nyaga in Isiolo, also found county assembly speaker Mohamed Roba in contempt of court and ordered him to appear before it in person today.

The judge affirmed that a conservatory order he issued on June 16, barring the county assembly from proceeding with the impeachment, remained legally binding and in force.

"Those orders shall remain in force until they are set aside or reviewed either by this court or another court or the Court of Appeal," Justice Nyaga ruled.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The MCAs' decision was promptly communicated to Senate Speaker Amason Kingi on Friday, in a formal notification from Roba, indicating the impeachment had been concluded at the county level. With the court ruling on Friday, eyes are now on the Senate on whether it will proceed with the exercise.

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SENATORS will today convene a special sitting to consider the impeachment charges against Isiolo Governor Abdi Guyo.

The impeachment motion, which was passed overwhelmingly by the

Isiolo county assembly last Thursday, now sits before the Senate — the final battleground that will determine Guyo's political fate.

Sixteen out of 18 MCAs voted in favour of the motion to remove Guyo from office, ignoring a court order barring the proceedings.

Two members were absent. No one

opposed the motion. Senate Speaker Amason Kingi said the decision to call for the special sitting was made after a letter from the speaker of the county assembly of Isiolo, dated June 26 was received in the Office of the Speaker of the Senate on June 27.

Through the letter, the county assembly speaker informed the

Senate speaker of the approval of a motion for the removal from office by impeachment of Governor Guyo.

"I have appointed Monday, June 30, as a day for a special sitting of the Senate. The sitting shall be held in the Senate Chamber, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, commencing at 10 am," Kingi said.

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BESIDES LESSON, HISTORY A DRIVING FORCE IN CHINA

The Chinese use their hard-earned success as reminder to work hard



African journalists in an editing suite at StarTimes Group on April 28/JOSEPHINE MAYUYA

BY JOSEPHINE MAYUYA
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Prepare to be blown away," a colleague and friend told me when he heard I was to visit China. "Their technology and way of doing things is on another level. Enjoy it and soak it all in."

But not even such remarks, and watching online clips as well as reading up on China, quite prepares one for what awaits them on stepping into the country.

An article written by a Chinese woman that I had read a few years ago came forcefully to mind as we approached Beijing Capital International Airport on a Thursday afternoon in April.

My seatmate, a middle-aged Chinese man, started getting fidgety immediately after the breakfast dishes were cleared. I was on the window seat and him on the aisle seat. At some point he reached over and pulled up the window shade. My eyes protested.

He did not seem to notice. He just leaned over, trying to look out the window. The Caucasian woman on

the seat in front of me would have none of it, however, and after a few heartbeats, pulled down the cover. The Chinese man fell back on his seat in frustration.

After some time, during which he got up to stretch and tried to sleep, he leaned over again and pulled up the cover. This time a flight attendant came over and asked me to pull down the cover.

My first inclination, naturally, was to dismiss the man as rude. But then I remembered the article I had read. The writer talked about the strong connection between the Chinese people and their land, and that no matter where they are in the world, the motherland seems to beckon them back.

When the flight attendants finally came around to pull up the window shades, I understood the man's eagerness. You see, Beijing is a city built on a plain and shielded by mountains. It is, therefore, a breathtaking view that welcomes one as you fly into China's capital.

TREES AND ROSES

The view does not end with the

mountains. During the one-hour drive from the airport to our hotel, located on the west part of the city, I could not help but notice that the roads are lined with trees. I had expected a concrete jungle, not so much greenery everywhere one looked.

And so many roses. The Chinese believe the rose flower enhances well-being, so the roads in Beijing are lined with roses. Which were blooming now that we arrived in

the middle of spring. I was part of a group of African journalists who had been invited to China. A staff member would later explain that the Chinese rose had been found to thrive in Beijing. Hence, the city had embraced it and made it its symbol, alongside chrysanthemum.

And what about the trees, when did they plant so many of them? This question came up during one of the discussions. The greening project was mooted over a decade ago, when the people had had enough of smog from factories and sandstorms from neighbouring deserts such as Gobi.

The factories were moved away from the vicinity of Beijing and the city embarked on a greening project. "Now we no longer have to worry come springtime or walk around with masks," said Prof He Wenping.

FIX OR MOVE APPROACH

The Chinese believe in finding solutions, as the greening project illustrates. If it is not working, fix it, or move it, they believe.

A Chinese fable tells of a foolish old man who moved a mountain. In a nutshell, old man Yu Gong Yi Shan

set out to move a mountain in front of his house. His perplexed neighbours asked him what he hoped to achieve with just a pickaxe and a wheelbarrow.

"My sons will take up from where I'd have left, and their sons after them, and one day, the mountain will be gone," he replied.

Another fable tells of Hou Yi and the 10 suns. The story goes that the suns would not heed the people's request to not appear in the sky at the same time, thus causing much suffering. Hou Yi took a bow and arrow and shot down nine of the suns, leaving just one.

In modern China, an example of the Chinese people's ability to find solutions is how Beijing deals with transport. The capital city has 7 million vehicles and a population of 20-22 million. Commute is not a hassle, per se, although if you own a personal car, traffic jam is a reality you have to contend with.

One solution is the number plate lottery, introduced in 2011 as a way to control vehicles on the roads and air pollution.

Alternatively, you can take a pub-

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*The story of
China is one of
struggle, rising
from ill-thought-
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lic bus or the subway. The subway ticket costs 5RMB (Sh90). There are dedicated bus lanes in some sections, with signposts indicating the time the vehicles operate on them.

There are also many bicycles and scooters parked on pavements. One only has to scan the QR code on a bike or scooter to unlock it. The charges are less than 6RMB (Sh108) per kilometre. Finally, you could just walk. The city has built spacious pavements; the trees offer shade and the roses something beautiful to look at. And if these green spaces seem mundane, just scroll on your phone, no one will grab it; Beijing is one of the safest cities in the world, said one of our hosts.

CHINESE MODERNISATION

Chinese people have had to overcome great odds on their path to becoming the world's second-largest economy, just behind the United States. And they use their history to remind themselves to focus on the big picture: hard work.

From invasion and occupation by Western powers and Japan in the 19th and 20th centuries to the civil war in the 1920s to 1949, and the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution in the 1950s to the mid-Seventies; the story of China is one of struggle, rising from ill-thought-out decisions and carrying on.

The Chinese have learnt that the best way to cross a stream is by feeling the stones. This is best exemplified in the five-year plans of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; the gradual shift from agri-

Journalists attend a function in Beijing
//JOSEPHINE MAYUYA



The writer attends a function in Beijing
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cultural reform to industrial reform; the trial-and-error method used on the path to industrialisation (such as setting up experimental special economic zones in coastal regions away from prized cities); and observing economic giants, taking the lessons learnt and adapting them to their national conditions.

Consequently, according to its own statistics, China has lifted more than 800 million people out of absolute poverty since 1978. Its GDP has grown from \$156 to \$12,359 in 2021. Its lifespan has is up from 35 years before 1949 to 79. Infant mortality is five per 1,000 live births, while the maternal mortality ratio is 16 per 100,000 live births.

With these achievements, and many more besides, the country can proudly speak of Chinese-style modernisation and insist on countries charting their own paths according to their national conditions. This as it pursues cultural exchanges and greater economic ties with other developing nations.

A visit to China is not complete without some shopping, or lots of shopping. This is the world's factory, after all. Plus, you can haggle to your heart's content, if that is your thing, whether shopping in a mall or buying souvenirs at the Great Wall or a historic market.

A luxury goods shop offered my three colleagues and I a discount on a designer pair of shoes when we turned to walk away after inquiring on the price. But this was at the height of the US-China tariffs tug of war, so who knows if that is always the case?

BEIJING DECLARATION

On our second day in China, two colleagues and I went out for an evening stroll around our hotel. The only thing we were missing was a small dog (the Chinese seem to favour these over big ones), and we would have fit in quite well.

From a distance, we saw a group of elderly people outside an institution that on getting nearer, we realised was a school. As we explored Beijing more on subsequent days, we would spot the elderly pushing strollers or walking with young children in early mornings. In the evening, we would see the elderly holding a child with one hand and carrying a bag of groceries with the other hand.

Here, the elderly help to look after their grandchildren to give young people ample time to work and build careers. Also, life, especially in the capital, is not cheap.

Walk into any organisation in China and you are likely to see as many women as men. China has made great strides in women empowerment and inclusion in the economic building. According to the country's statistics, women made up 61.6 per cent of workers as of 202. They also make up 25 per cent of the country's entrepreneurs.

Quite impressive statistics for a country in which the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, famously known as the Beijing Declaration, was made 30 years ago.

The statistics have been achieved by deliberate efforts.

These include education policies to rope in all children, including nine-year compulsory education, and tax breaks for companies that hire certain quotas of people living with disability.



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Prudent use of taxes must be non-negotiable

THE proposed tax measures in Finance Act, 2025, are pitting the government's revenue needs against citizens' growing economic frustrations.

Despite emerging as 'no new taxes budget', the implications of some of the measures will still come to the taxpayer.

But for ordinary Kenyans already grappling with soaring living costs, these changes threaten to deepen financial strain.

The act, for instance, offers tax reliefs for workers whose jobs involve a lot of travelling. However, whether employees will now look to travel to benefit from these perks remains to be seen.

Critics argue that the proposals disproportionately burden low- and middle-income earners while leaving loopholes for wealthy elites and multinationals.

The government insists these measures will broaden the tax base and reduce reliance on borrowing, but trust in fiscal accountability remains shaky. Corruption scandals and wasteful spending have marred past promises of efficient revenue utilisation. The state must demonstrate tangible improvements in public service delivery—better roads, healthcare and job creation—to justify the sacrifice.

Without this social contract, the backlash could escalate into wider discontent. Kenya's tax policy must balance fiscal survival with economic empathy—or risk pushing its people to the brink.

Quote of the day: "Fear is the greatest obstacle to learning. But fear is your best friend. Fear is like fire." — American former professional boxer Mike Tyson was born on June 30, 1966

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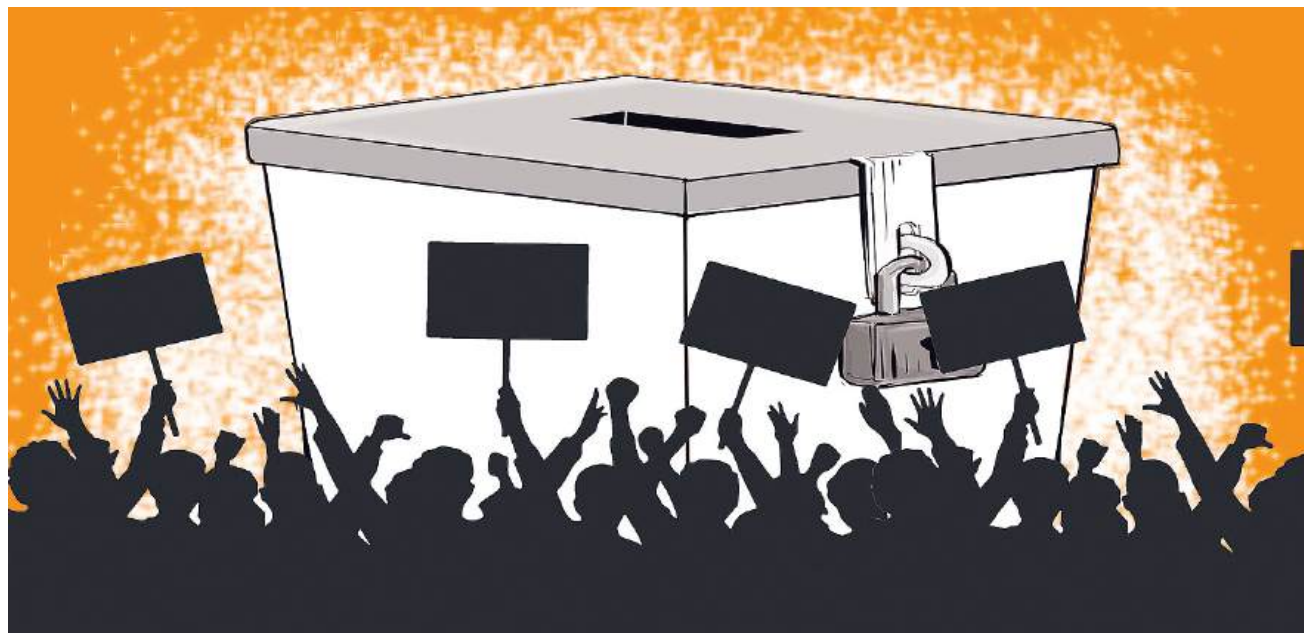
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PROTESTS SHOW KENYANS HAVE FAITH IN INSTITUTIONS

By Wycliffe Muga

Anti-Ruto masses are willing to wait until the next polls and to cast their votes for whoever they believe can defeat him.



LAST week's events arising from the commemoration of the Gen Z demonstrations of last year, wrote a dark chapter in Kenya's history.

And we could so far as to say that the police response to the violence, which erupted alongside these Gen Z demonstrations, threatened a return to the days when those serving in a thoroughly brutalised police force, would freely victimise innocent Kenyans, believing that they would get away with it.

While at the same time, large crowds of supposedly "peaceful demonstrators" took advantage of the chaos to focus on those areas, which had no police presence, and to loot shops (especially supermarkets) whose owners were, once again, innocent Kenyans.

One idea predominated in most of the analyses of these distressing events: the lack of economic opportunity for young Kenyans, at every level.

And I think it is true to say that if the younger of the policemen who were so eager to wield their truncheons and teargas and water cannons against the protesters had been unemployed, they might have been "demonstrators" rushing to loot supermarkets or chanting derogatory slogans against the government.

While by the same token, if the young men who were so fearlessly confronting the policemen had the opportunity to join the police service, not only would they eagerly seize

the opportunity, but I doubt if they (if serving as policemen) would have shown any mercy towards any "demonstrators" that fell into their hands.

In brief, although we tend to focus on the specific acts of violence caught on camera, the extreme violence, which nowadays accompanies what were supposed to be "peaceful demonstrations", is a systemic problem, which will not be easy to resolve. It will no more be easy to get the Kenyan public to have faith in the police, as it will be to persuade businesspeople that they need not close and barricade their business premises if there is a "peaceful demonstration" on the horizon.

Certainly, any demonstration, which leaves the Nairobi CBD resembling a large dumpsite, cannot be judged to have been "peaceful."

But amidst all this gloom, I

seemed to detect one hopeful sign. And this is that Kenyans apparently still have faith in their institutions. Or some of their institutions, at least.

I base this view on the slogan, which seemed to be most loudly yelled at the genuine demonstrations (i.e. those not infiltrated by looters): that President William Ruto must at all costs be a one-term president. The demonstrators of course phoneticised this slogan to "Wantam". And this is what was heard over and over again. Why do I see this as proof of Kenyans having faith in their institutions?

Well, largely because this is a declaration that for all the depth of anti-Ruto passion within these groups of demonstrators, they recognise that he is the validly elected president of Kenya. Also that it is unlikely that there can be a successful move to impeach

him. And so the anti-Ruto masses are willing to wait until the next election and to cast their votes for whoever they believe can defeat him at the ballot.

This is a hopeful sign for three reasons.

First, it reveals that they have confidence in the democratic process and so are willing to wait until the current term being served by the President is over, and presidential elections are called as per the constitution.

Second, that they have faith that the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission with all its manifest weaknesses and limitations, will be able to deliver a credible election.

And finally, that if the presidential election is judged to have failed to deliver a verdict that accurately reflects the will of the Kenyan people, they have the option of seeking redress at the Supreme Court.

These three points may not have featured in any shape or form in the chanted slogans of the demonstrators. But such is the logical extension of their declared intention to make Ruto a one-term President.

Such slogans presuppose a respect for the institutions that these genuine demonstrators will rely on, in their resolve to vote for whoever they believe can defeat the president, in a free and fair election.

Wycliffe Muga is a columnist

ONE IDEA HAS PREDOMINATED AFTER THE DEMOS: THE LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG KENYANS

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BUILDING A PORTFOLIO: HOW TO MIX, MATCH AND ACTUALLY MAKE IT WORK

OR, why putting all your money in one thing is a terrible idea.

In investing, just like in life, balance matters. Nobody survives on ugali alone. Kachumbari without nyama choma might pass as a salad, but it's not a meal. And while we all know someone who claims to thrive on choma alone, even they eventually need something on the side.

The same principle applies to your money. A well-built portfolio isn't just a pile of your favourite asset class. It's a carefully structured plate, a blend of returns, risk, liquidity and time, built to match your life, not just your appetite for reward. Unfortunately, many investors don't build portfolios. They collect bets. They chase hot stocks. They dump everything into property. They lock their cash into five-year plans without knowing how to get it out. Then, when markets shift or personal needs arise, they're stuck, not because they invested, but because they didn't diversify.

This week on GRC Monday, we look at what it really means to build a portfolio that works.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket" is sound advice, until you start putting them in just any basket. Diversification isn't about owning a little bit of everything. It's about building exposure across assets that behave differently under

By Alfred Gachaga

Diversification isn't just smart investing, it's also regulatory best practice. Financial advisers are expected to recommend portfolios that are suitable and appropriate.



different conditions. You want growth when the markets are strong. Stability when they're not. Liquidity when life surprises you. And income when you no longer want to hustle.

A diversified portfolio includes assets that play different roles. Some grow. Some cushion. Some pay out. Others wait quietly in the corner until they're needed. The point isn't to just maximise short-term returns, it's to smooth out the ride and protect the big picture.

Let's be honest: most people don't build portfolios. They collect investments like a Spotify playlist; random, hype-driven and mood-dependent. But just like a playlist needs balance, your portfolio needs assets that serve different purposes. Every asset has a personality, and the magic is in how you mix them.

Equities are the thrill-seekers. High potential, high volatility.

Great for long-term growth, if you can handle the swings. Bonds and sukuku are your stabilisers. They don't dazzle, but they keep things steady and predictable. REITs sit in the middle, offering income and a link to real estate without the landlord stress. And cash? It's the quiet workhorse. Underestimated until a crisis hits or an opportunity knocks.

You don't need everything. You need the right mix, for your income, your goals and your stage of life.

Blending is where portfolios become personal. More risk when you have time. More stability when you don't. It's not about copying what your cousin's doing. It's about building something that fits your reality, not someone else's.

If you're living and earning in the UAE, you have access to one of the world's most flexible, tax-efficient investment environments. Local

instruments such as sukuku and fixed deposits provide stability in AED. Meanwhile, global platforms offer access to USD-based mutual funds, ETFs and offshore investment accounts. Combining these allows you to hedge currency risk, gain international exposure and still benefit from the UAE's zero tax on capital gains, dividends and personal income. It's one of the few jurisdictions where you can earn globally, compound locally, and spend flexibly. All while staying fully compliant. The conversation around risk is often binary. High risk is seen as exciting, while low risk is treated as boring or conservative. In reality, risk is just a measure of variability. It tells you how much something might move, not whether it's good or bad.

The key is aligning your portfolio to your timeline and temperament.

If you're in your early 30s with a long investment horizon, you can afford more volatility in exchange for potential long-term growth. If you're in your 50s, looking toward retirement, you likely want more stability and income. The goal isn't to avoid risk, it's to understand it. You build a portfolio to absorb shocks, not to ignore them.

Every year brings a new wave of investment fads. There was crypto. Then gold. Meme stocks. AI funds. And there will be another wave next year. Most investors enter late

and exit early, buying when hype is high and selling when panic hits. This behavioural bias costs more than bad investments ever could. The most consistent portfolios are usually made of the most boring parts: low-fee ETFs, diversified mutual funds and bonds that pay out steadily year after year. If you're building a portfolio for the long haul, trends are noise. Focus on structure.

Diversification isn't just smart investing, it's also regulatory best practice. Financial advisers are expected to recommend portfolios that are suitable and appropriate. That means understanding a client's goals, risk tolerance, financial situation and offering a mix of investments that reflects that. Why? Because no regulator wants to clean up your mess when the single stock gamble goes sideways.

No adviser should be pushing a single product or locking you into a structure without flexibility. If they are, you're not working with a planner. You're working with a salesperson. A solid portfolio isn't built in a day. But it can be built intentionally. You want enough growth to stay ahead of inflation, enough income to meet your needs and enough safety to keep going when markets shake.

Compliance, risk and fintech executive

Time to make energy policy work for Africa's population

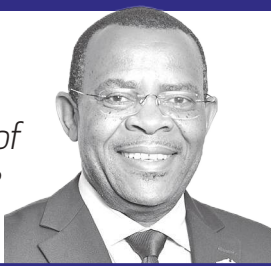
ACROSS Africa, the need for affordable, sustainable power is as urgent as it is daunting. Every night, millions of children do homework by candlelight. Clinics struggle to refrigerate lifesaving vaccines. Small businesses close early because there simply isn't enough electricity. Africa's energy access gap is one of the most persistent barriers to economic opportunity and social progress with more than 600 million people without access to this life-defining resource.

Yet, something remarkable is unfolding and it deserves the world's attention. More than 90 per cent of our electricity now comes from renewable sources, putting Kenya among the greenest energy systems on the world. Wind turbines along the Ngong hills, Lake Turkana and geothermal plants humming at Olkaria generate power that is lighting up rural villages and powering Kenya's cities with minimal carbon footprint.

Beyond the statistics, these clean electrons translate into real,

By Peter Njenga

Our continent still carries the heaviest burden of energy poverty despite having some of the most abundant renewable resources on the planet.



tangible public benefits, more children in school after dark, more clinics with steady power and more local industries creating jobs for our youth, powering national economic development.

That kind of progress is exactly what Africa and indeed the world needs more of as we look to transform the global energy sector.

International partnerships

But Kenya did not achieve this overnight. It took decades of public investment, local expertise, strong policy choices and international partnerships to scale up renewables and innovate at home.

Companies like KenGen, East

Africa's leading power producer, have built up deep geothermal expertise that is now recognised globally. Today we are proud to not only power Kenya but also support neighbouring countries as they harness their own renewable wealth. That is why Africa's leadership must be felt in international policymaking forums like the Business 20 (B20), which advises the G20 on energy, finance and climate action.

Hosted this year for the first time on African soil, in South Africa, the B20 South Africa Energy Transition Taskforce, of which I am co-chairperson, is at the centre of this once-in-a-generation moment. Africa can

no longer accept global energy policies designed without our realities in mind. Our continent still carries the heaviest burden of energy poverty despite having some of the most abundant renewable resources on the planet.

The task before us is to correct this imbalance, and to do so collaboratively. That is precisely the spirit that Kenya brings to the B20 table.

Energy transition

Our message is simple: if the global energy transition is to succeed, it must also be fair. Too often, international financing is inaccessible to those who need it most; too often, Africa is seen as a passive recipient rather than an active partner.

Policies must reflect the practical needs on the ground, from making concessional financing easier to obtain, to helping communities build skills and local industries, to creating space for small-scale innovation. And all of this must take into account the diverse realities of African economies and the people who depend on them.

That is why Kenya supports the B20 South Africa agenda to scale up clean power infrastructure across developing countries and strengthen local value chains. It is why we advocate for international partnerships that go beyond capital to embrace knowledge sharing and technology transfer.

And it is why we push for

energy policies that support small-scale solutions as much as large ones, because a truly inclusive energy transition must touch every village, every farm, every school.

Clean energy

Africa's voice at this policy table is not only about justice. It is also about opportunity. With vast solar, wind and geothermal resources, a burgeoning youth population and deep entrepreneurial spirit, African nations can help lead the world in the clean-energy era - as innovators, investors, and partners.

Kenya's own renewable success story built by the Kenyan people, powered by local companies like KenGen, and driven by a commitment to public good, is proof that this future is not only possible but already underway. Our challenge now is to scale that success across the continent, so that every African child, every small business and every hospital can share in its benefits.

As we look ahead to this crucial next phase of the global energy transition, one thing is clear: African countries like Kenya do not want to simply follow someone else's blueprint.

We have one of our own and we intend to use it to light the path toward a fairer, greener future for all.

Managing director and CEO, KenGen

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Echoes of tomorrow: A call to our Kenyan Gen Z

O Generation Z, born in the pixel glow,
With spirits ablaze and seeds of change,
you sow.

You've seen the screens flicker,
the truth laid bare,
And dared to demand a future
beyond compare.

Remember June 25, 2024, a
day etched in time, When voices
rose, a powerful, collective
chime. For justice, for equity,
against the darkening tide,
In the heart of Kenya, your
courage could not hide.

"Our lives begin to end the
day we become silent about
things that matter."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

You spoke where silence once
reigned, a vibrant, fearless roar,
Against the venom of corrup-
tion, gnawing at the core.

Against the bitter roots of
tribalism, pulling us apart,
Against nepotism's grip,
breaking every hopeful heart.

You saw the misrule that
drained the people's worth,
The theft of public property,
stealing from our birth.

And police brutality, a stain
on law and right,

You stood for what is true,
shining in the fading light.

"First they ignore you, then
they laugh at you, then they fight
you, then you win."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Let cynics scoff, let the greedy
political class cast their shade,

Your vision's strong, a path
bravely made. For even when the
journey seems too steep,

The seeds of change you plant
will surely leap. Like Bang-
ladesh's youth, in their own

defiant stand, You show the
world the power of a united,
youthful hand.

"Black man, you are on
your own."

— Steve Biko

This land, your heritage,
calls you to embrace,

The power within, to shape
its destined place.

No longer just observers, no
longer merely swayed,

You are the architects of the
dawn, unafraid.

Build with your hands, with
intellect and might,

For a Kenya where every
future shines bright.

Challenge the systems that
perpetuate the wrong,

Make your collective voice
resoundingly strong.

"I no be gentleman at all o, I
be original African man."

— Fela Kuti

Embrace your rhythm, your
truth, your unique beat,

Reject the chains that seek
to bind your feet. Let your au-
thenticity be your guiding star,

For genuine change, it tran-
scends every scar.

The spirit of innovation, the
fire in your soul,

Will make your nation truly
whole. Break free from mind-
sets that hold our progress

down, For a vibrant future, a
thriving, just town.

"We are the flowers of the
future. Don't step on us."

— San Yu, Myanmar activist

Protect your growth, your
dreams, your tender bloom,

Against the shadows that
seek to bring you gloom.

Nurture the hope, let empa-
thy take flight, And illuminate

the darkness with your light.

For in your unity, a mighty force
resides, A generation's promise,
where true freedom abides. For
your children's children, a legacy
you'll pave, From the ills that fester
your nation, you will save.

So, march with purpose, with

wisdom in your gaze,

Through winding paths and
challenging phases.

Persistence is your compass,
resilience your shield,

A better Kenya, your unwavering
field. For the whispers of justice,
strong and true, Will echo louder,

carried forth by you.

Remember- It is better to die
on your feet than to live on your
knees. Go Gen Z- For the Kenya
we build, shall stand forever bright!

Karu Guleid

The writer is a retired colonel

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Former Nairobi South C MCA apirant Purity Ngungu with Mwingi West MP Charles Nguna. Nguna emerged winner in the category of best performing MP in the Voter's Choice Award 2025 during Mizani Africa dinner awards that was held at Pridelnn /HANDOUT



No. I read somewhere that the commission is struggling under a growing burden of legal expenses, with the legal fees accumulated standing at Sh2.1 billion. Surely, I don't understand why the fee should be that high. I think lawyers have raised the fee because they think the commission has a lot of money.

ZEINAB ALI
Student, Garissa University



No. It just shows how public money is wasted on non-issues. If you ask me, I would suggest that we always engage lawyers who don't ask for high fees because, as we are aware, the moment you pick the best lawyers to represent you then be ready to pay heavy fees. But IEBC also needs to ensure that it does things the right way.

LUCIA SILA
Businesswoman, Garissa

Are IEBC's high legal fees justified?

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★STAR COMMENT Yes. Let's think of the many cases running concurrently in courts.

We have seen situations where candidates who contested in elections move to court and sue the commission. In some instances, IEBC ends up losing those cases. The court then orders it to pay. I read somewhere that a significant portion of the legal debt arose from the 2022 presidential election petition.

MOHAMED BABOYA
BODA BODA, GARISSA



Yes. After elections, IEBC is typically involved in numerous court cases, including presidential petitions, parliamentary and county assembly disputes and issues related to voter registration and boundaries. These are high-stakes cases, requiring top-tier legal representation, including senior counsel and teams of advocates.

MAHBOOD AHMED
Elder, Garissa



Yes. Legal services during elections are time-sensitive, often requiring round-the-clock attention. The lawyers charge high fees because they are expected to expedite services. I think the fact that IEBC may not have a large or well-equipped internal legal department makes it rely heavily on outsourcing.

ADEN IBRAHIM
Supkem official, Garissa

★society...

Who's in and who's out
In the local hotspots

KENGEN GREEN ENERGY INFOMERCIAL LAUNCHED

KenGen last Monday launched its Green Energy Infomercial at Century Cinemax Sarit centre. It will serve as a crucial strategic communication tool to attract further investment into the Olkaria Green Energy Park.

KenGen will be airing the green energy infomercial to a wider audience across all media platforms in Kenya and beyond.

Energy CS **Peter Wanda** was represented at the launch by Geo-Exploration director **Crispin Lupe**. Also present were KenGen MD **Peter Njenga**, chairman **Alfred Masadia**, commercial services Ag. general manager **Ronoh Kibet**, marketing manager **Frank Ochieng**, UN Global Compact Kenya executive director **Judy Njino** and Radio Africa Group editorial director **Paul Ilado**.



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1. Ronoh Kibet arrives with Peter Njenga 2. Peter Njenga arrives with Frank Ochieng and Ronoh Kibet 3. Peter Njenga addresses guests 4. Renewable energy director Eng Isaac Kiva, Crispin Lupe, Alfred Masadia and Peter Njenga 5. Guests sing the national anthem 6. Paul Ilado 7. Peter Njenga receives a certificate of acknowledgement for KenGen sustainability actions from Judy Njino /HANDOUT

EAST AFRICA FASHION SHOW MESMERISES



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1, 3 & 4 A model presents a creation
2. An exhibitor introduces wig products to visitors
5. An exhibitor promotes wig products via

livestreaming
6. An exhibitor helps a visitor

THE second edition of *East Africa (Kenya) Fashion Life Show* was officially opened on Friday in Nairobi on June 20.

It drew more than 70 exhibitors from Kenya and China. Below is a photo roundup of the occasion.



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Atwoli's park dissolution idea misguided, says Nature Kenya

GILBERT KOECH

NATURE Kenya has termed remarks by Cotu secretary general Francis Atwoli calling for the dissolution of Nairobi National Park as misguided.

"Nairobi National Park is what makes Nairobi special, unique. Other cities have roads and buildings. Where else can millions of Kenyans see their natural heritage of wildlife, without making long journeys or staying in expensive hotels?" Dr Paul Matiku, director of Nature Kenya, posed.

"To have an island of wilderness within a city is an asset beyond measure. It has made Nairobi famous worldwide. It provides Nairobians with fresh air, relaxation and learning."

Atwoli had expressed concern over the pressure the city is facing, saying Nairobi can no longer support its population and infrastructure. To create space for expansion, Atwoli suggested that land currently occupied by Nairobi National Park be repurposed for development.

"We must use the national park land around Nairobi. We must take those animals to Maasai Mara," Atwoli proposed, adding that the space could be used to grow the city and enhance its global image.

But Matiku said the suggestion of sacrificing one of the most iconic and valued protected areas for urban development shows ignorance and a lack of interest in the welfare of urban Kenyans.

The city's green spaces, including Nairobi National Park, Karura Forest, Ngong Road Forest, City Park and the Arboretum, are

essential for public health, mental well-being, environmental stability and disaster mitigation, Matiku said.



A white rhino and her calf at the Nairobi National Park /FILE

NO PRESSURE

Mwangangi: No interest in SHA, M-Pesa credit facility

Plan makes universal health cover realistic for millions whose incomes are unpredictable

JOHN MUCHANGI
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THE Social Health Authority has clarified that Kenyans will not be charged any interest on its new flexible payment plan.

SHA chief executive, Dr Mercy Mwangangi, has said the initiative is not a loan but a structured credit facility that attracts no interest or hidden charges.

Under the new Social Health Insurance Act, Kenyans are required to make upfront annual contributions to the Social Health Insurance Fund.

But to ease the burden, Lipa SHA Pole Pole lets informal workers spread their payments over two years.

"This is not a loan. It's not a credit facility. It is simply a structured way to fulfil your annual obligation flexibly," Mwangangi explained.

Once registered with SHA and vetted through a means test, a member pays the first four months upfront.

The balance, equivalent to 20



SHA chief executive officer Dr Mercy Mwangangi /HANDOUT

months, is paid gradually through M-Pesa Ratiba, daily, weekly or monthly, depending on one's income flow. Direct payments are also accepted.

"The plan covers a two-year period. You pay the first four months upfront and the remaining 20 months through M-Pesa Ratiba (daily, weekly,

or monthly) or through direct payments. If you miss a payment, the system retries automatically, and you can top up manually if needed."

Dr Mwangangi described the plan as a "game-changer", saying it makes universal health cover realistic for millions of Kenyans whose incomes are unpredictable.

"It allows non-salaried Kenyans to pay their yearly SHA contributions in smaller, flexible instalments on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, depending on their earning frequency. No interest. No hidden charges. No pressure," she said.

President William Ruto officially unveiled the plan during the 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations on June 1, positioning it as a key pillar of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

At that time, the government said Kenyans could also choose to pay their SHA premiums using the Hustler Fund. This means traders, boda boda riders and other informal workers can use mobile wallets they already have.

That facility was made possible through a strategic partnership between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Cooperatives and MS-MEs, mobile network operators and financial institutions, through the Hustler Fund.

TRAILED

Thugs in police uniforms rob man of Sh999,000 in Nairobi

CYRUS OMBATI

A man was trailed and robbed of Sh999,000 moments after he had left a bank in Parklands, Nairobi.

The man had left the bank on First Avenue in Parklands at about 2 pm on Saturday and was driven home with the cash, before he was intercepted at a junction by men who wore police uniforms.

He told police he had kept the money in an envelope which he placed under the co-driver's seat

before leaving the banking hall's basement parking. A saloon vehicle blocked his car. The vehicle had five occupants and two of them – one in police uniform – alighted while armed with a pistol.

They hit him in the head, grabbed the ignition key and cash, before jumping back into their car and speeding off towards Limuru Road.

The stranded businessman reported the matter to the police. Officers said they are reviewing security cameras at the scene and

from the bank to establish what transpired.

The incident is not isolated, they said, as at least one case a week is recorded in the country, amid calls for those planning to carry huge sums of money to seek police help for escort.

Past investigations show collusion between the suspected thugs and rogue bank staff.

Last month, a man was robbed of Sh7 million after leaving a bank in Nairobi central business district.

In February, a woman was robbed of Sh3.6 million outside a petrol station along Lungalunga Road, Nairobi. The woman told police she had withdrawn the cash from a bank and was going to boost her business when the gang that seemed to have trailed her struck.

In January, unknown suspects broke into a businessman's car and stole Sh1.8 million moments after he had made the withdrawal at a bank in Kitengela township, Kajiado county.

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BOARD MEMBERS WARNED

Coffee farmers say no to data-for-payments plan

They fear the move will kill the decades-strong co-operatives movement

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COFFEE farmers from Kirinyaga county have cautioned coffee co-operatives against submitting their data to the Ministry of Cooperatives in a bid to frustrate efforts to enforce Direct Settlement Systems payments.

Since 2023, the government has been paying farmers through the DSS, which has been credited with ensuring prompt payments and streamlining coffee sales, and is run through the Co-operative Bank.

But in November last year, the ministry issued a directive that the DSS system will from this year start paying to farmers' accounts directly as opposed to sending the proceeds to the co-operatives for payment to farmers.

Paying farmers through their co-operative societies enables them to deduct management fees, service any loans taken on behalf of farmers and forward the rest of the money to individual farmers' accounts.

The change has, however, faced a lot of resistance from the farmers from most coffee-growing counties, who express concerns that the move will kill the strong co-operative movement that has held the sector together for decades.

The farmers, who spoke during their annual general meetings, unanimously opposed the new model, threatening to eject board members if they heeded to the directive by the government to forward their personal data without their consent.

"We don't want the government to pay us directly. We cannot risk the collapse of our co-operatives that have been supporting us with loans and farm inputs," Kelvin Macharia from Mirichi cooperative society said.



Coffee berries in a farm in Murang'a /ALICE WAITHERA

The co-operative societies assist farmers in acquiring loans against the kilogrammes of coffee delivered from financial institutions by acting as their guarantors.

Further, paying farmers through the M-pesa will make it difficult for them to consolidate the money to support their families, Macharia added.

Mugo Wagikombe from Baragwi Cooperative Society claimed there is a scheme by some government officials and some banks to benefit from the DSS system.

He wondered why the government has persisted in its bid to implement the direct payments despite farmers' opposition.

Gerald Murango, who is a member of Kabare Cooperative Society, said

paying them directly will render many Kenyans working in co-operatives at a time when the government is making efforts to create jobs.

"What will happen to all the loans that are yet to be cleared? Do they expect farmers to forward the funds required to service them to the co-operative after being paid?" he said.

Farmers' strong opinions on the payments have left their co-operatives' officials in limbo with the directive expected to be enforced from July 1 this year.

In March, Co-operatives CS Wycliffe Oparanya praised the DSS for facilitating smooth payments and ensuring farmers are paid on time.

Addressing farmers at Ndumberi in Kiambu, Oparanya said that from July, 80 per cent of the proceeds will

be going directly to farmers pocket, while 20 per cent will go towards the co-operative societies.

He said when need arises for the co-operatives to deduct anything more than 20 per cent, they will have to write to the ministry detailing reasons why.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

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HEALTH THREAT

Herders told not to treat cattle by themselves

ALICE WAITHERA

THE National Veterinary Board has expressed concerns over the rising cases of pastoralists buying cattle medicine over the counter and treating herds themselves.

Benson Kibore, the director of compliance and livestock market surveillance, said the trend risks increasing anti-microbial resistance in the people consuming the animal products.

Others, he said, seek the services of unlicensed individuals when their herds are unwell, and who have no professional skills to treat them.

Inspecting pastoralist areas in Northern Kenya, Kibore said the board is keen on weeding out quacks and agrovet selling drugs directly to farmers.

"These habits are exposing many unsuspecting Kenyans to anti-microbial resistance which is a pandemic waiting to happen," he said.

The government, he said, will not allow herders to poison themselves through improper and unregulated use of animal medicines.

He said such practices have also hindered the access of local animal products, such as camel milk, into the international market.

"This is a public health issue. It's why we're restricting access to medicines, and anybody who handles them outside the confines of what's allowed in law will be dealt with. This includes outlets that sell drugs to farmers directly," Kibore said.

He said once an animal is unwell, a farmer should contact a veterinary officer, who is then required to take samples to determine what the animal is ailing from.

This makes it easier to detect outbreaks and control them before they spread too far and affect many animals. But in cases where farmers and herders treat their animals themselves, such outbreaks catch the attention of the government too late.

CLOSER SERVICES

KDF to expand the Kenneth Matiba hospital in Murang'a



Kenneth Matiba Hospital at Makenji in Murang'a county /ALICE WAITHERA

ALICE WAITHERA

THE Kenya Defence Forces have begun constructing a new 100-bed facility that will include a trauma centre and a doctors' plaza at the Kenneth Matiba Hospital in Murang'a.

The facility, originally established at Kenol town to offer optical and dental services, was relocated in July last year to Makenji.

It is built along the Thika-Embu highway on 1,300 acres ceded by Delmonte Company to the county.

This helped the county save Sh1.2 million that the facility accrued every month in rent, while easing access to services by Kandara, Maragua and Gatanga residents.

On Friday, Defence PS Patrick Mariru led the ground breaking ceremony.

He said the construction will be overseen by the KDF and will be completed in six months.

"President William Ruto earlier spoke to the local leadership," Mariru said.

"We have been instructed to expand the facility."

The project he will be undertaken by a local contractor, who will be required to source for labour locally, and will be funded by the national government.

"The Ministry of Defence will not be the hands on the ground," he said.

"Its role is just supervising, and we're finalising on the total costs of the expansion."

The ministry is undertaking similar projects in Meru, JM Kariuki (Nyandarua), Nyamira, Siaya, Sogoo (Narok), Narok, Githunguri (Kiambu) and Mutu-ini (Nairobi) health facilities.

The expansion will expand the facility from the current 20-bed capacity and provide treatment to the many accident victims along the highway.

Governor Irungu Kang'ata said accident victims are currently forced to travel to Maragua or Murang'a hospitals, which are far off, to get treatment.

"The PS has assured us that construction will start on Monday and will be completed in time," he said.

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Governor Adulswamad Nassir is welcomed by John Yegon during a public forum at Hotel Sapphire in Mombasa

/BRIAN OTIENO

HEALTH HAZARD

Furious Nassir: 95% of Mombasa effluent goes into the ocean

Liquid waste mostly comes from hotels and residential areas

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MOMBASA cannot account for the disposal of 95 per cent of its liquid waste, Governor Adulswamad Nassir has said.

He said most exhausters dump effluent in the ocean or in the county's stormwater drainage pipes.

"This is the same ocean I swam in when I was young and would like my grandchildren to swim in and see fish. Wouldn't you want that too?" Nassir posed.

He said the proliferation of high-rise buildings has made the situation worse because most do not have biodigesters as required. Apart from residential areas, the effluent comes from hotels and other establishments. "The question is, where does all the waste go to? Because it cannot be accounted for," Nassir said.

He spoke on Saturday when he met the built environment stakeholders at Sapphire Hotel. The governor said Mombasa residents are used to calling in exhausters whenever their septic tanks are full, but they never care where all that waste is taken to.

He said the county will now collect sewage from the developers' buildings. The governor gave developers who have connected their sewer lines to the county's stormwater drainage system a grace period to rectify the mess.

He did not specify how long.

"If you don't do the right thing

within a specified period, we will come in, dig the soak pit even if it means you will lose a flat. Because we cannot continue like this forever," Nassir said.

He said the county will then instal biodigesters for the developer but surcharge them.

Nassir said the county will then engage the exhausters services companies to collect liquid waste from the soak pits and pay them so residents will not have to pay the exhausters.

"This way, we will know where they take the waste, because it has become a problem," the governor said.

The governor added the Kizingo Sewer Treatment plant has been dead for 33 years, while the Kipevu one has been dead for 13 years, and reviving them would cost billions of shillings.

Kipevu was supposed to be financed by the World Bank and the National Treasury but there have been delays, with now plans likely to include the private sector.

The county, Nassir said, is mulling over putting up a faecal treatment plant to treat the waste that comes out of the biodigesters. "We need to work together on this," he said.

Nassir said Nyali and Tudor areas were built with the hope that developers would instal biodigesters in their buildings. Instead, most developers opt to ignore the biodigester requirement and connect the sewer to the county's stormwater drainage system. "We cannot continue like this. We

are sinking," Nassir said.

On solid waste management, which has become a menace to residents, the governor announced elaborate plans to deal with it using 41 youth groups.

On a trial basis, the county will engage the 41 youth groups to collect waste twice a week from houses and the county will pay them.

The groups will be given specific areas of operation, supervised by residents. The county will buy tuk-tuks and uniform for garbage collection for the groups, and two new trucks for the county.

Nassir said the garbage collectors will also be given health cover by the county. "We will do financial literacy tests for them too. The first trial will be for certain areas only because we cannot go full force into the matter because if there is going to be teething problems there will be issues," the county chief said.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Waste management in Mombasa has been a menace. The county has a policy on solid waste management, which also touches on liquid waste. However, this is not implemented to the letter as rogue waste collectors dump garbage in undesignated places. In the leafy suburbs of Tudor, residential buildings are said to dump their waste into the ocean.

REDUCE IMPORTS

Calls mount to back farmers to increase production of food

BRIAN OTIENO

THE business community in Mombasa is rooting for empowerment of farmers to boost agricultural output.

Led by Kenya National Chambers of Commerce and Industry-Mombasa branch chairman Aboud Jamal, the business community said on Friday farmers need proper empowerment to become more productive and help Kenya reduce reliance on imported food.

He said agribusiness is a sector that has the potential to boost the Kenyan economy tenfold if properly harnessed.

"The ASK show promotes different kinds of innovations in farming and should these be properly implemented in Kenya, together with the support of the government through empowerment of farmers, we will have no need to import any food," Jamal said.

He said with different ideas and innovations from different countries to be showcased at the Mombasa International Show, Kenya can gain significantly by adopting some of the innovations.

Coast, he said, should be looking at sustainable ways of doing agriculture, even without adequate parcels of land.

He said there are many African countries who are steps ahead of Kenya in terms of agricultural productivity, technology adoption and policy implementation, and these are the countries Kenya should learn from.

They include Ethiopia, Nigeria and Ghana, who have been invited to the Mombasa Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Show.

"The government must look at different ways to empower farmers in Kenya to adopt technology. The government can also provide farm inputs and implements like fertilisers to enable farmers," Jamal said.

"I believe if we get such inputs, we will not be talking about importing food and cereals from other countries."

He said if farmers in Rift Valley are properly empowered, Kenya will largely be food secure. "However,

there should be a delicate balance because millers know the proper mix required. So, they must be brought on board and be listened to," Jamal said.

"Are the seeds they require available locally? Can they be developed and how long will it take?"

Henry Nyaga, the Mombasa International ASK Show chairman, said this year's show is set for September 3 to 7.

Exhibitors have been allowed to start preparation for the show.

More than 1,000 exhibitors, including international ones, have been invited and at least 400 are expected to show up.

Nyaga said the show is an opportunity for Mombasa residents to learn about urban agriculture, which can be done even in small spaces in residential areas.

"For instance, mushroom farming, which we are promoting here at the Mombasa International Show, can be done even in the smallest of places on the balcony or at the rooftop," Nyaga said.

He said with the Indian Ocean in place, Mombasa residents can get innovative information that can help them harness the ocean's potential at the show.

Dola sales manager Shariff Abdalla said this year they will be participating in the Mombasa International Show under the banner of Dola Group.

"In the past, we have been participating under Kitui Flour Mills. But we thank God the company has grown and we are now under the Dola Group, where we have many other products including Vipingo Industries Limited, which deals with cooking fat and Dola Tea Leaves," he said.

Dola is one of the main sponsors of the Mombasa International ASK Show.

Abdalla said they will be showcasing the digital nature of the company, which has an application where the public can shop using their phones and the goods will be delivered to them.



Dola sales manager Shariff Abdalla speaks during the Mombasa International ASK Show meeting on Friday /BRIAN OTIENO

NEWS COUNTIES

NGUZO KUMI

Bii pledges support to over 1,800 rehabilitated addicts

Programme is offered free of charge as part of the governor's Nguzo Kumi agenda

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UASIN Gishu will sustain support for more than 1,800 addicts who have been rehabilitated in a campaign conducted by the county, Governor Jonathan Bii has said.

The campaign has been ongoing for two years in a bid to combat alcohol and drug abuse, which remains a major challenge in the region.

"Our rehabilitation programme is a game changer in the lives of many people in our county because it has helped to restore hope in their lives," Bii said.

He spoke at the Moiben Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, which he visited after commissioning construction work for the Moiben subcounty hospital.

The latest cohort graduated from the centre after they completed a comprehensive 90-day programme. The programme is offered free of charge as part of the governor's Nguzo Kumi (ten-point) development agenda.

Koiya arap Maiyo, director of the county Alcoholic Drinks Control board, said the county was among few others offering completely free, full-board rehabilitation services, including meals, counselling and family therapy.

"The estimated cost of rehabilitating one individual is Sh150,000, but our residents do not pay a shilling and this is a bold and compassionate investment our Governor Jonathan Bii is giving to residents," he said.

The programme, designed with both residential and community-based options, is supported by an extensive grassroots referral network involving ward administrators, sub-county officers and national government agents, where selection is open,



Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii tours a project implemented under his 10-point development initiative /HANDOUT

based on need and spread across the county. During the graduation ceremony attended by senior government officials, Dr Florence Jaguga represented the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital while Nacada was represented by Robert Olweny.

This was the fourth cohort to graduate from the facility since its initiation, bringing the total number of rehabilitated individuals to over 1,800.

Dr Paul Wangwe, who is the chief officer for Preventive and Promotive Health, praised the governor for fulfilling his second Nguzo manifesto pledge by establishing the centre and

ensuring continuous support.

"Addiction is a disease that affects entire families, and what we are witnessing is the county's commitment not just to treat, but to transform lives," Wangwe said.

He said the county had a comprehensive plan to expand facilities at its rehabilitation centres.

Olweny, Nacada's regional manager, noted that Moiben is one of the few centres in the country on track to receive formal accreditation for meeting international treatment standards.

"We've inspected and monitored this facility and found it to be a model of excellence."

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The Moiben Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre operated by Uasin Gishu county is rated to be one of the best public rehabs with well-trained experts. The centre applies a comprehensive 90-day programme which also has a follow-up component that ensures those rehabilitated do not relapse again. The programme is offered free of charge county is investing another Sh11 million to expand the rehabilitation services this year.

PUBLIC HEALTH PUSH

Trans Nzoia ramps up public awareness for vaccination drive

MATHEWS NDANYI

TRANS Nzoia county has initiated a health sensitisation campaign in preparation for the upcoming major national vaccination drive targeting measles-rubella and typhoid.

The county targets to inoculate over 600,000 children against the two diseases and comes amid growing concern over the resurgence of vaccine-preventable ailments.

Health stakeholders in Saboti subcounty and other areas convened to strategise and mobilise the community ahead of the July rollout of a countywide vaccination campaign. The meeting brought together county health officials, healthcare workers, teachers and community leaders to enhance public awareness and support.

Saboti nurse in charge, Millicent Mitei, stressed the urgency of the initiative, noting the rising threat of measles outbreaks.

"Measles remains one of the leading causes of death among children. It is highly contagious and spreads rapidly, especially in schools if not addressed through timely vaccination," Mitei said.

She cited global data showing 10.3 million measles cases reported in 2023 – a 20 per cent increase from the previous year – with 107,500 deaths, mostly in low-income countries.

Africa accounted for 64 per cent of the global caseload, with over 6.6 million cases, attributed in part to disrupted immunisation services following the Covid-19 pandemic.

The upcoming campaign will target children aged nine months to five years with the measles-rubella vaccine. Children born between July 2011 and October 2024 will receive the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine.

The campaign will utilise multiple strategies, including mobile clinics, school outreach, door-to-door visits and community mobilisation by health volunteers.

SUPPORTING LEARNERS

Governor issues bursaries to thousands, defends aid to needy



A child is vaccinated at a hospital in Trans Nzoia /MATHEWS NDANYI

MATHEWS NDANYI

Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich has issued bursaries to 9,828 needy and vulnerable students in various learning institutions.

The county boss issued a joint cheque of Sh100,967,894, with 60 per cent of the amount benefiting secondary school students and the rest shared among institutions of higher learning.

The governor expressed concern that going forward, counties may not be allowed to fund bursaries.

"We have engaged the President to help us find a way forward but I am not sure whether we will get a solution because of the law," he said while handing the bursaries at his office.

He urged residents to support and implement his wealth creation strategy to cushion them in catering for their children's education and for generational wealth.

"We have so many needy children in our county who require support from the county and other stakeholders to ensure they complete their education," Rotich said.

He urged the government to expand the bursaries initiative, but added the county was rolling out initiatives to create wealth and empower residents.

"We envisage a situation where families will be able to pay for needs like school fees instead of relying on bursaries," Rotich said.

Deputy Governor Grace Cheserek said the wealth strategy was already changing lives and urged residents to embrace it.

MCAs, led by majority leader Stephen Cheruiyot, commended the executive for pushing to have Elgeyo Marakwet among three counties whose bursaries were recently approved. Education committee chairman, Christopher Cheboiboch, announced that in the next financial year, the assembly would approve funds to confirm all ECDE teachers on permanent and pensionable terms.

Acting education executive Edwin Kibor appealed to the assembly for support towards Vocational Training Centres, saying limited funding hampered enrolment.

NEWS COUNTIES

SAVING KENYA

Stop this madness, state urged over deadly demos



Garissa elders led by Kenya Livestock Marketing Council chairman Dubat Amey (C) speak to the press at a local hotel on Sunday /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

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THE government should not allow any more demonstrations as they say are only leading to death, destruction and lawlessness, elders in Garissa have said.

Speaking to the press at a Garissa hotel, they said that while the right to peaceful assembly and expression is enshrined in the Constitution and must be respected, the increasing tensions, destruction of property and risk to human life are deeply troubling.

The Kenya Livestock Marketing Council chairman Dubat Amey said the time has come for all Kenyans to defend the nation from sliding into lawlessness.

"We don't want our men and women to be incited into violence by self-seeking politicians," Dubat said.

"If the whole thing is about seeking regime change, let us do it through constitutional means."

Dubat said it was regrettable to see businesses looted, offices, houses and vehicles torched, all in the name of demonstrating.

The trend risks plunging the country into total chaos, he said.

"We have never witnessed peaceful demonstrations in this country. They have always been violent and disruptive," he said.

Garissa county chair for people with disability Aden Bille said no right-thinking Kenyan would support such demonstrations.

He said the demonstrations are erasing all the gains the country has made in terms of development.

"We all regret the loss of lives that should never have happened in the first place," he said.

"However, we think the actions

that have followed in the name of demonstrations are uncalled for. As we speak, hundreds of businessmen and women are counting losses amounting to millions."

Bille singled out PWDs, whom he said are the most affected whenever there are demonstrations.

Most of them either had their small businesses looted or were themselves injured since they could not run to safety, he said.

James Maina, another elder, warned of instability, undermining the very objectives the protests seek to achieve.

He urged protest organisers, government authorities and all involved parties to seek peaceful avenues for addressing grievances.

Only through mutual understanding, transparency and inclusive engagement can lasting solutions be found, he said.

LEADERS FAULTED

Resource misuse stalls Northeastern — envoy

Region receives a lot of money but still cries marginalisation, said Abdi Dubat

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LEADERS from Northeastern should use resources properly to uplift the lives of residents, Kenya's consul general to Tanzania Abdi Dubat has said.

Receiving the endorsement of his Authanaq clan to run for governor in Garissa yesterday, he said the region has received a lot of resources from the national government and development partners.

"Since Independence, the people of Northeastern have been lamenting marginalisation. We got devolution and we have been receiving a lot of money and we are still crying of marginalisation," Dubat said.

"We are the ones marginalising ourselves because we should have strategies to work for the people with the resources we receive. I am calling on all the people in the region to choose leaders who will make a change."

Garissa is currently led by Nathif Adam, who is serving his final term.

Garissa internal audit director Zainab Duntow challenged the youth with no ID cards to apply and ready themselves to acquire a voter's card that they will use to elect leaders of their choice.

"To the elders, youth and women of our great community, your role starts now," the Fafi MP aspirant said.

Dubat said the endorsement of Sultan Dekow Sambul reflects the trust of a respected family and the wider community in his leadership and vision.

"I accept it with humility, guided by our shared values of unity, service and justice," he said.

"Today is not just a personal milestone, it is a defining moment for the Authaq community."

He thanked fellow aspirants from his clan for accepting the elders' ver-



Abdi Dubat, Kenya's consul general to Tanzania, speaks after receiving his endorsement to run for Garissa governor /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

dict, calling on them to join him in his quest to restore hope for the people of Garissa.

"Our young people are jobless here. We have no access to clean water in this town. Our roads are very bad, there's low voltage electricity and the town is filled with garbage," he said.

"I want to assure the people of Garissa county that if I become governor in 2027, we will not have these problems."

Dubat will now face candidates from other clans in the county running for the same position.

"Devolution marked a significant step toward inclusivity, giving counties the autonomy and means to shape their own destinies," he said.

"However, the implementation in some areas, especially in our county,

has fallen short of expectations."

He said there was poor governance, mismanagement of funds and lack of accountability.

This has left the county grappling with underdevelopment, inadequate infrastructure and limited access to basic services, he said.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Northeastern is widely considered to be a marginalised region. This has historical roots, dating back to the colonial era, and manifests in underdevelopment, limited access to resources and opportunities and persistent poverty. However, Abdi Dubat, blames it on bad governance.

GOLDEN CROP

Farmers of pigeon peas to get state aid, pledges Kindiki

MUSEMBI NZENGU

THE government will soon support farmers of pigeon peas, green gram and cowpeas just like it supports coffee and tea farmers.

The crops are dominant in the semi-arid Kitui, Machakos, Makueni and Tharaka Nithi counties.

Speaking in Kitui on Saturday, Deputy President Kithure Kindiki lamented that their production has dwindled due to lack of government support.

"I am planning to hold a meeting in Nairobi next month for farmers from this region so we can brainstorm with government officers, including the Agriculture CS," he said.

The DP was addressing a fundraiser for women, youth and small traders at Kwa Mutonga Primary School in Kitui West constituency.

Since Independence, coffee and tea farmers have been getting policy, financial, material and marketing support from the government. At times, they enjoy loan waivers.

Kindiki announced that next month, he will host about 10,000 farmers from the pigeon peas, green gram and cowpeas-growing areas of eastern Kenya to explore government support for them.

"Pigeon peas are like gold. It is a pricey crop but farmers do not enjoy government support, and the return from pigeon is too low," the DP said.

"Production has also plummeted because we have not given it due attention."

The Deputy President said supporting agriculture will not only increase production but also the incomes of farmers at the grassroots.

Meanwhile, the government is spending billions of shillings to develop Kitui county and Ukambani region as a whole to uplift local economies and improve the lives of residents, Kindiki said.



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki dances with Ukambani leaders in Kitui west on Saturday /MUSEMBI NZENGU

NEWS COUNTIES



Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi and other leaders, including Health CS Aden Duale and National Assembly Majority leader Kimani Ichung'wah at a fundraiser aimed at boosting the operations and welfare of Bunge la Wananchi in Kisumu /FAITH MATETE

COUNTRYWIDE DEMONSTRATIONS

Gen Z protest hijacked by shadowy forces – CS

Wandayi says right to protest shouldn't come at the expense of national security

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THE Gen Z-led protests have been infiltrated by forces seeking to topple the government, Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi has said.

He told those pushing for regime change to come out in the open instead of sending young people in harm's way. "We cannot allow them to achieve that through the Gen Z movement," Wandayi said in Muhoroni at the weekend.

"If you are man enough, come out and lead the demonstrations yourself. Don't hide and send other people's children to die for your ambitions," he added.

The CS thanked Kisumu residents for shunning last week's protest, saying it was a sign of political maturity and respect for ODM leader Raila Odinga's new direction.

"Our people in Kisumu did well

by refusing to participate in the demonstration. Those who wanted the city to burn were disappointed. We embarrassed the devil. We have demonstrated long enough and our people are tired," Wandayi said.

The CS reiterated the constitutional right to demonstrate but cautioned that it should not come at the expense of national security.

"We have a duty as citizens to protect the sovereignty, integrity and security of this country. Even as others exercise their rights, we must preserve Kenya," he said.

Wandayi urged for patience and political engagement through elections, warning those trying to force their way into power to stop hiding behind young people.

"If you are impatient and can't wait for the next general election to try and gain power, then go to the streets yourself. Don't sacrifice the youth for your selfish ambitions," he said.

The CS took applauded Raila's decision to work with President William Ruto, saying the agreement has restored national stability and opened the door for inclusive governance.

"We must applaud our leader Raila for choosing to work with President Ruto. That coming together has created a sense of tranquility in the country. It is important for national development," Wandayi said.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

On Wednesday last week, protests were held to mark the first anniversary of the June 25, 2024, demonstrations, during which at least 60 protesters were killed. Gen Z say they will continue to speak out against oppressive taxation, corruption and poor governance.

HE TOLD THOSE PUSHING FOR REGIME CHANGE TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN INSTEAD OF SENDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN HARM'S WAY

GONE TO THE DOGS

Honour Gen Z pledges, ODM pact to end crisis, Osotsi tells government

HILTON OTENYO

THE government should urgently keep the promises made during a meeting with Gen Z after their deadly protests last year to ease the political tension in the country, Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi has said.

Osotsi said there is no need for another national dialogue between the government and youth, since earlier agreements have not been implemented.

"The government should give a report card on the progress so far made towards implementing the resolutions reached during the meeting. The county is bleeding – let us not be the generation that stood by while our nation went to the dogs," he said during a service at the Kenya Israel Church in Ebwiranyi, Luan-da subcounty, on Saturday.

"The President had a meeting with the Gen Zs and agreed on some resolutions. Even us, as senators, took two weeks debating the demands by the youths and made recommendations but nothing has happened."

Osotsi said this is not the time for pride or politics, chest-thumping or issuing threats, but confronting the problem head-on because no one is safe, whether in government or the opposition.

"This is not a time for humility, for service and for bold, compassionate leadership," he said, in reference to the controversial remarks by Interior CS Kipchumba Murkomen who reportedly instructed police to "shoot at protesters".

Osotsi warned the government against heavy-handed tactics in dealing with the situation.

The frustrations expressed by the youth, largely driven by economic hardship, unemployment and perceived systemic neglect, are legitimate and must be addressed with urgency and sincerity.

The country is at a crossroads following waves of unrest and youth-led demonstrations that have rocked major towns across the country, leading to destruction of property and deaths.

Osotsi said the government should also implement recommendations in other stakeholder reports on demands by the youths, including the agreement signed between UDA and ODM that resulted in the broad-based government.

The ten-point agenda that formed the basis of the MoU between the two parties entail all issues the Gen Zs have been agitating for, he added.

"The unfortunate thing is that no one in government is talking about the MoU. It's only us in ODM that are talking about it and it appears the government only signed it for the sake of cameras," he said.

"Agreements made in the public interest must be upheld with integrity. We cannot only blame the youth because they have a right to ask when things seem not to work right but the government must also play its part of listening to them."

ADVANCING CLEAN ENERGY

Local leaders back first nuclear plant in Siaya amid calls for unity

FAITH MATETE

SIAYA leaders have declared their support for the proposed establishment of Kenya's first nuclear power plant in the region. The leaders termed it a transformative project with vast potential – if implemented with transparency, safety and public inclusion.

During a stakeholder engagement meeting at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, the leaders acknowledged the project's strategic significance in advancing clean energy and economic growth.

Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi confirmed that the government is targeting 2034 to commission the nuclear plant, which aligns with national development blueprints including Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"This stakeholder meeting is a cornerstone of our ministry's commitment to transparency, collaboration and inclusive development," Wandayi said.

The programme is in Phase 2 of the International Atomic Energy Agency Milestones Approach. Significant progress has been

made in areas such as feasibility studies, legal frameworks and human resource development.

One of the candidate sites for the plant, Lwanda Kotieno in Rarieda constituency, has already undergone early evaluation.

Wandayi said beyond powering the national grid, the project is expected to create thousands of jobs, boost local infrastructure, attract investments and equip young people with advanced technical skills.

"We're committed to ensuring that the benefits of this programme are maximised for the local community," he assured.



Energy CS Opiyo Wandayi at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology for a stakeholders' meeting as Siaya positions itself to host the first nuclear power plant /FAITH MATETE

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON PLOT L.R NO. NAIROBI/BLOCK 3/24 & NAIROBI/BLOCK 2/228 ALONG MUTHANGARI DRIVE, NAIROBI COUNTY.

Pursuant to section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Majestic Haven Company Limited**, proposes to construct 3No. residential building blocks of 16 storey each with (4No. basements, ground plus 16No. floors) comprising a total of 360 apartment units (192 No. two-bedroom units, 96No. three-bedroom units and 72 No. four-bedroom units) swimming pool, club house, fitness centre, children play area, driveways and sidewalks, associated facilities and amenities on plot L.R. No Nairobi/Block 3/24 & Nairobi/Block 2/228 along Muthangari, Nairobi County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Proposed mitigation measures
Soil erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Control earthworks.Install drainage structures to control flow of storm water.Ensure and management of excavation activities.
Loss of vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Only area earmarked for development should be cleared.Plant trees, shrubs, and flowers on remaining open spaces.
Changes in hydrology/impended drainage/deep excavations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proper installation of drainage structuresInstall cascades to break the impact of water flowing in the drainsEnsure efficiency of drainage structures through proper design and maintenanceProvide gratings to the drainage channelsA geotechnical survey shall be conducted and the recommendations thereof followed. There shall be no blasting during excavationA methodology for excavation shall be generated as required by NCA.
Air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stockpiles of earth should be sprayed with water or covered during dry seasons.Provide dust masks for personnel in dusty areasSensitize construction workers on pollution control measuresCover all trucks hauling soil, sand and other loose materials
Noise pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Install suitable barriers to shield compressors and other small stationery equipment where necessaryDisplay signs to indicate construction activitiesMaintain all equipmentThe working hours should be in line with NEMA licensing conditionsAdhere to provisions of Noise Prevention and Control Rules 2005, Legal Notice no.24 regarding noise limits at the workplace as well as NEMA Noise Excessive Vibration Pollution Control Regulations, 2000
Public health, occupation health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Train staff/workers on occupational health and safetyProvide full protective gear & workmen's compensation cover in addition to the right tools and operational instructions & manuals during construction.Design of sewerage system should be as provided in the plans and should be constructed to approved size and design, standard and of approved materials.Ensure use of standard construction materials and to the specifications. Avoid undesirable, substandard, hazardous or unauthorised materials during construction & maintenance.Sensitized staff on social/health issues such as drugs
Road traffic disruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No overloading of trucks and good driving practices to be practicedSuitable junction/access point to be providedUse of appropriate & legible signageEmployment of formal flagmen/women to ensure the public safetyFollow the recommendations of the traffic management plan.
Insecurity and social impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provision of security guards, CCTV cameras, security lights and other security apparatus during the entire project cycleConstruction work timings shall only be in line with the NEMA licensing conditions.
Increased water usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An alternative water source shall be provided. The proponent shall drill a borehole at the proposed siteManagement of water usage. Avoid unnecessary wastageRecycling of water at the construction phase where possibleMake use of roof catchments to provide water. i.e. for general purpose
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2. Director General
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3. County Director of Environment,
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ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) AND LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) TERMINAL & JETTY ON PLOT NO. KWALE/SHIMONI ADJ/441, KWALE COUNTY.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, **Ken Petrogas Limited**, proposes to construct a Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal and Jetty comprising of 2No. 5000 metric tonnes LPG storage tanks, 6No. trucks loading bay, 4No. 35,000 cubic meters LNG storage tanks, 2No. 10 million water storage and fire pumps, floating offloading jetty, trucks parking, marshalling yard, terminal control room, LPG pumps and compressors, weighbridge, administration office block, perimeter masonry wall, security station, associated facilities and amenities on plot No. Kwale/Shimoni ADJ/441, Kwale County.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Impacts	Proposed mitigation measures
Noise & Vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clear lines of communication will be developed between the project team, contractors and any affected premises.Construction work will be carried out during daytime only, where possible. If night working is required, the contractor should inform and agree with local area residents and concerned agencies.All vehicles and mechanical plant used for construction should be fitted with effective exhaust silencers, and regularly maintained.Compressors and pumps should be positioned so as to cause minimum noise disturbance. If necessary, temporary acoustic barriers or enclosures should be provided.
Increased Solid & Effluent Generation Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Segregate waste at point of generation.Any hazardous waste material will be sited on an impervious base within an oil-tight bund with no drainage outlet.Liquid waste, including solvents and oil, will be securely stored in banded compounds prior to collection by a registered waste handler.In the event of a spill, immediate clean-up will be undertaken. It is recommended that appropriate spill kits or absorbent materials are held on site.Waste water (sewage) from the construction camp will be channeled into the existing sewer trunk.
Occupational Safety and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The site must be fully fenced (hoarding) to prevent unauthorized access onto the site.Potentially hazardous areas must be demarcated and clearly marked.Design suitable documented emergency preparedness and evacuation procedures to be used during any emergency.Provide measures to deal with emergencies and accidents including adequate first aid arrangements & provision of emergency telephone numbers.
Increased Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Driver Code of Conduct will be implemented stipulating and governing safe driving behavior, which will include no use of cell phones whilst driving.All vehicles should not exceed the mandated speed limits of 30km/h.A Traffic Management Plan will be developed and implemented, with at least the following provisions included: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">All drivers will be sensitized to potential accident risks;All vehicles will be regularly checked and maintained in good condition.
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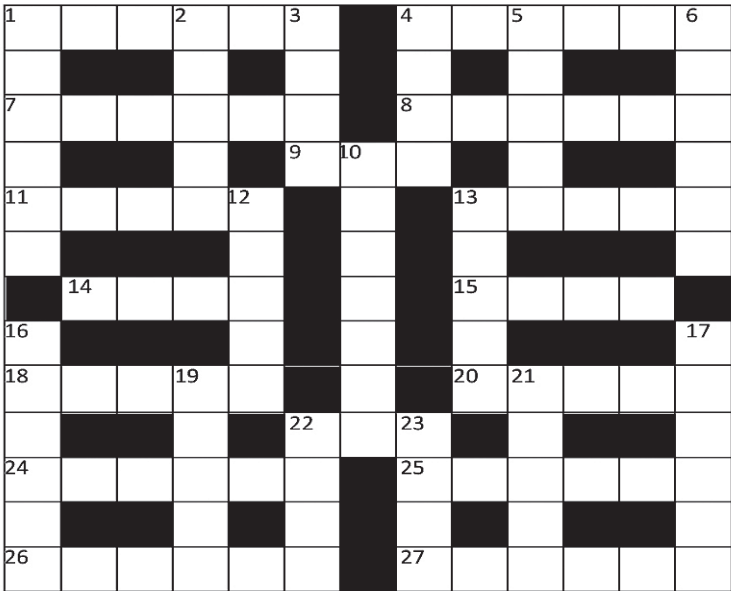
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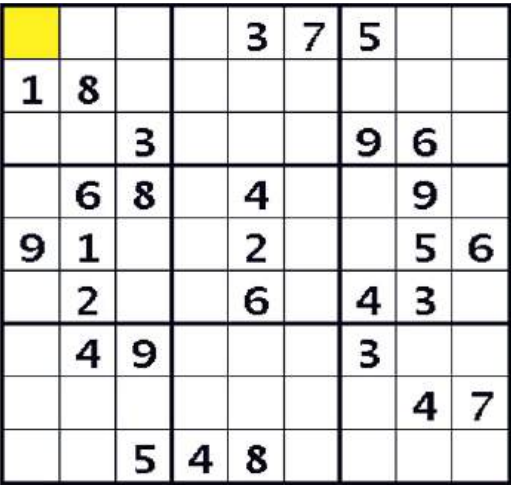
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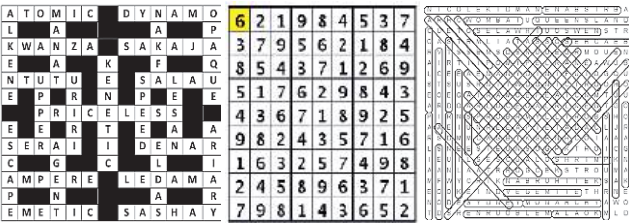
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Yesterday solutions



WORD SEARCH

Find and mark all the words hidden inside the box. The words may be placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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- PIE
- PUMPKIN
- RAKE
- RED LEAVES
- SCARECROW
- SCHOOL
- SEASON
- SEPTEMBER
- SHORTER DAYS
- SQUASH
- SWEET POTATOES
- THANKSGIVING
- TURKEY
- WINDY
- YELLOW LEAVES

ALL IN THE STARS



CANCER

June 22 – July 22

You are best to stick to basics. Work on getting ahead by picking up added skills.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Be careful not to come on too strongly. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Consider selling your homemade crafts at the flea market.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 23

Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. Your partner's a little jumpy.

LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

You will profit from home improvement projects and real estate deals. Be careful when dealing with loved ones.

SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

Colleagues may try to undermine you when talking to superiors. Dead end projects could plague you.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

You will be able to talk to your lover about future goals and perhaps make plans for the two of you to take a vacation.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

If you've taken on a lot of work, be sure to leave some time for yourself and family.

AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

Don't jump too quickly regarding an investment that appears to be good.

PISCES

February 20 – March 20

You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation.

ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Don't blow situations out of proportion. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture.

TAURUS

April 21– May 21

Your obviously unique way of doing things has caught the eye of someone in a higher position.

GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

You can pick up additional responsibility that will lead to higher wages and a better position.

'I tell my children not to play so we save money on soap'

BBC/ Suzanna Kathumba, a domestic worker in Malawi, spends every day thinking of ways she can economise to make her salary of 80,000 kwacha (\$46; £34) a month stretch to support her family.

As she wrings a wet cloth from a bucket of water in the living room and starts by wiping down the tables and chairs, she considers her latest ploy to save money.

"I've told my youngest children not to get too dirty when playing so we can save on soap," the 43-year-old told the BBC.

"But it's hard because children are children, they want to play."

For the past few months Ms Kathumba, a divorced mother of four working in the capital, Lilongwe, has been struggling to survive on her salary because of the surging prices of goods in the market.

With little financial support from her ex-husband, she is the sole earner for the household. Most of her money goes back to her four children, who live in their home town of Kasungu, around 130km (80 miles) north-west of capital. The two youngest children are still in school and two older ones are unemployed.

In May, the annual inflation rate in Malawi was 27.7% – one of the highest in Africa – a decline from 29.2% in April.



"What is surprising is that salaries are staying the same, but the price of commodities keeps going up on a daily basis," Ms Kathumba said.

TELEVISION LINEUP – MONDAY



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10:30AM	BEAT BREAK	7:30PM	THE GRIND
11:00AM	ECO AFRICA - RPT	8:00PM	DW DOCUFILM
2:00PM	TV47 MATUKIO	8:30PM	NEW LIFE BEGINS
3:00PM	BAZE 47	9:00PM	THE DAILY REPORT
3:30PM	AKILI KIDS	10:00PM	90+
4:00PM	NUZO AND NAMIA (ENGLISH)	11:00PM	90+
4:15PM	TV47 NEWS NOW	12:00AM	BEATPLUG MIX
4:30PM	BEAT BREAK		

ODDLY ENOUGH



RIVALRY RENEWED

Former record holder Kosgei set for Sifan showdown in Sydney



Former world marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei /HANDOUT

TEDDY MULEI

FORMER world marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei is poised for a thrilling duel with Olympic champion Sifan Hassan at the Sydney Marathon on August 31.

Race organisers had earlier confirmed Hassan as the marquee name in the women's field, but the inclusion of Kosgei has significantly raised the stakes.

Race Director Wayne Larden said the calibre of this year's women's field marks a turning point for marathon racing in Australia.

"This is without question the greatest women's marathon field ever seen in Australia. With some of

the world's fastest and top-ranked athletes confirmed, Sydney is now firmly on the map as a world-class marathon destination," Larden said.

Kosgei, the 2020 Olympic silver medallist, will be lining up for only her second race of the year following her season debut in Hamburg on April 27.

She finished second in 2:18:26 behind Ethiopia's Workenesh Edesa, who clocked 2:17:55. Another Ethiopian, Sichala Kumeshi, followed in third, clocking 2:19:53.

This won't be the first Kosgei, Hassan face-off. Their last showdown came at the 2023 London Marathon, where Hassan stunned the world with a

marathon debut victory, clocking 2:18:33. Megertu Alemu (2:18:37) and Peres Jepchirchir (2:18:38) completed the podium.

Kosgei, meanwhile, failed to finish that race. The Kenyan long-distance star will be eager to flip the script in Sydney. Kosgei holds a glittering resume over the distance, including Olympic silver from Tokyo 2020, where she clocked 2:27:36 behind compatriot Jepchirchir (2:27:20).

She boasts back-to-back Chicago Marathon titles in 2018 (2:18:35) and 2019, when she set the then-world record of 2:14:04 ahead of Ethiopia's Ababel Yeshaneh (2:20:51) and Gelete Burka (2:20:55).

She finished runner-up in the 2017 Chicago race, posting 2:20:22 behind Tirunesh Dibaba (2:18:30). Kosgei holds back-to-back triumphs from London — 2019 (2:18:20) and 2020 (2:18:58).

She claimed a runner-up finish in the 2018 edition, clocking 2:20:13 behind compatriot Vivian Cheruiyot (2:18:31).

In 2021, Kosgei claimed the Tokyo Marathon title, clocking 2:16:02 ahead of Ethiopians Ashete Bekere (2:17:58) and Gotytom Gebreslase (2:18:18).

Hassan, on the other hand, is eyeing her first marathon win of the year. The Dutch sensation opened her 2025 season with a third-place finish in London, clocking 2:19:00 behind Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa (2:15:50) and Kenya's Joyciline Jepkosgei (2:18:44).

Her pedigree over the 42km distance includes victories in Chicago 2023 (2:13:44), London 2023 and at the 2024 Paris Olympics (2:22:55).

Adding firepower to the women's elite field is a formidable Ethiopian contingent led by the in-form Edesa, who is eyeing a hat-trick of wins in 2025 following victories in Osaka (2:21:00) and Hamburg.

She will be joined by 2019 Berlin Marathon champion Bekere, Meseret Belete and Tiruye Mesfin.

Nyanchama eyes more KLGU GOTY series glory after winning Ruiru leg

BY TEDDY MULEI

MERCY Nyanchama is aiming for even greater heights in the Kenya Ladies Golf Union (KLGU) Golfer of the Year (GOTY) series after stamping her authority over the weekend at the Ruiru Golf Club.

Nyanchama fired an impressive gross score of 74 to claim the overall crown in a highly competitive field.

She highlighted the pristine conditions of the course and her confidence, which secured her victory.

"Everything just came together. The course was in great condition, and I felt confident with every shot."

Nyanchama lauded the elite field assembled for the weekend tournament.

"Competing against such talented ladies and coming out on top is truly humbling. I'm grateful to KLGU and Ruiru Golf Club for hosting such a well-organised event."

In Division A Gross, the contest was tight. Kanana Muthomi, playing off handicap 1, beat Benta Hanili and scratch golfer Chanelle Wangari on countback with a gross of 77 points. Joyce Njuguni (handicap -1) was just a stroke adrift at fourth.

In the Division A Nett, Beldina Monchari (handicap 20) clinched top honours on countback with 67, edging out Lydia Mokaya (handicap 18).

Rebecca Njui (handicap 19) rounded out the top three with 69 points.

Division B Gross saw Virginia Munyao (handicap 21) produce a steady round to win with 91, ahead of Priscilla Karobia (handicap 23), on 92.

Anne Ngumba (94, handicap 22) and Adah Munyendo (95, handicap 28) secured third and fourth positions, respectively.

In the Division B Nett category, Elizabeth Nyambura (handicap 37) stole the spotlight with a brilliant 62 to take home the trophy.

Peris Kamau (handicap 31) claimed the runner-up slot with 67, while Patriciah Ngahu (handicap 30) placed third after posting 71.

"We are proud to have hosted this prestigious leg of the GOTY series. The talent on display was outstanding. Events like these are not just about competition but about growing the game and inspiring the next generation of female golfers," Lady Captain Rodah Mukami said.



Mercy Nyanchama in action at the Ruiru Golf Club /HANDOUT

Harambee Stars' Onyango exudes confidence ahead of CHAN tourney



Alpha Onyango in action for Gor Mahia /HANDOUT

BY TONY MBALLA

MIDFIELDER Alpha Onyango has backed Harambee Stars to reach the final of the 2024 Africa Nations Championship (CHAN) in August.

The midfielder is confident that Kenya's domestic players will impress at the continental tournament, which will be held in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.

"We could make it to the championship game. This nation has a wealth of talent, and the players in our top division have proven themselves. I think they can handle the challenge," he said.

Onyango's rise to prominence has not been without its challenges. He honed his skills in the local leagues before making a name for himself with Gor Mahia, one of the most prestigious clubs in Kenya. His blistering form this season, which saw him contribute significantly to the club's second-place finish in the Kenyan Premier League and net three goals to propel Gor Mahia to the FKF Cup final, underscores his

significance in Kenya's hunt for CHAN glory.

His talent has shone through, earning him recognition not only at the club level but also on the national stage. The culmination of his efforts came with his recent call-up to Harambee Stars, where he was entrusted with the captain's armband by head coach Benni McCarthy—a significant milestone in his career.

Onyango characterised his recent call-up and captaincy as a significant personal milestone, having previously struggled to make an impact on the national team.

"To represent my country once more was an honour. The fact that many players never get that opportunity is something I do not take for granted. I give thanks to God for this chance," he said.

The weight of the captaincy is not lost on Onyango. He acknowledges the pressure that comes with wearing the national colours, yet he embraces it with open arms.

"I am prepared to assist my team, and I will always be ready when called upon," he said.



BOXING

Onyango tips Mombasa clubs after French Embassy donation

BY BRIAN OTIENO

BOXING Federation of Kenya second vice president Chris Onyango expects the sport to improve in Mombasa County after receiving gear from the French Embassy.

Some 14 boxing clubs received the equipment through the 'Ndoni Mashinani' initiative, a partnership between the French Embassy through Alliance Francaise, Mombasa County government and Mombasa County Boxing Association (MCBA).

The Embassy donated punching bags, mouth-guards, gloves, breast guards and hand wraps as the county looks to host the second leg of the BFK national league on July 17-19 at the Alliance Francaise.

"Most of our clubs lack gloves, so sparring becomes a problem. You can't spar with bare hands," Onyango said. "We lack boxing rings. Our young boxers train



Lucas Malcor [2nd L], Ken Ambani [2nd R] and BFK's Chris Onyango [R] at Alliance Francaise in Mombasa / BRIAN OTIENO

on the floor. It then gets different when they step into the ring in tournaments."

Alliance Francaise's Lucas Malcor said: "There are many sports in Mombasa, but we had to choose one. Then I discovered that boxing has brought nine Olympic medals in Kenya and is the only sport, alongside athletics, that has brought Olympic medals

in the history of Kenya."

"The programme is about connecting France and Kenya. It's like a co-operation, we learn from each other," he added.

Malcor revealed five-time European champion Franck Petitjean and Valentin Gargiulo will visit Mombasa on July 9 to build capacity among local coaches until July 13. They target schools.

"We have one of the best physical trainers in France and their idea is to share their expertise on how to prepare for tournaments, physically and mentally," Malcor said.

"We hope this small contribution will help promote boxing and have more children, especially girls, take an interest in boxing."

"We know the clubs that are active and never miss any tournament. We considered these on a priority basis," added Onyango.

Mombasa County sports executive Ken Ambani said 'Ndoni Mashinani' will commence at the school up to the national and international levels.

"We want to leave a legacy as leaders in Mombasa. That is what is most important," Amani said. "Guys, you know our youth problem in Mombasa. One of the initiatives we have in Mombasa to remove our youth from machetes, drugs and substance abuse is sports."

FOOTBALL

RENEWED OPTIMISM

Expectations abound at AFC Leopards as Ambani is elected new chairman

BY TONY MBALLA

NEWLY elected AFC Leopards chairman, Boniface Ambani, has pledged to turn around the fortunes of the Kenyan behemoths.

A former Ingwe striker and youth team coach, Ambani made the remarks after beating Enos Mutoka to secure the top seat.

The election, held at the iconic Moi Stadium in Kasarani, was marked by an impressive turnout of fans, underscoring the deep-rooted passion that Kenyans have for their football.

From the early hours of the morning, supporters lined up, eager to cast their votes. Ambani's victory was decisive; he garnered 1,101 votes against Mutoka's 682, reflecting a collective yearning for change and a brighter future.

Upon his election, Ambani, 42, expressed a profound understanding of the challenges that have plagued the club. With a resounding victory over Mutoka, Ambani has taken the reins with a clear vision to restore the glory of one of Kenya's oldest and most revered football institutions.

"AFC Leopards has a rich history, but we cannot ignore the challenges that have led to a decline in confidence from the football family and the general public," a visibly elated Ambani said upon his election, his voice resonating with determination.

Ambani's mantra is clear: the time for change is now. He aims to breathe life back into the club, fostering an environment devoid of delinquency while enhancing stakeholder participation.

"My team and I believe this is the opportune moment to make a positive change. Our 'IP-OSIKU' mantra is about bringing back life to the game, ensuring it's rid of any delinquency, and fostering increased stakeholder participation," he added.

To operationalise this vision, Ambani has introduced an 11-point agenda known as 'The Starting XI.' This comprehensive strategy is not merely a list of aspirations; it is a blueprint for a transformative journey.



Newly elected AFC Leopards chairman Boniface Ambani during the club elections at Moi Stadium, Kasarani, on Sunday/HANDOUT

Developed with insights from seasoned football administrators and professionals, the agenda prioritises transparency, accountability, and inclusivity—values that resonate deeply within the football community.

The agenda outlines several key initiatives aimed at restoring AFC Leopards to its former prominence, both in Kenya and on the continental stage. At the heart of Ambani's approach is the modernisation of the club's brand.

"In an era where football is as much about image as it is about performance, a refreshed brand identity can attract new fans, sponsors, and partners," he said.

Infrastructure investment is another critical component of Ambani's vision.

"By establishing uniform training facilities and fully equipped club offices, the club can enhance its operational efficiency and provide its players with the resources necessary to excel," he said.

Ambani recognises the importance of engaging fans and branches, ensuring that the voices of supporters are heard and valued in the decision-making. Financial management also stands as a cornerstone of Ambani's strategy.

"The club can achieve financial stability by diversifying revenue streams through sponsorships, merchandise sales, and ticket sales," he said.

A nearly finalised kit sponsorship agreement promises to bolster the club's coffers, while the establishment of a medical fund for injured athletes demonstrates a commitment to player welfare—an often overlooked aspect of football administration.

Isaac Mulindi is the new secretary general after registering 656 votes ahead of Robert Situma (534) and Irene Sitawa (429). Newton Lime clinched the treasurer's seat with 676 votes, beating Patrick Kangangi (445) and Edward Buhasho (599).

HIGHLIGHTS

Kisii coach Morara upbeat ahead of FEASSA games

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA

KISII School coach Edwin Morara is confident about challenging for the Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Association (FEASSA) rugby 15s title.

Morara spoke after the powerhouses retained the Prescott Cup title on Saturday with a 17-5 win over St Patrick's High School, Iten.

"With the high-level preparations we have put in place, we are confident the boys will fight for the title. We have positioned ourselves as title contenders," said Morara.

The FEASSA extravaganza will be held in Kakamega county in August, where Kisii will be joined by national champions Vihiga Boys', East Africa champions All Saints Embu and Upper Hill School.

Morara added: "In our semi-final game, we beat Rift Valley Academy 15-3. The boys were well prepared for this game and executed the game plan effectively."

"Against St Patrick's, we faced a familiar foe since we have faced off several times in the KSS-SA championships. This made the game intense, but the boys rose to the occasion and won. The two games helped us gauge the team ahead of the FEASSA championships."

Former national 15s champions Butula Boys' beat Lenana School 32-0 to lift the Father Cafrey trophy.



KRU CEO Thomas Odundo hands over the trophy to Kisii School captain Matrix Matangi /HANDOUT

Busego hails Kibera Soccer after lifting FKF Cup trophy

ANGWENYI GICHANA

HEAD coach David Busego has praised Kibera Soccer Women FC's resilience after clinching the FKF Women's Cup title.

Kibera edged Vihiga Queens 1-0 at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru.

"I am proud of my girls. It was a tough match. We missed several chances in the first half, but in the second half, we corrected our mistakes, improved our attack, and got the result," said Busego.

"Thanks to the organisers and betPawa for supporting women's football. Since the introduction of the Locker Room Bonus, the players have shown great motivation."

Locker Room Bonus is an initiative by betPawa that rewards exceptional performances in women's football, off the gaming company's Sh4.3m sponsorship of the Cup tournament.

Super-sub Stellah Odhiambo found the back of the net in the 90th minute after connecting with a well-placed cross from Yvonne Idagiza, sending the Kibera bench and fans into wild celebrations.

They then mounted a successful defence as Vihiga, three-time national champions, chased an equaliser.

Vihiga head coach Boniface Nyamunyamu said a lapse in concentration cost them.

"We lost a bit of concentration in the final minute, which led to a punishment. It was a great game, though. Both teams played well. We will go back to the drawing board, review our mistakes, and hope to come back stronger next season," he said.

Faith Mboya, who was instrumental for Kibera, and even had a 14th-minute strike off the cross bar, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP), while Diana Cheron of Vihiga Queens claimed the Golden Boot.

Vihiga goalkeeper, Vivian Khayati, was the Best Goalkeeper. Kibera Soccer took home Sh650,000, while Vihiga Queens received Sh100,000.



The Evolution of CSR at Mozzart Bet Kenya

Since entering the Kenyan market in 2017, Mozzart Bet has grown beyond gaming and entertainment to become a major contributor to community development. In this interview, Country Manager SaSa Krneta explains how the company's CSR efforts have expanded from sports sponsorships to vital health and water projects across Kenya.

Health and Water Projects

Our CSR journey began during the COVID-19 pandemic when we donated medical equipment to over 50 hospitals. A touching example was at Waithaka Health Centre, where we donated infant incubators that saved the lives of newborn twins.

After the pandemic, we launched the "100 Wells for Communities" program to drill boreholes and provide clean water. So far, we've completed 17 boreholes in counties such as Kakamega, Kitui, Busia, Bomet, Turkana, Kisumu, Makueni & many others in hard-to-reach areas.



Mozzart Country Director Sasa Krneta during the launch of a borehole.



Mozzart Country Director Sasa Krneta during the launch of a borehole at Kalodicha primary school.

Sports Sponsorship

Malkia Strikers

Mozzart Bet supported the Malkia Strikers, Kenya's women's volleyball team, after they lost three consecutive African finals due to limited support.

First signed as a one-year deal in June 2022, inspired by the late KVF President Mr. Waithaka Kioni, the partnership would see the company sponsor the National Women's volleyball team until June 2023, after which the relationship was extended.

The Ksh10 million sponsorship package included a week-long training camp in Serbia in September 2022 for three international friendlies as part of their preparations for the World Championships held from 23 September to 15 October in Poland and the Netherlands.

In August 2022, the company walked the journey with Malkia as they lifted a record tenth African title, ending a long wait that had seen Cameroon win the previous three editions in Yaounde (2017), Cairo (2019), and Kigali (2021). The feat qualified the team for the Paris Olympics.



The volleyball queens of Africa, Malkia Strikers



Malkia Strikers celebrate their 10th title during a past tournament in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Kakamega Homeboys

A partnership that began in December 2020, a February 2025 renewal marked the fifth consecutive year of collaboration between the company and the Football Kenya Federation Premier League (FKFPL) side.

In that period, the Kakamega-based outfit has not only lifted the Mozzart Bet Cup but also managed a second-placed finish in the national league, in the 2021-2022 season, losing the title to Tusker on goal difference. The campaign was later declared null and void.

After an eight-place finish in the 2023/24 league season, the side regrouped for third place in the just-concluded season, finishing behind champions Kenya Police and record title holders Gor Mahia.

Challenges on the Ground

Implementing CSR projects in remote areas is challenging. In Kitui, our team drove over 10 hours on rough roads. In some places, we had to use helicopters. We also faced technical problems, such as salty or undrinkable water in Turkana and Kajiado counties.

The Gaming Sector and Tax Burden

The licensed gaming sector in Kenya faces high taxes. In just two years:

- 2023: Mozzart Bet remitted KSh 4.02 billion in total taxes. Out of this, KSh 2.8 billion was collected from players, while KSh 1.2 billion was a direct tax cost to the company. Net profit after tax was KSh 656 million.
- 2024: Total taxes rose to KSh 4.76 billion, with KSh 3.29 billion from players and KSh 1.46 billion from Mozzart Bet. Net profit after tax was KSh 684 million.

We are committed to full tax compliance, but we also believe in creating a fairer tax model that allows the industry to grow and invest more in the Kenyan economy.

Responsible Gaming

Mozzart Bet is a proud member of the Association of Gaming Operators of Kenya (AGOK). Through AGOK, we partnered with the Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB) on the national "Chukua Control" campaign to promote responsible gaming.

Our platform offers self-exclusion tools, allowing customers to pause or permanently close their accounts. Soon, AGOK and BCLB will launch a responsible gaming call center, working with psychologists and counselors to provide nationwide support.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to pay taxes responsibly, support Kenyan sports, and expand our community work. While we are not expanding into new markets at the moment, our goal is to deepen our impact where we already operate.



An infant incubator donated by Mozzart Bet to Waithaka health centre.

Total amount Mozzart spent on Sports Sponsorships & CSR in the last three financial years Ksh 245,057,999

FOOTBALL

Renewed optimism as Boniface Ambani is elected new AFC Leopards chairman

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Cheruiyot targets Hayward Mile victory as World Championships trials loom



Timothy Cheruiyot leads Reynold Cheruiyot (C) and Vincent Keter at Ulinzi Sport Complex /TEDDY MULEI

TEDDY MULEI

THE 2020 Olympic 1,500m silver medallist, Timothy Cheruiyot, is banking on the Prefontaine Classic Bowerman Mile race on Saturday as a vital tune-up ahead of the Athletics Kenya World Championships trials on August 1-2 in Nairobi.

The 2019 world champion is set to rekindle his rivalry with Olympic 5,000m champion Jakob Ingebrigtsen in what is expected to be a fiercely contested race.

Cheruiyot views the showdown as a crucial step in his preparations for the trials.

"I will be in Eugene this weekend for the one-mile race. I want to use the race to test my endurance. I hope everything goes according to the game plan," Cheruiyot said.

He has already punched his ticket to the Tokyo World Championships in September after dipping under the 3:33.00 qualifying standards with a solid 3:30.93 second-place finish at the Brussels Diamond League final

last September behind Ingebrigtsen (3:30.37). Cheruiyot returns to a familiar battleground in Eugene, where he's both tasted victory and endured heartbreak.

He made his debut in 2015, crossing the finish line in 3:55.80 to place third behind Djibouti's Ayanleh Souleiman (3:51.10) and American Mathew Centrowitz.

In 2017, he claimed another third-place finish, clocking 3:49.64 behind Ronald Kwemai (3:49.04) and Elijah Manang'oi (3:49.08).

★ BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Wanjala calls for increased investment

BY STAR REPORTER

NATIONAL beach volleyball team coach Salome Wanjala wants the country to invest in the game if the country is to keep pace with international standards.

Wanjala said things need to change if the team is to perform well at the international level.

"We started quite well but we are currently going down and it is not good," she said.

Kenya failed to go past the round of 16 in the Africa Beach Volleyball Championships in Tetouane, Morocco, despite fielding two teams in the men's and women's categories.

In the men's category, Elphas Makuto paired with Jairus Kipkosgei, while Brian Melly teamed up with Wilson Waibei.

In the women's category, Olympian Gaudencia Makokha paired with Shalleen Maywa, as Veronica Adhiambo joined Mercy Iminza in the other.

Kenya was using the event to qualify for the 2025 FIVB World Beach volleyball Championships scheduled for September in Adelaide, Australia.

Wanjala said the team had limited time in training, and the fact that they trained in Nairobi made things even worse.

"Training in Nairobi was not a very good idea for us, considering the conditions here in Tetouan are quite different," she noted.

Training in Mombasa would have made a lot of technical sense, considering it is hot and humid, and the sandy conditions are similar to Tetouan.

"To make the matter worse, we only trained for 10 days," he revealed. "The players we have are good, but we also need to introduce the game to the young players for the sake of their future."

FOOTBALL

UNSTOPPABLE NAIBOS

Best day of my football career, says Muyoti as Nairobi United stun Gor in Cup final

BY TONY MBALLA

NAIROBI United head coach Nicholas Muyoti reckons his charges possess the mojo to make Kenya proud on the continental stage.

United, nick-named Naibos, secured a spot in the CAF Confederation Cup after stunning Kenyan behemoths Gor Mahia 2-1 in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Cup final at the Ulinzi Sports Complex on Sunday.

Forward Frank Ouya fired Nairobi United into the lead with a sixth-minute brilliant effort before Boniface Omondi restored parity in the 37th minute. Enock Momanyi found the back of the net in the 73rd minute to secure the vital win for the Naibos, which handed them a glittering trophy and a Sh2million prize.

In the aftermath of this thrilling encounter, Muyoti expressed a sense of elation that transcended mere victory.

"I feel so excited. This is the best day of my football career. We have won the FKF Cup trophy after gaining promotion to the Kenyan Premier League," he said.

"I thank the players for a job well done. I thank my fellow coaches for their unwavering support. I thank the management for giving us all the support we needed to succeed. I thank the fans for turning out in large numbers to roar the boys on."

"Of course, we shall give them (players) a break before we return for the KPL pre-season. We hope to do well there in the coming season."

With the FKF Cup secured, Nairobi United stand on the precipice of a new challenge: the CAF Confederation Cup.

"We want to train well enough and prepare adequately for the Confederation Cup. I believe we can do well, albeit this is our first time on that stage. We have very skilled and experienced players," he added.

The win meant Naibos have secured a double this season, having won the National Super League to secure top-flight promotion.

Conversely, the defeat casts a shadow over what has been a tumultuous season for Gor Mahia.

Head coach Zedekiah 'Zico' Otieno's disappointment was palpable as he reflected on missed opportunities and the challenges that have beset the team.

"This is very disappointing. We are coming out of the season empty-handed. After surrendering the KPL title, we had hoped to redeem ourselves

with the FKF Cup. We live to fight another day," he said.

"So much has happened in the past few months that seemed to steal our focus from the important things. We are looking forward to a better performance in the coming season."

The prospect of bolstering the squad through the transfer market hints at a proactive approach to rebuilding and revitalising the team.

"There is a possibility we might go into the transfer market to bolster our playing unit. Generally, we have some brilliant players and we only need to plug in a few gaps and we shall be good to go next season," he said.

Elsewhere, Murang'a Seal silenced Mara Sugar 1-0 in the third-place playoff through Victor Ha-

ki's goal in the second half.

Seal coach Yusuf Chipo said: "Congratulations to the players and the fans who travelled from Murang'a to support us. The boys have shown a winning spirit since I joined the team. I'm happy they've been rewarded today with a goal and a win," said Chipo.

Mara Sugar's coach, Edward Manoah, echoed a sentiment familiar to many in the sporting world: the agony of missed chances.

"It was a tightly contested match. We gave our best effort, but unfortunately, we couldn't convert our chances. They had one opportunity to win the game, and they took it," said Manoah.

Murang'a Seal walked away with Sh 750,000 while Mara Sugar bagged Sh 500,000.



Gor Mahia's Austin Odhiambo in a tussle with Nairobi United's John Otieno during the FKF Cup final at Ulinzi Sports Complex yesterday/HANDOUT



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