

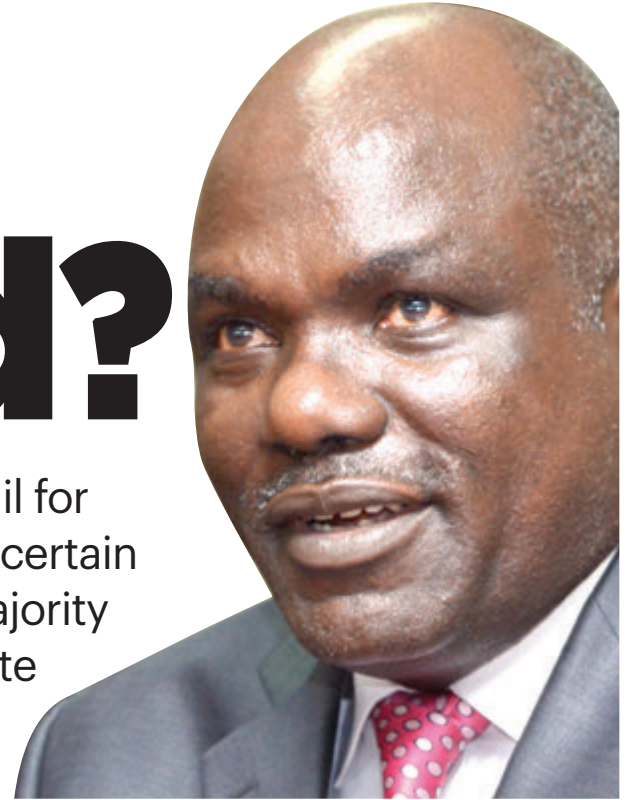


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President Uhuru Kenyatta with Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, when they held talks at Buckingham Palace in London, United Kingdom, yesterday. PHOTO: PSCU >> **Story on page 2**





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# Uhuru hints at interest rates cap law review

**President says capping of lending rates has affected borrowing for small business and individuals**

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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday gave the clearest indication that the law capping interest rates by commercial banks would either be amended or repealed in its entirety.

Speaking during a public address at Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, the President said since the law was passed in September 2016, it has failed to achieve the intended objectives.

"We have learned our lessons and we recognise the limitations of the law. We are going to engage with Parliament and see whether we need to repeal it altogether or modify it to deal with the concerns

that have been raised by players financial sector," he said.

"We enacted the law so that we can lower the cost of money for SMEs but that has not happened. Instead that credit has dried up. We will address that in Parliament," he added.

Uhuru, who became the first Kenyan President to speak at the London think tank however, reiterated that the government will involve all the stakeholders when relooking at the law and ensure that in case it's repealed or amended, SMEs and small borrowers are protected from high interest rates levied by commercial banks.

Before responding to questions, President Uhuru spoke for the first time about the famous handshake with Opposition leader Raila Odinga



## CHATHAM HOUSE

The Royal Institute of International Affairs, commonly known as Chatham House, is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based in London.

**Its mission is to analyse and promote the understanding of major international issues and current affairs.**

**President Uhuru Kenyatta (centre) receives a commemorative plaque from London Stock Exchange Group chairman Donald Brydon (right) after opening the Trading Market at the bourse yesterday.**

PHOTO: PSCU

and said that he will continue to embrace political parties and those with divergent opinions but cautioned them against taking extreme positions.

"Positive change is difficult to enact in an environment of unending politics. We cannot have

campaigns throughout at the expense of development. Mainstream political parties in Kenya and in Britain must be responsive to needs of people. That is why I reached out to Raila. Our handshake should be seen in this context because we can't achieve the needs of our people in an environment of unending bickering," he said. The President also reiterated that in his last term in office, he

will embark on building prosperity that offers job opportunities for young people through entrepreneurship and making it easier for businessmen to invest in the country.

On regional peace, the President said he will embark on tackling terrorism and work with the UN and neighbouring countries to restore peace and stability in war-torn Somalia and South Sudan.

During questions and answer session, the President tackled questions on inclusivity and meritocracy in the labour market. He said while inclusivity is a challenge, his government will strive that opportunities, especially employment are not awarded on the basis of ethnicity but rather fairness and equity.

Regarding indigenous people destroying forests, the President said that his government will work with indigenous people living near gazetted forests to conserve the forests.

However, the government will not allow those encroaching forests for commercial reasons.

"We have never interfered with indigenous people living near or in forests. We have protected the Kayas, the hunters and gatherers in Boni Forest and in Mau forest. We will continue to protect indigenous people but we will not allow those who encroach and destroy forests for agriculture and commercial reasons," he said.

## Ruto, Raila condole with Matiba family

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Deputy President William Ruto has said the government will uphold and honour all the ideals that multi-party crusaders including Kenneth Matiba fought for.

He said their personal sacrifices for a democratic country have inspired Kenyans and will not be in vain.

Speaking at Matiba's Red Hill home in Kiambu county where he had gone to condole with the family yesterday, the DP praised

the late Second Liberation icon for standing tall for what is right for the country.

"Mzee Matiba stood tall for what is right in this country. Those of us enjoying their struggle will work hard to ensure it's not in vain," he said, adding: "We will not allow what you fought for to be eroded. We will consolidate our politics and forge the unity of purpose".

Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, who was one of the crusaders for multi-party democracy, urged the government to compensate Matiba's family as an appreciation for the role he played in achieving the democratic space the country was enjoying.

"What the Government should do is proper compensation for all the suffering the late Matiba underwent on behalf of the people of Kenya," said Raila. The visit comes barely a day after the government announced that it has taken over funeral plans for the fallen multi-

party crusader.

The Cabinet Secretaries included Amina Mohamed (Education), Keriako Tobiko (Environment), Mwangi Kiunjuri (Agriculture), Charles Keter (Energy), Joe Mucheru (ICT), Rachel Omamo (Defence), Eugene Wamalwa (Devolution), Ukur Yatani (Labour), James Macharia (Transport), Mohammed Rashid (Sports), Sicily Kariuki (Health) and Margaret Kobia (Public Service).

Others are Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu, Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua and Attorney General Paul Kariuki. Last evening, government spokesman Eric Kiraithe said the burial committee had agreed to hold two public funeral services for the late Matiba on April 25 at All Saints Cathedral, followed by another one on April 26 at Ihura stadium in Murang'a.

This Sunday, there will be a church service for family and friends at the late Matiba's home



**Deputy President William Ruto (centre) with former premier Raila Odinga (right) console Edith Matiba (left) at her Limuru home in Kiambu county yesterday.** PHOTO: DPPS

in Riara ridge, Limuru between 2pm and 4pm.

In Parliament, Speaker Justin Muturi led MPs in mourning the death of Matiba. Majority Leader Aden Duale celebrated Matiba saying that the country can only recognise him if it compensates him for the atrocities he faced as directed by the court.

## New judge reports in Nyamira

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A judge has been posted to Nyamira High Court four months after the former judge Crispin Nangillah retired.

Nangillah has been replaced by Justice Esther Maina, who has been transferred from Kisumu High Court.

Justice Maina yesterday reported to her new station and was received by the Chief Magistrate Margaret Wambani alongside other judicial officers.

The posting came a week after lawyers in the county protested and issued an ultimatum to the Chief Justice David Maraga that they could boycott attending court cases in lower courts until a new judge is posted.

### WEATHER TODAY

• Nairobi	24°	
• Mombasa	31°	
• Kisumu	27°	
• Nyeri	22°	
• Wajir	30°	





*While many people will opt for fragrances such as roses and lavender, there are offbeat folks with a rather weird affinity for putrid smells like that of a corpse, poop and urine...*

# Oddball scents that actually exist!



## Would you like to smell like a bag of bhang?

'Weed' like to warn you that this fragrance might excite drug-busting police dogs so, try it at your own risk!

The cannabis-smelling cologne is a product of New York based perfume maker Demeter. The perfume will literally leave you smelling like a bag of weed but according to the makers, there is a more colourful way to put it. They say *Cannabis Santal Eau de Parfum* "features a woody fragrance that captures the raw energy of desire and is housed in a mini artisanal bottle. Exotic citrus and warm notes of chocolate surround the unique heart of this seductive scent: a special proprietary accord that captures the raw sensuality of cannabis, known for its woody, musky properties."



## Cologne that will leave you smelling like cat's forehead

If you are a lover of cats, then, this was made for you! A Japanese online retailer Felissimo that specialises in all things feline, released a special fabric spray that carries the smell of cats' foreheads. 'Mohu Mohu Odeko no Kaori' (Fluffy Forehead Fragrance) Fabric Water comes in a 3.4-ounce bottle, priced at 1,293yen (Sh1,060). The company revealed that they developed the product after collecting extensive data through customer survey responses. Many of the respondents wrote that the smell of a cat's forehead is like 'the smell of sunshine', 'a futon that's been dried in the sun', and 'sweet bread'. So Felissimo once again teamed up with Yamamoto Perfumery to recreate the scent as accurately as possible. Experts spent four months sniffing feline heads at cat cafes, finally developing a product that captured the essence perfectly.

## Woman made fragrance from own pee

A conceptual artist named Cherry Tree has a scent of choice that many will not only find bizarre but also downright disgusting. She makes and sells perfume from her own urine! Cherry Tree, born Charity Blansit, says she's very passionate about recycling, and since urine is something that gets eliminated, she thought it should be recycled. The idea for a urine-based perfume came to her one day when she decided to collect her urine in a perfume bottle for fun. Soon, she decided to add some spice to it and after applying a few distillery techniques, her urine became a perfume fragrance that she wears everyday! So, in case you wondered if such a thing as urine perfume exists, now urine the know!



## Perfume from man's poop goes for Sh6,500

British artist Jammie Nicholas used his own faeces as the raw material for a perfume he calls "Surplus". Believe it or not, the product is flying off the shelf with a bottle going for an equivalent of Sh6,500 a pop.

The production process of the bizarre faeces perfume, takes place in Jammie's flat, where he works with all the windows open and uses nose plugs due to the stench. It takes him a week to extract "essential oils" from excrements, then some more days in distillation and viola! According to him, people who have tried it claim it actually smells pretty good. Well, it is eau de toilet(te)!



## Swallowable pills that turn your sweat into fruity scents

Why spend money buying perfume to conceal the stench of sweat, while you can convert that sweat into sweet-smelling cologne? Netherlands-based artist Lucy McCrae teamed up with a synthetic biologist to create a perfume pill that actually turns your sweat into a fragrance. The revolutionary pill designed to deliver perfume directly into the body, turning the skin into an atomiser. 'Swallowable Parfum' is a digestible scented capsule that emits a unique odour through your own perspiration, McCrae writes on her website. The pill will essentially turn sweat into a fragrance that will have its own characteristic for every person, because we are genetically unique.



## Russia gives tax-collectors money-scented soap to make them love their job!

In a bid to make Russian tax collectors more interested in their jobs, a local government came up with a rather bizarre scheme in 2015 of providing them with money-scented soap! The idea was that the special odour will stimulate and inspire tax collectors to love and enjoy collecting money.

The idea was the brainchild of Aman Tuleyev, governor of the Kemerovo Oblast region in Central Russia. He strongly believed that by using cash-scented toiletries, the smell of money will linger around tax collectors all day, thus making them love it and increasing their tax collection rate. In 2011, a Japanese study found that having employees smell money all day long is a great way to improve their productivity.



## Smelling like walking corpse will cost you Sh3,000

If you've always dreamed of smelling like a walking corpse, you're in luck, because New York based perfume maker Demeter launched 'Zombie', a new line of putrid fragrances for both men and women.

The men's fragrance is formulated with the scent of dried leaves, mushrooms, mildew, moss, and earth and will have you smelling like a decomposing body as soon as you spray it on. The ladies' zombie perfume is a lighter version of the above "with a touch of Dregs from the bottom of the wine barrel for that feminine touch." Smelling like a corpse isn't as cheap as one might think. One bottle of the bizarre cologne will set you back an equivalent of Sh3,950.





## Fault-line causes anxiety in Naivasha

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Fear and anxiety has gripped tens of families in Moi Ndabi area of Naivasha after yet another fault-line developed in the area cutting off roads and “swallowing” various farms.

The government has called on families near the 2km-long fault-line to move to safer grounds as heavy rains continued to

pound the area. The rift, which was first noticed on Sunday, is similar to another that emerged on a section of the Mai Mahiu-Narok line two months ago.

According to area MCA Kamanu Gathariki, the fault-line had affected homes and farms between Kipkenyo Primary School and Tangi Tatu village.

He said the problem started over the weekend following heavy rains adding that some areas are now inaccessible due

to the fault-line. “The fault-line is literally swallowing up farms and roads and several houses could go the same way if the rains continue,” he said.

Naivasha assistant sub-county commissioner John Opondo said affected families had started to move out. “There is a fault-line that is currently developing in Moi Ndabi area and we are working with the county government to assist the affected families,” he said.



Residents of Moi Ndabi gape in shock at a fault-line that has developed in the area cutting off roads and farms. PHOTO: KIRERA MWITI



First Lady Margaret Kenyatta distributes mobility carts at Kenya Relief, Migori County where she earlier, officially opened a surgical ward at the Brase Vision and Medical Clinic. PHOTO: PSCU

## Let's do more for those with disability, says First Lady

■ by PSCU  
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Issues affecting persons with disability should be given priority in policy formulation and legislation, First Lady Margaret Kenyatta has said.

She called for concerted efforts to remove hurdles that prevent persons with disability from realising their full potential.

“Disability needs to be given higher priority in policy and legislation. But this alone will not solve the discrimination that persons with disabilities face everyday. What we are doing as individuals is not enough,” she said.

“We need to do better. We all, individually, can play a role and ensure Kenya becomes all-inclusive,”

The First Lady spoke in Migori yesterday when she distributed 140 hand-driven mobility carts to persons with disability.

Beneficiaries were drawn from

Migori, Kwale, Narok, Kisumu, Nakuru, Machakos, Lamu, Eldoret, Kisii, Busia, Bomet and Kericho counties.

The carts were donated by the Kenya Relief Organisation, a Migori-based faith-based organisation that advocates the welfare of people with disability and other vulnerable groups across the country.

The First Lady said persons with disability, especially women and children, are among the most marginalised social groups. She reiterated her commitment in addressing their challenges.

“I will look for interventions that provide social protection as well as inclusion for persons with disability,” said the First Lady. She challenged those with disability to register with the government.

“Available data must be reliable to inform health policy decisions, investment priorities and resource allocation,” she said.

We are all stakeholders in the security sector and have one objective of keeping the country safe -CS

## Matiang'i tells police units to end rivalry

*Interior CS says competition between various security teams undermining efficiency*

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Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i has called for synergy amongst security sector players as he urged the civil society to also enlighten members of the public on legal ways of exercising their rights.

The CS said the different stakeholders should not be suspicious of each other or project competing interest but should instead collaborate since their objective is to keep the country safe.

“Let us develop a culture of talking to one another. We are all stakeholders in the security sector and have one objective of keeping the country safe,” he said.

### Innaugural meet

Matiang'i spoke during the official opening of the inaugural Annual National Policing Conference dubbed, “Harnessing synergy, accountability and effectiveness in today's dynamic policing” at the Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete, Nairobi.

The CS's statement comes in the wake of reports of fierce rivalry within the police service units.



Interior CS Fred Matiang'i, IG Joseph Boinnet and IPOA boss Johnston Kavuludi at the Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete, Nairobi, during the official opening of the inaugural Annual National Policing Conference. PHOTO: KENNA CLAUDE

There have been claims that members of the formations, Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Regular and Administration Police, Traffic, Anti-Stock Theft Unit (ASTU) and the General Service Unit (GSU) have bad blood.

But the bad blood is particularly exhibited among DCI, APs and Regular Police on operational matters where they are said to be competing instead of complementing one another.

The security agencies have

also been accused of not working closely with members of the civil society on human rights issues, with the latter accusing the former of exacerbating extrajudicial killings.

The conference brought together officials from the national government administration, the National Police Service, Judiciary, the civil society and line agencies; the Independent Policing Oversight Authority and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

## Petition seeks to block sale of game meat

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Conservationists have poked holes into some sections of Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, saying some sections legalises bush meat and, by extension, create loopholes for sport hunting.

The Act legalises the killing of excess wild animals (culling) and harvesting of wild game for a range of products (cropping).

But a conservation lobby—Kenyan United Against Poaching

(Kuapo)—has vowed to oppose actions that pose danger to wildlife.

“Besides the overriding moral and ethical questions that this approach raises, we firmly believe that consumptive utilisation of wildlife does not benefit conservation or communities, but are only harmful to the survival of both,” the group said in a statement.

Consequently, Kuapo has started an online petition seeking Kenyans signatures to pressurise the Tourism and Wildlife ministry to shelve the move to reintroduce culling for the sale of game meat in



restaurants and hotels.

Last month, the ministry announced the decision to form a task force to “evaluate options of consumptive utilisation of wildlife (game farming and game ranching) in community and private lands.

The move is aimed at boosting tourism after a 14-year ban of sale of game meat except ostriches and crocodiles.

Killing of wildlife for sport was introduced in Kenya in 1910, but was banned in 1977 when the number of some spe-

cies dwindled.

Kuapo believes the ministry's recent approach is not sustainable.

“History has shown that it generally results in the over-exploitation and decimation of the species involved,” said the group.

Another group, Ulinzi Africa Foundation, says the provisions open a window for poachers to carry out their illicit trade under the guise of cropping and culling.

## All set for mini-polls

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All is set for today's ward by-elections in Kwale's Kinondo and Nyeri's Ruguru, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission has assured.

Kwale elections manager Amina Soud yesterday said the exercise will not be affected by the resignation of three IEBC commissioners.

Speaking to journalists at Kinondo Social Hall, he said: “The by-elections had already been gazetted, therefore, nothing can change that.”



# Yattani trashes NSSF project

*Labour Cabinet secretary says Hazina Towers building was a conduit for theft of pensioners' money*

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The controversial Hazina Towers building project is a white elephant meant to defraud pensioners of their money, a Cabinet secretary has said.

Labour Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yattani yesterday told a parliamentary committee that the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) project is not viable.

"It defeats logic to build a 36-storey building at the heart of the city, congested as it is and surrounded by narrow roads. The planners had own ideas," Yattani told the Public Investment Committee (PIC) of the National Assembly.

Yattani, however, defended the current board of trustees

and the management saying that they are innocent because the project was initiated by former officials.

A member of the board, Cotu secretary general Francis Atwoli who was first to raise a red flag about the project, also exonerated the board of wrongdoing.

Asked why the Managing Trustee Anthony Omerikwa has been in the position in acting capacity for two years, Atwoli said interested parties had blocked the appointment of a substantive CEO.

Committee chairman Abdulswamad Nassir directed the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to appear before the committee to explain why

*"It defeats logic to build a 36-storey building at the heart of the city, congested as it is —Yattani"*

## TOWER OF BABEL?

The Hazina Towers project was to expand the two-storey building in Nairobi's Central Business District to a 36-storey tower

**But construction stopped following a dispute between the NSSF, which owns the building, and Nakumatt Holdings which was its anchor tenant**

The contractor, China Jiangxi International is demanding to be paid Sh1.89 billion for the stalled project

they had not acted on recommendations by the committee in the last Parliament.

Nassir also said PIC will summon former board members and managing trustees who were in office when the project was mooted.

The CS had urged the committee to summon the two agencies to explain what steps they had taken on the advice given by his ministry on the project.

Yattani said he had asked the Attorney General to give an advisory on whether the contractor should be paid money he is claiming in damages.



Labour CS Ukur Yattani with Principal Secretary Khadijah Kassachoon when they appeared before Parliament's Public Investments Committee yesterday. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

NSSF says it will not pay the Sh1.89 billion estimated contractual claim presented by its contractor, China Jiangxi International, in respect to the construction of the building.

Yesterday Finance Secretary Mutua Kilaka told the committee that the consultants from the Department of Public

Works had scaled down to the project's cost to Sh870 million.

Omerikwa said the Fund has not paid any claims to the contractor and has sought the services of the Department of Public Works for review, verification and guidance on the claims.

The contractor is claim-

ing the payment following the stoppage of the construction of the project's expansion works following a dispute with the then NSSF anchor tenant Nakumatt Holdings.

At the time Nakumatt took tenancy of the building in 2003, its lease with the Fund was that the building was incomplete but ready for partial occupancy and the building would be finalised in future.

## Scaled down

Auditor General Edward Ouko had queried the construction of the building as well as the relations with Nakumatt, which according to him stood in the way of the Fund completing the building.

Ouko had advised that the Fund take legal action against the tenant (Nakumatt Holdings) to secure completion of the building to safeguard members' contributions.

The pension scheme had received approvals to increase the number of floors from two to 36 in 2010 and awarded a Sh6.7 billion contract to complete the building.

NSSF has since scaled down the project to 15 floors from the initial 36.

## LSK wants digitisation of land records suspended

■ by Paul Muhoho  
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The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) yesterday challenged the implementation of electronic processing of land transactions.

LSK petitioned the High Court to suspend the decision made by Lands Cabinet secretary Faridah Karoney and Principal Secretary Nicholas Muraguri, through public notices published on April 4 in connection with online processing of crucial land deals through, e-citizen, the government portal.

Karoney discontinued manual transactions at the Nairobi and Central Registries and required everyone to use electronic means for property transactions, including searches for land ownership, application for registration of all instruments and transfers.

LSK says the directive is likely to undermine the integrity of the Lands Registry system and sanctity of titles. Further, the ministry's decision contravenes the law and previous decisions by the High Court and Court of Appeal regarding land disputes, the lawyers body argues.

"It is instructive to note that the Land Registration Regulations which set up the legal framework for electronic conveyancing are pending before Parliament in accordance

with the requirements of the Statutory Instruments Act. Chapter 13 of the Regulations provides a framework for the implementation of electronic conveyancing and in particular the requirement for the enactment of the legal and regulatory reforms that will enable the successful implementation of the e-conveyance platform," lawyer Duncan Anzala said in the urgent application.

He accused the ministry's officials of acting without seeking advice from the National Land Commission (NLC) and deliberately failing to subject the process to public participation as required by law.

The move, Anzala said, had exposed property owners to risk of fraud and dispossession under prevailing circumstances of electricity challenges.

Anzala said in court papers that the electronic system is riddled with inefficiencies since it has not been trial-tested and all transactions have ground to a halt.



## Media get nod to cover 'needles baby' trial

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A Thika court has allowed the media to continue covering a case where 14 needles were found lodged in the body of a 10-month-old child last year.

The second accused in the case, Jacinta Ndunge, had asked the court to bar journalists from covering proceedings saying the coverage had tarnished her reputation.

State counsel Beatrice Kariuki, however, opposed the application, saying Ndunge had not provided tangible grounds to bar journalists from reporting on the case.

Thika resident magistrate Brenda Bartoo ruled that journalists would continue to cover the case until its determination, saying the media have the right to report any matter that is of public interest.

Ndunge with her husband, Isaac Gichura, have been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to their 10-month-old baby girl by piercing her body with needles.

They were arrested after doctors at the Thika Level 5 Hospital removed needles from their daughter's body.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### MALPRACTICES BY DRIVERS OF PETROLEUM ROAD TANKERS

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) wishes to notify all drivers engaged in the transportation of petroleum products by road that it is **an offence to transport adulterated petroleum products or divert petroleum products destined for other markets into the local market.** This is in accordance with Section 95 of the Energy Act 2006.

Adulteration, in this context is defined as the illegal or unauthorized introduction of foreign substances into motor fuels thereby altering and degrading the quality of the fuel. Adulterated petroleum products cause excessive engine wear which results to unreasonably high vehicle maintenance costs and undue distress to motorists.

On the other hand, diversion of petroleum products destined for other markets into the local market otherwise referred to as export dumping leads to massive loss of tax revenue for the Government.

Accordingly, drivers of petroleum road tankers are notified that if found transporting adulterated petroleum products, diverting petroleum products destined for other markets into the local market or found having parked a petroleum tanker in an unlicensed petroleum storage facility, or proven to have driven carelessly while transporting petroleum products, they shall henceforth be banned from transporting petroleum products. Further, ERC shall not hesitate to prosecute such drivers.

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**Energy Regulatory Commission**



# MPs plot to send Chebukati home

*National Assembly institutes scheme to remove remaining three commissioners as State withdraws their security*

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The fate of embattled electoral commission chairman Wafula Chebukati and his remaining two commissioners appeared sealed after the government withdrew their security detail yesterday.

This came as Parliament disclosed it had commenced proceedings to eject Chebukati and commissioners Ayub Guliye and Boya Molu.

National Assembly Leader of Majority Aden Duale said plans were underway to eject the trio from office to pave the way for a new team.

The government yesterday morning withdrew all the security detail and drivers of the three commissioners, a move seen to be a determination to kick them out.

IEBC Communications Manager Andrew Limo said the commission had consequently written to the Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet seeking clarification on the circumstances that led to the action.

"The withdrawal of security is likely to expose the chairman and the commissioners to security risk. The action undermines their effectiveness in executing the work of the commission," he said in a media statement.

Limo insisted that the provision of security to the chair and members of the commission during their tenure is within their contract

## COMMISSIONERS' WAYS OUT...

Chapter 16 of the Constitution states that commissioners can only be removed from office for a serious violation of the Constitution, including a contravention of Chapter Six on leadership and integrity.

**They can also be removed if they are accused of gross misconduct or for physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of their office.**

Incompetence or bankruptcy can also be grounds for removal.

**Nonetheless, Duale says, as presently constituted, the Chebukati-led commission is dysfunctional.**



IEBC chair Wafula Chebukati has accused his three commissioners who resigned on Monday, led by his deputy Consolata Maina (left) of dishonesty. PHOTO: FILE

of service and the obligation ceases only when the contract expires.

At the same time, a parliamentary committee now wants the number of the commissioners reduced from the current seven to three.

Justice and Legal Affairs committee also proposed the commissioners be hired on part time rather than on permanent basis.

The Constitution stipulates that membership to constitutional commissions, among them IEBC, be between three and nine.

Consequently, the committee also seeks a permanent mechanism to be used in recruiting IEBC chair and commissioners.

The panel, established under the First Schedule of the IEBC Act, stood dissolved upon appointment of the current members of the commission.

Duale accused the Chebukati-led team of incompetence, saying

a parliamentary process would be initiated within 50 days to remove them from office.

It has emerged the law needs to be enacted to provide a mechanism for removal of the trio who enjoy security of tenure.

"As we sit here, there is no procedure in law or in the IEBC schedule on how the next commission can be constituted or recruited," he said.

Nonetheless, he said, Parliament will in the next 50 days commence the process of ejecting the three in what may include giving them send off package.

"Parliament has 50 days to amend the First Schedule of the IEBC Act and provide a mechanism through which a select panel is to be constituted. After being sent to the President and is approved, they will start recruiting a new team," he said. "Parliament is

ready and duly constituted. There is a relevant committee that deals with the IEBC in terms of budget allocation and operations. The legal infrastructure is in place."

He hinted that the government might negotiate a golden handshake for Chebukati similar to that of his predecessor, Isaac Hassan-led commission, which was paid a send-off package.

Duale argued that as presently constituted, the Chebukati-led commission is dysfunctional. "Chebukati cannot give directions. They lack the quorum to function and have no legal basis to hold a commission meeting. He cannot have a plenary and the law does not anticipate such a scenario."

The resignation of vice chair Connie Maina and commissioners Margaret Mwachanya and Paul Kurgat coupled with last year's exit of Roselyn Akombe has rendered

IEBC sterile.

But in a strongly worded statement, Chebukati said he would not resign. He accused the commissioners who resigned of being incapable of providing leadership during tough times as he assured the public operations of the commission would not be affected.

"The commission assures the public its operations are on course and we remain focused on delivering our constitutional mandate. As the chair, I am committed to the course of transforming IEBC to make it more responsive and professional," he said.

Meanwhile, Kiambu Town MP Jude Njomo has published a bill to amend the First Schedule of the IEBC Act to provide that the President, with the approval of the National Assembly, should appoint a selection panel consisting of 11 persons.

## Karoney exonerates ministry from 96-acre Ruaraka land controversy

■ by Mercy Mwai  
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The controversy surrounding the 96-acre land on which two Ruaraka schools and GSU headquarters sit deepened yesterday, after it emerged the government authorised the payment of billions of shillings as part of compensation yet they cannot prove ownership of land.

Members of a parliamentary committee were told that the Ministry of Education and the National Land Commission (NLC) okayed payment of Sh1.5 billion for the Ruaraka High School and Drive Inn Primary School land and a further Sh2.4 billion for GSU parcel to Whispering Palms Limited which is the sister company to Afrison Export Import and Hueland Limited (original owners of the land) yet it is not in possession of the title deed.

The committee was told the title of



Lands Cabinet secretary Farida Karoney when she appeared before House Lands committee, yesterday. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

the land is with the Attorney General and not the owner as he had secured a loan with the deed from Continental Credit Finance, which collapsed

and thus he took over as the receiver manager.

GSU occupies 37 acres while the two schools occupy 13.5 acres while

the remainder was used in the expansion of Outering Road, building of a chief's camp and the rest grabbed by squatters.

Appearing before House Lands committee chaired by Rachel Nyamai, Lands Cabinet secretary Farida Karoney said her ministry was not in any way involved in the entire transaction.

She said the ministry's responsibility is to keep records only and NLC is to ensure they authenticate any matter before they pay compensation.

"The valuation was done by NLC and not us. We do not know the parameters they adopted. In the whole transaction, my ministry was not involved."

Accompanied by Lands PS Nicholas Muraguri, the CS faulted the then commissioner for lands for issuing allotment letters to the schools yet the land is owned by a private developer.

## Kinyanjui says structures on waterways to be pulled down

■ by Kirera Mwiti  
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Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui has ordered the demolition of structures on waterways in Naivasha.

While issuing the two-day notice, the governor said no structures, including storeyed buildings within the CBD, would be spared in the operation.

This follows perennial flooding in the lakeside town, which has affected tens of businesses and homes, leading to residents' protests against the county government.

Earlier, residents had blocked the busy Kariuki Chotara Street to protest the deteriorating condition of roads in the town.

But speaking after visiting the town, Kinyanjui ordered the department of Public Works in the county to embark on the demolition.

The withdrawal of security is likely to expose the chairman and the commissioners to security risk -Limo



# ‘No white smoke’ as dons strike persists

*Lecturers’ union rejects new deal saying the pay issue has not been resolved*

by Wangui Githugo and Kirera Mwiti  
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Learning in public universities might take longer to resume as consultations to resolve the lectures’ pay impasse are yet to be completed.

Speaking yesterday to *People Daily* on the sidelines of an Equity Bank function in Nairobi, Vice Chancellors Committee chair and Technical University of Kenya VC Francis Aduol said top level talks are ongoing and they involve officials from the Education ministry, National Treasury and Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

A counter-offer was presented to the dons on Saturday the Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) rejected it saying, it did not address the pay increase. But addressing the issue, Aduol (*pictured*) said the counter-offer did not include the pay issue because it is out of his committee’s control. He said the issue can only be handled by the three involved parties; namely the Education Ministry, SRC and the National Treasury.

“At the end of the day, the money must come from the government. And since the government has said it is still holding consultations, we all have to wait,” he said.

He called for calm and said the consultations would be finalised soon.

At the same, Principal Secretary State Department for Uni-



versity Education and Research Japhet Micheni Ntiba said an inter-ministerial task force has been put in place to ensure the problems surrounding the ongoing strike are addressed.

Speaking at Machakos University, Ntiba said the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) whose term ended in December last year will soon be reconstituted and a counter offer to address the remuneration of University Dons will be sought.

“The Government is determined to find a new approach of solving the problem once and for all to create some stability in the universities” said Ntiba.

Meanwhile, the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) secretary general Wilson Sossion has blamed the universities’ financial woes on the collapse of the Module II programme.

Speaking in Naivasha, Sossion accused former Education CS Fred Matiang’i of “messaging the grading” of students and hence, besetting the education sector with a myriad of problems.

“The number of students admitted in the university is below capacity meaning that Module Two which financially supported universities has no students. Due to the crisis caused by Matiang’i and his team, teachers’ training colleges have been forced to lower intake grades to get students,” said Sossion.

## State appeals after court frees KDF deserters

by Sophie Njoka  
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The State has moved to the Court of Appeal to challenge the acquittal of 25 ex-soldiers for the offence of desertion of duties by the High Court.

Through principal prosecuting counsel Yamina Jamii, the state argues that Justice Martin Muya erred in law by deliver-

ing a consolidated judgment, which occasioned an incurable miscarriage of justice, since the ex-soldiers were tried on an individual capacity.

The ex-soldiers had been sentenced to life imprisonment by a Martial court for desertion. They were charged for the alleged offence of absence without leave, for absents



themselves for over 90 days at a time the country had gone to war in Somalia.

However, High Court judge Justice Muya (*pictured*), in his judgment, said the charges against the former soldiers were defective and that the sentence against them was excessive. The court is set to hear the appeal today.



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## ROUND-UP OF DAY'S EVENTS

### Waititu censures social media use by executive

Kiambu governor Ferdinand Waititu has asked his ministers to "stop glorifying themselves" on social media. He accused some of his executive members of relaying false information on the internet. "Some people are busy taking pictures of various projects done by other people and claiming they are the brains behind them. It is very unfair," he said. This comes only days after suspending his Roads minister John Mugwe. The executive, who was one of the United for Kiambu team which bolstered Waititu into his position, was served with the compulsory leave letter last week. -CLEMENT KAMAU



### Khaniri warns leaders opposed to unity deal

Vihiga senator George Khaniri (pictured) has dismissed some politicians from Western region criticising him for supporting unity pact between President Uhuru Kenyatta and opposition chief Raila Odinga. Addressing residents of Maragoli Central, the legislator said the coming together of Uhuru and Raila will help them have a sober discussion on electoral reforms that will help move the country forward. He said the opposition is ready to engage with Jubilee to ensure an electoral commission able to inspire confidence across board is formed. -ENOCK AMUKHALE



### MP wants bursary kitty increased to Sh21m

Juja MP Francis Muniyua (pictured) now wants the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) bursary kitty increased from Sh5m to Sh21m to cover a rising number of applicants. Speaking in Juja after launching a week long verification period to identify the vulnerable groups, he said a rapidly expanding population was leading to increased number of applicants. "Free education can only be effective by early next year. We want more funds to give our constituents as bursary," he said. -MATHEW NDUNG'U



### Nyamira chiefs who abet bootleg risk sack

Nyamira County Commissioner Isaiah Nakoru has said the government will not stop crackdown on illegal alcohol production and consumption until the menace is eliminated. Addressing the media in his office yesterday, he warned some administrators who he accused of colluding with the brewers to frustrate the effort. "We want to do away with local liquor and save our children but some of our chiefs and their assistants are receiving bribes and making our impossible. But let them be warned that we will sack and prosecute anyone caught," he said. -EVANS NYAKUNDI



# Two children drown as floods wreak more havoc

*Heavy downpour leaves many parts of the country devastated*

by PD Team  
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Our efforts to seek assistance from the relevant authorities have not borne fruits -victim

Grief has engulfed a village in Marsabit county after two children drowned in a dam following heavy rains pounding the area as thousands of Kenyans continued to be rendered homeless in various parts of the country.

Marsabit Central Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Joseph Nyakwara said the children died in a dam at Iriman-Duresa village in Sagante location and appealed for vigilance to avert disasters.

He said the deceased, Wario Galgallo and Mohamed Denge, 11 and nine respectively, were pupils at Mwangaza Primary School.

"The two boys drowned in the dam which has formed from rain water in an area with the propensity to collect a mass of water," he said, while asking parents to take great care of their children.

The commissioner said the duo, who went missing for hours before a search party stumbled upon their bodies floating in the dam, are suspected to have underestimated its depth. He also advised motorists to approach with caution seasonal rivers that have bloated with the on-going rains.

He asked parents to monitor the movement and activities of their children and cautioned them against playing around stagnant water and "little lakes" which have formed as a result of the rains.

Elsewhere, at least 3,000 households have been affected by raging floods in Kisumu county.

Out of the number, some 1,313 families have been forced to evacuate their homes by the flash floods caused by the ongoing heavy rains in various parts of the country and are currently camping at rescue centres in Nyando and Muhoroni sub-counties.

Kisumu County Commissioner Pauline Dola said the area



### LAIKIPIA PLAN

Laikipia county water master plan, if implemented will see most small scale farmers assisted to build water pans that will store the runoff water for use during dry periods.

**Water Chief Administrative Secretary Winnie Guchu said she is shocked by the amount of water going to waste during this rainy season that could otherwise be harvested and stored.**

has started experiencing intense flooding with the ongoing heavy rains, saying the government will start distribution of relief food to the affected families.

She said most parts of Nyando, Muhoroni, Nyakach and Kisumu East sub-counties are adversely hit by the floods.

Five rescue centres have been set up across the county to help assist flood victims, she said, adding that there were no casualties reported so far.

"We didn't anticipate the magnitude of the floods would be this big. But the government will improvise necessary assistance to the victims and where there is shortage, call for support from well-wishers," Dola said when she

Residents of Kisumu county waded through flood waters from River Nyando which has burst its banks following continuous heavy rains. PHOTOS: DANIEL OGENDO.



led a team from the county security docket in assessing the extent of flooding.

Meanwhile, residents of Ruai estate in Nanyuki town are up in arms over poor drains that have left their homes flooded.

The victims say all runoff water from Nanyuki town is flowing down to their estate which has left it in a pathetic state with some forced to seek refuge elsewhere.

Maina Mwangi, a resident, said most families are spending the nights up in fear of the water levels rising during the night when heavy rains are pounding the area.

He said the situation has been made worse by water spilling out

of a Nanyuki Sewerage manhole into their estate.

"Our efforts to seek assistance from the relevant authorities have not borne fruits and the problem might not come to an end soon," he said.

This comes as the county government is holding its first ever water conference seeking partners to finance its water master plan that requires shillings 14 billion.

During the conference governor Ndiritu Muriithi said there is need to store rain water and also improve the infrastructure in two water companies in Laikipia for sustainability.

## North Rift cyber cafes closed 'for abetting child pornography'

by Winstone Chiseremi  
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Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) has shut down several cyber cafes in major towns and trading centres in the North Rift region for allegedly exposing children to pornography.

It was a cat and mouse game for the better part of yesterday as operators of the outlets fled from board officials in a joint operation with the county security team and the children's department.

Speaking to the media in Eldoret, KFCB North Rift regional manager Emanuel Mbutu said some cyber café joints engage in online child sexual grooming and exploitation.

"They have a responsibility to ensure that content accessed by children within their premises is safe for them, failure to which they will face the full force of the law," he said. He said his team will continue to monitor suspected cyber cafes especially during the holidays when learners are home.

## Remorseful Mombasa teen gambler surfaces

by Sophie Njoka  
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A teenager who went missing in Mombasa and whose parents believed was kidnaped has surfaced blaming his disappearance on gambling.

Awadh Omar re-united with his distraught mother, Sophia Mohamed at Muslims for Human Rights (Muhuri) offices on Monday and confessed to fleeing home after

losing Sh20,000 to gambling.

Omar went missing on April 6 and allegations of him being kidnaped for ransom went viral. However, the teenager said he was holed up at Ukunda beach and spent the nights in abandoned boats.

Muhuri chair Khelef Khalifa accused police "of handling the gambling menace in a lacklustre manner". He said issues impacting children negatively should be given priority and attention.



## MCK set to inspect adverts

■ by Yusuf Masibo  
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Media Council of Kenya (MCK) will form a team to examine advertisements.

Deputy chief executive officer Victor Bwire said the team will ensure that all advertisements adhere to journalism code of ethics.

Speaking in Bungoma, he said some advertisements being aired and published in print and broadcast media outlets are an embarrassment to the profession.

"We will set up a team to regulate the adverts in media houses, some of them are embarrassing to say the least," said Bwire.

He said the Media Council Act requires that adverts should adhere to code of the ethics, which he said is not being followed.

## Governor warns lazy, dirty staff

■ by Mutuku Mwangangi  
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Machakos Governor Dr Alfred Mutua has warned county employees against corruption and laxity.

Speaking at Machakos People's Park during the launch of an audit of all county workers, he said ghost workers will be removed from the payroll.

He said county workers should focus on service delivery and should be a good example to members of the public.

"They should offer servant leadership and stop being bossy," he said.

Mutua urged the workers to support his government to enable him to deliver his pledges.

# Waiguru, polls body oppose audit report

*Defendants in the Kirinyaga election petition accuse Narc Kenya leader of trying to introduce new evidence*

■ by Githinji Mwangi  
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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru have rejected Narc Kenya leader Martha Karua's application to have findings of an audit report on the August 8 governor's seat election admitted in court as evidence.

Through lawyers John Katungu and Paul Nyamodi, they also accused Karua (*pictured*) of trying to introduce new evidence through the back door saying it's abuse of court process and a waste of time. "The court should not allow the petitioner to go on

### ABOUT THE CASE

On March 2, the Court of Appeal set aside the High Court ruling striking out her petition after Karua and her lawyers convinced them that the lower court had erred in dismissing the petition without first hearing it.

**The judges faulted Lady Justice Lucy Gitari of Kerugoya High Court for summarily throwing Karua's petition out before contemplating the issues raised.**

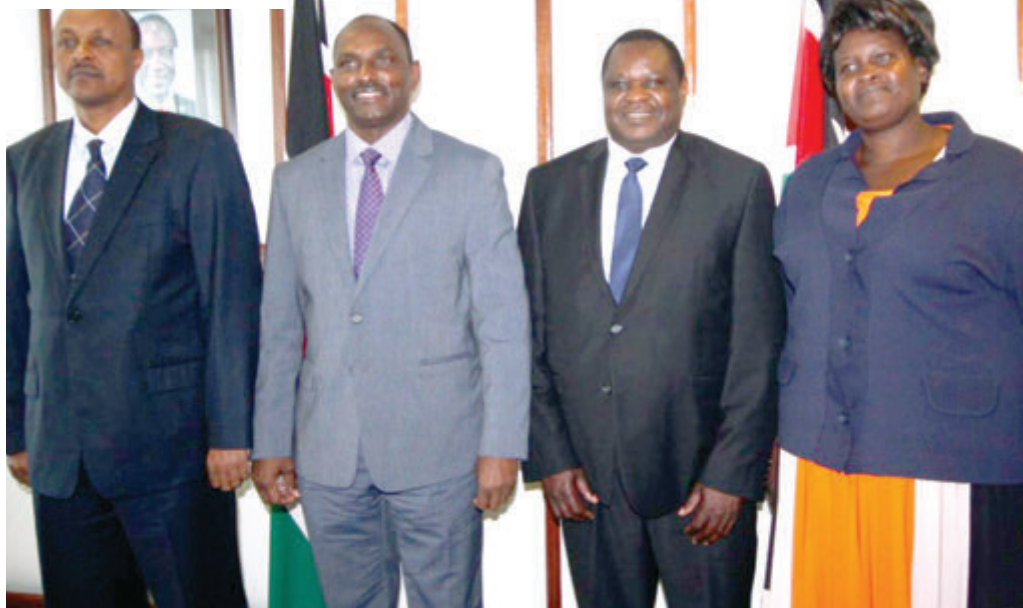


a fishing expedition and try to look for new evidence. The law is very clear that you can't file new evidence outside the stipulated timeline," Nyamodi told Kerugoya High Court Judge Lady Justice Lucy Gitari. In her application, Karua and her lawyer Charles Kihara insisted they should be allowed to file more affidavits and the report by the High Court's

Deputy Registrar should be admitted as part of the case proceedings. "Rules of the court delegate scrutiny matters to the Deputy Registrar, who must report back to the court on the findings. If that is not the case, then the scrutiny is effort in futility," said Karua.

The court will rule on Friday on whether to adopt the Deputy Registrar's report or not.

### Labour Matters



Labour and Social Protection Cabinet secretary Ukur Yattani (second left) with Chief Administrative Secretary Abdul Bakari (left) and Principal Secretary Dr Khadijah Kassachoon (right) with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) office for Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya Rwanda and Uganda incoming director Wellington Chibebe (second right) who called on him at Labour ministry offices in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY

## Marwa vows to crush relief food supply tender cartels

■ by Douglas Dindi  
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Devolution Principal secretary Nelson Marwa has vowed to wipe out a cartel that has been swindling billions of shillings of public funds in dubious relief supply tenders.

He said the cartel in the ministry has given the monopoly to supply all maize and beans for famine relief to one city-based firm.

"This company is domiciled in Nairobi but has distributed every emergency relief supply be it in Turkana, Baringo, Kano Plains in Nyando, Budalang'i,



Devolution Principal Secretary Nelson Marwa at a past function.

PHOTO: FILE

Busia and Kitui. This is unfair as this amounts to a government benefiting few individuals," he said.

"We have developed new Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) to guide our dealings particularly on issues of procurement. The SoP dictates that the supply of relief will be decentralised to give local businesses an opportunity to trade with government," he said.

He spoke during a meeting between the ministry officials, Senators, MPs and county government stakeholders involved in the planning of the upcoming Devolution Conference in Kakamega next week.

## MP denies incitement charges, freed on bail

■ by Henry Andanje  
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Budalang'i MP Raphael Wanjala and four other people were yesterday charged in a Busia court with undermining the authority of a public officer, endangering the safety of aircraft and persons on board and incitement to violence.

The charge sheet stated that on April 13 at Sigiri Bridge jointly with others not before the court, he violated the rights of Foreign Affairs Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) Ababu Namwamba by refusing him to address a public rally.

The four, who appeared before Busia chief magistrate Martha Nazushi also faced an alternative charge of assaulting a police officer.

Namwamba had accompanied a team from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure that was led by CAS Chris Obure to inspect Sigiri bridge repair works, an event the Budalang'i MP claimed he had not been invited to.

They denied the charges and were released on a cash bail of Sh400,000 and a surety of Sh700,000.

The case will be mentioned on August 22.

## DCI starts audit of academic papers

■ by Irene Githinji  
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The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) yesterday commenced an audit of its officers holding degrees to ascertain their authenticity.

The audit, ordered by the DCI boss George Kinoti (*pictured*), is being conducted on about 600 DCI officers, an exercise that could see those holding genuine degrees promoted while those holding fake ones demoted.

The scam is estimated to have siphoned more than Sh100 million from tax payers over the years. It has also emerged that action will be taken against those who sanctioned their inclusion in the graduate programme and their salary upgraded.

The panel members will be drawn from DCI Directorate of Personnel and Human Resource. Senior Superintendent Mwangi Wanderi, who is also the Deputy Director of Personnel at DCI will head the panel.

"DCI graduate officers audit has commenced today (yesterday) at DCI headquarters to authenticate certificates and for purposes of head count. It will also address processes and acquisition of degrees and about 600 officers are targeted across the country," sources indicate.

This comes against a recent National Police Service Commission (NPSC) audit of police salaries and degrees reportedly revealing massive fraud and bribery.

The committee's preliminary findings showed that some rogue officers have been bribing junior payroll officers with between Sh100,000 and Sh200,000 to have them incorporated into the graduate constable scheme to receive higher perks.





## OPINION

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Chebukati

“IEBC assures the public its operations are on course. I’m committed to transforming the commission to make it more responsive and professional,” **chair Wafula Chebukati after three commissioners quit on Monday.**



Raila

“Our country has lost one of the last living symbols of the pains our people have had to bear in order to get where we are,” **Opposition leader Raila Odinga eulogising Kenneth Matiba.**



Anyango

“We’ve got 30 air tickets from Sonko. Most players have received visas and others in the process of getting theirs. The team will leave this evening,” **Gor Mahia official Judith Anyango after Mike Sonko paid the club’s air tickets to Pretoria.**

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## Editorial

## Address power challenges to boost client confidence

Kenya Power must streamline operations, especially the prepaid billing system, to effectively and efficiently serve its clients.

The utility firm has been cast into the limelight not because of the public’s 50 per cent stake—through government shareholding—but as a key enabler of economic growth. It must, therefore, not be seen as catalyst in scattering the gains made in the energy sector.

Consumer outcry castigating the power supplier for various reasons, including inflated bills and delayed remittance of tokens—for up to 48 hours—must be taken seriously and remedial measures instituted.

The hours wasted in darkness by individuals and small and micro-enterprises on the prepaid billing system translates to huge economic losses for a country that leverages on SMEs to power the economy.

Going by the firm’s average of 200,000 prepaid power purchase transactions daily, thousands were plunged into an abyss of darkness and anxiety when the prepaid system suffered hitches from late last week. Though the hitch was finally fixed, its cost to the economy; personal

“Even after Kenya Power explained inflated bills were as a result of a system upgrade last year, the matter seems not fully addressed

and national, cannot be redeemed.

This comes even as the firm stands accused for various other performance lapses, some of which have been attended to, but the severity of the issues obligates all employees, including top management, to re-examine their call to duty for the sake of the weary consumer and economy.

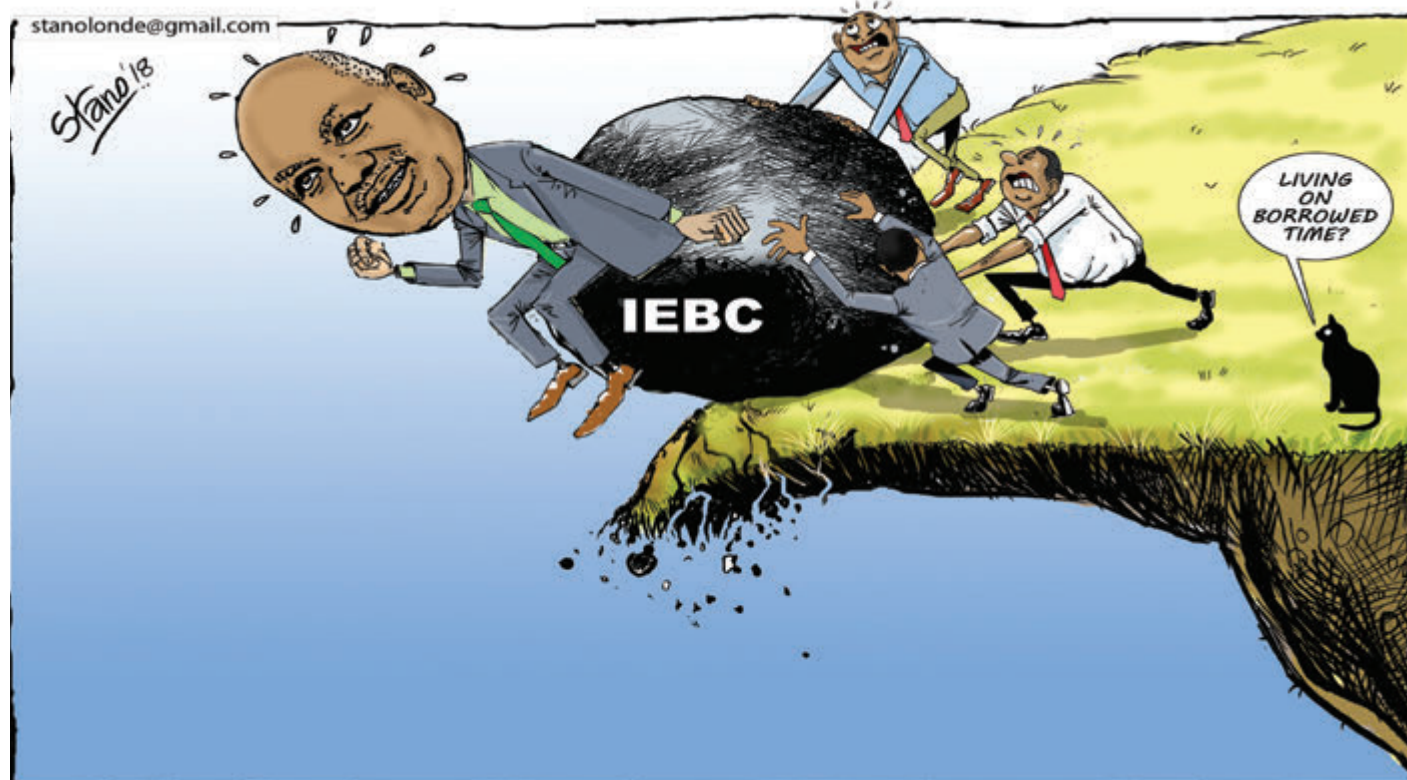
While the consumer is up in arms on the numerous levies loaded on tariffs, making electricity among the highest-taxed utilities, the recent inflation of bills must be addressed to avoid another backlash from the public.

It begs the question why customers received bills that had been hiked by various percentage points, leading to a class action suit amounting to Sh8.1 billion for November and December, a figure which was initially Sh10.1 billion before the government recovered Sh2 billion.

Even after the firm explained the inflated bills were as a result of a billing system upgrade last year, the matter seems not fully sorted out. Some consumers are still pained for being overcharged; even after getting reprieve from the firm by way of revising the bills, some still continue to have unexplained increments.

Kenya Power must also move with speed and arrest electricity leakage by unscrupulous staff and customers who collude to bypass the meters, chopping off a considerable chunk of revenue, a burden which is shouldered by innocent consumers. The firm must also ensure the distribution and transmission network is more efficient to reduce system losses which gobble up to 18 per cent of electricity bought from power producers.

These will go a long way in saving funds, because a percentage point of electricity saved is a huge boost to the economy and which can be passed on to consumers by easing tariffs.



Phyllis Wakiaga

## Investments in manufacturing guarantee growth

Manufacturing has the potential to spark productivity more than any other sector. It is important to note that, contrary to common perceptions, manufacturing does not ‘compete’ with other industries such as the services sector, but rather, it is an ‘enabler’ for productivity for other sectors.

For starters, it has been proven that, as long as the share of manufacturing to the GDP is rising, similarly, the per capita growth rate, continues to rise. This is what economists have referred to as structural change bonus.

However, if we reduce the resources towards investment in manufacturing in favour of, for example, services, we risk experiencing a structural change burden—which is the opposite of the bonus, because we rely on a sector whose capacity does not support the required increase in productivity. It is true that few services, which are linked to markets, have the potential for productivity. However, to have and sustain a thriving market, an economy needs to have a strong manufacturing base, which supports agriculture and quality production of goods.

Secondly, manufacturing and agriculture are interlinked and each depends on the success of the other to grow. Manufacturing creates opportunities for capital accumulation more than agriculture. This means companies in industry, be it Small, Medium or Large, are able to invest in diverse assets and increase capital flow. Additionally, the returns to capital in manufacturing are higher than in other sectors. Because it supports productive investments, manufacturing enables

high savings rates. Moreover, you will find that typically, investment spending is channeled towards manufactured goods such as machinery, equipment and building material.

Capital Intensity is also high in manufacturing and activities generated by manufacturing, for instance, construction and transport; however, the same is lower in sectors such as agriculture and services.

Manufacturing also offers opportunities for economies of scale. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa has stated that manu-

“Manufacturing guarantees increased productivity and offers more sustainability in economic growth

facturing is especially important in advancing technologies in many societies due to ‘Its leading role in diffusing technological progresses’. Technological advancement is concentrated in manufacturing and then diffuses to other sectors, that is, Machines - make Machines. The development of gadgets, gizmos, tools and equipment that is used to drive productivity and efficiency in other sectors rides on the back of advanced manufacturing.

Backward and forward linkages are also stronger in manufacturing than other sectors. From growing and harnessing raw materials, to pro-

cessing, treatment, packaging, transporting, re-packaging, storage, distribution etc, all of these are actors in the value chain anchored on manufacturing. Subsequently, the spillover effects of manufacturing activity, for instance - technologies and skills, are stronger compared to other sectors. These effects also spread between other sectors as well.

Lastly, when per capita income rises, the share of expenditure on manufactured goods increases. In contrast, in the context of total expenditure, the share of agriculture expenditure decreases due to low-income elasticity. Essentially, countries that rely on agriculture will need to industrialise to profit from expanding to markets.

Some have argued that expenditure on services does grow, as per capita income increases, akin to manufacturing. It is true that the expenditure on services might grow, but contrary to the case in manufacturing, the growth of expenditure here is only as a result of increased income but not increased productivity. Manufacturing will guarantee the later and in the long run, will offer more sustainability in terms of economic growth.

These are just examples on why many countries focus their resource and investment towards growing the manufacturing sector. It only makes sense that manufacturing is one of the ‘Big Four’ pillars, but to realise our economic goals, our focus in manufacturing must be long term and centred on all our development plans henceforth.

**The writer is the chief executive of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers**





Anderson Ojwang'

# Nyanza needs to reinvent itself after handshake

After the fallout of President Jomo Kenyatta and Vice President Odinga shortly after independence, Nyanza suffered the consequences of the bitter political rivalry.

And for close to five decades, Nyanza region, more specifically the Luo, has earned itself rebellious and troublesome tag—that has seen it largely kept on the periphery of the national cake sharing table by successive governments.

The consequence of that potent mix of protest and exclusionist politics has had a lot of negative socio-economic and political ramifications on the region and the community.

The once vibrant economy suffered because of either deliberate or coincidental death of industries and limited government projects to tap the rich agricultural and other natural resources for the benefit of residents.

For instance, the death of the cotton farming can be linked to collapse of Kisumu Cotton Mills (Kicomi) in Kisumu. Its impact still lingers and will for many decades because efforts to revive cotton farming have always come a cropper.

That is also the case with sugarcane farming with the community shouldering the dying milling firms, heaving under the weight of debts because of inefficiency, corruption and strangulation by sugar imports cartels.

Cane farmers have not been as lucky as their coffee and tea colleagues from other regions whose debts have been written off by the government. But they stoically carry the cross of their defiant politics and stay the course en route to a vague



political 'Canaan'.

Although Kenya Breweries is making a return to the lakeside city of Kisumu, its closure cost jobs, killed sorghum farming and strangled other services to the detriment of the region's economy.

In a nutshell, the systematic death of industries and other State enterprises in the region had a direct link to collapse of the once thriving East Africa trade on Lake Victoria and vibrant lake transport. Passenger steamships and commercial ones were grounded, signaling the economic hibernation of the region.

There was a glimmer of hope during the short-lived Kanu-NDP merger and the Grand Coalition government when Nyanza region benefited from some projects.

This was mainly because the political leadership opted to work with the government and this subsequently lifted the unofficial economic caveat placed on the region.

Similarly, professionals from the region were appointed to more influ-

ential positions in government.

The cost of protest politics has earned Nyanza a near permanent slot in the opposition, with costly consequences: economic stagnation and deaths, especially killings during streets protests.

Locally, the region is grappling with issues of internal democracy with those who try to challenge the Odinga family's political domination suffering the wrath of the electorate that is fiercely loyal to the family whose leading lights have been Odinga and, after his death in 1994, his son Raila Odinga. Those who have gone against the community's political tide have been branded sell-outs.

The region's "locked politics" has, to a certain degree, discouraged investors who are wary of constant protests. The political climate has also seen the community reject or fail to own government projects.

This is why the recent handshake between Raila and President Uhuru Kenyatta has become a subject of passionate debate in the region, with

many seeing it as the end of stigmatisation and marginalisation of the Luo community.

Prospects that government projects will be undertaken are high, with investors positioning themselves to invest in the region.

Similarly, politicians once viewed as outcasts have been given a lifeline and can now pursue their political and economic ambitions without fear of retribution.

It is an opportunity for the region to re-evaluate its political stand and change tack to reap the benefits of the new political climate for the socio-economic good.

But even then, the local leadership needs to come up with strategic economic blueprints to tap the region's potential.

The region must also embrace divergent views to ensure more vibrant democracy which they have been demanding at the national level. This, perhaps, will mark the rebirth of Nyanza as one of the leading economies in the country.

Raila has done his part by ending decades of resistance. Now it is incumbent upon the community to reshape its thinking to economic unity and do away with some "pull him/her down" mentality that at times rears its ugly head in the region.

Raila's dream of leaving his supporters, and more specifically community, in the government can only be realised through the handshake and that is why it must be accorded the support it deserves.

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## STREET talk

### Legislators compete to please probe subject

Members of a committee of the National Assembly are on a collision course with their counterparts in a similar committee of the Senate over an investigation involving a controversial piece of land. According to our informant, an interested party in the probe has been dangling goodies to the legislators, thus causing a rift between the two committees which are now competing to come up with the most favourable report to the benefactor.

### Want clarification? MP at your service

Still on House committees, a first-term MP from Rift Valley has earned himself the tag of being the go-between for a certain committee and anyone or institution who is being probed and would like to clearly drive their point home. Members of the committee are said to get unusually excited whenever the MP appears with such messages for clarification.

### Robbers' stolen cash goes with the wind

Police in Britain shared video of two clumsy robbers who lost some of their ill-gotten cash to a strong wind. The Greater Manchester Police posted a video to YouTube showing CCTV footage of the two suspects fleeing after robbing a travel agent's office in Droylsden, England. The video shows cash falling from the robbers' pockets and being carried away by the wind. The men attempt to retrieve some of the wind-blown money before fleeing in a silver car. "This duo threatened innocent people working in the travel agents," said Detective Constable Phil Scargill of GMP's Tameside borough.

"They took every step to secure the money in the shop, but left the stolen notes in their wake as they fled from the scene," he said. "I'd urge anyone who saw the two men, or caught sight of them dropping notes as they ran from the travel agents, to please get in touch with police and share what you know."

—UPI



Henry Ngethe

# How nutrition determines economic fortunes

Thomas Edison, an American inventor and businessman, once said the doctor of the future will give no medication, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, diet and in the cause and prevention of disease.

This is true of nutrition, one of the major fields in health that cuts across all the approaches of primary health care, including promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative.

According to World Health Organisation (WHO), malnutrition poses a double burden characterised by the co-existence of undernutrition along side obesity, or diet-related non-communicable diseases, within individuals, households and populations and across the life course.

The 2016 Global Nutrition Report indicates that one in three people globally suffers from malnutrition, a condition with serious economic consequences, especially in Africa where it accounts for 11 per cent

gross domestic product (GDP) losses annually. This is more than the annual losses caused by the 2008-2010 global financial crisis. Malnutrition is a major contributor to the global burden of disease, which can only be resolved by mainstreaming nutritional services in ensuring quality health.

Malnutrition takes time to manifest itself and only regular checks by nutritionist can help detect early and commence treatment or management to avert deaths.

Nutrition is among the key drivers of preventive health which is one of the goals outlined in Vision 2030 blueprint—and as an indicator of health, it can be managed to envisage the susceptibility to cardiovascular diseases that drain resources of families in management and treatment.

Additionally, nutrition is envisaged to be one of the key contributors to the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Over the next 15 years, the SDGs commit all governments to comprehensive, integrated and

universal transformations, including ending hunger and malnutrition by 2030. The United Nations singles out nutrition as both a maker and a marker of development.

Improved nutrition is the platform for progress in health, education, employment, empowerment of women and the reduction of poverty and inequality, and can lay the foundation for peaceful, secure and stable societies. Without adequate and sustained investments in good nutrition, the SDGs will be a pipe dream.

Waist hip ratio, for example, is used by nutritionists as a measure of health and fertility of a person and the possibility of developing serious health conditions. Research shows that people with "apple-shaped" bodies (with more weight around the waist) face more health risks than those with "pear-shaped" bodies who carry more weight around the hips.

There is increasing indications that presenting the manner in which fat

is distributed on the woman's body can influence the ability to conceive. Body fat is essential for reproduction, yet too much of it can end up weakening conception capability.

According to Unicef and WHO, for every dollar invested in nutrition a country can get \$16 (Sh1,600) in returns as per the global nutrition report of 2016. Kenya should, therefore, invest more in nutrition related initiatives as it rolls out the universal health coverage initiative.

Numerous studies on the importance of nutrition interventions during hospitalisation on key clinical outcomes have shown that patients get reduced complication rates, reduction in hospital stay, reduced readmission rates, reduction in incidences in nosocomial infections and reduction in mortality all which translate to reduction in health budget and expenditure by insurances and families.

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## #Tweets to the editor

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**Tanzanian singer Diamond Platnumz was arrested for purportedly posting a lewd video on the internet and East Africans on Twitter were talking about it.**

**Shiundu Shiundu@IvanE-vans\_Kenya:** Maghufuli should give us "Diamond Platnumz" in

exchange for Timmy Tdat.

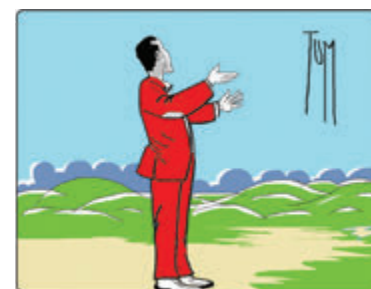
**Tina@tinaokore:** The only question that lingers on my mind every time I see Diamond Platnumz with different women and baby mamas is whether he's aware that AIDS is real @Yells\_O.

**Ngugi Gatua@ngugigatua:** Diamond Platnumz have officially been enrolled in Team Mafisi courtesy of the overworking secretary general Shaffie Weru @ShaffieWeru.

**Nimmoh@shankaronney:** Free Diamond Platnumz we don't

care what he chooses to do with his personal life, we just want to hear his music.

**Boy Next Door@ManuBungei:** Mama, they have arrested Diamond platnumz. Give Timmy tdat a sign when they come mama. #Malema\_Challenge.



**TRUTH IS:** We honour God's name, when we call Him our father and live like His son.





Dr Muir Nguigi

# Matiba: Self-made man whose valour must inspire all

Of course, he wasn't a saint. None of us are. But we can be great, even with all our human frailties

We all agree that a man died. A political hero; a mountaineer; a sportsman; a businessman and a family man. A role model for many Kenyans. Kenneth Matiba.

My almost apolitical wife made a sort of surprising confession yesterday. She told me that on the day Matiba returned to the country after his hospitalisation in London, she and her friend went to Uhuru Park, Nairobi, where he was addressing his supporters.

You can imagine two young girls of those days summoning enough courage to attend a political rally, which could have turned raucous or even violent.

His honesty, homely authenticity and fatherly mien blended to produce an unmistakable gravitas in the man. Everyone, including those in the then ruling party Kanu, was convinced Matiba could have led the country ably, perhaps with the *Midas* touch so visible in his business ventures. His distractors worked hard to frustrate this dream from becoming a reality.

Matiba was a self-made man, albeit one who had benefitted from opportunities presented by exigencies of retreating colonialism at a very early age.

He was a bit like JM Kariuki, the man from whom the simplicity of village life never quite left, sitting awkwardly amongst the aristocracy, fondling with the strange cutlery, unsure why a simple matter of eating had to be implemented with so many tools.

He was confronted with a stark choice—eat or be eaten. In the

end, it didn't matter. He ate, and was then eaten. But he wasn't one to go down without a fight.

There are many heroes of the Second Liberation. Some gave their courage, rhetoric, time, strategies, health and lives. Matiba gave most of these and then some. He gave his financial resources to be used as fodder for advancing ambitions of mostly thankless political reptiles.

## Ruthlessly crashed

Initially, he was single-handedly financing Ford, then Ford Asili. Perhaps this explains why his business empire was ruthlessly crashed, almost sending him back to his inauspicious beginnings, by those keen on turning off the financial sluice gates supplying the opposition.

He lived the true meaning codified in the Kikuyu proverb *Ikua-gira mukuyuini ciana ihone*, which is used to explain the moral imperative of selflessness. During serious drought, a mother warthog will selflessly head-butt a fig tree in order to fell some of the fruits for her offspring to eat. She might die in the process, but because of this selfless act, her offspring will live.

A *mzee* who was in Ford Kenya recently narrated to me how Matiba, in the early 90s, paid all expenses for an entire delegation of about 30 people to London, then to Washington, DC, to meet various representatives of civil society as well as those of the UK and US governments in order to convince



them to lend support to the Opposition's cause.

The "birth" of the *The People* newspaper, now *People Daily*,

should be seen in this context. It was one of the many ways in which Matiba selflessly used his personal resources to advance a

public cause. Then, the newspaper ranked highly in the pantheon of opposition media when it was started in the early 1990s.

I know this for a fact because I used to write for the newspaper under a *nom de plume*, which, I can now reveal, was Wycliffe Omukhobole.

## Big names

I used to interact with fearless journalism hacks of the day, including Kiruri Kamau, Kamau Ngoto, Mwenda Njoka, Mukalo Kwayera, John Kamau, David Makali and had a few meetings with senior Mugo Theuri, whom we revered as he had just graduated from political detention.

While some of these folks had worked in the media before, others cut their teeth in that newspaper and rose to become big names in the local press. Some are still in the newsroom soaring high.

Matiba's contribution to the growth, diversity, de-coupling and expansion of the Kenyan media is, therefore, one aspect of his life that is, unfortunately, going unremarked.

He had plans of starting a radio and a TV station, and, knowing him, he would have done it but Kanu regime would hear none of that.

Of course, he wasn't a saint. None of us are. But we can be great, even with all our human frailties.

It is with this recognition that I say, without reservations, that a man died.

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Paul Muite

## Kanu regime responsible for Ken's stroke

I have known Kenneth Matiba for many years. At the beginning, as a client in mid-70s when I represented him in a libel suit arising from Kenya Football Federation (now KFF) elections and later both as a friend and a client.

Following the infamous 1988 Mlolongo elections, I teamed up with Bill Deverell as his lawyer in an election petition filed against him.

When he resigned from the Cabinet following rigging of party elections which followed the presidential and parliamentary elections of 1988, I drafted his resignation letter.

And when I was elected Law Society of Kenya chairman in 1990, Matiba and I worked closely together with others in what came to be dubbed "second" liberation.

I accompanied him to Nyayo House to deliver the request for a permit from the then Nairobi Provincial Commissioner to hold the Saba Saba rally at Kamukunji, Nairobi. He had accepted my legal advice that constitutional freedom of assembly was separate and distinct from freedom of association so that the restriction of the latter by reason

of the provisions of Section 2A, which made Kenya one-party State, was not a bar to the freedom of assembly.

When Matiba was arrested and detained in the run up to Saba Saba (7th July, 1990) I saw him in detention a number of times in my capacity as his lawyer. I saw him at Naivasha Maximum Prison, Shimo



There was further delay because then President Moi had the last word on the matter

la Tewa Prison, Kilifi and several times at the then Nairobi Area Police headquarters.

The other person who visited him from time to time was the late Dr Jim Nesbitt, who was Matiba's physician even prior to his detention.

I remember as clearly the conversation I had with Nesbitt one morning in my office around October 1990 after he had been to see Matiba the previous evening.

That morning, I found Dr Nesbitt waiting for me in my secretary's office. Nesbitt's office was on the third floor of Electricity House while mine was on the sixth floor, the same building. He looked worried, concerned. He told me: "Paul, I never discuss my patients with my wife Mary, but last night, I couldn't but discuss your client's condition with my wife."

He then explained to me that before detention, Matiba had a mild case of hypertension which was under control because he exercised regularly and took medication.

Dr Nesbitt told me that from the first time he had been allowed to see Matiba in detention, end of July or early August, 1990, he had sought

to hand him over drugs to control the hypertension. He, however, had been prevented by the security agents and the government doctor, a Dr Mwongera. Nesbitt was on each occasion informed that the government was responsible for providing any necessary drugs to Matiba. He told me how, on several occasions, he had tried to reason with the government doctor to see the packet of drugs which he sought to pass on to Matiba was not opened if the fear was about any untoward drugs being handed over, but to no avail. Yet, the government never made drugs available to the Matiba. His condition rapidly deteriorated and Nesbitt asked me to do whatever I could to save the situation.

The doctor's last words stuck in my brain: "If nothing is done, at best, Matiba is going to suffer a stroke, at worst, he is going to die."

I sent a fax to Amnesty International pleading for their intervention.

Less than two months after my conversation with Nesbitt, the Matiba suffered a stroke in the middle of the night in solitary confinement at Kamiti. When "eventually" he was

admitted to Nairobi Hospital, I was able to get from him relevant details.

Matiba realised that he had suffered a stroke as soon as it happened. He knocked loudly on his cell door and requested two guards who went into his cell to each hold him under the armpit and to walk him round the cell the reminder of the night. This was to keep blood circulating.

In the morning when the government doctor came, he prescribed pain killers.

A couple of days then passed with arguments as to where he was to be admitted. Forces Memorial Hospital which was the government's preferred choice made it clear that even their stroke patients are transferred to Kenyatta National Hospital. They did not have equipment and expertise. There was further delay because then President Moi had the last word on the matter.

I have no doubts that Matiba's stroke was deliberately induced by the government by denying him drugs to contain his hypertension and refusal to have Dr Nesbitt deliver his drugs in the cell.

To me, therefore, the government was responsible for Matiba's situation and its consequences.

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## IN BRIEF



McCain

**CANCER-STRICKEN  
McCain STABLE AFTER  
UNDERGOING SURGERY**

US Senator John McCain, who is battling brain cancer, was in stable condition yesterday after undergoing surgery to treat an infection, an aide said, adding that Senate colleagues have made frequent visits to see him. McCain, 81, was diagnosed last year with an aggressive type of cancer, glioblastoma. It has led to a reduced role in Congress for the veteran lawmaker, who was the Republican presidential nominee in 2008. —AFP



Protest

**INDIA PARENTS 'PAID TO  
SABOTAGE DAUGHTER'S  
RAPE TRIAL' ARRESTED**

An Indian teenager who was kidnapped and gang raped last year has accused her parents of accepting money from her alleged assailants in return for pressing her to change her statement. Police said they had arrested her mother and are searching for her father. The news emerged after the girl went to a police station with 500,000 rupees (\$7,600) that she said her parents accepted from the accused. She is now being cared for in a refuge. —BBC



Tunnel

**ISRAELI MILITARY  
DESTROY 'LONGEST AND  
DEEPEST' GAZA TUNNEL**

The Israeli military has disabled a major tunnel dug by militants which reached into Israel from the Gaza Strip, officials say. Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman said it was the longest and deepest tunnel of its kind Israel had discovered. A military spokesman said it had been dug since the 2014 Gaza war, when Israel destroyed more than 30 tunnels meant for attacks. Israel is using sophisticated measures to thwart tunnels dug by militants. —BBC



Scene

**TWO KILLED, 62 INJURED  
IN DEADLY BOMB ATTACK  
AT ETHIOPIA BUS STATION**

Two people have been killed and 62 injured following a bomb attack near a bus station in Ethiopia's southern Moyale town, Huruka Godana, a local health official, has told the BBC. The attack happened during clashes between the Oromo and Somali ethnic groups. Tension between the two groups is common. Last September thousands of people fled the Somali region following deadly clashes between the two groups. —BBC


**Ex-firm  
boss ducks  
grilling**

■ London, Tuesday

Former Cambridge Analytica boss Alexander Nix (pictured) has refused to appear for a second grilling by British lawmakers, the MPs' scrutiny panel investigating him said today.

The ex-CA chief executive was due to appear tomorrow before parliament's culture, media and sport committee over the British political consultancy firm's highly controversial work.

They wanted to probe inconsistencies in the testimony he gave before the committee on February 27. But Nix told them he could not appear, citing Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham's ongoing investigation into claims that CA may have illegally harvested Facebook data for political ends.

"We do not accept Mr Nix's reason for not appearing in a public session before the committee," said Damian Collins, who chairs the committee.

CA suspended Nix, 42, on March 20 after recordings emerged of him boasting that the firm played an expansive role in US President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign, doing all of its research, analytics as well as digital and television campaigns. —AFP

# Experts start probe into Syria gas attack

*Chemical assault that left more than 40 people dead was blamed on regime of Syrian President Assad*

Experts from the chemical weapons committee enter the town of Douma — news agency

■ Douma, Tuesday

International investigators today entered a Syrian town hit by an alleged chemical attack, after days of delay and warnings by Western powers that crucial evidence had likely been removed.

The suspected gas attack on April 7 on Douma, near Damascus, reportedly left more than 40 people dead and was blamed by Western powers on the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

In response, the US, France and Britain conducted unprecedented missile strikes on Syrian military installations, but Paris admitted today they were a matter of "honour" that had solved nothing.

"Experts from the chemical weapons committee enter the town of Douma," state news agency SANA wrote, referring to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

The inspectors arrived in Damascus on the day of the Western strikes but had not been allowed to enter Douma.

France and the United States appeared to question the purpose of such a mission, warning that any incriminating evidence had likely been removed by now.

"It is highly likely that evidence and essential elements disappear



Civilians walk in the former rebel Syrian town of Douma on the outskirts of Damascus. PHOTO: AFP

from the site, which is completely controlled by the Russian and Syrian armies," the French foreign ministry said.

The US ambassador to the OPCW, Ken Ward, had claimed yesterday that the Russians had already visited the site and "may have tampered with it".

In an impassioned defence to the European Parliament on Tuesday, France's President Emmanuel Macron admitted that Saturday's strikes had been a more political than military decision.

"Three countries have intervened, and let me be quite frank, quite honest — this is for the honour of the international community," he said.

"These strikes don't necessarily resolve anything but I think they were important," Macron added.

The French leader was also set to strip Syrian President Bashar al-Assad of a prestigious award he was granted by former president Jacques Chirac in 2001.

"The Elysee confirms that a disciplinary procedure for withdrawing the Legion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour) is under way," Macron's office said.

The war of words continued to spiral between the Russian-backed Syria regime and the West but a military escalation looked to have been averted despite both sides trading threats after the strikes. —AFP

## Facebook confirms data 'ills'

■ California, Tuesday

Facebook, embattled in a scandal over the mishandling of user data, confirmed yesterday that it also collected information from people beyond their social network use.

During heated hearings in Congress last week, CEO Mark Zuckerberg had already explained that Facebook collects data beyond what users share on their profiles.

"When you visit a site or app that uses our services, we receive information even if you're logged out or don't have a Facebook account," product management director David Baser said in a post on the social network's blog.

"This is because other apps and sites don't know who is using Facebook," he added, noting Facebook was also following up with Congress on a few dozen questions Zuckerberg was unable to answer at the time of the hearings.

Baser said "many" websites and apps use Facebook services to target content and ads, including via the social network's Like and Share buttons. —AFP

## Tanzanian pop star arrested

■ Dar es Salaam, Tuesday

Popular Tanzanian musician Diamond Platinumz has been arrested for publishing "indecent" photographs on social media, the information minister told parliament today.

Since yesterday, images have circulated on social networks showing the 28-year-old singer, shirtless and in bed with a female companion.

"Among our artists, there are some who are starting to spread indecency on social media," said Harrison Mwakembe.

"I inform you that yesterday we arrested Diamond Platinumz, he is being questioned by the police about indecent photos he circulated," said the minister.

Diamond Platinumz, whose real name is Naseeb Abdul Juma, is one of the most popular musicians in Tanzania. —BBC



## Macron condemns EU divisions

■ Strasbourg, Tuesday

French President Emmanuel Macron (pictured) warned today that divisions between democracy and authoritarianism in Europe were becoming like a "civil war".

In a speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg that set out his vision of a reformed EU, Macron

called on the bloc to resist the siren song of populism.

The young French leader's call to arms comes after eurosceptic populists won elections in Hungary and Italy, and as Brussels confronts Poland's right-wing government over the rule of law.

"There seems to be a sort of European civil war, where our differences and sometimes our national egotisms can

seem more important than presenting a united face to the world," the 40-year-old president said.

Macron's election victory last year against far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, and his ardent pro-Europeanism have made him the poster boy for those aiming for a revived post-Brexit EU to battle the challenges of populism. —AFP



# BusinessHub

## Kenya taps London Stock Exchange for dual listing

*Deal also involves an 'elite programme' to support Small, Medium enterprises*

by Fred Aminga and PSCU  
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Kenya has tapped the London Stock Exchange (LSE) for dual listing in a move which could see companies list in both countries and attract further investment from UK.

Numerous businesses will be able to take advantage of dual listing for comparative advantage with access to two liquidity pools.

Firms will leverage on the Kenyan investor base which understands the local business terrain and the investor pool in London which understands international aspirations.

The deal is expected to deepen direct foreign investment between Kenya and the UK providing a significant boost to increased local investments.

Speaking in UK after kicking off a five day-visit to the UK where he presided over the opening ceremony of the LSE, President Uhuru Kenyatta said the National Oil Company will dual list on both Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and the LSE, a move that the Petroleum principal secretary Andrew Kamau said is expected to take effect next year.

President Uhuru said the agreement between LSE and the NSE for dual listing will increase business between Kenya and UK.

He also said the LSE is also working with NSE on an initiative called the 'elite programme' to support SMEs.



President Uhuru Kenyatta with Portsmouth North Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt (fifth left) and London Stock Exchange Group chairman (third right) Donald Brydon, when the President opened trade. Also present are Foreign Affairs Cabinet secretary (CS) Amb Monica Juma (partly hidden behind Mordaunt), Industry CS Adan Mohamed (fourth left), Petroleum principal secretary Andrew Kamau (third left) and High Commissioner of Kenya to the United Kingdom Lazarus Amayo (left). PHOTO: PSCU

The UK is a leading investor in Kenya with at least 220 British companies operating in Kenya running business valued at more than £2.7 billion (Sh388.2 billion).

The President, who was joined by the Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt and the LSE Group chairman Donald Brydon, said Kenya is open for business and offers the best investment opportunity in Africa.

"Kenya has just recorded the best improvement in ease of doing business. We are inviting more UK companies to invest in Kenya," said the

President. He said the business environment in Kenya is supported by a strong telecommunication network, a reformed regulatory framework and an efficient aviation network.

The President said London is a strong partner for Kenya's economy and this was evident when Kenya's sovereign bond was oversubscribed by more than seven times a few months ago.

"UK continues to be a valuable economic partner in Kenya's socio-economic policies," said the President.

Brydon said the LSE is ready to partner with Kenya on the Big Four

agenda especially in affordable housing through securitisation.

The President later attended a business forum that brought together British investors, Kenyan business leaders and government officials, in London, where he assured UK investors that Kenya's business environment is stable and conducive for investment.

Some of the companies represented at the business forum included Diageo, Quantum Power, Tullow Plc, Arch Emerging Markets, Barclays, Finlay, TLG Group and Denham Capital, among others.

## Plans for low cost housing in high gear

by Zachary Ochuodho  
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The Government is set to unveil a roadmap aimed at delivering 1.85 million housing units at cost of Sh2.6 trillion.

The plan, to be launched within 90 days, will run for the next five years. According to the Government, the delivery of the targeted housing units will be achieved through the private-public partnership (PPP).

Housing Cabinet Secretary James Macharia (pictured) said the ambitious plan is aimed at meeting the deficit in units as well as meet the annual requirement. Macharia said the Government has lined up a series of



actions that it intends to undertake to assist the private sector deliver the affordable housing units within the specified period.

Key actions it plans to undertake include provision of infrastructure where the government will spend 10

per cent of estimated programme capital expenditure and amend 34 critical regulations that are identified as critical enablers to make housing affordable.

Some of the legislation to be reviewed include the Housing Bill, Built Environment Bill and Building Code, Landlord and Tenant Bill, amendment to the National Construction Authority Act and amendment of Urban Areas and Cities Act.

"As we work to enact enabling and progressive legislation as well as support increased efficiencies in the sector, it is our hope that you will work together with us to develop affordable housing projects on a massive scale," said Macharia adding that construc-

tion of the housing will also include mix-use developments, where those functions are physically and functionally integrated and that provide pedestrian connections.

Mixed-use development is a type of urban development that blends residential, commercial, cultural, institutional or entertainment uses.

He said the PPP framework will also be reviewed to fast-track process contracting.

"Production of housing units in Kenya is currently at 50,000 units annually, well below the target of 250,000, culminating in a housing deficit of more than two million units, with nearly 61 per cent of urban households living in slums," he said.

### Briefing



### Shilling rallies against dollar for second day

**FOREX:** The shilling yesterday continued to strengthen against the US dollar for the second day running closing at 100.35 up from Monday's close of 100.6 on account of tight monetary policy. ABC Corporate Finance and Advisory manager Johnson Nderi said the tight monetary policy is what causes the strengthening of the shilling against the US dollar. "As long as banks are not lending, monetary policy will remain tight," said Nderi. He said the shilling has been stable mainly due to the reduction of political risk – a move which has boosted foreign investment inflows into the country. The hard currency reserves held by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) have also increased to record highs. Cytonn Investments investment analyst Caleb Mugendi, projected that the shilling will range between Sh102 and Sh107 against the dollar this year. He said with the possible widening of the current account deficit is a point of concern. "We expect the CBK to continue supporting the shilling in the short term through its sufficient reserves of \$ 7.1 billion (equivalent to 4.7 months of import cover)," he said.

—ZACHARY OCHUODHO



### SBM acquires Chase Bank assets, liabilities

**AGREEMENT:** The State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Kenya has acquired certain assets and assumed certain deposits with respect to Chase Bank (Kenya) Ltd (In Receivership) (CBLR). In a joint statement signed by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) yesterday, the two institutions said the signing of the deal concludes the discussions between SBM, KDIC and CBK on the CBLR transaction that was announced on January 5, this year. "The agreement provides a transfer of 75 per cent of the value of deposits currently under moratorium at CBLR and the transfer of the majority of staff and branches of the existing CBLR operations, 25 per cent of the value of moratorium deposits will remain in CBLR," the statement said. "The customary conditions that apply to current and savings accounts, and term deposits, respectively, will apply to these deposits. The interest rates in and above will be aligned with the interest rates as prescribed by law," the statement said.

—ZACHARY OCHUODHO



## InBrief

## Equity to disburse cash stipends for the elderly



Equity Bank has been selected by the government together with three other financial institutions to disburse payments for senior citizens in the newly established Inua Jamii 70 and Above Cash Transfer Programme.

Following the selection, the bank has rolled out a registration process to sign up the selected senior citizens into the programme, where they will get an account and an Equity Bank Inua Jamii smart card.

The card, which uses biometric authentication, will enable enrolled beneficiaries access funds issued by the government through the bank's branch network and identified agents strategically located across the country.

Equity Bank's Special Projects director, Allan Waititu, said that targeted beneficiaries should visit the nearest enrolment stations in addition to Equity Bank branches to register and open accounts. "We will offer multiple solutions in a single card that will benefit the senior citizens enrolled in the plan".

## Boeing opens new offices in South Africa and Kenya



Boeing Company has announced the opening of two new offices in Nairobi and Johannesburg, South Africa marking a significant milestone for the company as it continues to expand its international presence.

Director government affairs Cham-sou Andjorin will staff Nairobi office and market development offices while managing director sub-Saharan Africa and director international Sales, Africa, for Boeing Commercial Airplanes Miguel Santos, will head the offices based in Johannesburg. According to Santos, taking the necessary steps to establish a firm presence on the continent was an obvious choice.

"Africa is not new territory for Boeing. Since the introduction of the jet airplane, Boeing aircraft have formed the backbone of the continent's commercial fleet and it continues to be one of the largest US-based companies doing business on the continent," he said. —WANGUI GITHUGO

# Maize farmers to get Sh3.6b owed by State

*Ruto directs Ministry of Agriculture to immediately pay growers to prepare land on time for planting*

by George Kebaso  
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Maize farmers will receive outstanding payment for their produce immediately after a directive by Deputy President William Ruto yesterday.

He said the farmers will receive Sh3.6 billion to settle what they are demanding from the government.

Ruto said the government would be spending Sh12 billion to pay pending debt to growers and also buy fresh grain from farmers.

"Farmers need the funds to prepare their land on time for planting," Ruto added at a Nairobi hotel where he opened a three-day conference on Conservation Agriculture.

Last month, Ministry of Agriculture asked for Sh3.6 billion from the National Treasury to clear farmers' debts accruing from maize delivered at the NCPB from last season. The money is also meant to buy more grain from farmers.

Already about Sh8 billion has been paid out to farmers, but the government is appalled that brokers disguised as farmers had taken advantage and were getting paid at the expense of genuine producers.

Subsequently, Ruto said the government would embark on registering all the 2.5 million farmers in the next 90 days, a move aimed at "eliminating brokers, cartels and connomen from interfering and sabotaging the farmers."

"I have instructed the ministry to target cartels and eliminate them from the list of genuine farmers to be paid. Kenya is capable of buying its own maize. Cartels can sell their maize elsewhere," he said.

Under the new measures released early this month, the government intends to vet farmers in a move aimed at locking out unscrupulous businessmen who import maize for supply to NCPB, but this angered farmers in Uasin



## SUPPORTING FARMERS

Government to continue supporting farmers by ensuring zero-rated farm machinery, soil friendly fertiliser and availing it at Sh1, 500 per 50 kilogramme bag.

**A total of Sh4.3 billion has been invested to procure 119,400 tonnes of more soil friendly fertiliser to subsidise farmer prices and maintain them at Sh1,500 per 50kg bag during this season.**

# Sh8b

**Amount already released to farmers by the State. Brokers have, however, taken advantage and were getting paid.**

sin Gishu and Nakuru counties.

Ruto attributed the cause of payment delays to farmers to the cartels who have dumped maize from neighbouring countries to the cereals board. He said the government would ensure only genuine farmers were

Deputy President William Ruto (right) is welcomed by Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri (centre) and Principal Secretary Richard Lesiyampe during the launch of the 2nd Conservation Agriculture Forum in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO HELLEN MUTURI

paid. Ruto said proper mechanisms have been put in place to eliminate the threat of those posing as maize farmers in the process interfering and sabotaging efforts to support farmers.

"We have asked Ministry of Agriculture to ensure only genuine farmers who have delivered their farm produce to NCPB are paid," said Ruto.

He said conservation agriculture was advantageous since it retained the soil matter, reduced erosion, reserved water, reduced input use, and prevented land degradation.



## Lawsuit puts the break on new parking rates at JKIA

Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) has suspended the plan to hike parking fees at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) after the new charges were challenged in court.

A lobby group moved to court on Monday seeking orders to restrain the authority from increasing parking fees by as much as Sh500.

The move by managing trustees of the Nairobi Foundation means the review of parking rates, which was to take effect on April 15, will have to wait a little bit longer.

The petitioners argued that the decision to increase the parking fees for motor vehicles of various categories is exploitative, punitive and oppressive and the public was not involved.

While suspending implementation of the charges, KAA said it needed to undertake further consultations.

"We would like to notify the general public that KAA has put on hold the proposed new car parking rates pending further consultations with our airport stakeholders," it posted on its official Twitter account.

In the suspended rates, parking at the drop-off and pick-up zones would have cost Sh100 for under 20 minutes, Sh250 for 20 and 40 minutes, Sh350 for 40 minutes and one hour and Sh500 for those staying for up to two hours.

The Foundation has listed Kenya Airports Parking Service Ltd, which was to handle the process as a respondent to the suit. Others are KAA, Attorney General and Finance and Transport Cabinet Secretaries Henry Rotich and James Macharia respectively.

Such a move was expected to boost KAA's revenues (access fees) to the tune of Sh50 million a month.

—STEVE UMIDHA

## Atwoli calls for quality power supply, warns over 'looters' of utility firm

by Irene Githinji  
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The government has been asked to take action to ensure adequate provision of power and tame firms allegedly seeking to "loot" from Kenya Power.

Central Organisation of Trade Unions Kenya Secretary General Francis Atwoli (pictured) said persistent spikes in electricity prices threaten the economy.

He said interruption, especially of token generation, has been consistent in the last few months and worsening thus slowing down the economy, hurt-



ing workers and troubling Kenyans.

"We demand immediate intervention from the government," Atwoli said yesterday. "We also question who the owners of Vendit Ltd Pay bill number (521200) and Dynamo pay bill number (800904) are," he added.

Atwoli claimed that these companies have been set up to milk poor Kenyans who are buying electricity tokens as they charge a premium for each transaction, leading to extra costs for Kenyans. "What is the logic of buying token for Sh100 and you are charged Sh22?" Atwoli posed.

## Fire razes cottages in Malindi

by Murimi Mutiga  
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More than 50 cottages have been destroyed by a huge fire in Casuarina area of Malindi. The inferno destroyed 33 rooms at Kenga Jama house and another 20 at Dorado cottages almost more than 500 metres away.

The cottages valued at hundreds of millions of shillings belonged to Italian investors. Nicola Mosca, the owner of Kenga Jama house, told journalists the 33 rooms had more than 25 guests, 90 per cent of them locals.

"I saw sparks from Kenya Power lines which spread to the Makuti roof and within a short time there was a huge fire," he said. Mosca said the loss is estimated to be more than €700,000 (Sh87.1 million) which he had invested at the resort.

The fire allegedly started after electric fault outside one of the makuti thatched cottage at around one o'clock before spreading due to strong winds.

At Dorado cottages, a manager Ignas Mchama said although there were no guests as the hotel has closed down, the damage was big.

The fire allegedly started after electric fault.



# Auto sector sales soar by 172pc

Growth signal better tidings for industry this year after a depressed 2017

by Steve Umidha @steveumidha

Kenya's automotive industry reported a 172 per cent jump in new vehicle sales at 3,130 units in March against 1,150 units dealers sold in the same period last year.

Trucks and pick-ups were the greatest contributors to that growth with a combined 1,960 units sold during the period, according to the latest data by Kenya Motor Industry Association (KMI).

The growth in car sales since the start of the year signals better days ahead for car manufacturers who finished the year lower than anticipated in December, with only 10,722 vehicles sold by the industry last year, compared to 13,535 units sold in 2016, a 26 per cent dip.

### Low spending

In the wake of last year's poor performance, which was largely attributed to elections and low spending on new vehicles by companies and governments, this year should bring a boom in the country's both commercial and light-vehicle sales growth.

"This year we are optimistic things will be different," said KMI's chairperson Rita Kavashe (pictured), who also blamed last year's weakening growth on banking law that capped interest rate at bare minimum.

Vehicle market growth had been dwindling since 2015, on plummeting demand for new ve-

### VEHICLE NUMBERS

According to Kenya Institute for Public Policy and Research, the country's motorisation rate stands at 28 vehicles per 1,000 inhabitants as at 2015, translating to an estimated 2.5 million vehicles on Kenyan roads. This is in comparison to a motorisation rate of seven in Tanzania, 13 in Uganda, and 176 in South Africa.

KIPPRA notes that with an annual growth rate of 11 per cent, Kenya is likely to have close to five million vehicles on the road by 2030, equivalent to a motorisation rate of 56 vehicles. With Africa's average rate being 42 vehicles.



hicles, tight financial market as well as repeat presidential polls which hit spending, with several car companies recording low sales especially in the months leading up to elections. The industry sold a total of 19,523 units in that year (2015), and the best it has seen thus far.

With plans already afoot to review interest rate capping, political noise subdued as well as free flowing of government activities, automakers can only expect rosy ride into the coming months.



## NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

	LOW	AGRICULTURAL	VIEW	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
28.00	20.00	Equipe Ltd Ord 1.25 ----	21.75	21.00	300
390.00	266.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	361.00	355.00	700
97.00	65.00	Kapchora Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00----		75.00	-
600.00	500.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ltd Ord 20.00----		525.00	-
32.00	17.60	Savini Plc Ord 1.00	25.00	25.25	14,300
199.00	146.00	Willowson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00----	159.00	161.00	10,800
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
27.00	16.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	26.00	26.00	6,600
BANKING					
13.40	7.25	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	13.30	13.35	1,413,600
220.00	102.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	213.00	210.00	500
57.00	24.00	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	54.00	55.50	1,598,700
13.40	9.25	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	12.25	12.25	194,000
130.00	74.50	T&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	123.00	124.00	4,400
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Ltd Ord 1.00	51.50	51.50	1,280,800
12.25	5.40	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	8.30	8.25	5,400
44.50	20.50	NCC Group Plc Ord 5.00	43.25	43.75	354,600
94.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00	90.50	90.00	16,300
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	236.00	236.00	178,300
20.00	11.30	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	18.95	19.40	2,675,800
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
1.30	1.00	Africa African Industries Ltd----		1.05	-
5.10	2.50	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50----	2.50	2.70	1,500
4.65	1.85	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	2.20	2.05	11,700
5.40	2.45	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00----	4.65	4.50	1,300
18.50	2.30	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	12.90	12.80	66,700
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Publishers Ltd Ord 1.00----	4.75	4.95	1,600
8.40	1.35	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00----	2.50	2.60	3,900
125.00	73.50	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	110.00	110.00	6,600
3.30	2.30	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	2.60	2.50	14,900
39.50	17.25	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	32.00	33.00	1,700
18.00	18.05	TFS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	32.00	33.00	1,100
5.00	2.00	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	2.25	2.25	18,200
25.50	15.90	WFP Scangroup Ltd Ord 1.00	16.55	16.30	7,000
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
25.25	7.55	AKK Cement Plc Ord 1.00	8.00	8.30	31,400
200.00	140.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	175.00	175.00	20,200
85.00	42.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	80.50	80.50	1,200
7.20	4.50	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	4.95	4.60	5,800
35.00	20.00	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	24.75	24.75	300
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
10.20	5.20	Kandari Co. Ltd Ord 2.50	8.65	8.70	153,200
18.25	11.55	Kencol Ltd Ord 0.05	17.75	17.80	40,300
12.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	7.50	7.60	81,300
5.50	5.50	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00	5.50	5.50	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	6.00	-
35.00	16.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	31.75	34.00	6,800
17.00	11.70	Unilever Ltd Ord 0.50	12.85	-	-
INSURANCE					
16.00	9.05	British Holdings Plc Ord 0.30	13.05	12.90	240,300
7.10	3.10	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	4.95	4.95	545,800
540.00	400.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	530.00	530.00	1,700
23.50	16.85	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	18.50	18.40	97,300
14.50	12.35	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	13.50	13.55	37,200
31.00	19.80	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	23.75	23.75	7,800
INVESTMENT					
48.25	42.50	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	42.75	42.75	77,300
2.75	0.75	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00----	1.00	1.05	794,300
1500.00	1,500.00	Kenya Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00----		1,500.00	-
3.85	2.30	Olympic Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.85	2.90	4,900
6.90	4.25	Trans-Century Ltd Ord 0.50----	4.90	4.95	300
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
25.00	11.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	19.30	19.95	52,500
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
130.00	81.00	B.O.C Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	97.00	90.00	300
920.00	650.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00	663.00	700.00	1,500
14.40	11.30	Carbocid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	11.95	12.00	9,600
272.00	200.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	252.00	251.00	47,300
6.00	3.90	Fume Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825----	4.35	4.50	2,500
97.00	90.00	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00----		82.00	-
1.40	0.70	Mumuk Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.85	0.85	282,300
60.00	27.00	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	40.25	40.25	14,000
TELECOMMUNICATION					
33.50	25.90	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.75	30.50	11,811,500
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
13.00	9.50	STANBIC FARMH 2 REIT Ord 20.00	12.00	12.15	9,800
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
1395.00	1235.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1305	1265.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.82 points to close at 186.85  
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 30.73 points to close at 3770.92  
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 60.92 points to close at 4856.92

### KENYA SHILLINGS EXCHANGE RATES AGAINST OTHER CURRENCIES (14/4/2018)

FOREX BUREAUS	USD			EURO		
	BUY	SELL	MARGIN	BUY	SELL	MARGIN
Aristocrats Forex Bureau Ltd	100.50	102.00	1.50	123.00	125.00	3.00
Central Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.60	0.80	122.70	125.00	2.30
Commercial Forex Bureau Limited	100.80	101.60	0.80	123.30	125.50	2.20
Continental Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.40	0.60	123.50	125.00	1.50
Cosmos Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.70	0.90	123.00	125.50	2.50
Gala Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.40	0.60	123.50	126.00	2.50
Gateway Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.50	0.70	123.20	126.00	2.80
Give and Take Forex Bureau Ltd	100.50	101.50	1.00	121.00	125.00	4.00
GNK Forex Bureau Ltd	99.30	101.00	1.70	120.00	123.50	3.60
Island Forex Bureau Ltd	100.70	101.30	0.60	123.50	125.00	1.50
Junction Forex Bureau Limited	100.20	101.50	1.30	122.00	125.50	3.50
Kenya Exchange Bureau Ltd	100.00	102.00	2.00	123.00	125.00	2.00
Link Forex Bureau Ltd	100.70	101.80	1.10	122.50	126.00	3.50
Mona Bureau De Change Ltd	100.50	101.30	0.80	122.00	125.00	3.00
Morgan Forex Bureau De Change Ltd	100.80	101.40	0.60	123.00	124.00	1.00
Mustaqbal Forex Bureau Ltd	100.70	101.60	0.90	123.00	124.00	1.00
Offshore Forex Bureau Limited	100.80	101.15	0.35	123.50	125.00	1.50
Pacific Forex Bureau Limited	100.80	101.50	0.70	123.50	125.50	2.00
PeakTop Exchange Bureau Ltd	100.90	101.50	0.60	123.50	126.00	2.50
Pearl Forex Bureau Ltd	100.30	101.00	0.70	123.40	125.00	1.60
Pel Forex Bureau Ltd	100.00	101.50	1.50	124.00	125.35	1.35
Pwani Forex Bureau Ltd	100.00	102.50	2.50	123.00	125.00	2.00
Regional Forex Bureau Limited	100.80	101.50	0.70	122.00	126.00	4.00
Satellite Forex Bureau Ltd	100.80	101.60	0.80	123.00	126.00	3.00
Sky Forex Bureau Limited	100.90	101.50	0.60	123.00	125.50	2.50
Sterling Forex Bureau Ltd	99.80	101.80	2.00	123.00	125.50	2.50
Trade Bureau De Change Ltd	100.80	101.50	0.70	123.00	125.50	2.50
Union Forex Bureau Ltd	100.50	102.50	2.00	121.00	127.00	6.00

### COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 17/4/2018

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	100.6267	100.5211	100.7322
SW KRONER	11.9658	11.9511	11.9805
STG POUND	144.0167	143.8589	144.1744
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	76.7615	76.6634	76.8596
SAUDI RIYAL	26.8316	26.8021	26.8612
SA RAND	8.3404	8.3282	8.3526
SFRANC	105.0054	104.8734	105.1375
NOR KRONER	12.9732	12.9563	12.9902
KES / USHS	36.6703	36.5821	36.7584
KES / TSHS	22.5388	22.4655	22.6122
KES / RWF	8.6141	8.6031	8.6251
KES / BIF	17.5013	17.4442	17.5585
JPY (100)	93.8332	93.7260	93.9403
IND RUPEE	1.5372	1.5355	1.5390
HONGKONG DOLLAR	12.8188	12.8054	12.8323
EURO	124.6067	124.4694	124.7439
DAN KRONER	16.7349	16.7159	16.7538
CHINESEYUAN	16.0257	16.0027	16.0486
CAN \$	80.0467	79.9500	80.1434
AUSTRALIAN \$	78.2825	78.1954	78.3697
AE DIRHAM	27.3956	27.3631	27.4280

# International school eyes Tatu City in move to attract parents

by James Momanyi @jamomanyi

Crawford Schools, one of South Africa's leading private schools, is set to open its doors in the up-and-coming Tatu City.

The school, which will be branded Crawford Kenya International College, is the brainchild of Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed ADvTECH, Africa's largest private education provider which recently acquired Makini group of schools. Its entry into Kenya will usher in a new era of competition in education and choice for Kenyan parents.

Crawford Kenya is set to open in September with a capacity for 1,700 students. The school will offer the UK/ Cambridge Curriculum.

### School design

The school design - which has been nominated for the World Architectural Festival and LEAF awards to take place in Europe later this year - includes a multifunctional indoor sports centre, a swimming pool, outdoor sports fields and tennis and basketball courts. It will also provide high school boarding facilities.

Crawford International Schools Ke-

nya managing director Jenny Coetzee says the school will follow the ethos of academic excellence for which ADvTECH schools and universities throughout the continent are renowned for.

"Our curriculum is based on a progressive educational approach which prepares children for the 21st century and allows for development of the global competencies required of a 21st century students, such as global citizenship, communication skills, entrepreneurial thinking skills, collaboration, and environmental awareness," she says.

# Britain pound's strong run to dollar continues

The pound has continued its recent strong run against the dollar pushing firmly above \$1.43 (Sh143.7).

It is the seventh session in a row that the pound has made gains against the US currency.

The strong run means that, among the G10 group of rich nations, the UK has the best-performing currency this year.

Traders say the prospect of higher UK interest rates has made the pound more attractive while the dollar has been hit by fears of trade disputes. The pound started the week with a gain of (Sh143.93),

while against the euro it was 0.2 per cent higher at €1.1569 (Sh143.84).

Following the vote to leave the European Union in June 2016 the pound sank, hitting \$1.2068 (Sh121.27) in January of last year.

Since then it has made a comeback. Jane Foley, a currency strategist at Rabobank, said the recent strong run can be dated back to September 2017 when it became clear the Bank of England was ready to raise interest rates.

In November, the Bank increased the cost of borrowing for the first time in a decade - from 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent. -BBC



# Spice

FLAVOUR YOUR DAY

GLAMCAM @chebetkorir

When it comes to fashion, no one competes with **Rihanna**.



They came, they danced and they dressed up. The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival might have reached a performance peak with Beyoncé's history-making headliner show, but there was no question that the outfits on display were equal parts inspirational as they were oh-so Coachella. Though when it comes to music festival style, it doesn't get better than Coachella! It's the event that defines festival style, and this year saw as much boundary-pushing get-up as any, writes **Chebet Korir**

## Hello Coachella



**Kylie Jenner** brought her fashion game to the festival.



**Amber Rose** turned heads in a multi-coloured outfit.



**Cardi B** was an expression of colour.



**Winnie Harlow** reminded us Ugg life is the fun life.



**Alessandra Ambrosio** festival style proves no one can do Coachella better than she can.



**Nicki Minaj** brought in her inner golden panther.



**French Montana** looked sharp in this get-up. Love the print.



**Beyoncé** Made History wearing custom Balmain.



# Clique & Clicks

Get spotted...

PEOPLE DAILY Wednesday April 18, 2018



EMB Records new entrant Rebecca Soki and CEO Bahati.



Bahati's wife Diana Marua looks gorge.



Media personalities Cynthia Mwangi and DJ Shiti.



Gospel artiste Kambua in a vibrant African print.



Musician Kris Eeh Baba and Gertie Mwende, K24 TV's *The Switch* producer.



DJ Soxxy hits the red carpet.

## THE LUCKY ONE

**C**elebrated local gospel artiste and EMB Records CEO, Bahati recently signed a new artiste under his label. In an invite-only red carpet event held at KICC, the award-winning singer unveiled Rebecca Soki as the new artiste to be signed to the label. Soki took the opportunity to launch her new single, *Baraka Zangu*, under EMB. The Congolese singer, who currently resides in Kenya, becomes the first female artiste to join EMB and the third overall after Mr Seed and David Wonder.

TEXT: VIRGINIA WAMBUI  
PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG



Rebecca Soki receives blessings from Laura, Size 8, Lady Bee, Wahu and Mercy Masika.



Musician Daddy Owen and blogger Sameer Bry.



Mix masters DJ Mzito of K24 TV's *The Switch* and DJ Lebbz.



The king is here! The spotlight was on Mufasa.



Time for some funky vibes from poet Teardrops.

## THE KING

Renowned Kenyan spoken word artiste, Mufasa, recently held a poetry event dubbed 'Mufasa in Concert'. The event, which went down at Alliance Française, was graced by various poets such as Teigist, Teardrops, Gufy and Abu Sense. The underlying message of the event was "We can be light."

TEXT: WAMBUI VIRGINIA  
PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG



Singer Diana Wangari with Victoria Gitau, a student.



Talk about fashion forward: Blogger Joy Kendi.



Blaze BYOB contestants Malkia Esther and Barbra Chege.

## BE YOUR OWN BOSS

The second season of *BLAZE BYOB* recently came to an end. Brian Rono walked away with the grand prize of Sh5 million. The competition ran for 10 weeks. Rono, 25, is a potato farmer from Lembus, Baringo county. He went head-to-head with 11 other contestants. The Sh5 million grand prize package consists of Sh3 million in cash and the remainder in business support from Safaricom, which Rono says he intends to invest in his farm and use it to expand his investment portfolio, so as to diversify his sources of income.

TEXT: FAITH KYOUMUKAMA  
PHOTOS: EUSTACE MAINA



Winner Brian Rono could barely contain his glee.



BYOB judges: Caroline Mutoko, Trushar Khetia and King Kaka.



Safaricom director, Consumer Business Unit Sylvia Mulinge.



Event host Eve D'Souza stuns in a little black dress.



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## Blogggers and vloggers you need to follow

We're constantly inspired by creatives and whether they make you happy, jealous (in a good way), better educated or influenced to do or buy something, we love the positive difference they make to the Internet. **Chebet Korir** puts the spotlight on bloggers and vloggers you should keep an eye on

### 1 The Green Calabash

Family and parenting is a unique genre of vlogging, and it is because of this mastery, that Shiko Nguru has amassed a mammoth following. The mother of two began the blog in 2010, as a way to connect with other moms. Her and hubby, Rama Oluoch share their parenting journey and adventures.

### 2 Over Twenty Five

If you thought squad goals didn't get better than Taylor Swift and her girls, think again! The 2018 Bloggers Association of Kenya (Bake) Awards nominees took 254 by storm with their real conversation, and long-standing friendship. Over Twenty Five is a vlog about four women, Lorna Muchemi, Julia Gaitho, Michelle Wanjiku and Ivy Mugo— who discuss various perspectives of their lives.

### 3 Joanna Kinuthia

Joanna began her make-up journey in 2014. The self-taught make-up artist combines a great sense of humour with detailed product reviews. What makes her stand out from her counterparts in the biz is that she uses products that are easily accessible, not to mention pocket-friendly.

### 4 Just Gym It

Frankie Kiarie and Shiverenje 'Shiv' Simani made a name for themselves on all-matters fitness and nutrition, since founding their company, Just Gym It. However, it was Frankie and Maureen's pairing, that truly left us swooning. After all, a couple that works out together, slays together. From Frankie's fitness posts to Maureen's modelling and entrepreneurship — this pair are the ultimate couple goals. They recently announced they're expecting their second child. They give you advice on healthy lifestyles by showing you their cardio routines and embarking on various adventures.

### 5 Lyra Aoko

Photographer and blogger Lyra Aoko is undoubtedly one of the most recognised trendsetters in 254. Lyra was a Blaze Kenya mentor, and a BAKE award nominee. She's worked on some of the biggest campaigns including the documentary coverage of the Nike Rift Shoe, Samsung Galaxy A Series campaign, and even collaborated with Google on an art project.

### 6 Jean Wandimi

A lover of wine, food and Travel —

Jean's adventures leave you green with envy. Whether she's sipping away at a bottle of Bovin Vranec Emperor Dry Red in Hungary, or indulging in canapés at a wine tour in Leleshawa — the burgeoning wine connoisseur takes you along on her journey, discovering new and great loves.

### 7 Have You Eaten Here?

This is a foodie network in Nairobi that is on a culinary journey to discover and showcase amazing places to eat in East Africa! The concept seeks to gather foodies from all over showcasing amazing meals by eateries. The blog was borne out of a need in the hospitality industry to give people quality content on places to try out.

### 8 Wangeci Gitahi

Her inquisitive mind, adventurous nature, insatiable need to learn more about the environment led her to become a solo backpacker and pack-packer. The 2017 Bake Awards nominee and 2018 Travel

Awards nominee is a marketer by profession and a traveler by passion. Her recent piece in Eliye Springs will leave you with wanderlust.

### 9 Kenyan Backpacker

There is no question, Leo Gichuki, popularly known as Kenyan Backpacker, has the travel bug. He can barely sit still. And thanks to the need to be anywhere and everywhere, myself and the rest of 254, constantly follow him on all his adventures. He shares tips for first time solo travellers, backpacking, travel apps you need — everything you need to explore.

### 10 Routes Adventures

Not all those who wander are lost, as we learn from Routes Adventure. The brainchild of four urban nomads, the blog and vlog is truly a work of art. Whether you're trailing along with them at the shores of Lake Baringo as they rescue the most adorable pooch, Zuri, or taking a morning boat ride in search of the sunrise in Lamu — these awesome foursome remind us all to live in the spaces between the seconds on the clock.







## Educating vulnerable kids orphaned by HIV

After realising that neglect of children affected by HIV/Aids was fuelling school dropouts in Nairobi slums, Ngong Road Children Association took steps to keep them in class and protect them from exploitation and other forms of abuse

**Maureen Mulievi, NRCA executive director. The association in partnership with Friends of Ngong Road, a Minnesota-based non-profit corporation, educates children affected by HIV/Aids. PHOTO: MILLIAM MURIGI**

ta-based non-profit corporation and Ngong Road Children Association (NRCA). The Kenyan non-governmental organisations operate with the shared mission of providing education and support for impoverished Nairobi slum children, whose families have been affected by HIV/Aids.

"I never thought I would graduate from Form Four. I knew it was not affordable on my family's little income, but in December 2017, I did just that and I scored a B-. I am so much grateful," said Tabitha when she met the organisation's president and founder, Paula Meyer.

She was also chosen to be a "Youth Peer Provider" for a new sexual and reproductive health programme. The programme saw 14 students trained through Planned Parenthood Global and eight were selected to lead the training for their peers.

Maureen Mulievi, NRCA executive director, says the two organisations, which were formed in 2006, have an aim of educating children living in Nairobi's impoverished urban com-

munities, so that they can transform their lives.

Currently, 510 students have gone through their programme and more than 60 have graduated. The programme works by pairing sponsors with specific children, thus fostering the development of a mutually beneficial relationship.

"Children in this programme all live in the slums of Dagoretti, Nairobi county, where the median household income is under two dollars a day. Approximately 50 per cent of the children in the programme are orphans and the other 50 per cent live with a surviving HIV-positive parent. About five per cent of children in the programme are HIV positive," says Maureen. "Every day is becoming better and better at NRCA. But we have a growing need for sponsors. Currently, we have a list of over 300 children that are waiting to be sponsored. It breaks our hearts when needy parents and guardians come to our office everyday asking whether their child has been successful in getting a sponsor," she adds.

Since needy cases are so many, the organisations do not advertise themselves, but work with referrals. From referrals, they are able to select students with high academic potential who are then sponsored from primary to university level.

"We have partnered with four primary schools and eight secondary schools in which we provide school fees, school supplies and feeding while at school for day

scholars. To benefit, one must be between eight and 12 years from families affected by HIV," adds Maureen.

Apart from education, the organisations have started other initiatives such as safety and wellbeing programmes where they provide free library and meals to more than 200 disadvantaged children and orphans in Dagoretti. They also organise events that bring the children together either during weekends or over the holidays as well as.

"After graduation we follow up on our students to ensure that they transform their lives. We mentor them and ensure that they leave slums and join middle-class Kenyans," says Maureen.

For sustainability, she reveals that they have started a profit generating business known as Karibu Loos Limited, which provides high quality mobile toilets for hire or renting, and the proceeds go into the education fund. They also use it to create employment for their graduates.

"We have experienced withdrawal of sponsors several times and that is what made us think of coming up with our own business for sustainability purposes because we entirely rely on sponsors," she adds.

Their future plan is to get enough sponsors and cash in the next two years to sponsor more than 2,000 children from different slums and also make the business self-sustaining.

**510** number of students who have benefitted from the programme.

**300** number of children who are waiting for sponsors.

**5%** percentage of HIV positive children supported by NRCA.

**50 %** percentage of beneficiaries who are orphaned.

**60** number of beneficiaries who have graduated from different universities and colleges. The number is expected to hit 110 this year.

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After the demise of her father due to HIV/Aids-related complications in the early 2000s, Tabitha Ongachi never thought that she would one day access secondary education. Her mother relied on washing people's clothes in their neighbourhood for a living. Fast forward, today, she is awaiting university admission to study Forensic Science, thanks to Friends of Ngong Road, a Minneso-

## Fund to give SMEs muscle to play in financial markets set up

by Betty Muindi  
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Donors to the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA), consisting of the African Development Bank, the Government of Japan and the Government of Austria, have approved three catalytic projects totalling Sh249.6m (\$2,480,000) to stimulate the growth of Africa's small and medium en-

terprises. These grants will help strengthen the participation of Africa's SMEs in financial markets and the agriculture sector. "These three projects are well aligned with FAPA's core mandate of supporting private-sector development in Africa, a key strategic priority of the African Development Bank. They augur well for job creation in Africa," said Olivier Eweck, Director of

the Syndication, Co-financing and Technical Solutions Department at the African Development Bank, and Chair of the FAPA Technical Committee.

The first project, Regional Financial Market Development Support Project, a FAPA grant of Sh98.6m (\$980,000), will contribute to the modernisation of the regulatory framework to increase competitive-

ness and strengthen the capacity of the regulator on new products. The grant will facilitate SMEs' access to stock market funding and train commercial stakeholders to enhance professionalisation. The second project is for the Promotion of Factoring in Africa, through which an investment totalling Sh50.3m (\$500,000) is deployed to finance the capacity building of emerging

factoring firms and the development of a sustainable knowledge and learning platform. The platform will provide capital to SMEs by financing their receivables. The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) will contribute Sh45.2m (\$450,000) towards this technical assistance project.

The third project is a grant of Sh100.6m (\$1,000,000) for leveraging investments for fertiliser utilisation amongst small-holder farmers in Africa.





Daddy's diary  
With JUSTUS NJOROGE

## How our culture is fuelling child theft

In almost every wedding I attend, everyone wishes the newly married couple many blessings – key among them the blessings of children. The in-laws create an expectation that children are the next thing and the countdown literally starts. If by the end of the first year, there is no sign of pregnancy, everyone around you starts whispering, wondering why things are not 'progressing as expected'.

Last Sunday, in my local church, one woman offered to give her story. They had been married since 2010. Their plan was to get children immediately and would have closed that chapter in a few years. However, after many tests and several In vitro fertilisation (IVF) procedures, the doctors finally broke the bad news. That it was not possible to carry a pregnancy and hence she could not bear any children.

What was shocking was there were some of her friends, who knew some brokers, who could provide a baby complete with a birth notification – for ease of birth certificate processing. Seems the Kenyatta National Hospital baby theft case was not a one-off case and there is an established criminal gang that seeks to take advantage of vulnerable couples for money. Eventually, this couple decided to adopt a baby. And finally, after going through the process, they have now adopted a girl as their first-born daughter.

As she was giving her story, I wondered how many families are struggling with this issue. Our society looks down on couples who have no children. Further, we have not ably embraced the issue of child adoption and it's time to have that bold discussion.

Next time you meet a couple that has gone through the adoption process, give them a pat on the back to start with and no need to keep reminding them that their child is adopted. Give them all the support you can, to ensure that they don't feel like they are less parents than those who have carried children in their womb.

# Family FUSION

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all about kin and kith



Last week, Kenyan parents woke up to reality after raunchy photos of teens surfaced on social media. But Before #ifikiewazazi debate dies a slow death as people move on to other emerging issues, we find out how we got here in the first place

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Since last week, social media have been awash with photos and videos of semi-naked youngsters under the hashtag #ifikiewazazi in a move to shame them with the hope that the images would reach the parents.

Most likely, the images that have dominated public debate with the teenagers squarely apportioned the blame would soon be water under the bridge as other emerging issues dominate public discussions. However, the immediate concern for most that have



Psychologist Arthur Muriuki.

watched the events unfold is to understand how we got here in the first place. Charles Mutinda, who counsels teenagers, says that the move is a call for attention by children and calls for deep introspection by different people in the society. "Our children are in trouble, we need to fix this and we cannot afford to ignore them anymore," he says.

Mutinda is of the opinion that this age group is often misunderstood. Teenage years are a turbulent phase. No one seems to understand you. There is a constant flow of unsolicited advice even from the most unexpected quarters. Everyone has an opinion of what you should do and not do. There

is increased self-awareness, which can be a bit exhausting because no one is there when you stumble onto new discoveries to help you make sense of it. One battles perpetual self-doubt and constantly struggles with anxiety. "As a parent, you may consider yourself lucky that your child's photos didn't show up in the media. But you will be surprised to find out the truth. Some are wise enough to do it under your nose and you don't even have an idea," he says.

According to Arthur Muriuki, a psychologist, the role of imparting morals to children has been relegated to third parties such as teachers and house-girls as parents are engrossed in their careers. An elusive work life balance for working parents has weakened the bond between parents and children. "Adoption of authoritarian model of parenting where it is either your way or the highway can also be detrimental to children," he adds. Teenagers determined to rebel will do so behind your back. It's precisely the reason some parents are finding it difficult believing that their children could be involved in such behaviour.

Widespread adoption of technology has significantly changed parenting. What teenagers have missed at home in terms of role models, they are compensating with technology. "These kids are searching for someone they can look up to. There are so many things that can easily distract them on social media," says Arthur.

There is also the lure of easy money. Some of the teenagers involved in such photo shoots admit that it's a stepping stone to economic opportunities. Display of nudity on social media is seen as a way of making themselves visible to model scouts who may want to feature them in music videos or movies.

The problem with this is that posting such content may only serve a present goal, but have far-reaching consequences in future. "The Internet never forgets. These images come back to haunt you in future. When you are looking for a job or want to get in a serious relationship," says Arthur. Teenagers, therefore, ought to be educated on the consequences of what they do today.

"Today, more than any other time in the past, teenagers are bombarded with so much information through media channels. The media has been blamed for glorifying sex and nudity. This is what the teenagers end up aping and are then blamed for it," says Arthur.

While resorting to blame game looks like the easier way out, the onus of shaping morals in the society lies with everybody, the parents by making time for children, the media by relaying information that is not misleading, the government by taking action against those that mislead the teenagers and the religious institutions by offering guidance on what is right and wrong.



MomInTheMix  
With FANNE MWAMBI

## Teaching Patience to live by her name

My daughter, walked in, pulling the saddest face, perhaps hoping it works to her advantage. As usual, I was sold for it. "What is it, love?" The sad face fell lower, and I followed it, more concerned than curious, now.

"All my friends have gone away," she began. I sighed and secretly rolled my eyes. "Oh ya?" I feigned support, and slowly drifted off. She didn't stop talking. "Destiny has gone to her auntie's,

Salma has gone to Mombasa with her family, Meg has travelled to her grandma's...." she went on and on. I disappeared in my thoughts and wondered if she had a point or if she was simply being carried away by peer pressure.

So what was it?

Of course she was being carried away by peer pressure, and I must admit so was I. It was the school holidays and they were seeking ways to keep

themselves occupied. It made more sense that they would wish to travel to their grandma's place, especially since they were all stuck with me in December, when I was heavily pregnant and immobile. They deserved a break. "So what do you want to do?" I could take suggestions. She seemed taken aback that I had fallen into her whims and immediately began humming in thought. "We could go to Breisy's for a

sleepover" Breisy is my sister's daughter. Interestingly, she lives about seven minutes drive from our place.

Driving the point

I made it better for her. "Hun, we are low on cash right now." I should have picked a better line, because she slumped into the couch in resignation. I was going to say that we expected some money the coming week, and we would send them off to their grand-

parents in Taita. Her reaction, however, made me forget it all in a second. "Patience is a virtue, young lady and you seem to have none of it. It's sad because that happens to be your first name too!" I'm not sure if it's a motherly thing to smother everyone with unnecessary words...or if it comes with having more and more babies. I just went on and on, ruining an almost perfect peer-pressure moment.



Caroline Nyokabi never knew her grandchildren were talented. She had been raising Elvis Mungai (10 years) and Queen Wambui (four years) since they were young. However, in 2015 while attending a parent's meeting at their school, she stumbled upon a gem, which she vowed ever to preserve. As the pupils trooped on and off stage to entertain their visiting parents and guardians, she could not believe her eyes as her grandson wowed the audience with his acting skills and a confidence to boot. Filled with pride and overwhelmed by the joy of discovering how talented Elvis was, Caroline sat through the many songs and poems presented by the pupils thinking and strategising how to ensure this talent was never left to go to waste.

"His was acting the role of a doctor, and for a seven-year-old then, he aced his part. I was so impressed, I couldn't believe it. He hadn't told me he was in acting group. I vowed that the talent won't go unnoticed. I enrolled him at Africa Film and TV Talent Resource Centre (AFTTREC) for more training. While there, he also came out as the best model, a thing I never expected from him," she says.

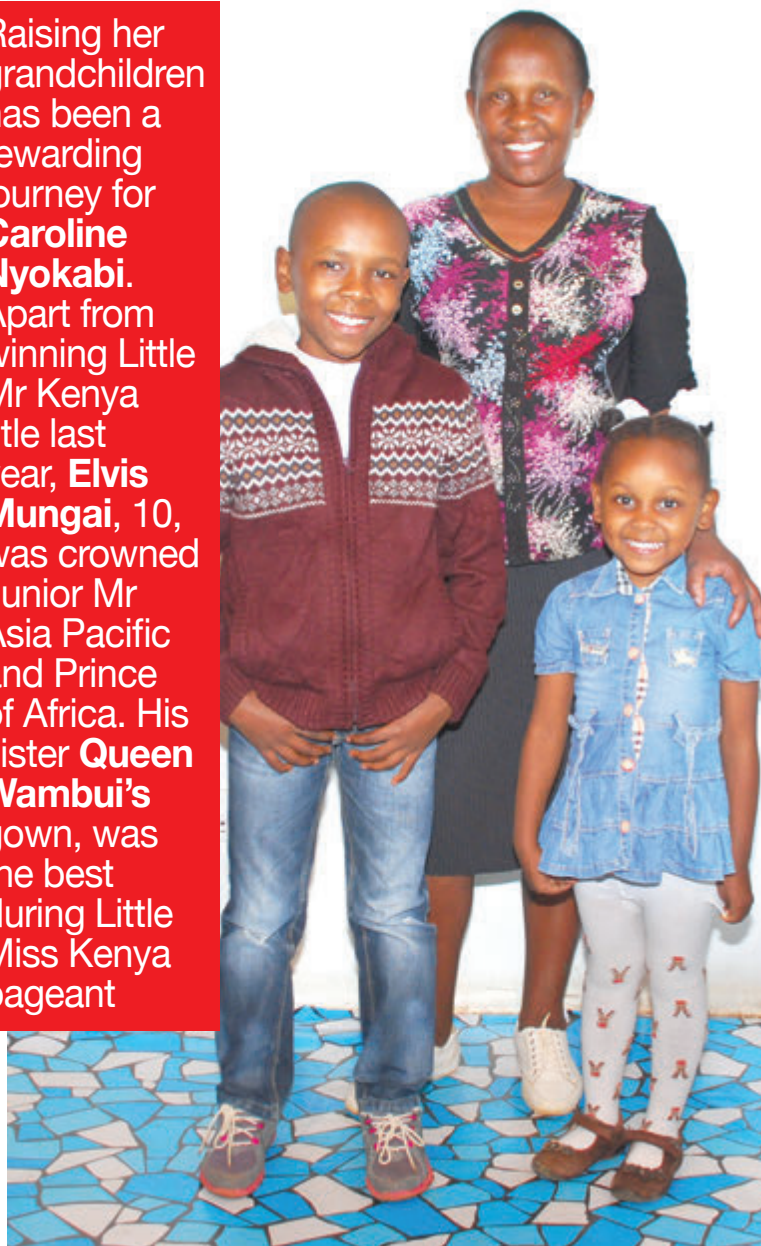
Upon seeing her brother doing what he loves best, Queen also showed interest in joining the classes. Currently, they are both models who have been doing well for themselves locally and internationally. Elvis was the Little Mr Kenya 2017 and he represented Kenya in Thailand. He was crowned Junior Mr Asia Pacific and Prince of Africa and won different trophies last year. For Queen, she is not so interested in modelling, but her interest in fashion has been tremendous. Her gown was the best during Little Miss Kenya pageant last year.

Nyokabi is happy for her grandchildren's achievement so far. So, how do they balance school work and their modelling/fashion interests? Nyokabi says she ensures the children concentrate on school work during weekdays. On weekends and holidays, that is when they participate in different competitions and trainings.

"I am so happy seeing my grand-

# Joy of raising runway-savvy grandchildren

Raising her grandchildren has been a rewarding journey for **Caroline Nyokabi**. Apart from winning Little Mr Kenya title last year, **Elvis Mungai**, 10, was crowned Junior Mr Asia Pacific and Prince of Africa. His sister **Queen Wambui's** gown, was the best during Little Miss Kenya pageant



children talents are bearing fruit. I never thought they would reach that level. I would like to advise parents whose children have talents not to deny them the opportunity, but nur-

ture them and enrol them for classes," she says.

And how has parenting her grandchildren been for her? Nyokabi says that even if grandparents are often in-



Elvis Mungai when he was crowned Prince of Africa in Thailand last year. LEFT: Caroline Nyokabi with her grandchildren Elvis and Queen Wambui. PHOTOS: MILLIAM MURIGI

fluent in the lives of grandchildren — whether they provide occasional care, live close by or far away, when they assume the role of parents for their grandchildren so many things change. "I have lived with these children since they were young and I have learnt that becoming a parent to grandchildren means taking on a new role in life. Because of this, I had to adjust my attitude and accept the responsibility that comes with parenting afresh," she says. Nyokabi assumed this parenting role to help her daughter who was newly wedded and working. But few years later, she has become a mother to these children. This is after her daughter lost her job and her marriage failed.

"The journey has been good, but not so smooth because of the ups and downs. The children need education, food clothing and more. I am the one who is expected to take care of all this single-handedly," she says.

However, she isn't complaining. "Raising second-generation brings many rewards, including fulfilment of giving your grandchildren a sense of security, developing deeper relationship and keeping the family together," she adds.

## I got fired and won my job back the same day

Today marks a year since I started working for Mama Mtoto. It has been okay, but also a roller coaster of sorts. This woman can wake up so happy you want to hug her, and at times she is just so moody it makes me sick.

This week has been one of those moody days. Despite my efforts to cheer her up, she has been nothing but cold. There was even a day she spanked Lauren for refusing to go to bed. As much as I was shocked, I was thrilled that she was spanked! I'm not a sadist or anything like that; it's just that, that little girl can be naughty!

That's beside the point, however. The reason I took note of this particular day, was because I got fired! Yes. Mama Mtoto woke up, handed me my money and asked me to pack and leave. Her reason? **Eti** since she's going for maternity leave, she will not need help around the house.

First of all, isn't that the complete opposite of what most mothers would prefer? In my opinion, she would need more help now that she is heavily pregnant and Lauren is on holiday. Anyway, I refused the money and asked her to give me a valid reason as to why she wanted to fire me. The nerve!

After a long, moody and tedious conversation, I managed to convince her that getting a new person would not be easy, especially because of the amount of work in that house and the training required to perform.

Now the gods must have been in my favour because, she took everything in and decided that she in fact preferred if I stayed. But **aki** Mama Mtoto can be such a bore!

### BABY ZONE WITH BETTY MUINDI

## Teething problem that is toddlers tooth decay

Tooth decay is not an adult only problem. Paediatricians and dentists say that toddler tooth decay is a concern for many parents. Almost half of children aged between two and five years old develop at least one cavity. Tooth decay, also known as cavity or dental caries occurs in toddlers when bacteria within the mouth begin to eat away at the primary teeth. Inadequate dental care and not brushing your child's teeth can be causes of decay.

Going to bed with a milk or juice bottle is a common cause of toddler tooth decay known as baby bottle tooth decay. The milk or juice from the bottle can sit in your tot's mouth all night and create an ideal breeding ground for bacteria.

Unhealthy eating habits such as allowing your child to suck on candy for prolonged periods or to eat a lot of sugary foods will play a role in tooth decay.

It is also recommended that children drink milk or sugary drinks quickly instead of sipping them slowly to reduce the amount of time during which teeth are exposed to decay-causing sugars from the drinks.

Foods that are high in acid, such as citrus fruits, will weaken the enamel and make your child more susceptible to cavities.

Brush your toddler's teeth with a soft-bristled brush at least twice per day and after your child eats sweets. You shouldn't, however, use a fluoride toothpaste until your little one is at least two

years old or when he can spit out the fluoride toothpaste. Each brushing should last at least two minutes.

Once a child has developed tooth decay, he will require dental work. Fillings may be used to correct smaller cavities, and a full crown may be needed if the damage is extensive. A tooth that has decay throughout may have to be extracted because the bacteria can cause the secondary, or adult teeth, to develop abnormally.

As a parent, in addition to your role in the protection of your child's baby and adult teeth, you're laying the groundwork for his oral hygiene for the rest of his life. This means you should start good habits early so that he maintains a healthy set of adult teeth.





# Relatively speaking

## Our secret to keeping love aflame

At 42, **Pinky Ghelani** has a healthy, youthful radiance that many women can only dream of. And to think that she has been married to **Raj Sehmi** for 11 years when many celebrity marriages are falling apart as soon as they wed speaks volumes. The couple shares with us their love story

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**P**inky Ghelani and her husband Raj Sehmi have been married for 11 years. Yet their chemistry can only be compared to that of newly weds. During our interview, it was not easy to miss out on the affection and love that this couple shares. And when the question about how they manage to stay youthful popped up, "Great sex" followed by a couple of giggles was how it was answered.

Pinky and Raj met in Nairobi almost two decades ago. They met through Pinky's eldest brother, Nick, a personal trainer. Pinky had two brothers; one passed away in 1993. According to Pinky, her husband is the best thing that has ever happened to her and a blessing sent to replace the void and emptiness that followed the loss of her father and brother.

### Extended love

Raj, on the other hand describes Pinky as a down-to-earth partner and a good mother to their two children. Their Indian society is highly family-centric. Accepting and respecting each other's families is a big aspect of any relationship and something that a young couple strives to have. This, to the couple, has been rosy and thorny at the same time, but they acknowledge that the benefits of such



### DID YOU KNOW?

- **Raj Sehmi is the head of his family-owned business, which focuses on engineering. He is however, branching out into different fields using his brand Raj (which means King) to grow his businesses.**
- **Pinky is a media personality, having worked for Capital FM and Kiss 100. She was also an editor for Drum Magazine and Home & Living magazine**
- **She is former Miss India Kenya beauty queen.**
- **The beauty queen has a bubbly personality that is contagious.**



Lovebirds: Raj Sehmi and Pinky Ghelani bond is evident. LEFT: Lovely Pinky. PHOTOS: HELLEN MUTURI

living surpasses all the disadvantages as there are ready baby-sitters, and constant movement and noise in the family's mansion.

However, Raj says it is not an easy thing to live in such a setting as everyone comes with their own baggage and family matters at times take a hold on the different personalities. But he says Pinky has been able to gracefully live and raise their family in a peaceful coexistence with his family made up of two sisters, one brother, his mum and his brother's family. "Pinky is a gracious woman and being able to stay with my family and I for the past 11 years has been a great experience," says Raj. They, however, say that for their children, they would prefer a separate life away because times have changed.

As they recalled their journey together, Raj teasingly reminded Pinky that she was the one who proposed to him on phone. They dated for a decade and had talked of marriage all through. However, at one point, Raj had to leave for United Kingdom for further studies.

### Stem banking

Pinky on the other hand flew to India where she cut off communication and took to meditation. "After a lot of soul-searching, I realised I couldn't live without Raj and came to the conclusion that he had become a part of me. After a few days in India, I called him up and told him "Let's get married" and the rest is history," she reveals.

Pinky is three years older than Raj, but that has never been an issue. "Age is just, but a number and that has never been an issue at all because of the strong attraction between us and we love and respect each other. But Pinky is my sponsor (laughs)," jokes Raj.

According to them, it is total transparency and honesty that makes them still glow in love. But it has not been easy for them as Pinky had lost three pregnancies before getting her first child and one other pregnancy before her second born. These were the most trying times for the couple as it was emotionally draining for Pinky and a source of worry for the entire extended families. But that is a past they would like to gladly put behind them.

The couple have also banked their last born's stem cells. Cord blood stem banking involves collecting blood left in a newborn's umbilical cord and placenta and storing it for future medical use. Pinky who is also Netcells Kenya Brand Ambassador says this was the best health insurance she could take for her child. "There's no parent who wants to imagine that his or her child will fall ill one day, but if there is a precaution you can take to ensure that should he or she fall sick there is a cure, why not take it?" she reasons.



# Celebration of a **True Kenyan**



*The lives of those we love and who loved this country are placed in the memory of the living.*

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing of Hon. Kenneth Stanley Njindo Matiba on Sunday, 15th of April 2018 at the age of 85 years.

He was the husband and best friend to Edith Wanjiru Matiba and loving father of Susan and Isaac Mwamto, Raymond and Yvonne Matiba, Ivy and David Chege, Julie and Chris Wahome and Gitau & Yasmin. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his grandchildren Bryan, Martyn, Taru, Stephanie, Christian, Tai and Neo.

He was the son of the late Stanley Njindo and the late Susannah Wanjiku, brother to the late Frank and the late Agnes Mugo, the late Kimani Njindo, the late Kagika, Bernard and Lilian Wairimu Irungu, the late Julia Mwihaki and Col. Ernest Mwangi, the late Iruku, and Jethro and Alice Mwangi. Step-son of Margaret Mukami Njindo. Step-brother to Judy Mwihaki, Stanley and Juliet Matiba, Grace Wanjiru and Gibson Tatua, Steven and Nancy Maingi, Stanley Kimani, John Ngotho, the late Kuhutha Njindo, Lucy and Bosco Mburu and Steven Kiboko.

Prayer meetings shall be held at the family residence in Riara Ridge Limuru, on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. A prayer service will be held on Sunday 22nd April 2:00pm - 4:00 pm at the same venue.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith.  
2nd Timothy 4:7*



A new beauty trend has emerged from the most unlikely source, the snake. Venom from a particular type of the creepy creatures is offering women a sip from the fountain of youth



# One man's poison, another woman's feed to smooth skin

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Jane Mbogo is terrified of snakes, if not, absolutely petrified! Even thinking about those devious slimy creatures gives her the creeps.

However, she is not afraid to utilise snake venom in the name of beauty. Reason? It might just be the ultimate anti-ageing ingredient.

If the face of the 52-year-old woman is anything to judge by, then she might have just discovered the fountain of youth. Jane is the CEO of Premier Day Spa and Boutique. She stocks Premier's Ageless Future Snake Venom line of Products in her chain of beauty stores in Nairobi, which she promises have amazing results of reversing the signs of ageing in less than 21 days.

"Snake venom is a snake's main form of defence. When under attack, a snake bites its prey, simultaneously injecting a toxin through its fangs. The toxin paralyses the prey's muscles, leaving them unable to fight back," she says.

Based on this findings, Premier Laboratories, an Israeli cosmetics and skincare company, observed that the Templar Viper's venom, has



Jane Mbogo, 52, swears by Premier's Ageless Future Snake Venom line of Products to always keep her skin youthful. INSET: A snake venom facial. ABOVE: The snake venom full kit. PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG

the ability to freeze muscles, making it an anti-ageing wonder. Since the real deal is extremely poisonous, they have taken the concept of the Templar Viper's venom and created a perfectly safe, synthetic snake venom peptides to mimic its freezing effect.

The venom-like compound is infused in the products to target muscular activity, and is capable of

reducing wrinkles by inhibiting muscle contractions.

Mbogo says the product helps to diminish fine lines and wrinkles by freezing the muscles, creating a smooth complexion.

"It's actually been scientifically proven to reduce forehead wrinkles by up to 52 per cent. Better yet, it doesn't prevent facial movement, so you will never be left looking expressionless," she says.

Snake venom is also known for its lifting effect, as it freezes wrinkles and expression lines. It contains hyaluronic acid and amino acids, which contribute to skin looking plump, elastic and hydrated.

The Sh15,000 facial involves a four-step process, which include a mask, a serum and the cream, which locks it all in.

"And results after the facial are amazingly obvious, the skin looks smooth, toned and with a youthful glow, even the small wrinkles visibly diminish. For best results and for maintenance, however, one needs to purchase the serum, moisturiser and mask and use as your daily beauty regimen, and the full facial at least once a month," she advises.

But Mbogo does not shy away from saying that some of her clients get twitchy when they hear about a snake

venom facial for the first time.

She has had to do a lot of convincing to have people use the product.

"My Kenyan sisters look completely horrified by the idea. But surprisingly, women, especially over 50 years old are knowledgeable and receptive to new concepts. Most go out of their way to do their own research, read reviews before committing to a product and some are even familiar with the synthetic peptides and how they work. Others just want to know one thing; does it work or not? Period," she explains.

Snake venom facial was made famous by hollywood celebrities and has been demonstrated in shows such as *The Doctors* and most of her clients actually go to her spa looking for it.

"Celebrities have been known to do almost anything to maintain a youthful complexion. Victoria Beckham, Kate Moss, Katie Holmes and Gwyneth Paltrow have used it," she says.

Mbogo, however, only recommends the snake venom to people over 41 years old as it is best for mature skin.

Some of her clients still swear they would never touch the product, and believe it is some kind of black magic, "I have to remind them the product comes from Israel, the holy land and if that doesn't work, I simply offer them the bee venom instead," she chuckles.

Wait, bee venom? Yes, bee venom costs three times the price of Gold. Approximately 33,000 bee stings equals to one gram of bee venom. This is without a doubt the new "natural botox" that stimulate the body's production of collagen and elastin to smooth, lift and tighten skin. It works in a way that it fools the skin into thinking it has been lightly stung which causes the body to direct blood towards the area, stimulating the production of collagen and elastin.

"Kate Middleton swears by this one and has made it an international sensation," says Mbogo.

Premier Spa and Boutiques are located at The Mall Westlands, The Hub, Karen and Two Rivers Mall.

## Show makes 'kind-hearted' jokes about people with disability

A shocking, but 'good-hearted' show called *Taboo* has broken television records in Belgium by telling jokes about paraplegics, amputees and minorities. And it could be soon coming to a screen near you after wowing TV executives from across the globe at the MIPTV market in Cannes, France.

"This is the show that laughs with people who you should not really be laughing at," says its presenter, comedian Philippe Geubels at the start

of each Sunday night episode on the Flemish public broadcaster, *Een*.

The line-up of 'victims/guests' on the first series included obese and poor people, dwarves, those with terminal and mental illness, gay people, blind people and people of colour. Geubels first invites them to spend a few days in the country with him where they tell their story to him and a documentary film-maker.

A few months later the comedian invites them to a packed theatre

filled with people like them to watch him do a hugely politically incorrect comedy routine based on them or their afflictions. "There are lots of advantages about having a child without arms. It won't pick its nose or put its elbows on the table..." he tells an audience, amid gales of laughter. The show has been watched live or on replay by more than a quarter of the country's Flemish-speaking population, according to *Een*, and praised for helping to take on embarrass-

ment and prejudice.

"No matter how bad your situation is, you still have to be able to laugh. Not to laugh at people but to laugh at the little everyday things" Geubels told a theatre full of people with terminal illnesses and their families in one show.

The show's producers Panenka said it had already been bought to be shown or adapted in the US, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Finland, Denmark and Norway, even

though the first series has only just ended.

"We had lots of letters congratulating us for what we did, with lots of new ideas," said producer Kato Maes, who is already planning the next season. "We choose the taboos for their potential humour. For the first series we didn't dare to take on transsexuals or Jews. But it's something to explore. We are never brutal, we always do it with respect," she said.

-Daily Mail



# Timeout

IN THEATRES NOW

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ANGA SKY CINEMA :14:30: **BILAL (2018)**  
CENTURY CINEMAX IMAX GARDEN CITY: 11:00, 13:00, 15:00: **BILAL (2018)**  
CENTURY CINEMAX JUNCTION :11:30, 13:30, 15:30: **BILAL (2018)**  
FOX CINEPLEX SARIT: 11:00: **BILAL (2018)**  
ANGA IMAX KISUMU :14:00: **BAD GENIUS (2017)**  
FOX CINEPLEX SARIT:16:00: **BAD GENIUS (2017)**

PICK of the day

## Sumu La Penzi

10.20pm



5.00	Switch Mix		Alasiri
5.30	Tizi	4.10	Juskids
7.00	K24 Alfajiri	5.00	Beatbox
9.00	Taste Of Love	6.00	Tizi
10.00	The Daily Brief	6.30	K24 Mashinani
1.30	Sports Hub	7.00	K24 Saa Moja
2.30	America's Got Talent	8.05	Casino
3.00	DW Documentary	9.00	K24 Evening Edition
3.30	Playlist	10.20	<b>Sumu La Penzi</b>
4.00	Mchipuko Wa	11.00	DW Feed



### HOROSCOPES

**ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)**  
You'll have great insight. Unexpected events may upset your routine. Your interest in religion and philosophy may lead you to specific destinations.

**TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)**  
Take care that arrangements to spend quality time together are made in advance.

**GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)**  
Your mate needs extra attention and is feeling rather insecure when you're not in sight. Your support and concern will help.

**CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)**  
Someone may be trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Travel is evident, but be cautious while in transit.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)**  
You will have a great deal of insight when dealing with others. Lovers may not be truthful.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)**  
You may have difficulties with someone close to you. Be sure to get involved in self-improvement programmes that will bring you in contact with interesting people.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)**  
You can make career moves that will bring you a much higher income. Changes regarding your career direction will pay off handsomely.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)**  
Jealousy may be a contributing factor to your emotional ups and downs.

**CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)**  
You are best to avoid joint ventures, and whatever you do, don't lend to friends or relatives. Your greatest gains will come through your creative ideas.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)**  
Don't share your dilemma with those you work with. Your charisma will no doubt attract a lot of attention. Be prepared for an active but rewarding day.

**PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)**  
This is a great day for a family outing or just a drive. You will do well with clients today. You will be able to make changes regarding your living arrangements.



5.00	Ime Ria Ruciini	6.00	Kameme
6.00	Rikiratha		Maturaini
9.00	Kurekereria	6.30	Kayu Ka
	Kodii		Murimi
11.00	Nyarari-Rpt	7.30	Taranda
12.00	Riruka Mixx	8.05	Mutamburuko
11.00	Ndonga -Rpt		Wa Mohoro
1.00	Mohoro Gitau	10.15	Thinema Cia
1.30	Cararuku		Kameme
2.00	Kiigunyi Kia	10.20	Mutamburuko
	Wonjoria-Rpt		Wa Mohoro-
	Thiririka		Rpt
3.00	Rigu Wa Kiroho	00.00	Deuestche
4.10	Mixx		Welle
5.00	Thinema Cia		
	Kameme		



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5:30	Gear Up	17:30	Club 1
6:00	Good Morning Kenya	18:30	The Great Debaters
9:00	Lay'd Back	19:00	Taarifa
9:30	Parliament Live	19:30	Bold
11:00	Hypochondri		Conversations
	ach RR	20:00	First Lady
12:00	Top Mashariki	21:00	Channel 1
	Rpt		News
13:00	Lunch Time	23:00	CCTV
	News	23:30	Lay'd Back
13:30	Business Defined		
14:00	Business Africa		



5:00	Command		Music Show
	Your Morning	18:00	Beautiful
6:00	Morning Express	19:00	Strangers
	Carmela -Rpt	19:30	KTN Leo
09:00	Wild Drake-Rpt		Real House
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12:00	Tomorrow		Wedding
	Today	21:00	KTN Prime
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13:30	Kick Off	22:15	Jeff Koinange
14:00	Alfri Screen		Live
16:00	Mbiu ya KTN	23:15	Kick Off Rpt
16:30	Gladiators	23:45	The Diary
17:00	Baseline -		



5:00	Password Plus Repeat	7:00	NTV Jioni
6:00	AM Live	7:30	The Pambazuka
8:00	Better Living		National Lottery Show
9:00	Avenida Brasil	8:00	NTV Wild
10:00	La Loba	9:00	NTV Tonight
11:15	One Voice	10:00	The Hostel
12:00	Pendo	10:30	The Beat
1:00	NTV at 1	11:30	NTV Tonight
1:30	NTV Sasa	12:30	CNN
3:00	Password Plus		
4:00	NTV at 4		
4:15	Raggs ~ RPT		
5:00	The Beat		
6:00	Avenida Brasil		

## SUDOKU

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

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### ACROSS

- Fat used in stuffing (4)
- Woke up (8)
- Pertaining to the tongue (7)
- Company emblems (5)
- Unexpected plot element (5)
- Termite (anag) (7)
- Fit for consumption (6)
- Throngs (6)
- Provoked; encouraged (7)
- Island in the Bay of Naples (5)
- Interior (5)
- Extremely wet (7)
- Annoying with continual criticism (8)

- Catch sight of (4)

### DOWN

- Judgement that is not unanimous (5,8)
- Boredom (5)
- Money holder (6)
- Children's toy (12)
- Contradicted; made ineffective (7)
- Upsettingly (13)
- Agreed upon by several parties (12)
- Fragrant gum or spice (7)
- Thomas \_\_\_\_ : US inventor (6)
- Buckets (5)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

#### ACROSS

- Apiece
- Infers
- Fear
- Resonant
- Stark
- Achieve
- Commemorative
- Assumed
- Abode

#### DOWN

- Spritzer
- Chew
- Wrasse
- Glossy
- Plenteous
- Eardrum
- Earl
- Insecure

- Fungi
- Run
- Vividness
- Embezzle
- Tobacco
- Units
- Drug
- Per



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Gusii Starlets cast sight early on WPL promotion

**FOOTBALL:** Four matches into the season, Gusii Starlets have already started to cast their sights on earning promotion to the top women tier, FKF Women Premier League next season. The highflying Starlets from Kisii county have won three matches lost once. They started the season on a high by stopping Eldoret-based Chris St Elizabeth FC 3-2 but lost their second game against impressive Bulemia Ladies 2-0 and the loss according to coach Lai Oyori was highly due to a leaky defence exposed his two central defenders got injured during the match and were unable to hold until the end as Bulemia managed to score two quick fires goals in the dying minutes, 86th and 87th minutes to heartbreak them. However, on their third game, they responded so well and turned out to be their highest so far as they stunned their neighbours Nyamira Starlets and kicked them 7-1 while over the weekend.

-GIBO ZACHARY

## Kakamega fried by Bidco fat at Bukhungu



**FOOTBALL:** Visitors Bidco had little respect for the hosts Green Commandos after they hammered them 3-0 in a fast paced National Super League played in Bukhungu. Bidco started the match strongly with Leonard Swaleh opting to start with three strikers led David Juma, Nelson Cheta and Kariuki Godfrey who exploited space behind Commandos defence manned by three players. Barely a quarter an hour into the match Bidco's captain Sean Opwora put his side ahead with a clinical finish after he pounced on a whipped cross by Teddira Esilaba from the right wing. Thereafter having been stunned by an early goal, Eliud Omukuyia's side looked disjointed with many misplaced passes that allowed Kariuki acres of space in the box who nicely curved the ball right from inside the box that soared into far end corner for the second goal in the 20th minute. Commandos who were playing with three defenders five midfielders and two strikers made efforts to cancel out the lead but their efforts were very much frustrated by hawk eyed goal keeper Charles Okeyo forcing the match to go into the break with Bidco leading 2-0.

-FREDERICK LIKUYANI

## Magdi Riad prepares cars for CBA Concours



**CONCOURS:** Thirty-six cars already entered for the CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance include machines, which will be appearing for the first time at the Nairobi Racecourse. Among these are a 1937 Nash and a 1952 Chevrolet Impala convertible, which are being prepared by Magdi Riad for the classiest event on the Kenya motorsport calendar. The 2018 Concours will be the 48th in the annual series held by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and is scheduled for September 30 at the Nairobi Racecourse. Magdi's Nash was made in the United States by a company which is no longer in operation and the two door coupe which was bought recently is a rarity. The car is now in a derelict state requiring a complete rebuild. According to Magdi both the Nash and the Chevrolet Impala convertible were once owned by William Holden, the famous Hollywood star and founder of the Mount Kenya Safari Club. During Holden's involvement with the club a line of luxury cottages was constructed for use by stars of the film and entertainment worlds.

-SANDRA WEKESA

## PEOPLE

## FOOTBALL:

Mourinho plans cull in Red Devils squad - Pogba, Blind Martial, Darmain set to leave club after season -Pg30

The one-stop sports shop...

## Former cross-country champion warns against doping

by Emmanuel Masinde

@PeopleSports11

Multiple champion Paul Kipsiele Koech has advised his fellow athletes to keep off doping lest they bring their careers to an abrupt halt.

He said doping is real and it is not the right way to go among budding and seasoned athletes not only in Kenya but the world over.

Koech who has conquered the steeplechase track and water-jump winning the Grand Prix of 2010, 2011 and 2012 said the use of performance enhancing drugs is bound to spoil the careers of the athletes saying the menace exists and all in sports

should not bury their heads in the sand. "My fellow athletes should keep off this menace. I want to say Kenyan athletes are being watched globally over this doping menace because we are excelling in every athletic meeting we participate in. So my advice to my fellow athletes is to keep off performance enhancing drugs if they hope to have legacy in sports," Koech added.

He said Kenya has been placed on the world map on matters doping but said not all athletes are using illegal drugs to win different races. Koech said the majority of Kenyan athletes are running clean following trainings and patience they are undergoing.

"There could be some individuals who want to take the short-cut route but I am telling them that they will go nowhere. The drugs are also a health hazard thing so they should stop this at all costs," the prominent athlete said.

He said athletics is patience and proper trainings and advised budding athletes to take that route if they hope to be successful sportsmen and women in future. He lauded Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (Adak) for working round the clock to eradicate the menace.

Athletics Kenya (AK) Chairman Jackson Tuwei (Major Rtd) has also said IAAF has placed Kenya on the watch list on matters doping among the athletes.



Paul Kipsiele Koech displays one of the trophies he has won in his sporting career outside his home in the outskirts of Sotik town in Bomet County. PHOTO BY PHILIP YEGON

## Warriors crush Spurs

Golden State pull off brutal fightback, crush San Antonio to take 2-0 series lead in NBA

Miami, Tuesday

@PeopleSports11

Miami Heat and San Antonio Spurs faced critical second games in their respective play-off series against Philadelphia and Golden State on Tuesday.

The Heat got the job done to level their series with the 76ers at 1-1, before the Spurs attempted to follow suit.

The Philadelphia 76ers suffered their first loss in more than a month and Ben Simmons was not happy about it. "I hate this feeling," the 21-year-old Australian told reporters in the 76ers' locker room after the 17-game win streak was snapped.

The Miami Heat aggressively went after Simmons and his 76ers team-mates on Monday in Philadelphia to take game two of the NBA playoff series 113-103. It was a turnaround from the 27-point shellack-

ing the 76ers gave the Heat in game one on Saturday when Simmons was given space to run the floor and deliver precision passes to his long-range shooters JJ Redick, Dario Saric, Ersan Ilyasova and Marco Belinelli.

The Heat halted that in game two by sending a rotation of defenders to get in Simmons' face and harass his shooters.

The strategy rattled the 76ers, particularly in the second quarter when they scored just 13 points to the Heat's 34.

"I thought the physicality of the game, I give them credit," 76ers coach Brett Brown said.

"They were bending us backwards." The 76ers were down 16 points late in the fourth quarter, but with Simmons, Saric, Ilyasova and Belinelli finding the basket they cut the Heat's lead to two with four minutes to go. Heat vet-



Klay Thompson (11) of the Golden State Warriors goes up for a shot against Rudy Gay (22) of the San Antonio Spurs during Game 2 of Round 1 of the 2018 NBA Playoffs at ORACLE Arena in Oakland, California. PHOTO: AFP

eran Dwyane Wade came off the bench, steadied his squad and hit clutch baskets.

Simmons flirted with another triple-double with 24 points, eight assists and eight rebounds.

The 36-year-old Wade top-scored with 28 points and was impressed with the 21-year-old from Melbourne.

"That kid is not even a kid," Wade said. "He's a basketball player, man. He's great."

"He does so many different things for his team." Game

three is on Thursday in Miami.

In Oakland, Australia's Patty Mills scored 21 points but it was not enough as the San Antonio Spurs fell again to the reigning champion Golden State Warriors. The Warriors won 116-101 at Oracle Arena to take a 2-0 lead in the series with Kevin Durant leading the way with 32 points.

The Spurs took it to the Warriors early and led 53-47 at half-time. "I think in the second-half we matched their defensive intensity," Warriors

coach Steve Kerr said. Mills' 21 points was a personal playoff record and a return to form after the struggles he suffered in game one on Saturday.

Mills was again given the difficult defensive task of guarding the taller Klay Thompson, who had 31 points including connecting on five of his eight three-point attempts.

LaMarcus Aldridge was the best for the Spurs with 34 points and 12 rebounds. Game three is in San Antonio on Thursday.

-AFP



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FOOTBALL

## Napoli hopes hang in the balance as Serie A reaches boiling point

■ Madrid, Tuesday  
@PeopleSports11

Napoli's dwindling Serie A title hopes are hanging on a win over Udinese on Wednesday before this weekend's top-of-the-table clash against Juventus which could seal a seventh-straight title for the champions.

The Italian league is approaching its epilogue with two rounds of matches this week but the final word on who will lift the Scudetto could be decided on Sunday evening, at the end of the big match between Juventus and Napoli at the Allianz Stadium.

Six points separate the six-time reigning champions from second-placed Napoli with six games to go after AC Milan's Gianluigi Donnarumma's last-gasp save denied Napoli a win at the San Siro on Sunday.

But Napoli believe they can throw open the championship again by garnering maximum points against Udinese and Juventus as they target a third title after 1987 and 1990.

"There are still 18 points up for grabs," insisted Napoli captain Marek Hamsik.

"The gap between us and Juventus is getting big, but we must keep believing until it's no longer mathematically possible."

A Napoli win over 13th-placed Udinese would put pressure on Juventus who have big games to come against historic rivals Inter Milan and Roma, who are both fighting for Champions League places.

Juventus travel Wednesday to Crotona in the sole of the Italian peninsula to face a side who are battling for survival, third from bottom of the table.

But Sassuolo and Spal have both recently shown Napoli and Juventus that it is possible to earn a draw even if you have 50 points fewer.

"It's the decisive week but before thinking of Napoli we have to beat Crotona," said French midfielder Blaise Matuidi, who said he was expecting "a difficult game, very difficult".

"We will have to stay very alert because even against Spal everyone said we would win. But this time we will not be taken by surprise," he warned.

For Matuidi it would be a first title with the Turin side "but for Juventus it would be the seventh consecutive Scudetto, an exceptional goal, crazy".

Below the top two teams the scramble for the two remaining Champions League places heats up.

Roma and Lazio, third and fourth on 61 points, play Genoa and Fiorentina respectively. Inter Milan are fifth and after three games without a win or scoring a goal have no choice but to take three points at home against Cagliari on Tuesday to push for a Champions League place for the first time since 2012.

### ■ TODAY'S SERIE A FIXTURES:

Benevento	vs Atalanta	7pm
Crotone	vs Juventus	9.45pm
Fiorentina	vs Lazio	9.45pm
Verona	vs Sassuolo	9.45pm
Napoli	vs Udinese	9.45pm
AS Roma	vs Genoa	9.45pm
Sampdoria	vs Bologna	9.45pm
SPAL	vs Chievo	9.45pm
Torino	vs AC Milan	9.45pm

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Napoli's Guinean midfielder Amadou Diawara celebrates after scoring during their Italian Serie A match against AC Chievo Verona on April 8, 2018 at the San Paolo Stadium in Naples. PHOTO: AFP

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18.04.2018	19:30	94920	Zenit v Dinamo Moscow	1.40	3.80	6.50
18.04.2018	19:30	94919	Lokomotiv Moscow v Terek Grozni	1.53	3.40	5.50
18.04.2018	19:30	94868	Roda JC v PSV	5.50	4.33	1.36
18.04.2018	19:30	94898	AEK Athens v Larisa	1.16	5.50	11.00
18.04.2018	20:30	90182	Espanyol v Elbar	2.30	3.10	3.30
18.04.2018	20:30	94773	Ludogorets Razgrad v Beroe	1.33	4.33	7.00
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18.04.2018	20:30	90764	SC Caldas v Aves	4.75	3.25	1.61
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18.04.2018	21:00	87526	Arab Contractors v El Zamalek	4.00	3.00	1.83
18.04.2018	21:00	94934	Basel v Grasshoppers Zürich	1.36	4.00	6.00
18.04.2018	21:45	90708	Schalke v Eintracht Frankfurt	1.80	3.10	3.80
18.04.2018	21:45	94875	Willem II v Feyenoord	4.20	3.60	1.61
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18.04.2018	21:45	90235	Spal v Chievo	2.20	3.20	3.50
18.04.2018	21:45	90223	Fiorentina v Lazio	2.80	3.30	2.50
18.04.2018	21:45	90234	Sampdoria v Bologna	1.90	3.60	4.00
18.04.2018	21:45	90222	Crotone v Juventus	10.00	4.75	1.33
18.04.2018	21:45	82413	Bournemouth v Man Utd	4.75	3.80	1.72
18.04.2018	21:45	90227	Napoli v Udinese	1.16	7.00	17.00
18.04.2018	21:45	90237	Verona v Sassuolo	4.20	3.50	1.90
18.04.2018	21:45	90236	Torino v Milan	3.10	3.25	2.30
18.04.2018	22:05	90699	Caen v Paris SG	9.50	5.50	1.16
18.04.2018	22:30	90184	Real Madrid v Athletic Bilbao	1.22	6.50	12.00
18.04.2018	22:30	90765	Sporting v Porto	2.50	3.00	2.50

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2.	18/04/2018	18:00	Avangard Kursk vs Shinnik Yaroslavl	2.56	2.93	3.04
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5.	18/04/2018	22:30	Sporting Lisbon vs FC Porto	2.57	3.10	2.78
6.	18/04/2018	21:30	Sturm Graz vs Rapid Vienna	2.34	3.36	2.98
7.	18/04/2018	21:30	Standard Liege vs Anderlecht	2.38	3.35	3.02
8.	18/04/2018	21:45	Torino vs AC Milan	2.86	3.29	2.54
9.	18/04/2018	21:45	Fiorentina vs Lazio	2.58	3.39	2.74
10.	19/04/2018	20:00	Brommapojkarna vs Elfsborg	2.96	3.56	2.32
11.	19/04/2018	20:00	Hammarby vs Norrkoping	2.33	3.68	2.87
12.	19/04/2018	20:30	Alaves vs Girona	2.47	3.22	3.01
13.	19/04/2018	20:30	Fenerbahce vs Besiktas	2.48	3.22	2.80

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1.	21/04/2018	17:00	Watford vs Crystal Palace	2.85	3.23	2.58
2.	21/04/2018	17:00	Bristol City vs Hull City	2.20	3.49	3.23
3.	21/04/2018	17:00	Leeds vs Barnsley	2.64	3.34	2.69
4.	21/04/2018	17:00	Birmingham vs Sheffield Utd	2.95	3.17	2.53
5.	21/04/2018	17:00	Gillingham vs Blackpool	2.65	3.40	2.65
6.	21/04/2018	17:00	Derby vs Middlesbrough	2.54	3.19	2.92
7.	21/04/2018	17:00	Sheffield Wed vs Reading	2.36	3.33	3.06
8.	21/04/2018	17:00	Ross County vs Motherwell	2.53	3.23	2.90
9.	21/04/2018	17:15	Celta Vigo vs Valencia	2.53	3.39	2.80
10.	21/04/2018	19:15	Manchester Utd vs Tottenham	3.26	3.37	2.19
11.	21/04/2018	21:00	Amiens vs Strasbourg	2.47	3.17	3.06
12.	21/04/2018	21:00	Metz vs Caen	2.58	3.23	2.85
13.	21/04/2018	21:30	Racing Genk vs Anderlecht	2.44	3.36	2.92
14.	22/04/2018	14:30	Fortuna Dusseldorf vs Ingolstadt	2.58	3.44	2.69
15.	22/04/2018	14:30	Kaiserslautern vs Dynamo Dresden	2.58	3.44	2.69
16.	22/04/2018	15:30	Stoke City vs Burnley	2.34	3.15	3.31
17.	22/04/2018	19:30	Las Palmas UD vs Alaves	2.54	3.29	2.86

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M-Kopa Solar makes strong start in Left Foot league

**FOOTBALL:** M-Kopa Solar registered a strong start to this season's Left Foot Sports league after gunning down rivals Advert Eyez Limited 2-0 over the weekend. Goals from Elvin Maja and Francis Voti were enough to hand Solar maximum points and silence their biggest rivals in Division Three. In other matches, DGM Matrix won 2-1 against Liaison Group while One Africa thrashed Red Catalans 3-0. Creative Innovations were huge winners in Division Four after seeing off South C Academy 5-1. KCB Group lost 2-0 to Cube Movers, Total Kenya floored St. Milan 5-4 in a nine goal thriller, Tradewinds beat Seacom 3-0 while Vitambii Vishe won 3-0 against Harleys Limited. In the floodlights league that was played on Thursday night on Astro turf, Total Disaster hammered Taifa Sports Academy 5-0 in Division One, All Stars came twice from behind to force a 4-4 draw against Taifa Sports Academy, Concept 3 beat Total Disaster 2-0, Astral Aerials won 5-4 against Lancet (PLK) while Lancet lost 8-2 to One Africa Punjabi. In the Wazee league, Old Stars beat McKay Advocates 5-3, Strath FC won 2-1 against Punjabi, Dakitari FC lost 4-0 to Strath FC, Oilibya hammered Kenya Dental Association 8-1, Punjabi beat Total Disaster 5-3, Dakitari lost 1-3 to Old Stars while McKay thrashed Total Disaster Wazee 7-2. -RODGERS NDEGWA



Bizarre penalty helps Mainz past rivals Freiburg

**FOOTBALL:** A bizarrely awarded penalty and a goalkeeping howler helped Mainz to a vital 2-0 victory over Bundesliga relegation rivals Freiburg on Monday. Following a nervy first half Mainz took the lead in curious circumstances when they were given a penalty by Video Assistant Referee system VAR after the referee had already blown for half-time. Freiburg's Marc-Oliver Kempf was ruled to have handled the ball seconds before the whistle, and he and his team-mates were called back from the dressing room for the penalty to be taken. Pablo De Blasis kept his cool from 12 yards to give Mainz the lead. "It leaves a bitter taste, but we have to accept it with a heavy heart," Freiburg sporting director Jochen Saier told Eurosport at half-time. "We were under the impression that, when the referee blows for half-time, that's it." The confusion continued after the break, as fans threw toilet rolls onto the pitch in protest against Monday night games, delaying the restart by several minutes. -AFP



Indian police crack down on IPL betting racket

**CRICKET:** Indian police have arrested three men suspected of placing illegal bets on Indian Premier League matches as authorities crack down on gambling rackets that emerge around the billion-dollar franchise every year. The trio were accused of running an online betting syndicate from a residence in New Delhi. Nearly all gambling is illegal in India but is still a huge underground industry. "We arrested the three on Saturday while they were betting during the Mumbai Indians and Delhi Daredevils match," Youdhbir Singh, a senior police officer in Delhi, told AFP yesterday. "They were insisting that they are first-timers and it was just a one-off incident, but we know that they were doing it since the start of the league on April 7." Eleven mobile phones, a laptop, a television set and a digital channel receiver were seized, Singh added. Media reports say police have busted other syndicates, in the southern city of Hyderabad and the eastern state of West Bengal, in the first two weeks of the 11th season of the lucrative IPL franchise. -AFP



Pack up and leave

Now Mourinho says Sh12.8b Pogba can leave, with Martial, Blind and Darmian also set to be sold

Madrid, Tuesday  
@PeopleSports11

Jose Mourinho is ready to let Paul Pogba (pictured left) leave Manchester United in a sensational move this summer.

Mourinho (right) has run out of patience with the club's record signing and has included Pogba on a list of players who can be sold as he attempts to close the gap on new champions Manchester City.

The prospect of Pogba leaving Old Trafford two years after returning to the club for £89million has moved a step closer since Pep Guardiola revealed 11 days ago that the player was offered to City in January.

Pogba's relationship with Mourinho has deteriorated rapidly this season and the 25-year-old was substituted again in Sunday's home defeat by West Brom.

The Frenchman has been left on the bench or taken off in seven of his last 11 games.

It is not what United envisaged after resigning their former academy player from Juventus in the summer of 2016, and Old Trafford chief Ed Woodward will be reluctant to part with such a marquee figure so quickly.

But Pogba has struggled to fit into Mourinho's system at United and has not produced enough performances like his man-of-the-match display in the Manchester derby. It remains uncertain whether he will be in the team for Wednesday's trip to Bournemouth or, more importantly, what is now United's biggest game of the season against Tottenham in the FA Cup semi-final on Saturday.

-DAILYMAIL



POGBA'S TURBULENT TIMES AT UNITED IN 2018

**Jan 31:** Pogba subbed after 63 minutes in Manchester United's defeat at Spurs. Mourinho said: 'He worked hard but the game was not for him.'

**Feb 3:** On the bench for the next game against Huddersfield. Mourinho said: 'The intention was not to punish anyone.'

**Feb 11:** Pogba hauled off after 66 minutes against Newcastle. Mourinho said: 'I wanted a better way (in midfield) against a side that was defending in a block.'

**Feb 16:** 'Lies'. Mourinho's response to rumours Pogba will leave in the summer.

**Feb 17:** Mourinho praises Scott McTominay — and aims a dig at Pogba: 'He (McTominay) has a normal haircut, no tattoos, no big cars, no big watches, humble kid.'

**Feb 21:** McTominay starts ahead of Pogba with the £89m man on the bench against Sevilla in the Champions League last 16. Mourinho said: 'Paul was not feeling one hundred per cent.'

**Mar 13:** On the bench again as United crash out of the Champions League at home to Sevilla. Mourinho said: 'We have different options and we believe Fellaini's qualities make us stronger.'

**Mar 30:** On Pogba's poor form, Mourinho said: 'Ask him what he thinks about it. His form is nothing to do with his injury.'

**Apr 6:** Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola drops a bombshell: 'Two months ago he (Raiola) offered me Pogba to play with us.'

**April 16:** Pogba told he can leave United as Mourinho has run out of patience with the midfielder.

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# Ushuru taxed as goals dry in NSL competition



Ushuru's Enock Agwanda (left) celebrates with team-mate after scoring against Kisumu All Stars. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWA

By Barry Silah  
@PeopleSports11

It might have been a weekend the National Super League (NSL) yielded only 19 goals in eight matches, but ultimately left the *status quo* in the Championship remain almost intact. Altogether, six matches ended in draws but only leaders Western Stima on 27 points beat their title rivals KCB 2-1 on Saturday at Camp Toyoyo. The other match between Coast Stima and GFE 105 never materialised as the visiting team failed to show up at Mbaraki Grounds thus losing free points. However, Western Stima might be all smiles for widening the gap at the apex to four points over the bankers who incidentally have a match

in hand. Round 12 offered precious little elsewhere as other potential bigwigs failed to make meaningful impact. Of note were Kenya Police and Kibera Black Stars who are in the top half of the log being, but were frustrated by relative minnows. Ushuru also had to be thankful for their 1-1 draw at Camp Toyoyo versus stubborn Kisumu Allstars in another titanic clash. Charles Korea's Police only managed to tie 1-1 with fellow security side Administration Police at Karuturi Grounds. Kenya Police currently sitting pretty on third position with 21 points were expected to have an easy run against 17th placed AP but instead Benlee Juma's side were resolute and were keen to prove a point against their arch rivals.



Former Gor Mahia player Paul Kiongera celebrates in front of a camera after scoring a past league goal. INSET: FKF president Nick Mwendwa reacts at a press conference. PHOTOS: PHILLIP KAMAKYA

# Back on air

FKF to unveil Sh130m production equipment for local matches

By People Reporter  
@PeopleSports11

Local football enthusiasts are in for a treat after Foot-

ball Kenya Federation (FKF) president Nick Mwendwa announced advanced plans to import state-of-the-art production equipment that would

ensure live broadcasting of all crucial matches locally. Mwendwa told *People Daily* that the equipment which is complete with Outside Broadcasting vans, cables, monitors, cameras and recorders, is expected in the country before the end of the month and that apart from quenching the thirst of many television viewers, it will also be used to generate revenue for the federation and also create employment. "World football governing body Fifa gives every federation a grant of Sh125 million annually where Sh50 million is

AT A GLANCE  
Sh130m- Production equipment cost  
Sh125m- Annual Fifa grants to FKF  
Sh20m- Amount FKF plan to generate annually from new investment  
300- The number of employment the new investment is expected to create.

meant for administration and Sh75 million meant for football development. However, we applied for a lump sum Sh 130 million for the 2015-2018 circle and Fifa gave us the money, so we expect the production materials before the end of this month," Mwendwa said. He added: "When the equipment arrives, we target to raise at least Sh20 million (200,000 dollars) annually. We will be producing local matches especially national team matches and the key local leagues and sell the videos at Sh500,000 (5,000 dollars) to any interested parties." The country's top league, Kenyan Premier League (KPL) has been without a broadcast sponsor since DSTV SuperSport pulled out their support, but the latest development would be good news for KPL fans as well as the National Super League fans who will now be able to watch most of the matches on televisions.

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18:00	1507	CSKA Sofia vs Levski Sofia	2.01	3.39	3.60
18:30	1840	Spartak Moscow vs FK Tosno	1.38	4.57	8.50
18:45	4011	BATE Borisov vs Neman Grodno	1.28	4.93	8.47
19:00	1148	Vestfossen vs Stromsgodset	18.71	11.59	1.07
19:00	1675	Randers FC vs Odense BK	2.95	3.27	2.47
19:00	4603	Sunddal vs Kristiansund	16.10	10.29	1.10
19:00	4604	Kvik vs Ranheim	10.80	8.70	1.16
19:00	4785	AC Horsens vs FC Nordsjælland	4.12	3.79	1.84
19:00	5573	Benevento vs Atalanta	4.93	4.01	1.68
19:00	5596	Oystese vs Sogndal	7.71	6.38	1.28
19:00	5757	Shakhtar Donetsk vs Illichivc Mariupol	1.09	8.24	15.96
19:30	1471	AEK Athens vs AE Larissa	1.23	5.58	12.49
19:30	2069	Zenit St Petersburg vs Dinamo Moscow	1.51	4.03	7.26
19:30	2460	Lokomotiv Moscow vs Akhmat Grozny	1.61	3.65	6.44
19:30	2649	Cukaricki St vs Partizan	4.08	3.46	1.83
19:30	3258	Roda Kerkrade vs PSV Eindhoven	6.00	4.91	1.47
19:30	5348	AZ Alkmaar vs Vitesse Arnhem	1.66	4.29	4.66
20:00	1180	Tynset vs Ham-Kam	5.50	5.50	1.42
20:00	2217	FSV Luckenwalde vs Energie Cottbus	12.73	7.43	1.17
20:00	2650	Lokomotive Leipzig vs Meuselwitz	1.65	3.67	5.26
20:00	3238	Kalmar vs Osternsunds	3.92	3.43	1.99
20:00	3286	Orebro SK vs AIK Football	4.04	3.34	1.99
20:00	3675	Viktoria Berlin vs Oberhausen Neugersdorf	2.37	3.37	2.84
20:00	4441	Borussia Monchengladbach II vs Borussia Dortmund II	2.80	3.43	2.38
20:00	5023	Sirius FK vs BK Hacken	3.29	3.40	2.21
20:00	5054	Wacker Nordhausen vs TSG Neustrelitz	1.36	4.96	7.57
20:00	5605	Fortuna Dusseldorf II vs SV Rodinghausen	2.93	3.56	2.23
20:30	1140	Galatasaray vs Akhisar Bld	1.38	4.81	7.40
20:30	1239	Caldas vs Aves	5.14	3.50	1.70
20:30	1986	Espanyol vs Eibar	2.37	3.07	3.34
20:30	2064	Al Masry Club vs CF Mounana	1.17	5.90	13.09
20:30	2792	Viktoria Koln vs Wiedenbruck	1.57	3.98	5.50
20:30	3162	CSKA Moscow vs Amkar Perm	1.40	4.36	9.42
20:30	5719	Valencia vs Getafe	1.55	4.02	6.43
20:45	4246	Excelsior vs Heracles	2.09	3.70	3.32
21:00	1163	FC Basel vs Grasshoppers	1.49	4.48	6.39
21:00	3949	FC Zurich vs St. Gallen	2.00	3.68	3.58
21:45	1564	Crotone vs Juventus	9.13	4.51	1.40
21:45	1786	Spal vs Chievo	2.21	3.13	3.62
21:45	1788	Schalke 04 vs Eintracht Frankfurt	1.87	3.43	4.45
21:45	1801	Fiorentina vs Lazio	2.86	3.40	2.48
21:45	2036	Torino vs AC Milan	3.12	3.28	2.37
21:45	2679	Sampdoria vs Bologna	1.88	3.65	4.14
21:45	3417	Verona vs Sassuolo	4.15	3.45	1.94
21:45	3619	Roma vs Genoa	1.52	4.23	6.51
21:45	4814	Napoli vs Udinese	1.23	6.18	14.25
21:45	5339	Willem II vs Feyenoord	4.93	4.07	1.66
21:45	5456	Sparta Rotterdam vs NAC Breda	2.16	3.61	3.23
22:30	1637	Real Madrid vs Athletic Bilbao	1.28	6.22	9.73
22:30	4231	Sporting Lisbon vs FC Porto	2.59	3.12	2.75

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# PEOPLE DAILY SPORT

**Nakuru court gives arrest warrant for Gor officials**

**FOOTBALL:** A Nakuru court has issued a warrant of arrest against Gor Mahia club chairman Ambrose Rachier and other top officials after they failed to appear in court. Resident Magistrate Wilson Kitur issued the orders after parties failed to enter appearance in a case they have been sued by Donnies Hotel in Nakuru over unpaid hotel bills. According to Kitur the failure by the officials to comply with court orders or enter appearance in the case amounts to contempt. "The failure by the club officials to enter appearance and ignore court orders amounts to contempt, i hereby direct that they be arrested and availed in court on May 8," ruled Kitur. Rachier, his deputy John Pesa, secretary Ronald Ingala and team manager Jolawi Obondo had been sued over failure to pay hotel arrears in Nakuru totalling Sh500, 000 after the players spent in the hotel in 2015. The orders follow an application by the hotel's lawyer Gordon Ogolla, who accused the officials of contempt urging the court for their immediate arrest and prosecution. —ROY LUMBE

**Kenyan runners lose Boston titles as rank outsiders shine**

**ATHLETICS:** For the first time in 33 years, an American has won the Boston Marathon. Desiree Linden took the women's race Monday with a time of 2 hours, 39 minutes and 53 seconds. It was a rainy, gloomy day for the runners, but Linden and Yuki Kawauchi, the men's winner, were able to overcome the conditions to win. Kawauchi, of Japan, won the men's division in 2:15:53. Linden, 34 and Kawauchi, 31, both had comeback wins. Linden, 34, persevered after Ethiopia's Mamitu Daska broke away from the pack before the halfway point. She ran on her own for a time, but the pack's steady pace closed her nearly 30-second lead, with Linden and Kenya's Gladys Chesir wearing her down. Linden's time was the slowest for a women's winner since 1978, but it was still over four minutes faster than the second-place runner, the United States' Sarah Sellers. "It's supposed to be hard," she said, via the Associated Press. "It's good to get it done." Linden nearly got it done in 2011, when she finished a mere two seconds away from winning. The last American to win the marathon was Lisa Larden Weidenbach in 1985.-AFP



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**CECAFA ORGANISERS EXPEL, FINE ZANZIBAR, ETHIOPIA**

The organising committee of the ongoing Cecafa under-17 Challenge Cup in Burundi has expelled and fined Zanzibar and Ethiopia for fielding overage players. The two countries were found guilty of breaching the tournament's rules as stipulated in Article 4.0 (qualification of players) and sub-sections 4.3 and 4.6. Zanzibar are said to have presented nine players over the limit during their intended Group B match against Sudan in Gitenga on April 15. On the other hand, Ethiopia was also found to have fielded three overage players during another Group B match against Somalia at Urukundo Stadium in Ngozi Province the same day. Ethiopia had won the match 3-1. Following the illegality, Zanzibar were fined a total of US\$ 15,000 (Sh1.5 million) while Ethiopia were fined US\$5,000 (Sh502,680). — CHARLES THUKU

**KENYA FALTER AGAIN IN FED CUP**

Kenya fell 3-0 to South Africa in the ongoing Federations Cup Championships at Ulcinj, Montenegro yesterday. It was the second successive loss after Monday's similar score line against Finland at the Ulcinj outdoor arena in the Euro/Africa zone three competitions. Once again Judith Muraa and Angella Okutoyi (pictured) failed to glitter in what is becoming a torrid outing particularly in the singles rubbers. In the first match, Muraa got beaten in straight sets of 6-1,6-0 by Katie Poluta in a record 53 minutes. The Kenyan was overwhelmed from the start as her serves went awry. Her movements were foiled by her aggressive opponent. In the opening set, she only nicked a game following rare lapses of control by Poluta. The South African on her part, dominated by picking two aces. — BARRY SILAH

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Gor Mahia captain Harun Shakava battles Super Sports United Thuso Phala for the ball during the first leg of their CAF match at Machakos Stadium. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

**GOR MAHIA CAF JOURNEY SO FAR**

Gor Mahia 2-0 Leones Vegetarianos CAF CL

Leones Vegetariano 1-1 Gor Mahia CAF CL

Gor Mahia 0-0 Esperance CAF CL

Esperance 1-0 Gor Mahia CAF CL

Gor Mahia 1-0 Supersport United

**Gor endure harrowing hiccups, but Sonko comes to their rescue as they leave for Confed Cup return leg against SuperSport in South Africa**

by James Magayi @magayijim

Turbulent and chaotic closely illustrate Gor Mahia's build-up to their season changing CAF Confederation Cup return-leg tie with Supersport United at the Lucas Moripe Stadium in Pretoria, South Africa tonight. Uncertainty is rife ahead of the 7:00pm kick-off as the team left for Pretoria just 22 hours before owing to visa hitches at the South African Embassy in Nairobi. Consequently, Gor will not have a prior feel of the pitch. The prohibitive South African visa requirements aside, Gor's air tickets were paid by

Nairobi governor Mike Sonko after a mix-up between Ministry of Sports and Football Kenya Federation (FKF) left K'Ogalo without a flight 48 hours to the game. The move by Sonko came as a relief following 24 hours of conflicting information about the team's departure. Organising secretary Judith Nyangi said that the exact number of players to travel is still unknown as some players are yet to receive visas. "We have received 30 tickets from the governor so we are good to go. Most of the players have received visas while some are still at the embassy trying to get theirs. I believe the team will leave at 8pm this evening (yesterday)," she said. Worse for Gor is that dependable cogs Jacques Tuyisenge and Ephrem Guikan may not be part of a squad that bids to conserve a narrow 1-0 victory achieved in Nairobi 10 days ago and land the one-time

continental champions into Confederation Cup group stage. Despite the chaos preceding this fixture, Gor retain strong hopes of progressing at the expense of the PSL strugglers. Supersport have only won once in their last 10 fixtures, a 2-1 home victory over Petro Atletico in this competition but vicariously hung one point above relegation in the league with three matches left. The goals-shy 'Matsantsantsa' must beat Gor in order to progress. K'Ogalo will miss the services of midfield battering ram Ernest Wendo who is suspended for accumulation of yellow cards and are likely to deploy center half Joachim Oluoch at right back. Goalkeeper Boniface Oluoch recovered in time for the trip and is first choice between the stick while Wesley Onguso, Haron Shakava and Joash Onyango will retain their roles. Coach Dylan Kerr will be forced to pair Philemon Otieno

with either Humphrey Mieno or Lawrence Juma at the heart of midfield in Wendo's absence with vast option in offensive flanks. "Every player in the team is capable and knows what is required of them in the second leg. They did what was needed and won at home so now we must see out the rest of the game to progress. I'm impressed by the players' attitude and we all want to make the group stage. Very few of them have played at this level but look how they are taking it, with admirable discipline," said Kerr. "We have our game plan and we do not really want to pre-empt how they will play so we'll just stick to ours and tweak if need be. I am hopeful that we will progress. We have worked hard to be ready despite the gulf in financial fortunes with our opponents," Kerr said when asked of his team's chance of progress.