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# Whistleblower's note that brought down Chase Bank

> Secret note to investors from executive sets alarm bells ringing

> Power struggle at the top split managers into two camps

> Frantic late night efforts failed to save institution

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## Good to see you

President Uhuru Kenyatta with Deputy President William Ruto after he arrived back home on Friday night from a state visit of France and Germany.



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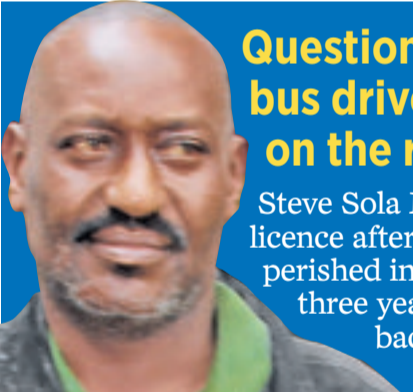
Cord principals Kalonzo Musyoka, Raila Odinga and Moses Wetang'ula in a show of unity at Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi,

## It's a D+ for Jubilee, Cord leaders declare

Cord leaders Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka and Moses Wetang'ula yesterday launched a strong attack on the Jubilee government's track record, giving them a failing grade of D+ for their efforts in the last three years.

They said the “happily ever after image Jubilee is trying to portray is a plain lie” and accused the government of being long on promises and short on delivery. The Cord leaders put on a show of unity after a week of wrangles.

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**Questions as killer bus driver back on the road**

Steve Sola Mutia lost his licence after 43 passengers perished in Narok accident three years ago but he is back at the wheel.

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## Jubilee plans post-ICC strategy after Ruto boost

After receiving a huge boost from the termination of the cases at the International Criminal Court, leaders of the Jubilee alliance are plotting to use the latest decision to urge their supporters to give them more time in office so they can deliver on their pledges.

Senate Majority leader Kindiki Kithure (above) also said there would be fresh emphasis on reconciliation.

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Development &gt; Ambitious blueprint has attracted resistance

# Joho launches plan to put up 30,000 houses in old estates

Project falls under Vision 2035 that governor says will transform port city

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Mombasa Governor Ali Hassan Joho yesterday launched an ambitious development plan that will see 30,000 new houses built in the town by 2035.

Under Vision 2035, Mr Joho plans to replace old houses in 10 housing estates — Khadjia, Miritini, Changamwe, Tudor, Mzizima, Buxton, Likoni, Nyerere, Tom Mboya and Kaa Chonjo — with new ones in partnership with private developers.

The county government is already receiving bids for the project.

Speaking at the launch of Vision 2035, Mr Joho told detractors not to sabotage the vision but offer constructive criticism.

Flanked by his Lamu counterpart Issa Timamy, he said Vision 2035 would be a game changer to modernise the port city to the levels of Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai.

He said he was confident he will retain his seat next year before taking a stab at the presidency in 2022.

"I know I will win the second term and the journey to trans-



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### MORE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

Other major projects to be developed under Vision 2035 include the construction of a bridge across the Likoni Channel and introduction of water buses and light commuter trains to decongest roads.

Sites for jetties to be used in the proposed water transport system, that would run in the same way as matatus, have already been identified.

The plan also caters for the expansion of roads to accommodate the growing traffic in the city.

form Mombasa has begun in earnest," he said, adding he was ready for opinions and criticism from the business community, leaders, professionals and residents.

Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho with his Lamu counterpart Issa Timamy during the launch of Mombasa Vision 2035 at the Mombasa Golf Club yesterday.

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However, the urban renewal and re-development of the former Mombasa Municipal Council's housing estates has met stiff opposition from some leaders and occupants.

Wiper Democratic Movement leaders Senator Hassan Omar and Nyali MP Hezron Bolo Awiti have questioned the legality of the project.

The row over the proposed Sh200 billion housing project escalated after Mr Awiti declared he would move to court to challenge its endorsement by the county assembly.

"Members of the County Assembly have been used as a rubber stamp to endorse the

governor's plan without giving it much thought and involving the residents," he said.

Apart from the two leaders, the project has also attracted opposition from a businessman, Mr Suleiman Shahbal, who recently joined hands with Khadjia Estate residents fearing displacement.

Yesterday, however, Governor Joho assured occupants they would be given first priority after the reconstruction.

"We have partnered with reputable civil society groups like Kituo cha Sheria, Juhudi and Linda Africa in a legal framework that protects residents' interests," he added.

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### DRIVER OF KILLER BUS BACK ON ROAD

The driver of a bus that killed 43 passengers at a black spot along the Maai Mahiu-Narok road three years ago is back on the road even though the authorities had announced that his licence had been cancelled. Steve Sola Mutia, who sparked national outrage and attracted the attention of President Uhuru Kenyatta after his bus was involved in the deadly accident in Ntulele in August, 2013, has been driving buses along the Nairobi-Mwingi-Garissa route.

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### CORD DISCUSS IEBC WITH US DIPLOMAT

Cord principals Raila Odinga and Moses Wetang'ula held talks with US Ambassador to Kenya Robert Godec on Thursday morning, sending tongues wagging in political circles. The meeting came five days after Mr Wetang'ula's presidential campaign launch that was nearly disrupted by goons at Muliro Gardens in Kakamega last weekend.

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### EUROBOND SEASON HEATS UP

The 2016 eurobond season for African countries is heating up. And Kenya seems to be leading the fray while ignoring an opportunity to tap resources at home. Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich was in London on Tuesday to meet investors in what was dubbed "a non-deal roadshow". But Reuters reported that Kenya may return in May for a roadshow bond, and South Africa held a global conference call with investors on Wednesday for a potential 10-year dollar bond.

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### VOTING ON DARFUR STATUS TO START

Sudan's conflict-ridden Darfur region starts voting tomorrow on whether to unify its five states — a long-standing demand of rebels seeking greater autonomy — but ongoing instability means insurgents are boycotting the referendum. The three-day vote is expected to maintain the five-state system, which President Omar al-Bashir's ruling party says is more efficient but which observers say gives Khartoum greater control over Darfur. The ethnic minority insurgents who rebelled against the Arab-dominated government in 2003 claiming their region was marginalised say the vote cannot be fair because of fighting.

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### LUCKY KENYA SAIL INTO QUARTERS



Kenya's rugby sevens team will take on defending champions Fiji in a Hong Kong Sevens Cup quarter-final match today from 7.40am in which they hope to make amends for their previous defeats in Sydney and Vancouver to the Pacific Ocean islanders. Benjamin Ayimba charges sailed through to the Cup quarters, their fourth this season, by the skin of their teeth after losing to New Zealand and France 5-0 and 10-17 respectively yesterday. What counted for Kenya Sevens, who qualified alongside New Zealand from Pool A to the Cup quarters, was their superior point difference.



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## Intrigues &gt; Leaked email tells of rot at the institution

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African Development Bank regional director for Eastern Africa Gabriel Negatu, Chase Bank Chief Executive Officer Paul Njaga and Amethis Finance managing director Laurent Demey sign a Sh5 billion loan agreement in favour of Chase Bank at the Kempinski Hotel in Nairobi on March 30.

# How whistleblower letter brought bank to its knees

Employee wrote to CBK seeking audit of irregular transactions

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An incriminating anonymous letter sent by a whistleblower to international investors of Chase Bank in February touched off a series of events that led to the shock closure of the institution on Thursday morning as its owners raced against time to pump in billions of shillings.

Details assembled by the *Sunday Nation* from multiple sources reveal that the leaked document sent to Paris-based investment firm Amethis Finance pointed to anomalies in the institution's financial books, including at least Sh16.6 billion irregularly advanced to various entities, half of them linked to insiders and assets that were reportedly not benefitting the bank. The Central Bank of Kenya, which later said that one director had lent himself Sh7.9 billion mostly without registered collateral and well beyond regulatory limits, used some of the information to pile pressure on Chase Bank.

## Depositors in limbo

In the end, at least 55,000 depositors remain in limbo without access to their accounts as CBK, through the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation, cleans up the mess.

The bank mostly targeted the youth, women, investment groups and Small and Medium Enterprises, meaning its collapse has been felt across thousands of households.

Big clients like the Law Society of Kenya, the United Nations Sacco and betting company SportPesa have also had at least Sh2 billion withheld.

The central role played by the leaked e-mail provides a window to a story packed with intrigues ranging from boardroom wars and backstabbing

to night meetings and frantic last-minute efforts to save the bank from being put under receivership. There are also suggestions that the French investors wanted to use the information from the whistleblower to pump in money and increase their stake.

"There was panic among top managers when they learnt about the details in the e-mail. The international investors even flew in to find out what was going on. But in the end CBK moved in and asked us to put our books in order. Until Wednesday, we had been assured the bank would not be closed," said a source at Chase Bank, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal bank affairs.

But it was the suspicion that the person who sent the anonymous e-mail could have been an executive out to fix his colleagues in a rival faction involved in reckless insider lending that uncovered a power struggle that had been going on for some time. The aim, according to insiders and CBK officials who spoke to the *Sunday Nation*, was to bring down the targeted individuals and give some international investors a bigger say. But events would conspire to result in the unintended result of receivership.

Insiders say there had been an apparent power struggle between the bank's CEO Paul Njaga and Group Managing Director Duncan Kabui as their roles appeared to overlap. The ousted board chairman Zafrullah Khan, who is a significant shareholder, was also sucked in and was said to have been an ally of the MD. Sources at the bank said senior managers appeared to have been working in concert but they were in actual sense divided into two camps.

Mr Khan and Mr Kabui would later dramatically resign from their positions on Wednesday after they were alleged to be major players in the insider lending saga with Mr Njaga being appointed CEO and MD

The above statements and disclosures are extracts of the bank's financials as audited by Deloitte and Touche and received a qualified opinion"

## Bank statement

while Mrs Muthoni Kuria took over as board chair. Yesterday, they recorded statements as part of police investigations.

The panic caused by the changes and speculation on social media led to withdrawals that eventually bled the bank's cash reserves to unsustainable levels.

The lender had earlier restated its financial results showing it had under-reported insider loans by a whopping Sh8 billion. The restated financial results published showed that insider loans stood at Sh13.62 billion last year against the Sh5.72 billion it reported on the March 31 regulatory deadline. "The above statements and disclosures are extracts of the bank's financials as audited by Deloitte and Touche and received a qualified opinion," the bank said in the footnotes of its financials, meaning the information provided to auditors was limited in scope.

## Frantic efforts

As things went from bad to worse on Wednesday, the owners of Chase Bank made frantic last-minute efforts to raise money and save the institution from being put under receivership. A demand by the French investors that local shareholders should dispose of their stake at a throwaway price was said to have been rejected outright. People familiar with the meeting at CBK that started on Wednesday night and ended in the wee hours of Thursday painted a picture akin to a gathering of top doctors making frantic efforts to save a dying patient on life

support machine. Present were top Chase Bank directors and investors led by Mr Njaga and Governor Njoroge accompanied by senior CBK officials.

The decision to switch off the machine and put the "patient" into what amounted to an induced coma was, however, quietly made at around 4 am on Thursday by CBK — with the Chase Bank directors having left with the promise that the institution would not be placed under receivership if investors, and other financial institutions, pumped in billions of shillings before the end of Thursday. But images of long-winding queues of customers demanding their money from the bank and numerous electronic transfer requests on Wednesday — fuelled by social media speculation and the sudden changes in management and the board — bled at least Sh8 billion from the bank and convinced CBK bosses that the scenes would be repeated. This, they reasoned, would not only put depositors' money at risk but also trigger panic in the entire industry.

The bank's reputed efficient IT platform would turn out to be one of the factors why its cash ran out so fast with many online customers accessing and transferring their money to other banks.

The CBK governor said a subsequent bank run caused by panicked depositors necessitated the appointment of a receiver manager "in the interest of depositors, creditors and the public". "Chase Bank experienced liquidity difficulties following inaccurate social media reports and stepping aside of two directors, consequently it was not able to meet its financial obligations on April 6, 2016," CBK said.

The receiver manager and his team entered the bank's Riverside Drive offices accompanied by police officers after 6 am to take over operations as staff


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Scrutiny &gt; The voluminous work is unprecedented in the banking industry

# CBK's in-tray full as analysis of Chase Bank data begins

The regulator is yet to finish analysing data from Imperial Bank and Chase Bank files add to the headache

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The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) will be an institution swamped with lots of data and analyses as circumstances in the banking sector slide from the frying pan to the real fire.

CBK's work is cut out this week as a third lender slid into receivership with over 350,000 depositors in limbo and a Sh96 billion puzzle that the lender in partnership with the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) has to unravel.

The Chase Bank statistics, piled above the 5,700 depositors from the Imperial Bank whose deposits were more than a million shillings before the bank went under, puts huge pressure on the regulator whose capacity seems to be already overstretched.

The depositors who were meant to have been paid by March have had a painful wait with more intrigues emerging from the forensic audit regarding the actual deposits.

## Moved to court

CBK's move to task the Kenya Commercial Bank and Diamond Trust Bank to pay all depositors with Sh1 million and below was met with litigation as shareholders moved to court for having been "left out". The case was recently ruled in favour of CBK allowing the forensic audit to continue.

In the Imperial Bank case alone, more than 700 accounts-of-interest have been isolated for scrutiny, with some of them connected to a few dozen related accounts.

While the initial expectation of the regulator was that there

would be a few dozen accounts-of-interest to be scrutinised, CBK is gearing up to investigate some 22,520 high-priority transactions as well as about 1.2 Terabytes (TB) of electronic data.

The voluminous work is unprecedented in the banking industry scrutiny as the regulator said in a previous press release that the data would make a stack of 7,200 kilometres pile of papers if printed. It is expected that the current team will make significant progress in the next three months.

## Sharp spotlight

Chase Bank's sinking, which was rumoured largely in social media before it happened, now casts a spotlight on the over 40 lenders whose stability has not been put to question in the past.

With 43 banks as at August 2015, Kenya's banking sector was praised for rapid growth and deepening financial inclusion with positive economic outlook also attributed to the robust banking environment. The big question remains whether the industry is still robust.

Three banks falling in nine months generates sufficient shockwaves in the industry dominated by a few banks but crowded by a dozen small lenders prone to liquidity freeze. CBK revealed on Wednesday that the seven largest banks control some 80 per cent of the financial system's cash. That means the 36 banks in Kenya have been surviving on the remaining 20 per cent of deposits.

Chase Bank's lack of sufficient deposits was the last straw that broke the lender's back as customers, worried about the bank's health, went on a withdrawal spree pulling out Sh8 billion in



## Effects

### IMPERIAL BANK INVESTORS

Imperial Bank, which went under receivership in October, left fund managers and banks which had invested Sh2 billion in it with a fate of getting only 5 per cent return on their five year investment.

One bread baker, Kenblest, which owned 12.5 per cent of Imperial Securities, has seen its fortunes tied to the troubled bank. The same fate befell the Kenya Tea Development Agency's (KTDA) Sh2.3 billion as well as the Centre for Justice and Environmental Action (CJEA), Mombasa.

The Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) disclosed that insurance firms had a total of Sh1.5 billion with the ill-fated lender.

one day.

There is bound to be more panic in the market with all the collapsed lenders having hard audit reports that never pointed out any numbers that clearly turned out to be false save for the red flag by Deloitte over the Sh16.6 billion questionable lending captured on the audit report.

Chase Bank which was the latest to collapse had been honoured as the Best Company To Work For in Kenya by Deloitte in 2014 and 2015.

A section of Chase Bank customers storm a Mombasa branch office on Thursday after information went round that the bank had been placed under receivership for the next one year.

Less than a year before going under, Chase Bank launched the first tranche of its Sh10 billion seven-year multi-currency bond at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) after a successful listing in June.

The first tranche was expected to raise Sh3 billion but was oversubscribed by 61 per cent, netting Sh4.8 billion.

## Investment avenue

Former Chase Bank chairman Zafrullah Khan said the listing would enhance the bond's liquidity, while providing a good quality investment avenue for investors.

"The performance and listing not only highlights the confidence in the Chase brand, but also investor confidence in corporate bonds. This is in line with the growth of alternative investment opportunities within the capital markets as outlined under the Vision 2030," he said.

African Development Bank,

which last week agreed to lend Chase \$50 million for onward lending, was yet to disburse the funds by the time the bank fell under receivership.

Chase Bank was a favourite of investment groups and start-ups drawn by the promise of attractive interest returns on fixed deposits. The lender had subsidiaries including the Islamic arm, Chaseimam, Rafiki Microfinance, Chase Assurance and its non-profit arm, the Chase Group Foundation.

With banking being among the favoured investment options in the stock market, it will be interesting to watch the bourse as deeper intrigues follow the new diagnosis of a healthy looking sector on the surface but a developed cancer from inside.

The scenario may also offer Kenya an opportunity to rein in the corporate impunity in the private sector, which has seen several listed firms sink with stakeholders' investments.

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# Spotlight on Ndung'u again after third bank lands in trouble

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The regulatory style of former Central Bank of Kenya Governor Njuguna Ndung'u has yet again come under the spotlight following the collapse of Chase Bank, the third Kenyan lender to be placed under receivership in just under nine months.

The well-read economist is the poster boy for financial inclusion, often earning red carpet treatment in global financial circles.

During his eight year reign, he earned his place of pride among scholars and proponents of financial

inclusion through his bold regulatory actions which roped some of Kenya's most poor and previously unbanked into the financial system, leapfrogging Kenya to the top of the financial inclusion world.

Higher learning institutions of repute like Harvard, Oxford and Yale universities have been known to base their studies on his reign and develop model regulatory regimes which promote inclusion.

But questions resurfaced last week on whether the former governor may have inadvertently allowed rogue bankers room for mischief by being too soft on regulation in the guise of avoiding

to stifle the banking sector.

He has publicly spoken against what he terms "over-regulation" which he has argued "can stifle" the banking sector.

At a press conference with journalists last week, National Treasury officials were at pains to address lingering questions over how the regulators missed out on the troubles faced by the three fallen lenders over a period of many years.

"Loopholes in the sector are continuing to be sealed but there is continuous work going on to strengthen oversight of the banking sector," said National Treasury Secretary Henry Rotich high-

lighting the perceived past failures of regulators.

"We want a system that is sound," said Mr Rotich who has in the past admitted that the regulator has, in instances such as with the three fallen lenders Imperial Bank, Dubai Bank and now Chase Bank, been caught flatfooted in detecting and curbing financial difficulty early on.

CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge has since taking office last year publicly stated he plans to focus his mandate on enforcement of compliance guidelines by the country's lenders.

Dr Njoroge has also insisted that the regulator had all along been gifted with

"good laws" and enforcement is all that is required.

"We have good laws in the banking sector and 2016 is a transition period. We want to ensure banks conform to basic prudential standards," the governor told journalists last week as he defended his decision to place the three lenders in receivership. This has led to the discomfort of several lenders.

In the past, players in the sector have made suggestions that while Prof Ndung'u can be credited with allowing rapid expansion of banking beyond the confines of banking halls to the streets, he may have been too soft on regulation.



# Queries as regulator gives lenders clean bill of health

Regulators failed to spot trouble at affected banks despite evident signs of weak corporate governance, with some banks getting the greenlight to issue bonds

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Despite the government's assurance that the health of the banking industry is intact, questions remain about the extent of manipulation of financial statements in the entire sector and why regulators are failing to smell trouble in time, often acting when it is too late.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK; the industry regulator), and the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) which oversees capital markets, both failed to spot trouble at Chase Bank despite evident signs of weak corporate governance.

Just last year, Chase Bank got the greenlight to raise a Sh10 billion bond, out of which Sh4.8 billion was raised. Imperial Bank too was approved to raise a Sh2 billion bond last August, only for it to collapse two months after.

Bond issuers ordinarily go through a rigorous approval process before being allowed to take cash from the investing public. In both banks, the rot came to light after differences between the management spilled to the public, prompting CBK to place them under receivership.

In June last year, an investigation by the *Sunday Nation* revealed systematic plunder and misuse of resources by the management of National Bank. But no action was taken until two weeks ago when the bank reported a Sh1.2 billion loss.

Analysts are now raising questions on the credibility of the country's corporate governance structures. They say the widespread existence of collusion between regulators, auditing firms and corporate clients is putting at risk investors' money and the entire economy.

"If it is your small business, that can be excused, but these are public institutions where people put their money," public finance analyst Robert Shaw said.

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## Money matters

### THE MAIN CONCERNS RAISED BY EXPERTS

■ Widespread existence of collusion between regulators, auditing firms and corporate clients is putting at risk investors' money and the entire economy, experts say.

■ The extent of rot in the banking industry is huge and the worst may be yet to come as CBK continues to tighten the regulations, analysts add.

■ Book cooking could be widespread not only in the banking industry but in the entire corporate sector, says Rich Management CEO Aly Khan Satchu.

■ In the case of Chase Bank, analyst Robert Shaw says CMA and Deloitte [who refused to comment on the matter] stand accused of malpractice.

But experts say the extent of rot in the banking industry is huge and that the worst may be yet to come as CBK continues to tighten regulations.

"Regime change at the Central Bank and a more "rules-based" regulatory framework has shone the torch on the tier-three banking segment. A loan of Sh7.5b to an insider confirms that there was a more permissive environment at CBK," Rich Management CEO Aly Khan Satchu said.

Dr Njoroge said he was merely doing his job. "If you give money to a bank and they start using it for their own use, they will be held accountable. For every institution in the industry, let it be known that if there are mistakes they will be dealt with," he said.

But Mr Satchu said book cooking could be widespread not only in the banking industry but in the entire corporate sector.

"What we are witnessing now is a flight to quality across the economy. Reputation and good corporate governance are going to be put at a premium and the stock markets are proving this with the share prices of affected companies crashing," he said.

End year financial results are critical in determining the amount of money a listed company will pay as tax. It also shows the soundness of the company, which is crucial in determining investor and employee confidence. There have been several incidents where listed firms were for long thought to be financially stable only to come tumbling down due to financial manipulation.

CMC Holdings, Mumias Sugar, Kenya Airways, Uchumi, and Haco Tiger brands are among the listed companies that have recently been involved in alleged financial scandals where book cooking was unearthed.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has for the past one year been on a bear run due to mass withdrawal of capital. At least 18 companies issued profit warnings before releasing their end year financial results.

## Diaspora reacts angrily to news of insolvency

BY BMJ MURIITHI

Kenyans abroad, many of whom had accounts with Chase Bank, have reacted angrily to news of its insolvency, with most wondering why its customers were not warned of impending closure in good time.

The bank has a significant number of clientele outside Kenya, following an aggressive campaign by it to woo investors abroad in 2014 and 2015.

Now the Kenyan diaspora is appealing to the government to ensure that all banking institutions conform to rules and regulations

ensuring that Kenyans residing out of the country continue remitting money to their motherland without unnecessary inhibitions," part of the statement reads.

Others took to social media to make their views known.

@Kathyjoe tweeted: "It's high time they emulated most of the civilised societies where no money gets lost as it is not the investor's fault. Can't believe this is happening in this day and age."

Annkarish said: "This embarrassing cycle must end now. Kenyans are milked by politicians, banks, et al. Where shall we run to?"

Mugo Njamba says on Facebook: This is why, in spite of all the assurances about Kenya being a very nice place, I can never risk investing there. Say what you may but I just don't trust many of my fellow Kenyans, period!"

Ochieng George says: "Many other Kenyans - including thousands of us in the diaspora - have previously lost money through questionable institutions and this cannot be allowed to continue. It's not only painful but also scares away would-be investors."

Jesse Mukangu wonders on Instagram: "So, our banks have become pyramid schemes and poor citizens have nowhere to run to when a few individuals decide to enrich themselves. Which century are we living in?"

In 2015, Dubai Bank Kenya became insolvent after experiencing serious liquidity and capital deficiency. In the same year, CBK placed Imperial Bank under receivership due to what it termed illicit banking practices by its directors.

**2014-15** When Chase Bank ran a campaign to woo investors abroad

that guarantee security of customers' funds.

In a letter sent to the Central Bank Governor Patrick Njoroge and copied to the *Nation* by a US-based lobby, Kenyan for Kenya, the group's members seek the government's intervention to "ensure the restoration of the fast-waning investor confidence among Kenyans in the diaspora."

The letter, signed by the lobby's chairman Peter Makanga, suggests that Kenya should emulate the United States which, in 1936, established a Federal Insurance Deposit Corporation to ensure that individual depositors do not lose their savings even when banks go under.

"This will go a long way in en-

country, we need to encourage people to invest and save. But when people see these things happening, they ask themselves if it is necessary," he said.

A meeting between the government, CBK and bank CEOs took place on Friday morning.

Sources say Treasury tried to mend relations between the regulator and the lenders, who wanted it to go slow on them.

In what is seen as an attempt to calm fears, CBK and Treasury later blamed the social media for the capital flight at Chase Bank, which caused it to crash.

CBK also insisted that the case, just like that of Dubai Bank and Imperial Bank, is isolated.

"No single bank in the world can sustain the pressure from depositors that Chase Bank witnessed this week," said CBK Governor Patrick Njoroge.

"The situation is unique and is not affecting all banks. CBK has looked at all the banks and is continuously addressing issues that arise. I can assure you that all the banks are sound," he said.

## Wanted managers record statements

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Two top managers of the troubled Chase Bank surrendered themselves to the police yesterday following an arrest order issued by Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet on Friday.

The Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr Ndegwa Muhoro, told the *Sunday Nation* that the two, chairman Zafrullah Khan and managing director Duncan Kubai, surrendered to detectives at Mazingira House yesterday afternoon and recorded statements.

"We have managed to record statements from two directors of Chase Bank, the chairman and the managing director. They were here and recorded statements. We are waiting for the rest to come and record their statements before we decide on the next course of action," said Mr Muhoro.

On Friday, Mr Boinnet had issued ar-

rest orders against the two and six senior managers at the equally troubled National Bank after they all defied an order to surrender themselves to the police.

They included Mr Boniface Biko, Mr George Jaba (chief credit officer), Mr Mohamed Abdalla (ICT director) and Mr Wycliffe Kivunira (acting chief finance officer). Others were National Bank's managing director Munir Mohammed and chief finance officer Chris Kisire.

Detectives had spent Friday night and the better part of yesterday morning trying to establish the whereabouts of the eight managers. Sources within the investigating team who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of jeopardising the manhunt said they had managed to trace two of the NBK directors through their lawyers and relatives. "We have agreed with their lawyers that they record their statements tomorrow," our sources said.

The rest, our sources said, were yet

to be located.

The sources expressed fears that some of the missing directors could have left the country in the wake of the crisis which has sent shockwaves among thousands of depositors.

Mr Muhoro had on Friday announced that a manhunt had been launched for the top managers after they failed to surrender themselves for interrogation.

"We are now looking for them after they defied the order to surrender themselves," Mr Muhoro said.

Mr Boinnet had ordered the arrests accusing the managers of engaging in unethical conduct, including illegal lending to themselves and to their cronies in disregard of all guidelines.

"... I have therefore ordered the immediate arrest of the following persons, or in lieu, they must present themselves to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations headquarters by 3:30pm today."



# Secret letter to CBK brought down bank

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gathered for a meeting called by the CEO. “Even staff did not withdraw their money as they had been assured throughout the week that the bank would survive,” said a CBK source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

According to sources, the bank had earlier approached CBK, as a lender of last resort, for a quick loan of Sh10 billion to help stabilise its cash operations but the governor had challenged the directors to first demonstrate their commitment to save the bank by raising a substantial amount. A Sh5 billion loan from the African Development Bank had also not hit Chase accounts by the time the receivership decision was made. Time, it seems, worked against the directors.

Apparently a number of suitors who included local banks had lined up, mainly attracted by Chase Bank's impressive client base and were willing to bail out the institution but had attached some caveats to their offer. Two of the country's leading banks were among those who wanted to give cash as long as this would later be converted to shares in Chase Bank. This proposal did not go down well with the bank's owners. One of the banks had pledged to give a Sh2.5 billion bailout.

“Chase Bank is a prized asset, it's a niche bank with a good customer base which has money. Few banks can boast the SME status that the bank has built,” a source close to the negotiations said.

The bank's client base is an attractive mix of youthful professionals, a big number of law firms including the LSK, Kenyans living in the diaspora and a big number of investment groups popularly known as chamas. Most of these were attracted to the bank by its efficient IT platform, good customer care and attractive interest on deposits which was particularly loved by lawyers.

A leading local investment firm as well as a German and Scandinavian development organisation had also expressed interest in buying out the bank.

Unlike the troubled National Bank of Kenya, Chase Bank's contentious loan book which had led to the qualified accounts statement by auditors Deloitte, can be traced to known assets such as prime pieces of land and properties in the city said to be worth at least Sh7 billion. A prime piece of land on Riverside Drive and a development in the Karen suburbs are a case in point.

On being informed about the turn of events President Uhuru Kenyatta is said to have asked for a solution which would minimise pain on depositors. “The President was categorical that the solution should not be receiver-driven,” our source said, confirming widely held fear among Kenyans that receivership marks the end of the affected institutions.

Consumer lobby Consumers Federation of Kenya (Cofek) welcomed the purge on the bank directors by CBK as it called for the protection of consumers by the state. “As a way forward, the sector regulator must demand that audit firms involved in deceitful financial records pay dearly while the Banking Act is implemented to the letter. Officers at CBK colluding with cheating banks must be sacked and prosecuted. Directors of collapsing banks and their kin ought not to be allowed to set up new banks and or buy controlling shares in other banks,” said Cofek Secretary-General, Mr Stephen Mutoro, in a statement.

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Source



Tragedy > Crash sparked national fury and attracted Uhuru's attention

# Outrage as driver of killer bus returns behind wheel

Licence was cancelled after 43 people died in crash but man is still driving, with many other fatal accidents attributed to him

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The driver of a bus that killed 43 passengers at a black spot on the Maai Mahiu-Narok road three years ago is back on the road even though the authorities had announced that his licence had been cancelled.

Mr Steve Sola Mutia, who sparked national outrage and attracted the attention of President Uhuru Kenyatta after his bus was involved in the deadly accident in Ntulele in August 2013, has been driving buses on the Nairobi-Mwingi-Garissa route.

This is even as it came to light that the driver, popularly known as Sola, had been involved in other fatal accidents but returned to work after a lull. This turns the spotlight squarely on the National Transport and Safety Authority and traffic police department.

After the Ntulele accident, President Kenyatta said both the driver and owner of the bus, known as City to City, would be held accountable.

Mr Mutia is facing charges of causing 43 deaths by dangerous driving and last appeared at a court in Narok last week.

## Went into hiding

He allegedly lost control of the 62-seater Homa Bay-bound bus which plunged into a valley, killing 43 people instantly.

He went into hiding but was later arrested.

The owner of the ill-fated bus, Mr Mohammed Sheikh, was also charged with running a defective vehicle and failing to keep a record of his drivers.

Reflecting the national outrage, then Transport Cabinet Secretary Michael Kamau bluntly said: “This is not an accident, this is murder and somebody has to be answerable.”

Then Traffic Commandant Samuel Kimaru, now the Firearms Chief Licensing Officer, ordered all buses belonging to the City to City firm to be impounded and the driver's licence revoked.

However, the fresh revelations raise questions on how Mr Mutia manoeuvred his way back to the road before the conclusion of his trial and after he was banned by traffic police.

The 48-year-old driver told the *Sunday Nation* he was never banned but applied for fresh documents after the accident.

“I lost my driving licence alongside my wallet, mobile phone and other personal things in that accident. When I applied for a replacement, I wasn't denied,” he said.



## Background

### WELL CONNECTED

■ Steve Sola Mutia, the bus driver facing charges of causing death by dangerous driving, is a scion of one of the most prominent political families in the country.

■ The son of Mutia Mwendwa, who died last year, Sola grew up surrounded by members of a family that has held political power since independence.

■ His uncles Ngala Mwendwa, Kyale Mwendwa and Kitili Mwendwa have all been MPs and served in the Cabinet while his aunt Nyiva Mwendwa was the first woman Cabinet minister and is now Kitui Woman Representative.

■ His father was a business partner with former Ugandan president Milton Obote, where with Kitili Mwendwa, a one-time Chief Justice, they operated the Quick Bus Service that plied routes across East African.

■ Mr Sammy Muthui, a relative of the Mwendwas, said the driver, who was reported to have gone into hiding after the fatal Narok accident, surrendered to the police at the intervention of a prominent family member. They also arranged to take him to hospital and get a lawyer.

■ Like his son, Sola's late father Mutia Mwendwa, lived a controversial life away from public limelight unlike his brothers who were in politics. He shifted base from his ancestral Matinyani home



Mr Mutia, who is out on bail, said he went back to driving to fend for his family after his left hand healed from fractures sustained in the crash.

After the accident, Mr Mutia allegedly admitted the bus had excess passengers and was overloaded with luggage despite him warning the two conductors, who died in the accident.

He, however, denied he went into hiding, saying he fled to

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The wreck of the City to City which killed 43 people on the spot at Ntulele in Narok on August 29, 2013. The bus plunged into a valley.

avoid being lynched. “I contacted some cousins who picked me up in Narok and drove me to safety. I was traumatised and confused, but I surrendered to the police after being treated,” he said.

Yesterday, the NTSA said it was trying to establish if it was true that the driver got back his licence.

“We are checking out records to establish if the said licence was re-issued or if it is a genuine one,” said Director-General Francis Meja.

But in a shocking fresh twist, our investigation established that Mr Mutia had, in the past, been involved in a number of accidents in which at least 10 passengers died. He has subsequently faced separate judicial proceedings. According to family and police sources, who spoke in confidence, he has in each case escaped with minor injuries.

In 2005, Mr Mutia was arrested and charged in a Thika court after his bus knocked down and killed two hawkers. It was not immediately clear what the outcome of the case was.

Friends and relatives, however, said Mr Mutia is an experienced driver who grew up behind the wheel but his career has been blighted by accidents.

In 2006, a bus he was driving crashed near the Kanyonyoo junction on the Mwingi-Thika highway, killing some passengers and injuring others.

Mr Francis Mutemi, a resident of Mui Basin in Mwingi East who survived the accident, said the driver lost control as he negotiated a corner.

“I've known Sola for years and I recall that day clearly. We boarded his Nairobi-bound bus in Mwingi at around 7 am,” he said.

Mr Mutemi, who still walks with a limp due to injuries he sustained in the accident, alleged the driver was speeding and overtaking dangerously.

“We had done only 40 minutes of the journey and there were other buses competing for passengers,” he said.

Mr Mutemi claimed Mr Muita disappeared for a few months after that accident but reappeared to continue driving.

His story was corroborated by Mr Delywash Ramzan, a manager at Mombasa Raha Bus Company at the time.

“I cannot recall the exact date but it was in 2006 when Sola left Mwingi town for a morning trip to Nairobi. I later got a call from the office and rushed to the scene where I found the bus lying on its side,” he said.

## Zero deaths

Mr Mutia admitted to the *Sunday Nation* that he was involved in the accident but denied there were any deaths.

“There were no deaths in that accident. I am not a careless driver. It was only bad luck that the bus veered off the road, injuring a few passengers,” he said.

He also denied claims that he went into hiding fearing arrest, saying he was then operating with a police abstract after his licence was confiscated the previous year.

Mr Mutia was to run into trouble again in October 2007 when he allegedly knocked down the conductor of his bus as he jostled for passengers at Mui market in Mwingi.

According to a public inquest, the conductor, Mr Sammy Kaka, died on the spot after he fell and was run over by a Family Coach Services bus driven by Mr Mutia.

Mr Elijah Nzomo, a witness, told the inquest that Mr Mutia escaped lynching by a mob.

The inquest, however, absolved Mr Mutia of any blame and acquitted him.

NTSA communication director Dominic Kabiru said there was no complete database of drivers involved in accidents.

He said: “It is difficult to say it is the driver who caused the accident. There could be so many reasons — mechanical, road engineering and others,” he said.



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**Scorecard** > Opposition gives Jubilee a score of D+ (plus) for performance three years on

# Cord: Jubilee still riding on promises



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Cord co-principals from left, Kalonzo Musyoka, Raila Odinga and Moses Wetang'ula (right) in a show of unity at Laico Regency Hotel yesterday where they gave their version of 'state of the nation' address. They said the Jubilee Administration has not honoured promises they made to Kenyans three years ago.

## Co-principals come together in a show of unity at a time supporters were beginning to see cracks in the coalition

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The three Cord principals displayed a show of unity yesterday after a tumultuous week in which critics said the coalition was cracking.

But yesterday, the three criticised President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration saying it had "crippling failure in all sectors."

Addressing a press conference, Cord leaders Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka and Moses Wetang'ula gave what they billed as a rejoinder to Mr Kenyatta's State of the Nation speech delivered on March 31. They accused him of painting a rosy picture of the country which did not reflect the reality.

However, Mr Kenyatta, through his spokesman Manoah Esipisu, told *Sunday Nation* that whereas better days lay ahead, he had made important strides to improve standards of living and lower costs of basic needs. **See separate story on this page.**

But Mr Odinga said at the press conference: "Today, we go beneath this false glitter and share with you fellow Kenyans the rot, the lies Kenyans are being fed and the failure that is trailing the nation and which Jubilee continues to deny. Since 2013, everything that can go bad has gone bad. The happily ever after image that Jubilee is trying to portray is a plain lie."

Mr Esipisu said: "We have made significant progress since 2013. However cynical one might be, it is impossible not to see that our landscape is surely transforming."

He said this just hours before the

Opposition gave a stinging address asking President Kenyatta to support electoral reforms as well as do more to unite the country.

They said Mr Kenyatta had increasingly become intolerant to criticism despite pledging to honour freedom of expression on being sworn into office three years ago.

Mr Odinga said no single road had been constructed after commercial banks refused to finance the venture. The government plans to construct 10,000 kilometres of tarmac roads in three years under the annuity programme.

In what signals another round of acrimony with the Jubilee administration over Eurobond valued at Sh250 billion that the government floated at the Irish stock exchange in 2014, the leaders announced a scheduled meeting with the Central Bank to shed light on "grey areas".

"We have written to the International Monetary Fund and Central Bank about Eurobond. We are meeting with the Governor (Dr Patrick Njoroge) on April 21," Mr Odinga announced.

He said the cost of living had sharply shot up subjecting the common man to immense suffering.

Mr Odinga termed President Kenyatta's State of the Nation address a "concoction of propaganda."

In his address, Mr Kenyatta set aside Sh1.6 billion towards the war on corruption and asked the Judiciary to up its game so as to bring perpetrators of economic crimes to justice.

Whereas Mr Odinga spoke about corruption and the state of the economy, Mr Musyoka delved at length into education, inclusivity and electoral reforms while Bungoma Senator Wetang'ula's speech focused on security and territorial integrity. Nominated Senator Agnes Zani was the master of ceremonies at the function at a city hotel.

The event happened a week after Mr Odinga skipped Mr Wetang'ula's presidential campaign launch in Kakamega, sparking off talks of a frosty relation-

ship among the three co-principals. Mr Wetang'ula was the first to declare that the Cord union was healthy. "Watch this space, it will stand the test of time," he said.

The three have held a series of talks during the week after the Kakamega incident where supporters of Mr Wetang'ula and those of Mr Odinga fought. In lampooning Jubilee, Mr Odinga referred to images which have been doing rounds in the social media showing disgusted Kenyans ridiculing Kenya Wildlife Service rangers who killed a lion which attacked people after escaping from the Nairobi National Park.

"There is this particular picture I saw depicting the two gold lions in our coat of arms lying in a pool of blood, leav-

**“We have written to the International Monetary Fund and Central Bank about Eurobond. We are meeting with the governor (Dr Patrick Njoroge) on April 21,”**  
**ODM leader Raila Odinga**

ing the rooster patched in the middle hanging. This, to me, captures the real state of the nation," he said, leaving the crowd in stitches.

Under the theme "Still running on promises: Three years of Jubilee," Mr Musyoka said the prevalence of ethnic seclusion in public service affairs constitutes the greatest obstacle to national unity, cohesion and development.

"A report by the Public Service Commission of Kenya published on July 4, 2014 shows that two communities in the country hold half of the total public service jobs. This ticking bomb has to be addressed if we are to avoid the curse that has befallen many African nations," he said.

Mr Wetang'ula regretted that a year

after the Garissa college terrorist attack which killed 148 people, Kenyans have not been told exactly what happened.

"We do not know how so many of our soldiers got killed in El Ade (Somalia). We do not know what steps have been taken to ensure no more attacks happen. There is massive failure by the State to secure the land and the citizens," he said.

Mr Wetang'ula, the Leader of Minority in the Senate, said the sticky Mingo islands tussle between Kenya and Uganda was a demonstration that President Kenyatta was not keen to protect the country's territorial integrity.

"Jubilee regime has continued to allow President Museveni (Uganda President Yoweri Museveni) to illegally occupy Mingo islands. Recently, the Ugandan police arrested Kenyan officials, including an assistant chief, and prevented IEBC officials from registering voters on Mingo islands."

Mr Musyoka, the Wiper Party leader, further accused the government of pursuing a punitive campaign against teachers after they went on strike last year demanding better pay. He said this could have been responsible for the massive cheating in last year's national examinations.

"The relationship between teachers and the government has hit an all-time low. It is shrouded in acrimony and mistrust," he said.

Mr Odinga said Kenyans can only vote for Jubilee in next year's election at their own peril.

"Under Jubilee, despite the tough talk, corruption has become our second name. This year, Kenya was once again ranked among the most corrupt countries in the world. The newest Transparency International report ranked Kenya at position 139 out of 168 countries," he said.

The Opposition gave Jubilee a scorecard of D+ grade. They urged their supporters to persevere for the next 16 months before they root it out at the ballot.

## Kenya is on a growth trajectory, says Uhuru

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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday said that Kenya was on growth trajectory as he marked his third year in office.

Repudiating critics who say that the country is on autopilot mode, Mr Kenyatta, through his spokesman Manoah Esipisu, said that whereas better days lay ahead, he had made important strides to improve standards of living and lower cost of basic needs.

"We have made significant progress since 2013. However cynical one might be, it is impossible not to see that our landscape is surely transforming," he said, just hours before the Opposition gave a stinging address asking him to support electoral reforms as well as do more to unite the country.

Cord accused Mr Kenyatta of presiding over looting of government resources.

The Head of State said he had tightened the noose on lazy public servants and declared he was proud of his track record.

"As you can see from the scorecards of the Cabinet Secretaries that have so far engaged with the public, there are tangible projects that have been delivered in line with

**2013** When Uhuru Kenyatta became Kenya's fourth president

the Jubilee manifesto."

Mr Kenyatta gave a State of the Nation address on March 31 enumerating key milestones his government had achieved and setting the agenda for the next one year.

The President assumed the instruments of power on April 9, 2013 amid pomp and colour having successfully rode against the International Criminal Court's curse with Deputy President William Ruto to win the presidency.

As part of a programme aimed at taking stock of what Jubilee has done, Mr Kenyatta has tasked each of the Cabinet secretaries to prepare a list of key milestones with a view to strengthening areas of weaknesses.

These formed part of presentation at a three-day inter-ministerial public symposium last month at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre.

Speaking separately at the 60th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, Cabinet secretary for Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs Sicily Kariuki said Kenya has achieved almost 90 per cent of girls who complete primary education.

"Gender parity in education is an important enabler for the empowerment of women", she said as Kenya co-chaired the Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and the empowerment of women 70th Session of the UN General Assembly. She said the government has availed business credit equivalent to Sh7.5bn to 59,824 self-help women groups since inception.



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# Mugenda leaves after 10 years at Kenyatta varsity

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Prof Olive Mugenda (right) has finally stepped down as Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, urging those who will take over to maintain her legacy.

During farewell parties from Tuesday to Thursday, Prof Mugenda took the opportunity to defend her record at the institution, saying her critics were enemies of progress.

"At the end of the day, the vital question is; are we making our students employable? Yes, we are," she said amid cheers from students and invited guests.

"We may not always agree but that is part of life. The most important thing is to agree most of the time and when you don't, sit down and get a solution."

Prof Mugenda said she raised Kenyatta University to world class status.

She added that although she was retiring from management, she would still remain a professor at the institution and would teach and carry out other tasks if requested to do so. "When I



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### IN HER WORDS

"The university council gave me Sh30 million but some people blew it up. I said if it was going to spoil my name, let me turn it down"

came in, the issues were food, lack of walkways and toilets but we solved them. If we are not a world-class university, then we are nearly there," Prof Mugenda said.

Prof Mugenda's interview which was to run in the Sunday Nation today will be published at a later date.



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## Style and flair

An Action in Focus dance group member performs at an Energy Management Awards gala night at Safari Park Hotel and Casino on Friday. Deputy President William Ruto presided over the event in which the British American Tobacco company was crowned overall winner.

## 'Hugging Saint' to visit for fourth time



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Amma (left) with Pope Francis and fellow global spiritual leaders. See related story in Lifestyle, Page 10.

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A renowned Hindu spiritual leader will land in Kenya on Saturday for a three-day visit that will entail charity activities in Nairobi.

Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, popularly known as Amma or "The Hugging Saint", will be making her fourth visit to Kenya and one of the places she is scheduled to visit is an orphanage that her charitable organisation runs.

Next Sunday and Monday, she will be hosting free public programmes at the Oshwal Community Centre in Nairobi. She will also be visiting the Amrita Centre that her organisation runs. It is a children's school and orphanage located near Athi River.

Amma earned the "hugging saint" moniker because

she gained fame for embracing pilgrims who visited her in a temple she had built in her family's land after some members of her family denounced her for rejecting an arranged marriage.

"Throughout her life, Mata Amritanandamayi has embraced and comforted more than 34 million people," said Mr Vijay Kumar, the spokesperson of the committee that is organising her local visit.

"Amma inspires, uplifts, and transforms through her embrace, her spiritual wisdom and through her global charities, known as Embracing the World.

"Amma believes that there are two types of poverty in the world: financial poverty and the poverty of love; however, the poverty of love is more important," Mr Kumar added in a statement.

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**Risk** > Kenyans fail to observe road safety measures despite grim statistics

# Women avoid life saving helmet not to mess hairstyle

Survey shows that almost all female bodaboda passengers do not wear a helmet

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**M**ore than 90 per cent of Kenyans do not wear helmets when riding on bodaboda even though it's vital in preventing injury or death in a crash, a survey shows.

Almost all female (98 per cent) bodaboda passengers do not wear a helmet while at least one in every 10 men wear a helmet.

Most women tend to avoid helmets because they are dirty and to avoid messing up their hairstyle. Some can't fit in a helmet.

This is despite the fact that wearing a motorcycle helmet correctly can reduce the risk of death by almost 40 per cent and the risk of severe injury by over 70 per cent, according to the World Health Organisation.

The survey was carried out by a group called Stepwise.

Health Cabinet Secretary Cleopa Mailu has expressed concern that about 88 per cent of Kenyans do not always wear seatbelts when riding in either private or public vehicles.

"Injuries and violence pose a great burden to the health care system through disability and premature death. I urge all of us to

**Facts**

**ABOUT THE 2015 STEPS SURVEY:**

**When:** Conducted from April to June 2015

**Why:** First national household survey to establish the burden of the major risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases as well as the burden of unintentional injuries and oral diseases.

**Who:** The survey involved 6,000 persons aged 18-69.

**How:** Administered in three critical steps (hence the name STEPwise survey):

**STEP 1:** involved gathering information on demographic and behaviour characteristics.

■ Demographic Information: age, sex, marital status, education, and occupation.

■ Behavioral Information: Tobacco Use, Alcohol Consumption, Diet, Physical Activity etc.

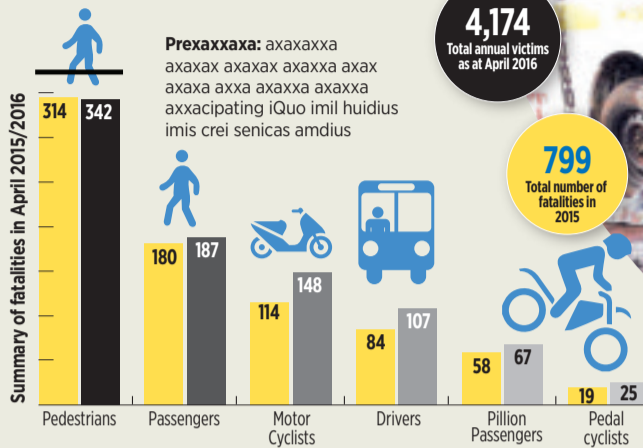
**STEP 2:** Entailed Physical Measurements on Blood Pressure, Heart Rate, Height, Weight and Waist & Hip Circumference.

**STEP 3:** Involved Biochemical Measurements on Blood Glucose and cholesterol levels.

**Comparative statistics trends for 2015 and 2016 as at 7th April 2016**

**SUMMARY OF VICTIMS**

Class of victims	2015	2016
Fatalities	799	876
Seriously injured	1125	1475
Slightly injured	1085	1823



SOURCE: NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY COMPILED BY: EUNICE KILONZO GRAPHIC: MICHAEL MOSOTA

embrace personal safety as prevention of violence and injuries begin with the individual," he said.

Approximately 3,000 Kenyans die every year from road accidents, a figure that has spiked despite stringent traffic laws and regulations in the past few years.

The Kenya Traffic Amendment Act Cap403 mandates every driver and passengers to always wear a seat belt when inside a vehicle.

This law was in the past enforced under the "Michuki rules" when the Minister for Transport and Communications (2002 to 2005) John Michuki restored sobriety on the public transport sector, that among other things required speed governors and passengers to belt up.

However, now most matatus do not have functioning seat belts and are driven in neck-breaking speeds.

The survey revealed that road

traffic injuries are one of the major causes of death among all other injuries that people incur. The study shows men are three times more likely to be involved in an accident than women.

This is compounded by the fact that five per cent of the men interviewed in the study reported that they had driven under the influence of alcohol within 30 days prior to the interview.

The number of women who had driven under the influence of alcohol within the same period was much lower, at only two per cent.

Drivers aged between 18 and 29 reported the highest number of times that they had been involved in a road traffic crash. The same age group also reported the highest occurrence of driving under the influence of alcohol.

As of last month, the number of people killed and injured in road

crashes in Kenya shot up by 45 per cent between January and March 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

According to National Transport and Safety Authority website, the total number of victims as of April 7, 2016 was 876 deaths compared to 799 the same time last year.

The bulk of these deaths was in pedestrians (342) followed by motor cyclists (148)

The survey recommends the need to "conduct public education and social marketing campaigns on prevention of injuries."

Globally, about 1.25 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes.

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## 8-4-4 system &gt; Experts are torn on what should be addressed first

For the system to produce holistic citizens then the focus should first be on what is taught, then the number of years one should spend studying

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The recent launch of a review of the education system has triggered a flurry of activity and elicited an array of questions about the current curriculum — its quality, outcomes and relevance.

Opinion is divided but there is concurrence that the 8-4-4 curriculum is outdated and needs revision. Introduced about 30 years ago, the curriculum does not sufficiently serve the needs of the country today because the economic, political and social landscape has changed. We have a new constitution that has dramatically changed the governance structure. Technology has taken centre stage.

At the international level, various developments have taken place such as the Education For All, the Millennium Development Goals (2000) and now Sustainable Development Goals (2015). Yet, despite and in spite of these, Kenya's curriculum has remained largely unchanged except for a few revisions in 1991 and 2001. The imperative for change is, therefore, inescapable.

So far, the debate about curriculum reform has coalesced around two broad camps: one that pushes for the scrapping of the 8-4-4 system and replacing it with a new one; and two, a group that wants the system retained with some panel-beating.

On paper, the government has proposed a new system that comprises five years of pre-primary education (the first two being early childhood education), six years of primary education, three high school. However, the number of years at university and tertiary levels has not been determined yet. The proposal is based on a needs assessment conducted by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) and which was presented at the National Conference on Curriculum Reforms in Nairobi two weeks ago.

Leading the onslaught against the proposed new system is retired President Daniel arap Moi, who introduced the 8-4-4, and who stridently argues that the system is the best, and has produced competitive graduates who have excelled in various professions locally and globally. Also in that camp is the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut), which argues that 8-4-4 has not failed contrary to wide public perception. The system, the union argues, should be reviewed by introducing missing content and deleting the obsolete component. For a good measure, Knut says that changing the system altogether would be costly and presents a major logistical challenge.

The debate is healthy and must be encouraged. Education is the theatre for social contest. Never in the history of human race has it been easy. Education theorists right from idealists like Plato and Immanuel Kant, realists like Aristotle, pragmatists like John Dewey and the proponents of unschooling such as John Holt, have at various moments in history demonstrated the conflictual and contradictory perspectives that attend to any education system and process. Education reform means different things to different people. For some, it is a political project, for others it is a social imperative or still, an economic enterprise.

To those behind the system or holding



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Education CS Fred Matiang'i with a pupil during the handover of a school bus to Sogoo High School, Narok South on Friday.

## Let dialogue be guiding principle in debate about new education system

it together, change is a threat. Whichever the standpoint, the debate about education must be informed by facts, experience and reason. It should not be driven by self-interest or held captive by intransigence, narrow-mindedness and sentimental feelings.

Since independence, education reform in Kenya has been conceptualised through taskforces, presidential working committees or commissions. Of the various committees and commissions, only two have had their recommendations implemented — the Kenya Education Report (Ominde Report) of 1964 and the MacKay Commission of 1981 whose full title is the Report of the Presidential Working Party on Second University in Kenya.

### Second university

Paradoxically, the MacKay Commission, which gave birth to the 8-4-4 system and which was implemented in 1985, was never tasked to recommend an education system. Precisely, its mandate was to make recommendations on the establishment of a second university. It created Eldoret-based Moi University whose original mandate was to focus on sciences and community service.

However, in its report, the working party submitted that it had received numerous presentations from the public about the need to review the structure of education and specifically, create a link between the school cycle and university education.

In particular, the public had raised pertinent questions about the relevance of "A" Level (Form five and six), which was the nexus between school and university. The question was about its viability and the fact that it was too restrictive as it admitted just a few top "O" level candidates, meaning it limited the number of students who proceeded to universities yet the country needed a large pool of human resource to drive the economy.

So, what is the way forward? According to the needs assessment report by KICD, 93.62 per cent of those sampled pointed out that the country needed a new curriculum that conforms to its national needs, while 91.83 want

it changed to suit personal needs. Another 91.83 per cent want a new curriculum aligned to economic realities and 90.30 per cent want it tuned to the technological changes. From the survey, therefore, more than 90 per cent want the curriculum reviewed for varied reasons.

Whereas desire for change is overwhelming, the contention is on the structure. Yet, the number of years is a mere nomenclature. No structure is perfect.

For example, criticisms of the 8-4-4 revolve around the following: It has many subjects (at least five examinable at Standard Eight and eight at Form Four); the content is too loaded; requires heavy financial investment; precludes early specialisation; too much examination-oriented.

Contrastingly, the previous 7-4-2-3 system was criticised for being too elitist and white-collar job oriented (little practicals); promoted specialisation too early when learners had not acquired sufficient knowledge in different fields of study; exam-oriented; too rigid and focused on elimination of learners rather than transition from one level to another.

Based on these two systems, the sum game is that every system has inherent deficiencies.

What is critical, therefore, is the philosophy, content and outcomes.

This thinking is contained in the 2012 Basic Education Act, which categorically avoids prescribing any system. It broadly prescribes the levels of basic education, pre-primary, primary, secondary and middle-level but pointedly avoids defining the structure.

The law says: "The system shall be so structured as to enable learners to access education and training at any level in sequence, and at a pace that may be commensurate with the individual learner's physical, mental and intellectual abilities and resources available."

### Secondary matter

Precisely, the point of conversation is that structure is a secondary matter, what is essential is the content; an education practice that puts learners at the centre of the learning process, serves the national needs and aligns with progressive global thinking and practices in education. Examples abound.

Paulo Freire, the celebrated Brazilian thinker and educationist, eloquently advocates an education practice that liberates the mind and puts the learner at the centre of the learning process, with the teachers playing a facilitation role.

Learning must equip learners to challenge facts and most significantly resist oppression and other demeaning practices. Knowledge is not delivered for the sake of it, but to make the recipients participants in its generation rather than being passive objects.

Theories on education abound but the critical point is to interrogate them and adopt such progressive ones, those that will help the country define and distil the content properly.

Last Thursday, Education Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i inaugurated the national steering committee that will guide the curriculum reform and he emphatically pledged that the process will be consultative and participatory. That is the spirit.

All opinions must be heard and debated and the best adopted to define education path for the future.

## What the proposed new curriculum is all about

A needs assessment carried out by the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development has proposed an education system that consists of four tiers. The first tier takes five years and comprises two years of pre-primary and three years of lower primary education. At this level, learners are introduced to basic skills such as personal hygiene, communication skills, digital literacy and life skills.

The second level is referred to as middle education that runs for six years and is divided into upper primary and lower secondary. The curriculum at this level is broad-based and prepares the learners to make career choices at the end of the lower secondary. Learning content includes practical skills, technology and values. Subjects include foreign languages, home science, art and craft, music, drama, agriculture and the common academic subjects (maths, sciences, English, Kiswahili and humanities).

### Third level

The third level comprises higher secondary and tertiary and offers learners a chance to make choices on career they want. There are three broad pathways, namely, general education, vocational, and talent. The philosophy here is to provide learners with choices with the understanding that pushing all of them to do all subjects makes unrealistic demands of them and fails to recognise the unique abilities of every child. Besides common academic subjects, agriculture, woodwork, home science, art and craft are emphasised. A critical element here is the promotion of talent academies, where emphasis is put on sports and arts.

However, the fourth tier, which is university and higher education, has not been conclusively teased out and is one of the areas that the review team will consult over and make a determination. But the principle is that university education and higher education must also provide diverse pathways to take cognisance of those who are not particularly inclined to purely academic work.

Besides, the proposal provides for alternative basic education, variously referred to as non-formal education, which allows those who missed out on the normal schooling to pursue education and progress.

Special needs will be catered for at every level of the four tiers with emphasis being providing content and skills that is sensitive to the needs of those with disabilities.

The proposal provides for teaching methodology that is participatory at all levels and where knowledge contextualised to relate what is learnt in class with the real world of learners. Emerging issues such as safety and security, national cohesion and values are to be infused in the curriculum.

Significantly, it is proposed that the examination system be radically changed to allow for continuous assessments and questions adapted to suit the geo-cultural realities of learners.

David Aduda

We do not see why the government is in a hurry to have the system scrapped and the curriculum changed. The cost implications are prohibitive"

Knut Secretary Wilson Sossion





**Lawsuit > Dr Mboya says she is being discriminated against on basis of her sex**

# Kidero's wife sues EACC for linking her to husband probe

Constitutional petition seeks to protect rights of married women whose spouses are being investigated for graft

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A landmark constitutional petition has been filed in the High Court seeking to protect the rights of married women where their spouses are under investigation for offences like corruption.

In the petition filed on Friday, Dr Susan Akello Mboya, the wife of Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero, is challenging the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)'s decision to investigate her alongside her husband for alleged graft.

Dr Mboya wants the investigation against her declared unconstitutional as it is tantamount to discrimination on the basis of sex and marital status.

"The EACC victimised me for being the governor's wife when it sought court orders to investigate my bank account at Commercial Bank of Africa in relation to an ongoing probe against Dr Kidero," says Dr Mboya in her court papers.

She further argues that the EACC has no evidence implicating her in corruption and has subjected her to illegal and unnecessary investigations because she is married to Dr Kidero who, at one point, transferred Sh5 million to her account.

She says the money was for domestic expenses and a family holiday and for someone with her level of income, this should not amount to an economic crime.

Dr Mboya says the EACC based its investigation on the fact that it noted "tens of millions of shillings" were going through her account but did not bother to find out



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Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero and his wife, Dr Susan Mboya, at a past event last year. Dr Mboya has filed a petition seeking to stop a EACC investigation against her.

the sources of her income. She further adds she does not have access to her husband's accounts.

Dr Mboya describes herself as a financially independent woman who has built her wealth over the years through hard work and prudent investment in real estate and stocks.

She also says she earns millions of shillings annually in salaries and bonuses as a senior executive of a global multinational firm.

She also says she is a highly respected philanthropist who has worked tirelessly to mentor and uplift the well-being of thousands of girls in Africa by assisting them with their education.

"I am a victim of my sex and that is why I am being subjected to these illegal investigations. I am a suspect of economic crimes by the mere fact that I am the wife of Dr Kidero and I am a millionaire," she says in her court papers.

Dr Mboya has named the EACC, Director of Public Prosecutions, Inspector-General

of Police, Attorney-General and the chief magistrate's court at Makadara as respondents in the petition filed through lawyer Tom Ojienda. EACC investigators Mulki Abdul Umar and Dennis Josek Mare are also named as respondents.

Dr Mboya also accuses the EACC of violating her right to privacy in seeking search warrants against her account at Commercial Bank of Africa yet she is not a public officer. She wants the search warrants quashed, saying they were obtained illegally.

The decision to investigate her, she further says, has adversely affected her reputation as a philanthropist.

"My being painted as a benefactor of acts of corruption and economic crimes violates my dignity contrary to the Constitution and further taints my otherwise unblemished reputation.

Donor funds that are assigned to the various charitable organisations that I run and manage are likely to be withdrawn as a result," she says.

The petition will be heard next week.

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### Talk of the TOWN



#### ICC ORPHANS LEFT IN THE COLD

What do jet-setting politicians, prominent lawyers, social media keyboard warriors, rent-an-article newspaper columnist, TV talking heads, journalists, civil society activists, crowds for hire entrepreneurs and an array of consultants all have in common? Well, they are now International Criminal Court orphans after The Hague court terminated the case against Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua Sang. But, as we have seen in recent days since the Tuesday ruling, some of them, who have made millions in the last six years, are living in denial and have continued to run the ICC enterprise as though the cases are still on. How long they can keep it going will certainly stretch their talents to the limit.

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#### MP REVEALS WHY HE CLOSED BANK ACCOUNT

With banks going under and others being identified as the conduits used to transfer the loot from the Youth Enterprise and Development Fund, MPs seem to have complaints of their own. At a Public Investment Committee meeting with Standard Chartered Bank officials last week, an MP had an interesting story for his colleagues. He said he used to be a customer of the bank but was bothered by having to explain his transactions whenever the amounts involved were high. He eventually closed the account. What he didn't acknowledge was that the bank was trying to guard against issues such as the one that has engaged PIC for several weeks.

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#### SHOW PROOF YOU ARE A PROF

When is a professor not a professor? Well, the debate on the academic title has been a hot topic this week and it culminated in an ill-tempered exchange between scholar Makau Mutua and political scientist Mutahi Ngunyi. Prof Mutua questioned Ngunyi's pedigree but the controversial analyst shot back that he was a professor of political economy with a PhD in political science. He retorted by asking why Prof Mutua has been chairman of the Kenya Human Rights Commission for ages and "outlived Moi". We have a feeling this is one scholarly debate that will not end soon.

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#### PREYING ON BRAVE BISHOPS

The hard-hitting statement by the Catholic Church Bishops, which warned President Uhuru Kenyatta's government that the country was on a dangerous path, appears to have angered some senior Jubilee politicians. Our snitch says some of the 26 bishops received angry calls yesterday with accusations that they were promoting Cord's agenda. The statement, however, rekindled memories of the central role the Church played as a moral voice in the history of Kenya's political struggle. It is a voice that has largely remained silent in recent years.

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#### A FRIEND IN NEED...

Kapseret MP Victor Sudi and former Chief of Staff in the Deputy President's office Marianne Kitany appear to have forged a close friendship in recent months. Sudi appeared to have joined the ranks of URP rebels by supporting the Kanu candidate during the March 7 Kericho senatorial by-election against the successful Jubilee candidate while Kitany was sacked last year from the influential position over corruption allegations. The two, our sources said, have been spotted in various restaurants — including one on Lenana Road.

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#### UNTOUCHABLE BEER JOINT

The management of a very popular joint along Lang'ata road are up in arms over what they term unfair targeting by law enforcement on revellers who love frequenting there while those who patronise another equally popular joint on opposite side of the road are left to drown their favourite drinks in "peace". Talk of Town has been told that a board member at a law enforcement agency is half owner of the joint which enjoys "untouchable status".

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## SUNDAY NATION

## Constant fights over devolution wasteful

Three years after the new two-tier form of government came into place, one of the unfortunate realities is that the national and county level administrations remain permanently at loggerheads.

Authorities in the two tiers continue to communicate primarily through the media and always seem to be antagonising one another.

While President Uhuru Kenyatta has called on county leaders to give his administration credit for disbursing cash for projects to the counties, the governors have accused the national government of perennially being late in sending money to the grassroots and of being lukewarm in its support for devolution. Matters have been made worse by the noise emanating from MPs (who are accused of being anti-devolution and are constantly sniping at governors) and senators who take the opposite position.

This is unfortunate. In 2013, just when the counties were bedding into place, there was agreement between the two arms of government that relations between them would be handled through the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGTRC). It was envisaged that through this forum differences would be thrashed out and plans for action agreed upon, without necessarily shouting past each other in the media.

It is surely not too late to resolve this and find a more collaborative approach. The issues on which the counties and national government differ more often than not can only be resolved by the authorities. The claim by the governors that the promised hi-tech medical equipment has yet to be supplied to most of the counties is something that should be handled through talks between the ministry and the counties through such organs as the counties summit.

The people can only stand to gain when key arms of the government work together in harmony.

There is no doubt that devolution has made a big difference in many parts of the country, taking resources to areas which had previously been starved of revenue allocation.

But the two arms of government would stand a better chance of success, with obvious mutual success, if they co-operated instead of constantly squabbling.

The time has come for the revival of the key organs which were envisioned to improve harmony between the national and county governments. Bickering does not benefit any party, not least the taxpayers who expect optimal use of the revenue they supply.

## Compensate all IDPs

Deputy President William Ruto made a pledge during his press conference on Friday that following the termination of the cases in The Hague, the Jubilee administration would now turn its focus to ensuring that all the victims of the violence are compensated.

That is obviously a welcome promise but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating.

There are a couple of points that the authorities must pay attention to. One of the crucial things is that the process should be as inclusive as possible.

A well-documented problem with the earlier compensation programme was that it focused too much on those who were in camps for the internally displaced.

While this is understandable, to an extent, because they were the most visible, it is obvious that hundreds of thousands of other victims did not go to camps.

Particularly in parts of Nyanza, western Kenya and some areas in the Rift Valley, many slipped into host communities and became "integrated IDPs". Yet others fled to Uganda and only returned years later when the compensation programme had been concluded. It is important that the net is widened to include these individuals. Victims of sexual violence, many who suffered horrific physical and mental scars, should also receive attention, not least in the form of ongoing counselling.

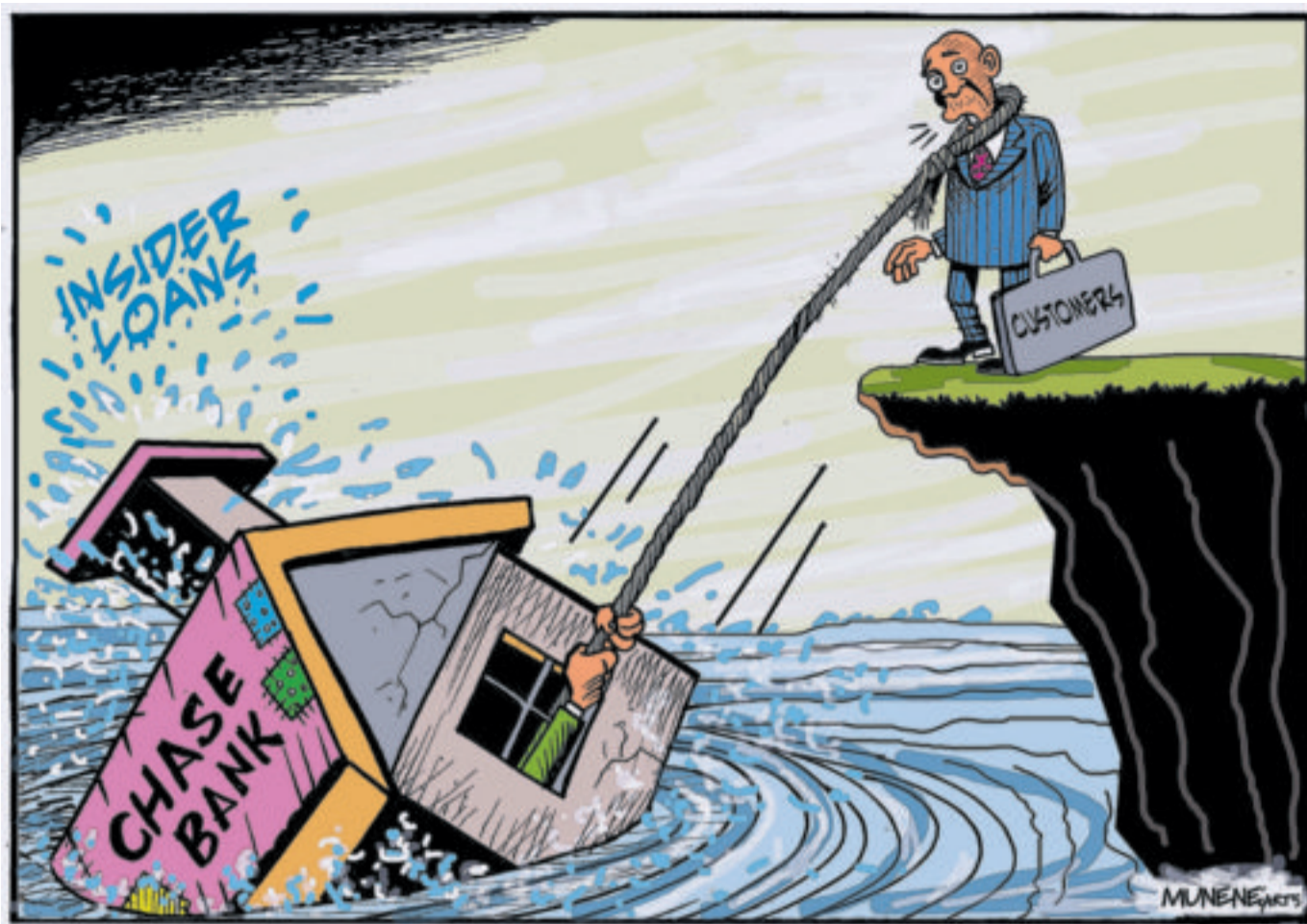
Just as crucially, any compensation exercise should be insulated against corrupt fellows.

The mistakes of the past should not be repeated because it would be a display of the highest form of cruelty for imposers or those in government to use such an initiative to line their pockets.

## QUOTED

"A white goat gets lost as people watch."

— Kamba proverb



### THIS AND THAT

## Post-ICC, Jubilee has a chance to steady ship: Will it take it?

Let's face it. The decision rendered by the judges in The Hague on Tuesday represented a stunning victory for the Kenyan elite and the state.

It was not a victory for the people. Kenyans were not on trial and this was a game between the Kenyan elite ranged against a powerful international institution.

Students of foreign policy and international affairs will have plenty to chew on in the matter of Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, William Samoei Ruto vs Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Fatou Bensouda and the International Criminal Court.

It's true many dirty tricks were undoubtedly deployed to end the cases, as has been documented in The Hague.

But the ICC has also learned a bitter lesson from its debacle. It completely underestimated the Kenyan elite.

It assumed the case in Kenya would be a breeze in the park like those in the DRC, Sudan or northern Uganda but it couldn't have been more wrong.

The way the state mobilised resources, locally and abroad, to discredit the institution and marshal the continent's united leadership to trigger the collapse of the cases will no doubt have shocked the ICC's leadership and probably could lead to the institution being strengthened by the experience.

If little Kenya could embarrass the institution in such fashion, how will it handle its rumoured planned action over crimes committed in the Israeli

and Palestinian territories?

In all this, the victims have suffered twice over, caught between a cynical state which would stop at nothing to have its way, and an incompetent prosecution team.

But there might be a glimmer of hope for Kenya in all this. The Jubilee administration has undoubtedly carried the day.

Its chances of re-election are considerably enhanced. Its sheen of illegitimacy has been (partially) rolled back because the leadership did not win an acquittal.

Can it take advantage and begin the job of reuniting the country and governing in a way that brings the nation closer together?

In their first three years in office, President Kenyatta and Deputy President Ruto have acted as though the election never ended. The constitution has been regarded as a mere nuisance.

Civil society has been ruthlessly targeted. The judiciary has been weakened, not least by the insertion into the crucial Judicial Service Commission of individuals who wear their partisanship on their sleeve. (One shudders to imagine how the replacement process of the current incorruptible Chief Justice will unfold).

The media has been treated as an enemy of the state. Targeted with an array of artillery, ranging from the withdrawal of advertising, to online smears and more overt intimidation, these are the toughest times for the press since the 1990s.

No institution outside the



MURITHI MUTIGA

Can Jubilee bring back rational, tempered, judicious leadership?"

state still enjoys the power it did in the Kibaki-Raila years. Just ask the teachers union which was completely cut to size last year.

Can Jubilee, now that it no longer has a cloud hanging over its head, bring back the rational, tempered, judicious leadership that the 2010 constitution demanded?

Can we have a gentler leadership that seeks to accommodate all Kenyans rather than seeming to delight in excluding those seen as coming from opposition zones?

Above all, the leadership should find a way to acknowledge the violence and upheaval that occurred in 2007 and the terrible human cost it inflicted.

I personally supported the discharge of Ruto and Joshua arap Sang from The Hague. It would have been a travesty to lay all the crimes that occurred in so many parts of the country on the shoulders of two men.

That would have made Kenya an unwilling experiment of the capacity of criminal justice to deliver healing and reconciliation in the context of a conflict that had deep roots.

But now that the leadership has been cleared from The Hague, it should realise its historic responsibility to ensure that such crimes never occur again.

Mr Ruto has shown the right sense of humility in the days after the court's decision. Let's hope that lasts.

But whether it is by approaching elders across the country to frankly discuss the violence and its roots or by calling a national conference to discuss national cohesion or, better still, building a memorial to the victims as the Rwandans have, Jubilee would be wise not to take this as a moment of celebration after such a bad period in Kenyan history.

Kenya has had many opportunities to renew itself and achieve a better, more cohesive union.

The Jubilee Duo, in overcoming undoubtedly the greatest challenge of their lives, now have the chance not to waste this crisis by bringing the nation together and by governing in a way that goes beyond their us vs them campaign platform.

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## SUNDAY VIEW

# Tax evasion a crime but tweaking the law to gain an advantage isn't

Technically, it is not illegal to register a company in an offshore tax haven. Ignore the wannabe activists who froth in the mouth whenever Swiss or Jersey bank accounts are mentioned. Switzerland, by the way, is no longer a haven of banking secrecy. US pressure over the years while tracking its own corporate miscreants has put paid to that.

There are plenty of legitimate reasons why individuals or whoever would seek to incorporate shadowy companies in shadowy places like Panama, or the British Virgin Islands, or a hitherto unheard of Pacific outpost called Niue, where no questions are asked as to the real owners, or business, of these firms. Entities operating in different tax jurisdictions often seek such havens to rationalise their tax affairs.

You may also have a greedy wife or extended family from whom you have good reason to hide your assets.

In fact, seeking loopholes such that you pay as little tax as possible is not illegal, though the ethics of such behaviour is another matter altogether. Families with international business footprints are especially fond of tax havens for such reasons. What is patently illegal is when such havens are used to evade paying legal taxes in whatever jurisdiction. Tax evasion is what is a crime, not tweaking the law to get a tax advantage.

Mossack Fonseca, the Panamanian law firm currently at the

centre of an international storm for registering over 240,000 of such entities, is unlikely to be indicted. Lawyers register such companies as a matter of course, and it is not their job to keep track of what their clients do with them.

Nonetheless, there are major caveats. Tax havens are controversial because unscrupulous political leaders love to use them to hide their ill-gotten money. This is money whose provenance cannot be traced. Usually it is money made out of straight bribery, or kickbacks, like the mysterious Mobitelea outfit said to have been incorporated when Safaricom was launching into business in Kenya.

What, one may ask, earned the late Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha nearly \$4 billion in riches in just a few years in power? What legal business was he into? What exactly was the turnover of that business? The same can be asked of the fortune garnered by Mobutu Sese Seko, and many others by the way.

Laundering such fortunes becomes a full-time occupation. Here the politicians and dictators are in the same territory as drug traffickers, illegal arms dealers and such unsavoury types who need to clean their dirty money all the time and as fast as possible.

Fortunately for Nigeria, Swiss authorities have agreed to repatriate the billions he stole. However, retrieving this



GITAU WARIGI

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money has taken years. New regulations also require that the money be recycled into programmes that benefit ordinary Nigerians, otherwise it will just fall into the ready hands of another thieving bureaucrat.

The same is being done with the money recovered from two Kenyans indicted for stashing money in the British tax haven of Guernsey.

To be fair Guernsey, like Switzerland, has in recent years

done a lot to clean up its didgy reputation. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, which will receive the money, says it will pump it into buying ambulances.

Nonetheless with the latest disclosures in Panama, I can see the laws on offshore tax havens getting tightened in certain jurisdictions. America and the UK, which are quite vocal about cross-border corruption, are known to tolerate these havens in jurisdictions they have a say in.

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I want to echo an editorial carried by the *Daily Nation* last week on the recruitment of police officers. Frankly I don't see why being made to run cross-country laps should be the key criterion for recruitment. The modern police force needs officers skilled in intelligence analysis and psychological evaluation, especially in these days when terrorism is rife. So what if a recruit's dental formula is not quite correct, or he has to use spectacles?

I agree that physical fitness is necessary for all those who serve in the disciplined services. But running must not be the only specification for fitness. There are plenty of very fit people who attend the gym every day who can do very well in the police force and the army. The authorities need to be flexible on some of these things.

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## FIFTH COLUMNIST

## Cord wrangles only give Jubilee a reason to smile



PHILIP OCHIENG

I don't mean that allies should always agree”

Because Raila Odinga spent many student years in Germany, he probably still knows the German term *Bundnispolitik*. Translatable as “policy of alliance”, it describes the occasion where several parties see the need to join forces to strengthen their chances of achieving a certain common goal. I don't know if Moses Wetang'ula has a similar experience.

However, as a student of society with a long political experience, he should have acquired the same kind of knowledge. Thus if, up to now, both worthies show no sign of having learned to address each other in a mutually respectable and mutually beneficial language, then, as allies, they are wasting each other's time – and ours.

No, until I am sure that they have tried all possible avenues that can conduce to harmony and produce electoral and other socio-economic goods for their followers, I cannot advise divorce. In general, indeed, I cannot mean that allies should always agree on every point of social significance.

Already centuries ago, the Madisonians of revolutionary America could assert that the ability by individuals to “differ” on all points of reality is the specific and crowning nature of the human animal. Indeed, among human beings, differing is bound to take place even between the closest of friends and even between the nearest of blood relatives. In politics, however, the point of an alliance is to achieve certain interests common to all the parties concerned. It demands only one other thing: Each ally must minimise the expression of any point on which he or she still differs from the others. You must express such a difference only in a language that can caress every other member into strengthening his/her membership.

In short, politeness in disagreement is the key word in every form of human marriage. It is one of the lessons that humanity should have learned from Napoleon Bonaparte of Corsica, one of the most brilliant of all of history's military theorists. Social analysts call it *strategy* concerning a long-term situation but *tactics* concerning a shorter-term one.

The question is whether Mr Odinga and Mr Wetang'ula – two relatively young Kenyans with extraordinarily nimble minds – are also educated enough, socially, to have internalised the importance of both strategy and tactics as factors of any viable alliance. Nobody can legitimately demand that they always express identical social and political opinions.

What members of their parties can and must demand is only that the respective leaders stop exposing to the ruling Jubilee alliance – their joint political adversaries – the weaknesses of the opposition's own alliance, the endless infantile squabbling that characterises, not the objective interests of their followers, but only the subjective interests of the leaders themselves, their habit of trying to appeal merely to the narrowest and cheapest sentiments of their respective ethnic followers.

For every time Messrs Odinga and Wetang'ula separately expose their dirty linen to be seen by every Tom, Dick and Harriet of Jubilee, Messrs Kenyatta and Ruto must smile as broadly as the Cheshire Cat. For it is these who gain from it, and this simply because the two appear to know much better than Messrs Odinga and Wetang'ula the longer-term importance of a political alliance.

Yet the ruling counterpart is as narrowly tribalistic as the opposition would be even if Messrs Odinga and Wetang'ula knew how to use a marriage to their own mutual benefit and to that of Kenyans. But neither of the alliances gives me – as a committed Kenyan – any real choice because, in both strategy and tactics, the opposition alliance is identical to the ruling alliance. In short, the ruling confederation and its opposition counterpart differ only in the tribal interests of the elites that lead them. That is why I blow a raspberry at the political noise with which Mr Odinga and Mr Wetang'ula split our eardrums every day that comes to pass.

## WHAT THEY SAID | OPINION MAKERS OF THE WEEK



“This (Nacada chairman John Mututho claim that recent student unrest at the University of Nairobi was caused by rival drug gangs that enjoy protection of senior police officers) is unacceptable and we take great exception to such reckless statements that are not based on facts, but are clearly aimed at tarnishing the name of the police for reasons that are unknown to us”

– Joseph Boinnet, Inspector-General of Police



“If we are to make any headway in halting the rise in diabetes, we need to rethink our daily lives: to eat healthy, be physically active, and avoid excessive weight gain. Even in the poorest settings, governments must ensure that people are able to make these healthy choices and that health systems are able to diagnose and treat people with diabetes”

– Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organisation



“I was approached to go for a parliamentary position in 2007 but I refused. I received the same request in 2012 but I was still not interested. Now I am considering it ... The last six years have been tormenting, depressing and difficult for me and my family. The pain, anguish and trauma I have gone through are immeasurable. This case turned my life upside down”

– Broadcaster Joshua arap Sang



“The violence in Kakamega was planned by Kakamega county government officials ... We agreed on how they (Moses Wetang'ula, Raila Odinga and Kalonzo Musyoka) would arrive in Kakamega and be received and how they would make their way to Muliro Gardens, When I realised that the crowd was getting impatient, I called Wetang'ula and asked him and Kalonzo to make their way to the venue so that Raila could join us later” – Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale

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# To the editor

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## More laws will not end corruption

The Bribery Bill, 2016, is a good idea for fighting corruption. It stipulates strict punishment for corruption convicts. Nevertheless, what President Uhuru Kenyatta should do is to focus on the root of this evil. The EACC has proved to be toothless. It needs a complete overhaul and competent personnel. The body is escalating corruption. Its failure is making Kenyans lose faith in eliminating this problem. The EACC is creating public opinion that corruption is a way of life. More laws with scary penalties will not eradicate corruption; restructuring the system will.

Job Obuya, Migori.

## Women help stick our society together

It has been reported that Kenya could get its first female governors next year as female aspirants plan to mount serious campaigns. This is great. Our greatest problem is that we are faced with a crisis considering we are in a country where cultural inhibitions, cruel propaganda and limited financial resources have held women back. For prospective female gubernatorial candidates, the biggest threat is use of crude tactics by male political rivals. Male governors want the electorate to believe no woman is fit to be a governor. Women possess a natural glue that sticks our society together. Their role in any society is phenomenal.

Kimani wa Njuguna, Gatundu South.

## Keep up the good security work

The job our security agencies are doing to ensure maximum security is commendable. As every citizen remains alert following terror threats by al-Shaabab, it is encouraging to hear that those who pose threats are arrested. Recently, police arrested a Ugandan national at Namanga border. He confessed to be an al-Shaabab member. Such a move makes Kenyans feel secure and protected from those intending and plotting to harm them. Hence, the government, through the ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, should continue its good work of protecting Kenyans and securing our borders.

Mercy Agola, Maseno.

## TALKING POINT

### Shame on MP who failed to honour our fallen soldiers

It was quite depressing to read Kitutu-Masaba MP Timothy Bosire's opinion ("Let's be honest about Somalia war debacle") in which he defends his reluctance to observe a minute of silence in honour of fallen Kenya Defence Forces heroes.

This occurred when President Uhuru Kenyatta went to deliver his State of the Nation address in the National Assembly on March 31.

His words were neither honest nor realistic. He did not see the need to show respect even to his fallen constituents whom he claims were affected by the al-Shabaab attack at a military base in el-Adde.

One wonders what kind of example such leaders are projecting.

It was important and necessary for the Head of State as the commander-in-chief to pay respect to the fallen military heroes. This act could not have been a public relations gesture by him as Mr Bosire seems to think.

Clamour by some politicians like Mr Bosire for disclosure on the number of victims in the attack is a mere attempt at getting political mileage on a very sad issue. How will knowing it help Kenyans? It will only demoralise us.

The information should only be shared directly with their families and not with the whole world because doing so would be self-defeating, especially in



BENSON MOMANYI | NATION

Soldiers carry a colleague's casket in Kisii on Wednesday.

the ears of the enemy.

Francis Mwaura, via email.

Tribalism can only be killed and buried if we begin to glorify great gifts and talents God has given each one of us.

This nation does not belong to a few people. It belongs to all of us as given to use by God. As long as some tribes think they are more entitled to it than others, there will be no end to tribalism; it will only

sharpen the edges of tribalism.

If we have to live in peace, we must be a people of one mind, knowing each of us was created with a purpose. Which is to apply our God-given gifts and talents to serve one another. There are no tribes created to serve others. Such thinking can only serve as a recipe for genocide. May God reveal to each one of us what He ordained us to become.

Alenga Amadi, via email.

## Plan for a new education system is most welcome

As a teacher, I am satisfied when I fulfil my obligation of motivating students and adding value to and instilling moral virtues in their lives. The aim of teachers has lately been to help learners get the highest grade. But we should consider added value. A teacher helping one improve their grade from D to B+ in a final exam is superior to one whose student maintains an A. If the proposed system is implemented, we can change learners' mindsets and ward off inferiority complex.

Owalla, B.O., Nairobi.

## Harambee Stars coach should bring fresh blood

New Harambee Stars Coach Stanley Okumbi may lack expertise to run a national team because he does not have international experience. The team has lost so many matches due to poor training and other shortcomings. Therefore, the former Mathare United coach should ensure he brings with him fresh blood to put the team back on track. The Ministry of Sports, Culture and the Arts should be ready to support its new officials so they can give their best.

Peter Karuri, Naivasha.

## THE CUTTING EDGE

BY THE WATCHMAN

**BIG FISH:** Not so keen to join in the celebration following the ICC's dismissal of the crimes against humanity charges against Deputy President William Ruto and former radio presenter Joshua arap Sang is Abdul Isandeko. He is particularly disappointed with the ruling that there was no sufficient evidence to convict the two men. Says he: "The fact is that many lives were lost and thousands of people were displaced from their homes." To Abdul, this type of ruling only "confirms that the high and mighty can easily use their resources to defeat justice". His contact is [andekoabdul@gmail.com](mailto:andekoabdul@gmail.com).

**QUITE PERPLEXING:** Martin Wahome is intrigued about the way the government is getting around the issue of gun control. First, the Mombasa resident says, he does not understand the idea of registering illegal firearms. "Does a general amnesty give the holders of improperly obtained guns an opportunity to regularise the ownership, and do they then get these firearms back? Would it not be more prudent to confiscate the weapons and throw these fellows into jail?" He then wonders when the amnesty in Isiolo will be extended to Nairobi and Mombasa. His contact is [martin.wahome@kpri.co.ke](mailto:martin.wahome@kpri.co.ke).

**DON'T WORRY:** The swastika sign Dr Benjamin Ngugi saw on a water tank at a children's home in Nairobi South 'B' is no cause for alarm, says Laura Gakuru, rejecting the view that it is a scary symbol, even if it was more than 70 years ago used by German racists under Adolf Hitler to oppress and persecute other people. According to Laura, there is also a private school in the city affiliated to a religious organisation that has a blue swastika on its water tank. "And recently, I saw a car with the same symbol parked in the Nairobi South 'C' location." Her contact is [lauragakuru@yahoo.com](mailto:lauragakuru@yahoo.com).

**NOT SCARY:** To the Hindu, the swastika that Dr Ngugi associates with evil is not a scary symbol, says Njora Waweru. Among the Hindu, Njora adds, the swastika actually stands for good, as it is a welcome sign, a blessing and celebration of purity. "You will find it at the main door to residential houses, and other places. The symbol had been used for thousands of years by Hindus before the German Nazi adopted it." Njora says: "I presume the children's home is run or sponsored by Hindus, hence the symbol". His contact is [njorawaweru@yahoo.com](mailto:njorawaweru@yahoo.com).

**RAW DEAL:** Despite paying the enhanced monthly NHIF contribution that came into effect many months ago, members in the private sector are still getting a raw deal, as the fund seems tailored to suit civil servants, moans Jim Njogu. He is particularly pained that even after forking out Sh1,400 a month, he can't access services at a private hospital. "The moment the attendants realise that I am not a civil servant they become cold." Jim's son is scheduled to undergo eye surgery at PCEA Kikuyu Hospital, but he cannot use the fund to pay the bill. His contact is [mbora2005@yahoo.com](mailto:mbora2005@yahoo.com).

**ELECTRICITY A MUST:** A resident of Savannah Estate in Nairobi's Eastlands suburb of Donholm, G.N. Kirimi, is upset about the frequent blackouts in the area lately that Kenya Power has apparently failed to deal with, leaving its customers to suffer. Says Kirimi: "I am annoyed that not a single day passes without power going off in the neighbourhood. Is it not time to have another company that can give us power supply interruptions?" He warns that the government's development programmes and vision will never be realised unless people get reliable power supply. His contact [kimirign14@gmail.com](mailto:kimirign14@gmail.com).

**STRANGE CHANGE:** A former employee of Coca-Cola, Joseph Matata, has been quite surprised to see advertisements of the soft drink in newspapers with a picture of a girl enjoying her drink using a straw, which, to him, goes against everything he knew and practised when he worked for the multinational. "Then, it was inculcated in us to take Coca-Cola products straight from the bottle, and I still do to date. This is because the contour Coke bottle was always considered a part of the sensational experience when one is having the drink. Can management explain to me what has changed?" His contact is [jnmatata@yahoo.com](mailto:jnmatata@yahoo.com). Have a changing day, won't you!

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## Thirty Years Ago

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People with poor eyesight should not be allowed to drive public service vehicles (PSVs), Laikipia West MP Joseph Mathenge said.

Speaking on the Traffic (amendment) Bill, Mr Mathenge said drivers of the vehicles should be checked to ensure they have good eyesight.



He suggested that only those over 30 years should be licensed to drive PSVs.

An alarm system, he said, should be installed in all the vehicles to check overloading.

He complained that some motorists were being overtaxed at toll stations while others paid nothing since there were no toll stations where they passed.

Mombasa West MP Kennedy Kiliku called for maximum security for Kenyan motorists driving out of the country.

Mr Kiliku (left) said some motorists ignored Zebra crossings.

He called upon owners of long-distance trailers to consider having more than two drivers for each vehicle.

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### SOMAIA AND HIS BANK

Crafty conman used all means, including his bank, to swindle from unsuspecting millionaires until the day he was caught

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Party politics > Cord principals meet US envoy in the wake of emerging cracks

Rare meeting with US envoy the subject of intense speculation in political circles

## Raila, Wetang'ula discuss IEBC with US ambassador



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From left: IEBC CEO Ezra Chiloba, Chairman Isaack Hassan and Commissioner Thomas Letangule during a past event.

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Cord principals Raila Odinga and Moses Wetang'ula held talks with US Ambassador to Kenya Robert Godec on Thursday morning sending tongues wagging in political circles.

The meeting came five days after Mr Wetang'ula's presidential campaign launch that was nearly disrupted by goons at Muliro Gardens in Kakamega last weekend.

The fallout over that meeting has triggered a political storm within the coalition.

Mr Odinga downplayed the speculation around the meeting with the US diplomat saying it had nothing to do with coalition politics but reforms in the country's electoral system which the opposition is agitating for.

Though Wiper Democratic Movement leader Kalonzo Musyoka was in the city on the day the meeting was held, he did not attend the meeting.

Western diplomats routinely meet politicians in both government and the opposition but the contents of their discussions are

rarely disclosed.

Cord has been in the news in recent weeks after the fight in Kakamega between supporters of Ford-Kenya, whose leader is Wetang'ula, against youths from Mr Odinga's ODM.

Mr Odinga and Mr Wetang'ula confirmed that the meeting took place at the invitation of Mr Godec although they would not get into the details of what was discussed. "We had a meeting with the ambassador on Thursday morning to discuss present developments in the country," the former PM told *Sunday Nation*.

The Kakamega fiasco, as it has come to be referred to, is the first major scare for the opposition which, to its credit, has managed to remain united despite incessant overtures to its membership and sometimes overt bullying by a better oiled and numerically superior Jubilee.

The former premier sought to clarify that the relationship among Cord leaders was not on the agenda, assuring their supporters that the opposition coalition was intact. "That is our own internal issue and we cannot discuss with the ambassador. Any issues which may have arisen out of the Kakamega rally were addressed at a meeting with my colleagues on Tuesday."

He said a coalition manage-

ment team comprising Senators Johnson Muthama (Machakos), James Orengo (Siaya) and Tonggaren MP Eseli Simiyu has been charged with finding an amicable method of dealing with any issues that may in future threaten cohesion in Cord.

Explaining that Mr Musyoka had an engagement outside town although he was meant to attend, Mr Odinga disclosed that electoral reforms dominated the talks which lasted about two hours before each of them went their separate ways.

"The diplomatic community feels there is a need to have some kind of dialogue with all parties concerned to arrive at an agreement on certain reforms to create a conducive environment for free and fair elections," he said.

The opposition has no confidence in the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and is demanding a say in appointing the new set of commissioners after institutional reforms have been initiated.

Their proposal appears modelled on the Inter-Parties Parliamentary Group platform which brought together Kanu, DP, Ford Kenya, Ford Asili and Safina in the run-up to the General Election in 1997.

The arrangement saw

opposition parties nominate commissioners to the then Electoral Commission of Kenya.

Cord accuses the leadership of IEBC of refusing to meet them before it scuttled their push to have a referendum to occasion some reforms in the constitution. The commission ruled that Okoa Kenya did not meet the requisite one million signature threshold.

The discord has caused panic within the opposition with the three main parties now apparently scouting for new partners as the country gears up for the next General Election.

Suspicion has emerged over the funding of the Ford Kenya event with some Cord insiders claiming Jubilee was involved.

"We are aware that Mr Wetang'ula's presidential launch had the blessing of some Jubilee mandarins. There was serious infiltration," said a Cord MP.

Ford-Kenya Secretary General Eseli Simiyu, however, dismissed the purported Jubilee link in the Kakamega function with contempt saying whoever thinks they will leave ODM would be the one to jump ship as Ford-Kenya was in Cord to stay.

"I feel slighted when someone from within Cord begins to

### BITS & PIECES |

Gakiha Weru

#### WHEN I GOT LOST IN SMALL TOWN

On Friday, I got lost in the backstreets of the small town called Engineer in Nyandarua County trying to find my way back to the Slopes Villa. Whenever I asked for direction, people were looking at me in a funny way. You see my cap, the same one from that high end Nairobi store, is now faded to a dirty brown and I guess everybody I met must have assumed that I'm the local mole catcher and they were wondering what a guy who makes a living trapping rodents would want in a grand place like Slopes Villa. Well, the damn thing cost me good money and I'm not about to throw it away just because some people are prejudiced against farm hands. Of course I didn't let my host George - locals call him Njonji - know that I had gotten lost. Cool people don't get lost in small towns.

#### BARBER INSULTS ME

I just love it when people assume that I don't understand their language. So this Engineer barber is complaining to his colleague about my wet hair. He says something to the effect "ng'ombe ta ino iciragia atia igitie gwa kinyothi na mutwe wina maa?" Plainly, the guy has just called me a cow. I'm tempted to tell him that I'm not a hair, so I don't travel around with a hair dryer in my bag.

#### DIZZIED BY REVOLVING CHAIR

Something about this barber shop; they have this revolving chair that rotates constantly. I'm practically dizzy by the time my wet hair hat-hatting barber is done with me. When I walk out of the barber shop, I find I'm having problems walking straight because of the rotations. My only consolation is that I'm unlikely to bump into people who know me. Having people think that I get drunk at 8 am is not my idea of maintaining my otherwise unblemished image. I no longer like barbers that much.

#### NOT TOO SMART A COP

I have been waiting for some fellows to pick me up opposite the Coop Bank for the last one hour. The AP guarding the bank swaggers across the road and asks me in that cop speak: *Wewe, unafanya nini hapa?* I politely explain that I'm waiting for my ride. The appropriate response should have been "I'm standing opposite Coop Bank, Engineer branch, and any cop who can't see that is not a smart cop." But I'm not looking for trouble and so I keep such thoughts to myself.

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ODM chairman John Mbadi

We really do not want careless talk on this matter. We are capable of handling it through internal mechanisms,



ODM &gt; Decision come after party disbanded its National Elections Board last week

# ODM to issue new nomination rules as elections team goes home

The reforms are aimed at restoring confidence in the party's internal electoral system

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New nomination rules aimed at restoring order in the Orange Democratic Movement Party and end culture of chaotic party elections will be put in place before the end of the year.

In an bold step targeted at restoring confidence in the party's internal electoral system, ODM leader Raila Odinga this week bowed to pressure and allowed the sacking of the party's powerful National Elections Board effectively sending home its chairperson Judy Pareno and Ms Nancy Abisai.

The two are also members of the East African Legislative Assembly MPs.

Yesterday a top party official said that the two will be punished further by being kicked out of the EALA later this year over what is claimed to be their dismal performance while serving at the electoral organ.

Mr Odinga has also been advised against supporting Peter Odoyo who is claimed to be lobbying for the EALA position when countries nominate later in the year.

Cord will have four slots which means that ODM will nominate two while Ford Kenya and Wiper Democratic Movement will share the remaining two. Jubilee, on the other hand, will have five slots to share.

The former Nyakach MP was also part of the board whose dissolution ODM announced on Thursday night from Maanzoni Lodge where the party members had gone for retreat.

Other members of the dissolved board are Mr Amana Mwajirani, Hellen Katengie, Peter Mutulu and Joseph Misoi.

"We are keen on proper internal reforms so as to ensure our primaries are undertaken in an environment that give room for a free and fair process. We are working on party nomination rules and we will inform you about the progress," Mr Odinga said.

There has been an outcry over the management of party elections starting from February 2014 when a ODM Delegates Conference degenerated into a chaotic event after a politically organised gang stormed the election venue and destroyed electoral materials.

Then came the Homa Bay senatorial by-election which was equally mismanaged after attempts to conduct a collegiate exercise flopped.

The board is yet to explain what happened in the party's grassroots elections where two line-ups have emerged both claiming legitimacy especially in Nyanza region.

NEB's handling of the Malindi by-elections where despite having collected results they



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ODM leader Raila Odinga (centre) arrives at Maanzoni Lodge in Machakos County on Thursday to attend the party's National Executive Council retreat.

declined to announce results from Malindi causing unnecessary panic within the party.

The party's NEB flew back to Nairobi only to declare the same results in which Willy Mtengo had won from Nairobi several days later.

"We are doing away with the culture of issuing direct nominations to individuals. I want to assure our members that nomination will be the same in Suba just as it will be in Budalangi," Mr Namwamba said.

He said fresh nomination rules are being worked on and would be unveiled after being endorsed by the Central Management Committee.

The party chairman John Mbadi confirmed that ODM is keen on a refreshed strategy in handling of internal party elections that has always caused internal rift.

"We want to ensure an internal system that is working. This issue of nomination must be fixed on time," he said.

An ODM official told the *Sunday Nation* that the board had failed to handle cartels that engaged in corruption and chaos.

"It was difficult for the board to discharge responsibility. There was a feeling that their

continued stay would have been a major disaster due to increasing agitation for their removal. People want a thorough clean-up of the entire system around our party leader. We got very dirty people," said a party official.

It is unclear who will fill the position of chairperson but ODM insiders indicated that Mr George Mboya, a professional logistics experts and an official at the Cord Secretariat, is being touted to take over from Ms Pareno.

The position is one of the hot seats in ODM and highly influential characters within the party system normally violate every rule to ensure they have their way in the process.

Commenting on the matter Nyatike MP Omondi Anyanga said that the issue is emotive and must be handled with care.

"Nomination will always be divisive no matter how clean. There are people who will never accept defeat," the MP said.

All ODM nominations especially those in Nyanza and Western where the party is stronger have ended up in chaos with cartels taking charge and calling the shorts when the party tries to reorganise and get people nominated.



County Public Service Boards Forum chairman Phillip Kung'u

## Forum opposes Bill targeting administrators

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A row is brewing between the Senate and the County Public Service Boards following a proposed law that requires officials recruited by the bodies to leave office after every General Election.

In the Bill, the House wants sub county, ward and village administrators to vacate office after every election and the public service boards to recruit afresh.

The Bill has been proposed by West Pokot Senator John Lonyangapuo. It was read the first time in the House on February 10.

But the County Public Service Boards Forum chairman Phillip Kung'u told the *Sunday Nation* that the Bill was in bad faith and that they were not consulted.

"To tie the term of a public service employee and that of an elected official is to say the least, mischievous and callous. There exists in the Constitution and many Acts, remedies which can deal with the challenges the sponsor of the Bill may have had in mind," Mr Kung'u said in a statement.

Prof Lonyangapuo has also proposed a change of academic qualifications for the public officials.

The West Pokot Senator wants sub county administrators to have a minimum qualification of a degree, a diploma for ward administrators and a secondary school certificate for the village administrators.

"Any person serving as a sub-county administrator, a ward administrator or a village administrator before the commencement of this Act shall continue to serve as such until a General Election is held for a county government," said Prof Lonyangapuo in the Bill.

Prof Lonyangapuo said that the objective of the Bill is to bind the county public service boards to appoint the officials after every General Election.

The Bill will likely cause another source of conflict between counties and the senators whom the devolved units have constantly accused of not supporting them as much as they should and attempting to micro-manage them.

"As Boards, our fear is that this is yet another attempt by the political class to undermine constitutionalism. The Constitution envisaged a clear separation of powers in the governance of the country," said Mr Kung'u, who chairs Nairobi County Public Service Board.

The County Government Act appears silent on what happens to the three officials after every General Election and about continuity.

## Raila, Wetang'ula discuss electoral reforms with US

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advance such a myopic agenda. Why would they think we cannot afford to finance a simple event like a presidential launch? We do not have individuals with sticky fingers in Ford-Kenya. Whatever is planned for is put into good use," he said.

He said the monthly contribution of Sh30, 000 from each of the Ford-Kenya MPs was enough to finance party activities. Over the weekend, it was unclear why Senators Orengo and Muthama failed to proceed to Kakamega after landing in Kisumu.

"We really do not want careless talk on this matter. We are capable of handling it through the internal mechanisms available. I urge colleagues to refrain from making inflammatory remarks," said ODM chairman John Mbadi.

Time has come for Mr Wetang'ula to stop wasting time hoping he can clinch the Cord ticket," ANC's Musalia Mudavadi



The party appears keen to retain Mr Musyoka but fetch an alternative partner should Mr Wetang'ula quit.

The discourse in Cord has attracted the attention of Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi who on Friday urged Mr Wetang'ula to quit the opposition coalition.

Mr Mudavadi told the Ford Kenya leader to reconsider his plans of promoting his presidential ambitions within the Cord coalition.

He said that Mr Wetang'ula will only have himself to blame if he clings to Cord after some coalition partners sent signals indicating they were uncomfortable with his bid.

Mr Mudavadi said in Malava Constituency on Friday that the violence witnessed at the launch of Mr Wetang'ula's presidential bid clearly

showed he was not welcome in Cord.

He said it would be unacceptable if some leaders in Cord hired youths to disrupt the launch of Mr Wetang'ula's bid at the Muliro Gardens.

He said ANC leadership was open and ready to work with leaders who embraced divergent political views and respected the rule of law.

Mr Mudavadi said those dismissing his bid should prepare for a huge surprise since Kenyans were tired of being fooled by politicians only interested in serving their selfish ends.

"The time has come for Mr Wetang'ula to look elsewhere and stop wasting time hoping he can clinch the Cord ticket to contest the presidency in 2017," Mr Mudavadi said.

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# Thief who brought down his own bank

Banks can be run by thieves. Put another way, there was a thief named Ketan Somaia who used to run a bank in Kenya – its name was Delphis Bank.

Finally, he ran it down the drain.

Now in jail for fraud, Somaia used to spot an awkward horse-shoe bald head and a classic door knocker circle beard – both peppered with flecks of white. Once upon a time, Somaia used to spot the Van Dyke beard, a style once dismissed by a Chicago Chronicle columnist Edith Sessions Tupper as indicative of a man “who was selfish, sinister, and pompous as a peacock”.

For Somaia, the door knocker beard gave him the guise he craved; that of a suave businessman. He also concealed his deceitful persona with expensive Savile Row suits, tailored to hide his rotund appearance rounded off with black round rimmed glasses with clear glass lenses – good for a man with nothing to hide!

Like many other pilfering types that he wanted to copy with near perfection, Somaia entered the banking world through the back door.

Actually, nobody thought much of him after he had bought the remnants of the local branch of the shadowy Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) which collapsed in July, 1991.

BCCI, as it was widely known, was not an ordinary bank; it was a citadel of vice. As it was found many months after it had collapsed, BCCI financed drug dealers, terrorists, and carried out various covert operations. It had layers of secrets, an inner circle of two dozen executives straddling continents where it had 62 branches and operated loan documents that were off limits to bank inspectors. Eventually, it was shut down by the Bank of England with the loss of billions of dollars to some 1.4 million depositors around the world.

Simply put, Somaia bought a piece of this \$20 billion rogue empire that still tops the world as the most corrupt financial institution in the history of banking.

## Cash bribes

In the official 614-page report of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the US Senate on the BCCI Affair, the bank officials in Kenya – and other African countries – are accused of giving “cash bribes, kickbacks to senior central bank officials” and “having special arrangements with the heads of state”.

Somaia continued BCCI's vice from there by opening its Kenyan branches as Delphis Bank, which he operated like a personal piggy bank for himself and his close associates – among them Kamlesh Pattni, the father of the Goldenberg scandal and who earned billions of shillings as cash subsidies for fictitious exports of gold and diamonds.

To get some commercial mileage and a semblance of trust, Somaia

approached a two-time British Conservative party leader, Lord Parkinson (late), to become the chairman of the umbrella off-shore holding company, Dolphin Holdings, which he had registered in the tax-haven of Bermuda. Here, he would skim profits, hide his books, and occasionally pilfer some cash. Many a time, according to court papers, he would jet between offices in Dubai and London, where both Somaia and Lord Parkinson would while away time in an imposing building which housed Dolphin offices.

Somaia first met Lord Parkinson when he (Parkinson) was MP for Hertsmere and with a promising political career. British newspapers say that Parkinson had some charming look or what they call “Kennedyesque good looks” according to the Telegraph newspaper. He knew as much and once told a newspaper that if he were reincarnated, he wished to be born “short, fat and ugly”. It was these good looks that endeared him to his secretary, Sara Keays, who in 1983 spilt the beans over their illicit affair and a secret child. Parkinson resigned from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet and only returned in 1987 having won his parliamentary seat with a landslide. He was named Energy Secretary with the task of privatising the electricity industry. Four years later, he joined Somaia's Dolphin Group and gave it the deserved gentle cover.

To mask the identity of the bank and its associated companies, Somaia incorporated several off-shore entities where he could park and launder funds.

The first was the Dolphin Manage-

ment Services Limited and Global Investment Holdings Limited, which were incorporated in Bermuda, a British Overseas Territory in the North Atlantic Ocean, known as a safe tax haven for corporations. Shell corporate entities, like those formed by Somaia, loved Bermuda because it imposed no direct taxation.

Somaia also incorporated Somervale Securities Limited in the British Virgin Islands and Delphis Bank Limited in Mauritius. He had another outfit, Saropa Holdings, which was incorporated in the Bahamas. All these were incorporated by the Panamanian company, Mosseca Fonseca, now at the centre of global attention after millions of its documents were hacked into triggering uproar on the number of shadowy companies operating offshore accounts.

From the eighth floor of Dubai's Arbi Tower, a 23-storey building facing Dubai creek and now known as Al Masraf Tower, Somaia lured his would be victims with promises. His other shell companies were operated at the offices of Mosseca Fonseca.

That is when he met British multi-millionaire Murli Mirchandani – a man who had grown up in India and built a transnational business based in Germany, from where he would import and export food and chemicals between Europe and West Africa. He built a solid fortune selling industrial gas and cooking oil through his largely successful company, Aveem.

Then in November 1998 the “king of con”, as the British press would later call Somaia, arrived with his fairy tales. By this time, small banks in Kenya were going through a financial nightmare after the Central Bank increased capital requirements and raised the gearing ratio from 5 per cent to 7.5 per cent to forestall the crisis. He was desperate to get some money to save his bank.

The flashy Somaia decided to spin a story of success: That he was a successful financier with a personal fortune of \$100 million (Sh10 billion) and that he controlled an empire with assets worth Sh50 billion. It was a lie. He then told his three victims that he was a close associate of billionaire Hinduja brothers – the owners of Ashok Leyland and currently listed number 58 in the Forbes list of the wealthiest people in the world.

Somaia had a private jet and had access to several others. Away from the ground, he would strike pseudo-deals as he flaunted his wealth aboard the jets, where expensive champagne – the type made from grapes of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, or Pinot Meunier flowed freely. His victims would also be treated to all-expenses paid tours in Kenya and Dubai or, according to court papers, his palatial home in the exclusive north London suburb of Hadley Wood.

Mirchandani was one of them. After one such party, and with no paper work, zilch, he gave Somaia Sh2.3 billion, just like that. The first payment of Sh86 million had been transferred to Somaia's



JOHN KAMAU

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National Westminster bank account on the morning of June 23, 1999. It was to be repaid on October 23, 1999. This followed a meeting held at 77 Brook Street in London, where Mr Mirchandani had expressed interest in acquiring 10 per cent of Delphis Bank in Mauritius at a meeting attended by Somaia's nephew, Shohan Daswani. In what looked like a favour, an opportunity to buy into a Mauritius bank, Somaia asked Mr Mirchandani to give him \$865,000 as a personal loan.

He lied that he was floating shares of the Delphis Bank and that the new shares would amount to 25 per cent of its share. Thus, he wanted the money to buy the shares which would rise in value enabling him to repay.

But a day before that deadline, Somaia called Mr Mirchandani and begged for more time. “He said he would not be able to repay at maturity and insisted that I should extend the deadline to December 15, 1999 at an interest rate of 30 per cent,” Mr Mirchandani would later say in an affidavit.

“The reason con artists get away with what they get away with is, their victims are ashamed of their own blindness and their own gullibility, and they tend to just quietly go away,” wrote Walter Kirn, the famous American novelist, literary critic, and essayist.

And that was not the only money. Mr Mirchandani had also transferred on June 25, 1999 another \$7.5 million to Somaia to ostensibly buy a 10 per cent stake in Delphis Bank in Kenya. Another meeting had been set for July 5, 1999 to discuss further investments within Dolphin Group.

That afternoon, at 5.30 pm, Mr Mirchandani was lured into a glitzy office at Spring Villa Park in London's Edgware area. A brass name plate read: The Dolphin Media House and to receive him was Somaia and his nephew Daswani. He was shown around the various offices and they then drove to 105 Camlet Way, Somaia's private residence at Hadley Wood.

It is Harshit Walia, the famous Indian photographer, who once said: “Every man has three worlds. What he perceives; what he shows to the world and his reality. The third one is the mystery to be lived.”

It was during this night meeting that Somaia decided to pull his last trick. He brought out some financial statements of a company known as Driscoll Investments Limited which showed that it was a holding company with assets worth \$75 million. He told Mr Mirchandani that the company's value would double in about 3 years and asked him to purchase a 20 per cent stake.

But Driscoll was only a briefcase company although he claimed that it owned substantial shares in Kenya's Delphis

Bank, a motor dealer Marshalls (East Africa) Limited and Tourists Paradise Investment Limited which owned a restaurant and Nairobi Museum Hill's International casino.

Somaia came with a proposal: The \$7.5 million he had already received from Mr Mirchandani would form part of the purchase price and an extra \$7.5 million would be added to make the 20 per cent interest in Driscoll.

A world of fantasy had been brought before Mr Mirchandani. “If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up,” wrote Jim Rohn, a famous American entrepreneur. Mr Mirchandani had reached a point of no-return and Somaia knew as much.

He even proposed that they form a separate company to hold the investments that he held. The two ended up at the door of Mossack Fonseca where they registered Balmoral Investment Groups Limited in the British Virgin Islands.

After sinking a fortune into Somaia's dreams, Mr Mirchandani was given a letter welcoming him to the Dolphin team. In the meantime, he was scheduled for a board meeting at the Dolphin Group UK headquarters at 77 Brook street. That meeting took place from 1 am on August 26, 1999. Six months later he received a share certificate for his 20 per cent stake. After that, everything was done on phone.

“We spoke on the phone almost every day and he would assure me that everything was going well and that he expected the investment to double within about 3 years,” he told a court.

It was during a lunch meeting at Durban's Zimbali Lodge Hotel in South Africa that the two finally met a day before the Christmas of 1999. Mr Mirchandani complained that no board meeting had been held, and no dividends had been paid. Somaia started evading Mr Mirchandani who was demanding a director's fee of \$100,000 a year.

There was neither a board meeting nor business updates. In essence, Mr Mirchandani had been conned. Somaia left UK – hoping to tire Mr Mirchandani. It then struck him. The series of weddings in Dubai and the free dinners at Annabel's nightclub in London were not for free.

But Mr Mirchandani was not willing to let Somaia get away with his money. He simply waited. Not for one year, but for 14 years. In turn, Somaia thought, and for several years, that he had managed to pull a trick on Mr Mirchandani. The money he had conned the industrialist was enough to prop up his failing banking businesses in Nairobi and continued funding his life of luxury and jumping into private Learjet planes for more escapades away from his Mayfair office in London.

When he was once cornered in early July 2000 at his Hadley Wood house in North London, Somaia repaid the \$259,500 interest. Then he went under with \$2.3 million from a man who used to call him Ketebhai – signifying trust and brotherhood.

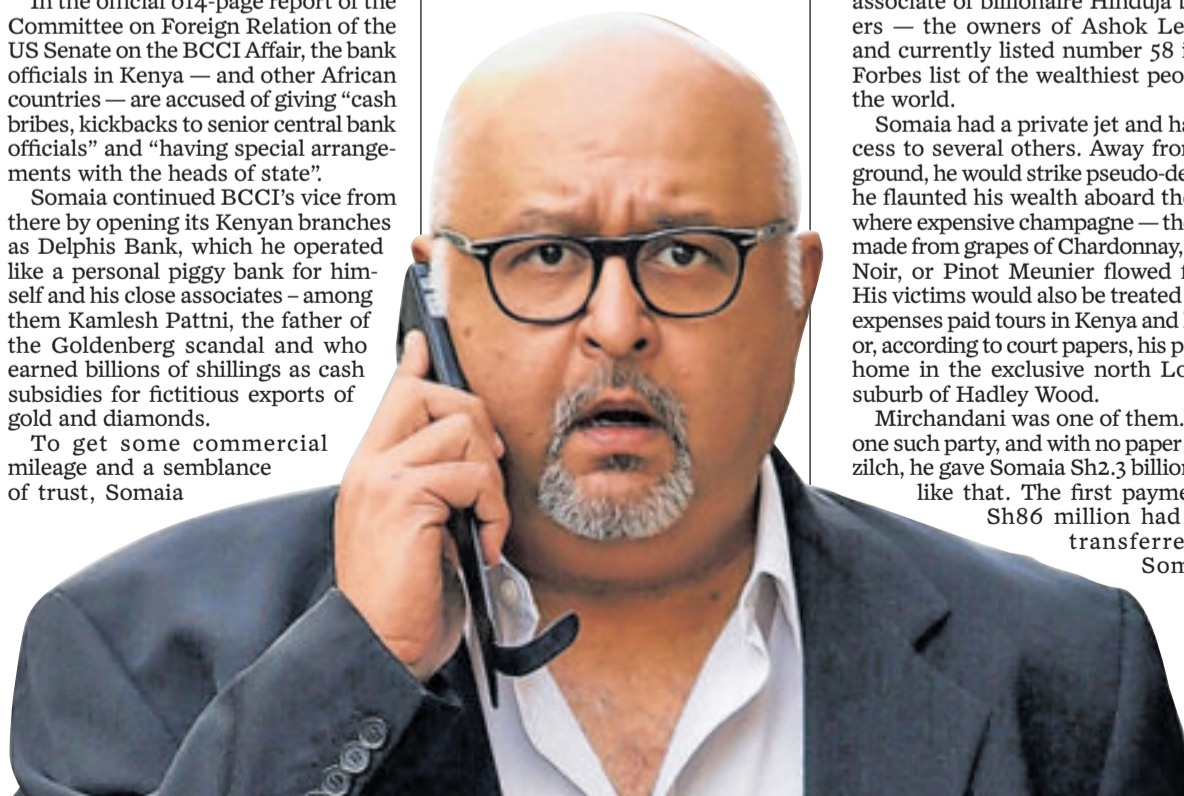
Using his local political networks, and by swindling many abroad, Somaia had invested some of his money in Miwani Sugar Company, Dolphin Leisure Club, Block Hotels, and Delphis Bank. He had also made a fortune by stealing through the Goldenberg scandal where he was adversely mentioned.

Delphis was not a bank. It was an avenue for Somaia to do dirty work. He was not a banker as it later emerged. He was a thief now in jail in London courtesy of Mr Mirchandani, and that is why his Delphis Banks collapsed – Delphis Tanzania in March 2003, Delphis Kenya in June 2001 and Delphis Mauritius in March 2002.

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**Sh2.3bn** Amount British multi-millionaire Murli Mirchandani gave Somaia with no paper work after attending a party.

**14 years** After the deal went sour Mirchandani took sometime to gather evidence that would nail Somaia.





Clash over titles &gt; Logistics company says lawyers defied instructions

# Top law firm sued in Sh151m prime land row

Payment issued for disputed plot but lawyers say they were bound by professional undertaking

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A top law firm has been sued after its client said it had released Sh151 million to the seller of a property which had two registered titles, against the client's instructions not to pay the money.

Coulson Harney Advocates, one of the biggest corporate and commercial law firms in the country, has been taken to court by leading freight and logistics company Acceler Global in a high-stakes lawsuit which shines a light on the murky dealings which surround land purchase in the country.

Acceler contends that money it had deposited with Coulson Harney for the purchase should never have been released after questions over the validity of the title and over the real owners of the plot.

## Land purchase

The saga began with the signing of a land purchase agreement between Acceler Global Logistics and Rahil International Limited, which claimed to be the sole proprietor of a prime parcel of land along Mombasa Road which was to be bought for Sh168 million.

As is standard practice, a deposit of Sh16.8 million, 10 per cent of the purchase price, was paid with a professional undertaking being given by the lawyers for the purchaser that they would pay the balance of Sh151.2 million upon registration of the title in the name of the purchaser.

Matters got complicated, however, when the lawyer for Coulson Harney Advocates wrote to Acceler on February 4 2015 indicating that a search at the registry conducted before registration and after registration showed discrepancies in the pre-registration and post-registration documents.

It was found that the land appeared to have two registered titles both with differing signatures and the handwriting on entries also differing.

Acceler Logistics lawyers contend that their client was also unable to take vacant possession

of the property measuring 1.6 hectares after it found another party was engaging in excavation which prompted them to issue instructions to Coulson Harney not to complete the transaction.

In a letter to Coulson Harney Advocates dated March 21 2016, Acceler demanded a refund of the balance of the purchase price because of all the confusion and apparent deception they said surrounded the titles.

The letter asked that Coulson Harney "immediately terminate the sale agreement on account of the Vendors for their inability to give vacant possession owing to the fraud that is involved".

Coulson Harney replied the next day that it was legally bound to release the money and said the "suspicion of fraud" had been responded to conclusively by the Lands registry.

"As we had given a professional undertaking in respect of the balance of the purchase price to the Vendor's (seller's) lawyers, we are legally bound to comply with its terms. Consequently, the partners of Coulson Harney having considered this matter carefully have determined to honour our undertaking and immediately release the balance of the purchase price."

## Fund release

Acceler retained Mohamed Muigai Advocates to go to court seeking orders to stop Coulson Harney from remitting the balance of Sh151.2 million to Rahil International based on their contention that they could not take possession of the land after other parties were found to have occupied it.

The High Court on March 31 issued an injunction restraining Coulson Harney from releasing the funds pending the hearing

and determination of the case.

Coulson Harney replied that the suit had been overtaken by events as the firm had already released the balance to the advocates of the sellers of the property.

"The second defendant (Coulson Harney), was professionally and legally obligated to release the balance of the purchase price to (Rahil International's) counsel pursuant to a professional undertaking issued under the Sale Agreement," the firm said.

Coulson Harney stated that the issue of the "genuineness" of the title had been settled after the Office of the Chief Lands Registrar conducted an "in-depth investigation".

## Court order

When it emerged that Coulson Harney had already paid the amount to the vendors, Justice Eric Ogola of the Milimani Commercial Court issued orders restraining Rahil International from "removing from this jurisdiction, withdrawing, transferring, pledging or dealing/otherwise interfering" with the money they had received pending hearing of the suit.

Rahil International's directors are listed as David Muiruri Ritho, Benjamin Tarus Kipkorir, Duncan Deava Achar and Joseph Okoth.

The latest law suit will be keenly watched because it shines a light on a problem Kenyans seeking to purchase land go through daily.

Land registry records are notoriously unpredictable. It will also witness litigation over the matter of "professional undertaking," which is effectively a binding promise given by an advocate to execute a contract on behalf of a client.

# Governors have done a sterling job, says Munya

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Governors have shrugged off concerns over widespread corruption, wastage of funds and poor service delivery in counties and declared themselves "excellent" performers.

The governors took credit for putting in place a "vibrant" health sector that they claimed had significantly reduced deaths of mothers during pregnancy or while giving birth.

They also cited the construction of roads, well stocked pharmacies, increased access to clean water and mechanised agriculture as being part of the good work they were doing in the counties.

"As you are all aware, the transition period is over. If we were to evaluate our progress, we would say that our performance has been sterling," said the Council of Governors (CoG) chairman Peter Munya.

The governors' assessment is likely to draw strong reactions from Kenyans, many of them who have been sceptical of the general performance of county governments and their leadership.

A survey conducted by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) cited virtually all the 47 county governments for widespread corruption and poor service delivery.

The report revealed that in all but two county governments, citi-

zens were forced to pay bribes, some as high as Sh80,000, to access basic services.

It also revealed how service delivery in most counties was being hampered by workers who either report to work late or fail to show up altogether.

Successive reports of the Controller of Budget and the Auditor-General have also unearthed massive corruption in most county governments, resulting in some governors and top county government officials being arraigned in court to answer to corruption-related charges. Mr Munya, however, made no mention of the shortcomings in county governments, instead choosing to dwell on success stories.

"Indeed we assure the citizens of this country that, as we end the Transition Period, devolution is on track and absolutely nothing can or will derail it until objects envisaged in Article 174 of the Constitution have been 100 pc achieved," he said.

He called for the abolition of regional bodies saying they were merely duplicating county government functions.

"We restate that Regional bodies are duplicating the functions of the counties. These institutions do not remain relevant in light of the supposed attempts at restructuring and downsizing the National Government structures," he noted.



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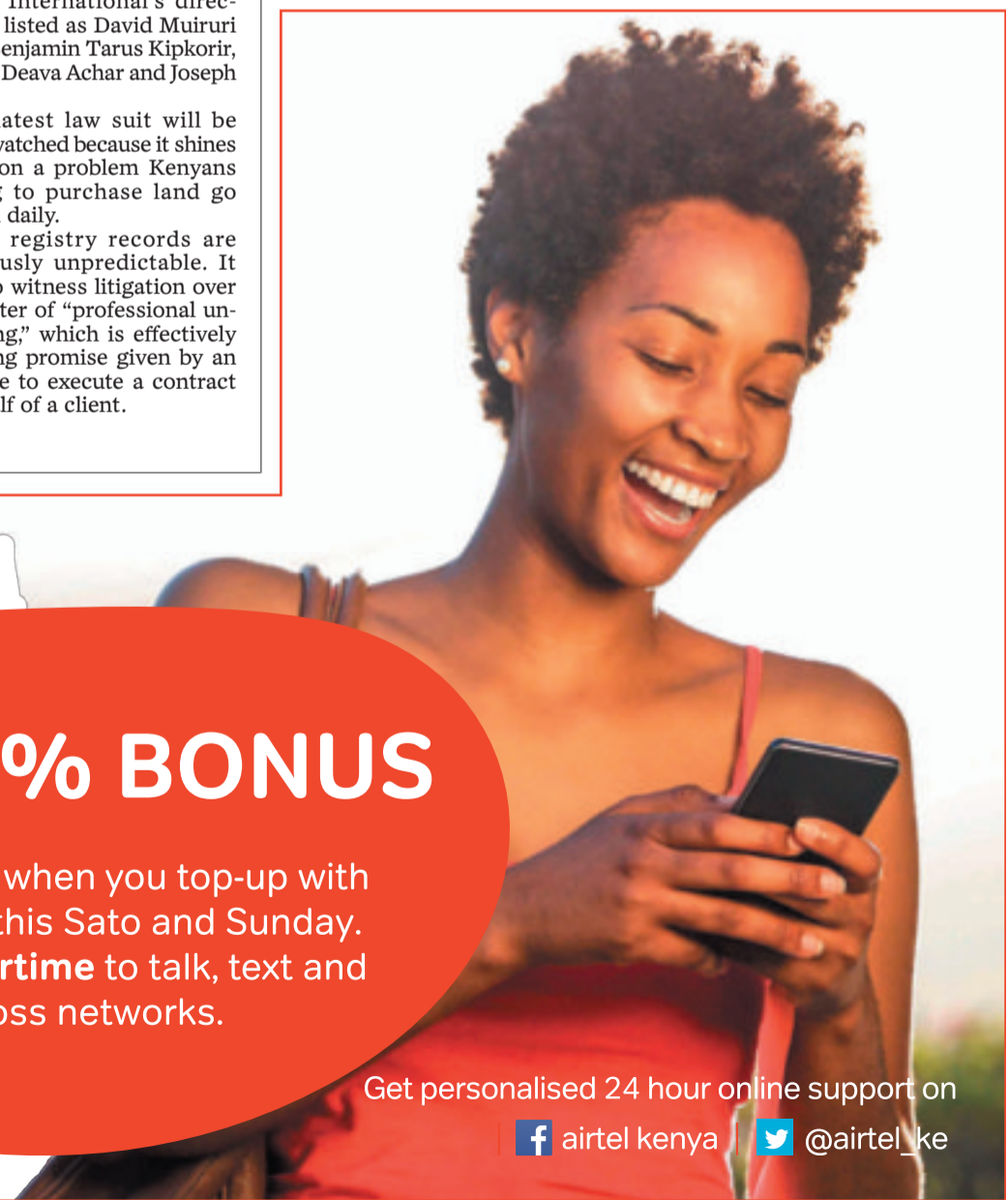
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**Elusive hope > Victims have been left without proper closure**

# Kenyans unsure of way forward as cases

The confusion from the President's communication team sums up the way the nation has been left hanging by the long drawn out process in The Hague

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**F**ourty one minutes after the judges in The Hague issued their decision terminating the case against Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua arap Sang, the President's communication team issued a statement on the matter.

Only 27 minutes later, State House released a second "updated" statement. The first dispatch had offered a very cautious and qualified welcome to the decision by the judges. The second one was more expansive and upbeat.

The confusion from the President's communication team sums up the way the nation has been left hanging by the long drawn out process in The Hague.

In a word, it is over and not yet over. Both Mr Kenyatta and Mr Ruto are now free men, but neither was completely cleared by the court.

No single party has emerged with any credit. The reputation and prestige of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has been severely tarnished, particularly after the prosecution presented a case, on live television, which had gaping holes that were visible to most of the watching audience, especially Kenyans.

## Won and lost

The Kenyan government has won and lost, depending on where one stands. Among progressives and in the eyes of many of the ICC's biggest backers in the West, the government has suffered a credibility deficit by launching a naked effort to obstruct the proceedings at the ICC, which ultimately succeeded.

However, in the eyes of critics of Western-dominated institutions especially in Africa, the UhuRuto administration's campaigns on the matter have bolstered their credentials.

The victims, undoubtedly the biggest stakeholders in the matter, have been left in a lurch with a process that started by giving them sky high hopes ending inconclusively.

The confusion in the President's communication team reflects how Kenyans are

## First statement

### PARTIAL VICTORY

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struggling to understand what the most high profile legal process in the nation's history since independence means.



In the first statement, President Kenyatta welcomed the verdict in The Hague but stated:

"I must remark on the fact that the victory in this matter is partial and the quest for justice incomplete, because the International Criminal Court elected to blindly pursue ill-conceived, defective agenda at the expense of accountability for PEV (post-election violence). As a result, many victims await justice, and perpetrators are yet to be brought to account. We will continue the work of healing the nation, uniting the people, reconciling communities and ensuring that justice for the victims is achieved."

Only a short while later, an "updated" but entirely different version popped into the

e-mails of newsrooms.

This one was more expansive and upbeat. It declared: "I welcome the aforementioned decision, which reaffirms my strong conviction from the beginning about the innocence of my Deputy President. From the start of this case, I have believed that this case was ill-conceived and never grounded on the proper examination of our experience of 2007/2008 as a nation."

## Crossed wires

Deputy Chief of Staff Nzioka Waita has since reportedly moved to avoid confusion and crossed wires in the President's communication team but for many Kenyans, the focus in the next few months will remain on

## Memorable moments in proceedings against Ruto and Sang

### First prosecution witness 536 inadvertently reveals identity of daughter

With the formalities of the opening speeches done with, witness 536 was the first to take to the stand to testify against Mr Ruto and Mr Sang. A survivor of the Kiambaa church massacre, the witness told harrowing story of January 1, 2008 when armed youths "barricaded people inside a church, placed paraffin-soaked mattresses at strategic locations, and set them alight." In the attack, 35 Kenyans. As she narrated the harrowing ordeal, she forgot to use the ICC-provided Protected Information Sheet (PIS) that listed all the relatives and protected persons that she would refer to in her testimony.

In the heat of the moment, she inadvertently blurted out her daughter's full name prompting the presiding judge Chile Eboe-Osuji to order for a private session.

### Senior trial lawyer Anton Steynberg tells Ruto to delegate duties

Mr Ruto had requested for an excusal to return to Nairobi as the 2013 Westgate Mall siege continued.

Sixty-seven people eventually died in the siege that lasted four days. When Mr Ruto's defence team requested for excusal from or adjournment of the hearing to enable him return to Nairobi, senior trial lawyer Anton Steynberg suggested that somebody else should be sworn in on a temporary basis to discharge the duties of the office of the Deputy President. "Mr Ruto knows and has been knowing for a considerable time now that he has a case to answer before this court. He should delegate the necessary powers to somebody else," Mr Steynberg said, oblivious of the emotions that swept across Kenya.

The suggestion was not taken lightly by Karim Khan, Mr Ruto's lead lawyer who termed Mr Steynberg's remarks "irresponsible prosecutorial utterances." An emotional victims lawyer Wilfred Nderitu later quipped that the "prosecutor seems not to understand that the constitutional dynamics of Kenya are not the same as South Africa (Mr Steynberg's home country)."

Mr Steynberg's proposition also drew loud disapproval of Kenyan leg-

islators Charles Keter, Kembi Gitura and Joyce Laboso who were following the case from the public gallery.

The hearing was eventually adjourned and Mr Ruto allowed to return to Nairobi.

### Witness 189 description of members of the Kalenjin community

Kenyans who were following the proceedings from The Hague collapsed in fits of laughter when the third prosecution witness and a former member of "Waremo na Kibaki" campaign lobby described members of the Kalenjin community as "tall, slim and dark." Inside the courtroom was Mr Sang who earlier on in September 11 described himself as the "shortest journalist in Kenya...to be noticed by the law."

**536** The special identification number of the witness who inadvertently mentioned his daughter's name in court

### Ruto trademark cap was used to send coded messages

If witness 189's description of the Kalenjin was stereotypical, witness 487 bordered on absurdity.

On the stand, the witness told the court that Mr Ruto's trademark cap of Kenyan colours was used to send coded messages to his Rift Valley supporters. "In ODM rallies, and other political rallies, you could find only Ruto wore a different cap," he said during his cross-examination by Ruto's defence counsel David Hooper. "The cap had great significance to the Kalenjin especially Nandi people. So he would say something that the Kalenjin people could understand in a different way," the witness explained.

A day after the witness said that, both Mr Ruto and Mr Sang as well as their supporters arrived in the court with the Kenyan-branded caps the witness had alluded to. Mr Ruto's defence lawyer David Hooper too carried the cap to the chamber and showed it to him during cross-examination.

"You recognise that cap, I take it? Do you recognise the cap? Secret cap?" the lawyer posed to the witness

who chuckled. "You laugh but that's what it was yesterday," Mr Hooper said before Presiding Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji cut in.

The incident, though not isolated spoke a lot about the quality of witnesses Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda was relying on to prove her case.

### Mr Ruto reprimanded by the chamber

The Deputy President had granted an interview to CNN during which he commented on matters touching on his ongoing trial. Offended by the behaviour of Mr Ruto, the judges reprimanded and reminded him of his obligations. Through Mr Khan, Mr Ruto apologised to the court.

### Witness 604: I lied to ICC investigators

The witness made a stinging indictment of prosecution investigators through a sworn affidavit, saying they collected evidence from him knowing it was false. The witness was among those who had been compelled by the chamber to testify. He testified from a remote location through video link.



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how the government and other stakeholders will pursue the question of offering real closure from the trauma of the 2007/8 election violence.

The rally in Nakuru called by the leadership of the Jubilee Alliance symbolically at the venue in which the alliance was launched and also in a county that was one of the hotspots of violence in 2007/8 will offer crucial indicators on the direction in which the leaders want to take the country.

Human rights groups have put forward differing perspectives on the way forward. Amnesty International has called for fresh trials. Ms Michelle Kagari, the groups's Deputy Regional Director for Africa said:

"This decision could be seen as a major setback by thousands of victims who have waited so long for justice. However, this is not the end of the road for the victims. In fact, victims should be able to seek justice for these crimes in the future as the accused have not been acquitted, and can be re-prosecuted for these charges either by the ICC or domestically."

## No appetite

This is unlikely to be a feasible option with virtually no appetite within the country's leadership for fresh trials at home or abroad.

Human Rights Watch offered a more downbeat assessment. "The ICC was set up to try just these kinds of cases, but it faces many of the same obstacles national investigations confront in cracking entrenched impunity, especially when politically powerful people are involved," said Senior International Justice Counsel Elizabeth Evenson. "Stronger investigations, stepped-up witness protection programmes, and more consistent international support are the key to doing better for other victims."

In Kenya, the more realistic questions will be whether the government and players in civil society pursue the option of seeking a reconciliation that privileges forgetting the crimes that happened or one that confronts the fact that the killings occurred and seeks to tackle the

root causes and pursue remedial action aggressively.

The two approaches have been tried with varying degrees of success in various parts of the world.

Some countries such as South Africa opted for a middle path, with a bold Truth and Reconciliation Commission confronting the crimes of the past but mostly recommending forgiveness and healing between former enemies.

In Spain, after the long and bloody dictatorship of General Francisco Franco, the country decided to entirely forget and ignore the past after the dictatorship fell.

## Best way forward

However, in Latin American countries such as Argentina where the former ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo hailed from, they opted to pursue the option of criminal trials for past suspected perpetrators of crimes.

No international justice expert purports to have a prescription for the best way forward and it will be interesting to see the path Kenya pursues.

In his first remarks since the decision was issued, Mr Ruto on Friday said that the government would make sure that all the victims of the violence are compensated.

That will be a difficult task nearly a decade after the fighting. The focus might also alight on the Agenda IV issues that were earmarked as issues which should be tackled in the long-term including land reforms and the reform of the police force, matters on which the record is mixed.

The ICC process has had a defining impact on Kenya. It probably served to show leaders that they can be held to account outside Kenya, although the leaders also successfully showed the court's limits.

The intervention also had a decisive impact on the political scene. But the benefits the victims had hoped for, including possible reparations, have proved elusive as the process ended in a stalemate.

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**Kenyans dance during a thanks giving ceremony at 64 Stadium in Eldoret Town on April Wednesday after charges against Deputy President William Ruto and radio journalist Joshua arap Sang were dropped by the International Criminal Court.**

# My memories covering ICC cases in the Hague

Friday October 25, 2013 would have seen most of the Jubilee MPs who had accompanied Deputy President William Ruto to The Hague taking the morning flights from Amsterdam's expansive Schiphol Airport back to Kenya as a new group prepared to replace them on Monday.

But this was no ordinary Friday. The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) was due to deliver a hugely significant verdict in open court. The prosecution had appealed a blanket ex-cusal of Mr Ruto from being physically present in court except during key sessions of his trial.

Given the significance of the verdict, most seats at the public gallery were unusually occupied by the Kenyan MPs.

The anxiety was heightened when then ICC President, Justice Song Sang-Hyun, on behalf of other appellate judges, took his place at the bench to read a summary of their unanimous decision.

But as soon as Judge Song concluded reading the ruling, it became apparent that the MPs in the public gallery did not understand whether the prosecution's appeal had succeeded or not — which would have determined whether or not to celebrate.

"Sasa amesema nini?" one MP turned to this journalist and a colleague Felix Olick, then a reporter with *The Standard*, as the others murmured.

We did not pay much attention to them because by then we were busy on our mobile phones, which we had sneaked into the public gallery, updating our editors in Nairobi of the big news from The Hague: the Appeals Chamber had decided that Mr Ruto would have to be in The Hague throughout the trial unless there were exceptional circumstances or at the discretion of the trial judges.

Yet, another, frustrated at not having understood the decision, mumbled obscenities careful not to be noticed by the watchful ICC security guards. That most of the MPs did not understand a lot of what was going on inside the courtroom was no longer news to me. A number of them were simply there on holiday and to sample the niceties of The Netherlands.

The drama included the widely reported MPs' clash with the Dutch police who wanted them to keep off the entrance to the ICC building and the menacing manner security guards threatened to throw out the Central Organisation of Trade Unions Secretary General Francis Atwoli from the public gallery for breaching the rules.

While following the proceedings from the gallery, Mr Atwoli, who had stopped by The Hague on his way to a meeting in Geneva, loudly disapproved the outrageous claim by the third prosecution witness that Kalenjins are tall, slim and dark.



WALTER MENYA

It seemed both ICC and the defence and Kenya government wanted to strike a rapport with the Kenyan media,

That attracted the attention of the guards who wanted him to leave.

Current Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter, who stayed in The Hague for the longest period to keep Mr Ruto company, and other MPs present, had to step in to plead with the guards to let the Cotu boss stay.

The two-and-a-half years of the trial that ended with the vacation of the crimes against humanity charges against Mr Ruto and Mr Joshua Sang on Tuesday was a roller-coaster experience characterised by sideshows and the ICC's own subtle efforts to dissuade African governments from taking extreme decisions that would weaken "the principles upon which the court was established to protect and serve justice to the victims of mass crimes," in the words of the Registrar Herman von Hebel.

The ICC's charm offensive came on the eve of the October 2013 African Union Extraordinary Summit that was to discuss the continent's relationship with the court.

In the build up to the summit, talk of a mass African walkout from the Rome Statute was rife as Kenya mounted a serious diplomatic offensive to have the ICC defer the cases against Mr Ruto and President Uhuru Kenyatta (whose case was eventually withdrawn in December 2014).

A few days to the Summit in Addis Ababa, and totally out of

the blues, Mr Hebel offered an unsolicited interview with Nation and Standard journalists in The Hague.

Unlike other press engagements by court officials, this interview was going to take place inside his office. And only this writer and one other journalist would be present.

Through a maze of stairs and security doors, a communication officer led us to Mr Hebel's office.

Mr Hebel was waiting for us and as soon as we arrived, we got down to business. Though we were already aware of the upcoming AU extraordinary summit, Mr Hebel was leaving nothing to chance.

When his staff first mentioned the media interaction with the ICC registrar, it was supposed to be an interview where we would ask any general questions we had to Mr Hebel. However, it dawned on us that the registrar had speaking notes about the ICC's view of the upcoming AU summit and our job was only to seek clarifications.

He appealed to Africa against taking any drastic measures, citing the flexibility The Hague had so far shown to the continent. African leaders, the ICC registrar urged, should "hold onto any issues they may have against the court or the conduct of the proceedings until the Assembly of State Parties set for next month (November) rather than at the AU summit."

By the time the "interview" concluded, it was clear the summit was making ICC restless.

Besides the MPs and embassy staff at the public gallery, individuals whom we later came to know were from the National Intelligence Service (NIS) made frantic efforts to befriend Kenyan journalists.

One of them in particular was notorious for sneaking into the media centre during breaks to tell us what he thought the story angle should be or discreetly observe our work.

The two-and-a-half years were memorable, not least of the contacts we made but the experience we gained. The echoes and sideshows from The Hague perhaps deserve to be told in a book.

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Nairobi Senator Mike Sonko argues with police outside the ICC.



**Double tragedy > Victimhood often overlaps, with families of those killed also having lost property and displaced**

# To get closure, make amends to all other violence victims also

The category of people killed, injured, raped and those who lost property during the violence has never been the subject of interest beyond mere numbers

BY GEORGE KEGORO

In the wake of the termination of charges against Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua Sang, the fate of victims of the 2007/2008 post-election violence has come under greater focus.

The Jubilee administration is saying the end of the cases at the International Criminal Court (ICC) frees the government to concentrate on creating a reparations programme for the long-suffering victims of the violence.

A number of concerns must be addressed if reparation — the only remaining promise to victims of the post-election violence — is to be achieved.

First, it is difficult to systematically address the reparation of victims without an agreed definition of who they are. The government views as victims only those people who suffered internal displacement as a result of the violence and went on to live in camps.

Thus, at different times, the government has announced the resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and has represented this as a complete discharge of its duty towards victims of the violence. While IDPs are undoubtedly victims, they are not the only category.

Victimhood of the post-election violence has to be understood in the context of the various violations that took place. In major towns like Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu, the crimes committed included police shootings against rioting mobs. The Waki Commission reported that 1,133 people were killed. Of these, 405 died of gunshot injuries. The total number of people with gunshot wounds, including those killed, was 962. The Commission determined that since only the police used firearms during this period, this category of people must be taken to have been killed by the police.

The category of people killed, as victims of the violence, has never been the subject of interest beyond mere numbers. Mortuaries and hospitals provided information,

including names of the dead, from which the Waki Commission compiled its report. The Commission was also clear that its numbers were not to be regarded as exhaustive, since it had only a limited amount of time to investigate. People killed in the post-election violence, whether by police or otherwise, constitute a provable and stand-alone category. Their families should be the subject of distinct reparation arrangements. Also, people who suffered serious injury, including at the hands of police, can easily be identified and be the subject of responsive arrangements.

A second and distinct category of victims are people who suffered various forms of sexual violence. During this time, the Nairobi Women's Hospital alone treated 653 people who had been raped. Organisations working against gender violence compiled information on the extent and effects of sexual violence, which is otherwise a secret crime that is difficult to document. These organisations also mobilised and supported victims to testify before the Commission. Some of the perpetrators of sexual violence were security agents.

As the Waki report observed: "Sexual violence was not a one-time encounter but a major life-changing experience". A reparations programme would need to track and address the life-changing nature of the violations suffered. According to the Waki Commission, "other than the extraordinary physical and psychological trauma, sexual violence victims also suffered acute injuries, disabilities, contracted diseases like HIV and Aids... as well as extreme feelings of humiliation."

Another category of victims are those who lost property. The Waki Commission reported that 117,216 private property (including residential houses, commercial premises, vehicles, and farm produce) was destroyed. It would be easy to track and address this category of victims.

A number of those who lost property were wealthy business people, whose losses went into millions of shillings. There is no easy answer on how these should be treated in



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## Restitution

### THE KEY POINTS

**Payment in kind:** Cash payments are not necessarily the most appropriate. Access to services such as free quality medical care, or education for the children of a person killed in the violence, make more sense.

**Task force:** It would not be possible to carry out proper reparations without a dedicated and identifiable bureaucracy that would be answerable for this. The government should create such an authority, through a statute.

**Transparency:** Various interest groups should be afforded the chance to participate in decision-making on reparations. This would also ensure transparency and wider participation.

the context of a reparations programme, whether it should merely have a social protection approach that deals with the poorest and most vulnerable, or also deals with compensation for losses suffered by relatively well-to-do people.

Of course, there is the group of internally displaced people, the only one that the government seems to be aware of. The Waki Commission estimated that 350,000 people were displaced. There is a distinction between so-called "integrated IDPs" and the IDPs who settled in camps. The visibility of IDPs in camps guaranteed that they monopolised public attention and many of the reparations programmes. A large number of integrated IDPs comes from the west of the country. Identifying and documenting them would be necessary when planning a reparations programme.

Internal refugees at Ekerenyo camp in Nyamira District board a military lorry to return to their homes in 2014. They alleged official neglect and demanded equal treatment as IDPs in other parts of the country.

Victimhood also often overlaps, with families whose members were killed also having lost property and been displaced, as well as suffering other forms of violence including sexual aggravation. Where multiple violations were suffered, it would be necessary to make case-by-case decisions on what would make sense in terms of reparations.

It is not possible to carry out a meaningful identification of victims of the post-election violence without a reasonably competent and honest public administration. The honesty of the public administration has been called to question repeatedly, including in a 2013 report by Human Rights Watch, which followed a study in Nakuru and Uasin Gishu.

The report documented claims of preferential treatment of IDPs based on ethnicity. This same assertion had been made in 2011 to the parliamentary committee on internally displaced persons. In 2014, Nyamira IDPs marched on the town, alleging official neglect and demanding equal treatment as IDPs in other parts of the country.

Further, President Uhuru Kenyatta's State of the Nation address of 2014 claimed that Sh440,000 had been paid to each of the 8,298 families of IDPs. This is the number of Mau forest evictees paid off by the government. The speech seemed to be representing victims of the Mau displacement as post-election violence victims. Was this a

deliberate attempt to mislead, or was just a mistake?

The government claims that it has already made reparations for a number of violence victims, particularly IDPs. Hopefully, information on what has been done is centrally available and also verifiable. That information should be taken into account in the context of whatever else is to be done going forward. In particular, it should be ensured that cases of double dipping are avoided. It would not be possible to carry out a reparations programme without a dedicated and identifiable bureaucracy that would be answerable for this. The government should create, by statute, such an authority.

Individual financial payments are not necessarily the most appropriate form of reparations. In many situations, access to a service, like free quality medical care, or education for the children of a person killed in the violence, would make more sense than giving out money. The authority would have to be empowered to make decisions on all these types of situations.

Transparency and participation have featured greatly in the discourse on reparations. It would be necessary that the various interest groups are afforded the chance to participate in decision-making on reparations by offering as much transparency as possible.

Jubilee has talked enough. It is now time to act. The end of the ICC cases makes further delays inexcusable.

## Witnesses will continue to enjoy court's protection even as trial ends

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Witnesses who testified in the post-election violence case against Deputy President William Ruto and Joshua Sang will continue to enjoy the protection of the International Criminal Court (ICC) until the potential danger against them is no more.

ICC spokesman Fadi El Abdallah indicated they will keep their word to the protected witnesses even as Mr Ruto on Friday said he had forgiven witnesses who testified against him in The Hague as well as individuals and

civil society groups that "colluded, conspired to manufacture an evil narrative and hired, bribed and coached witnesses."

"The Registry of the ICC has the mandate to protect witnesses and other persons who might be exposed to a threat because of their interaction with the ICC.

"This obligation continues even after the proceedings are terminated and the protection afforded to the witnesses continues as long as there is a potential threat against them," Mr Abdallah said.

Some 30 witnesses testified for ICC

Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda against Mr Ruto and Mr Sang. Ms Bensouda, however, has said "17 witnesses who had agreed to testify against the accused subsequently withdrew their cooperation with the court" allegedly having been "subjected to intimidation, social isolation and threats to prevent them from testifying."

The defence, however, discounts the prosecution's claims of witness tampering. "What is remarkable is that every witness except one appeared before the court and testified. The one who did not testify could not be located by the prosecution or by any other authority;"

Mr Karim Khan, Mr Ruto's lead defence lawyer, has said.

Of the witnesses who came to the court to testify, at least three were expert witnesses who were not under ICC protection. They were Dr Hervé Maupeu, a French academic who specialises in Kenyan social and political affairs, Lars Bromley, who is an analyst with the UN Institute for Training and Research Operational Satellite Applications Programme, and New Zealander Gavin Alistair McFadyen, a member of the Waki Commission that was formed to investigate the 2007/8 post-election violence.

Speaking for the first time since the ICC terminated the case on April 5, Mr Ruto on Friday said he had forgiven all the people and institutions he claimed concocted lies against him and Mr Sang.

"I pray that God, who vindicated me, will help you come to terms with the acts," he said of ICC witnesses. "My prayer is that the same God who vindicated me will help them come to terms with their evil acts and bring them to repentance," he said of individuals and civil society, who he claimed hatched a plan to build a false case against him.



General election&gt; Jubilee will need a selling point

# Jubilee mulls election strategy after ruling

The coalition rode on the tribulations of its flag bearers to win the 2013 elections

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Jubilee is preparing to use the International Criminal Court ruling to consolidate support in their strongholds through a series of thanks-giving rallies.

The first rally will be next weekend in Nakuru after which they will go to opposition strongholds particularly western Kenya, Coast and Gusiland.

This comes after the judges terminated criminal charges against Deputy President William Ruto and co-accused Joshua arap Sang.

Sources in government told the *Sunday Nation* that President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy will as a matter of urgency use the meeting to address the growing disaffection among Jubilee supporters as recently seen in uncharacteristic lukewarm turn out in the voter registration and vouch for their joint ticket next year.

## Significant choice

Since the coalition pact was unveiled at the same venue in December 2012 at a rally dominated by tirades against the foreign court, the choice makes it significant and reinforces the popular belief that International Criminal Court was the hipbone that joined TNA and URP parties.

The rallying call, analysts say, will likely be, "see what we have been able to do despite the overbearing ICC setback emanating from the trumped up charges in a foreign land. We will do exceedingly better now."

"They will be telling their supporters in a lock-in lock-out strategy that unlike the first term when there were constant distractions, sometimes occasioned by summonses to be present in court, they will now have all the time to serve them unimpeded," Mr Tom Mboya, a political scientist from Maseno University, argues.

A leading coalition strategist told the *Sunday Nation* in confidence that the ICC subject is so rich a political arsenal that they intend to "milk it to the last drop". Going by that, it appears the International Criminal Court card is here for the long haul.

While pitching for a fresh round of truth, justice and reconciliation process, Senate Majority leader Kithure Kindiki said it will take time to slay the ghost of ICC and post-election violence.

"The International Criminal Court will be very relevant next year as the collapse of the last two of the six cases against the Kenyan citizens who had been framed up in a flawed process is just the beginning of the journey of transitional justice."

He said the country must now commence the process of establishing the truth to realise true reconciliation.

## The opposition

"You cannot heal if you do not know what happened in the first place."

Jubilee politicians accused Cord presidential candidate in 2013 Raila Odinga of "fixing" the duo at The Hague although the line of attack appeared to have lost Presidency like Anne Gitau of complicity in sending the DP to the dock.

The new matrix dashes the confidence exuded by the opposition that the playing field will now be levelled.

Cord leader Kalonzo Musyoka said the International Criminal Court Kenyan trials are now history.

"The next elections will be devoid of the tribal emotions displayed in 2013. Jubilee will lose because the tribes whose emotions were whipped to extraordinary levels now have their sons set free.

"I would like to imagine a situation where all the Kenyan communities will in one accord throw this administration out of office in order to realise the one nation dream as envisioned by the founders of this great country," he said.

He added: "A leadership based

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Kalonzo Musyoka



on tribal bigotry cannot stand. Inclusivity is what Kenyans deserve and look forward to. Cord provides this promise."

Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter, a permanent figure whenever the DP went to attend the hearing in the Netherlands, is of the view that the matter needs to take a backseat and should not be exploited for the purposes of political mileage.

"We welcome the decision and as we give glory to God, there is an urgent need to embrace what the future holds. That is the only way to achieve reconciliation," he said.

Prof Kindiki, also the Tharaka-Nithi Senator, said the Gacaca model used to achieve harmony after genocide in Rwanda would be the way to go.

"What happened in 2007 is so grave that you cannot apply retributive justice to correct. Only restorative justice applied in Rwanda can work. If we must, retribution can only come at the tail end. The starting point of the conversation is the Sh10 billion kitty announced by the President last year."

The leadership of Kanu, a party embroiled in tough supremacy contest with Mr Ruto's URP, said they would now take on their opponents without holding back.

## Hidden issues

"We are also free at last. Previously, you had to be a bit guarded because any contrary view to that held by the accused would mean you were wishing them bad. We are going to visit all the issues hidden under the carpet. I see a rebirth for the region (Rift Valley) and we will now have true leaders not products of euphoria like is the case," Secretary General Nick Salat said.

Like the famed allegory of gold refined in fire, the DP's opponents in the Rift Valley may need a hiding place after their nemesis came out of the ICC unscathed. His supporters would certainly remind such renegades who will dare stand on the way of their man, a giant who took on an international court and demolished it.

The case outcome has indeed lionised Mr Ruto and it would be hard for anyone in the Rift to stand on his way, at least in the foreseeable future.

Cord has also waded into the International Criminal Court debate with Mr Raila Odinga welcoming the termination of the case against Mr Ruto, who was a key ODM politician in 2007.

Mr Odinga and his party have been keen to distance themselves from allegations that they fixed Mr Ruto. It will be a delicate balancing act as Cord counters the Jubilee International Criminal Court narrative while speaking for the victims of the violence.

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## COUNTY BY COUNTY

### Vihiga

#### Strategic plan to be tabled Tuesday

A proposed five-year County Assembly strategic plan for 2016-2020 will on Tuesday be tabled in the Assembly for debate by MCAs. Speaker Dan Chitwah said: "The assembly will debate the contents of the draft and where necessary make amendments". Contents of the strategic plan have caused public uproar, with people saying the Assembly could use it, if approved, to spend public funds exorbitantly. The County Assembly Service Board has disputed this.

– **Derick Luvega**

### Homa Bay

#### Court issues orders over 2017 polls case



High Court Judge David Majanja has ordered the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and the Attorney-General (AG) to appear in court on Tuesday for a suit MCAs filed against them seeking to have next year's general election deferred. The judge issued the order after the matter came up despite no representative of the IEBC or AG's office being present. Three ward representatives from Homa Bay and five from Kisii are seeking a declaration that the term of MCAs is five years and the current one will expire in

### Siaya

#### County partners to train 100 traders

The county government in conjunction with the Siaya branch of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry will next week train 100 small-scale traders in a two-day exercise at the body's office in Siaya town. According to Roseline Omuga, the KNCCI branch's chairperson, this will provide young entrepreneurs with adequate information on available business opportunities. The training will be an avenue for the traders and the county government to share their experiences and challenges.

– **Nelcon Odhiambo**

### Kisumu

#### Cotu asks Matiang'i to intervene in row

Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) trustee Francis Wangara has asked Education, Science and Technology Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i to intervene in a row pitting teachers against the government over union dues. The Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers, which is under Cotu, and Kenya National Union of Teachers are embroiled in a tug of war with the Teachers Service Commission over remittance of monthly union deductions.

– **Anita Chepkoech**

### Kakamega

#### Building of male ward completed

Construction of a new male ward at Iguhu Sub-County Hospital in Ikolomani constituency at a cost of Sh10 million has been completed. County Executive Committee Member for Health Peninah Mukabane said the ward had a 24-person bed capacity. Building of a theatre at Navakholo Sub-County Hospital at a cost of Sh10 million is in progress and level 5 health facilities in the county have been equipped with laundry machines.

– **Benson Amadala**

### Kericho

#### Ambulance funds to be set aside

The county government will at the start of the 2016/2017 financial year in June set aside Sh7.2 million for running a Beyond Zero ambulance. First Lady Margaret Kenyatta donated to Kericho last year. Governor Paul Chepkwony said that among areas the vehicle had offered services were Kasheen, Mason, Kiletien, Kaborok, Kapsorok and Thesalia. He dismissed an allegation that it had been lying idle at Kericho County Hospital's parking yard.

– **Timothy Kemei**

### Kisumu

#### State advised on curriculum change

A lobby has called on the government to exercise caution and consult in establishing a new education curriculum. Innocent Masara of Track One Learners' Alliance said the government should not rush implementation of a new curriculum as it could "fail just like 8-4-4 system". He said: "Teachers are well-equipped to teach physical education, music, art and other technical subjects. All they need is considerate timetable, from the past that was reserved for humanities and sciences (sic)," he said.

– **Anita Chepkoech**



### Rhythmic moves

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Women dance at the Carnivore restaurant in Nairobi during an event organised by members of Maendeleo ya Wanawake in the coast to discuss development. The function was titled Kishutu.

### Kilifi

#### MP optimistic new law will help create change

Kaloleni MP Gunga Mwinga has expressed hope that a new legislation that requires constituencies to form committees for the newly created National Government Constituency Development Fund (NGCDF) that replaced the CDF will bring change and a new dawn in Kilifi. He said: "...new committees have to be formed so that they can immediately start their work and start accessing the funds. The money has been lying idle in banks and could not be used because there were no signatories". Mr Mwinga said the new law would ensure efficiency and help in development.

– **Kazungu Samu**

### Isiolo

#### Medical centre gets health equipment

The United Nations Children's Fund Emergency Fund and the United States Agency for International Development have donated reproductive health equipment worth Sh15 million to Isiolo Referral Hospital. The move is aimed at increasing skilled deliveries in the county, hence reducing maternal deaths. Governor Godana Doyo's wife Madina said: "Despite the commitment to maternal healthcare, the country continues to make slow progression in reducing the number of maternal deaths. Therefore, we must make deliberate strategies to reverse the trend".

– **Vivian Jebet**

### Embu

#### Sh250m set aside to transform hospital

The county government is building a Sh250 million complex to transform the Embu public health institution. Governor Martin Wambora said the building would be complete by June. Upon completion, the hospital will have a bed capacity of 700 patients. Mr Wambora said the hospital, which will serve Embu, Kirinyaga, Tharaka-Nithi, Kitui and parts of Machakos, would in a few years' time be able to handle all major ailments. He said: "It will completely change the status of the health services in this county".

– **Charles Wanyoro**

### Meru

#### Professionals to open community library

Professionals in Tigania West sub-county are set to open a community library. It is the brainchild of Godfrey Mwika, managing director of Grande Afrique Consulting, a technology firm. Speaking to the *Sunday Nation*, Mr Mwika said the library would be a source of educational and informative material in centres across the sub-county. He said: "The Tigania West Community Library will mobilise resources to provide a long-term solution to the education problem in Tigania West by providing learning materials to rural schools".

– **David Muchui**

### Makueni

#### Kibwana criticises Mbooni legislator

Governor Kivutha Kibwana on Friday criticised Mbooni MP Kisoi Munyao for what he termed the lawmaker's denunciation of his administration. Speaking after commissioning a water project in Mbooni, the governor said Mr Munyao should appreciate projects that the devolved government was undertaking. "You need to tell Kisoi to stop attacking me and to learn to appreciate the development initiatives that the county government is undertaking" Prof Kibwana said at Malaa Secondary School.

– **Pius Maundu**

### Machakos

#### Family of missing man petitions State

The family of a pharmacist at Kangundo Level 4 Hospital, who went missing on Monday afternoon, yesterday petitioned the government to expedite investigations into his disappearance. Relatives led by his wife Khadija Ali said the hospital's management was not co-operating to tell them what happened to Abdallah Waititu, 34, who heads the hospital's pharmacy department.

– **Gastone Valusi**

### Mombasa

#### Agency destroys counterfeit pens

The Anti-Counterfeit Agency (ACA) has destroyed counterfeit ballpoint pens worth Sh7 million. The pens were packed in a 20-foot container and discovered at the Mombasa Container Terminal. The agency's assistant director for Enforcement and Prosecution, Abdikadir Mohamed, said: "We intercepted this container and seized the goods on June 9, 2014 and the suspect was charged in three months later but absconded from the court (sic)".

– **Gitonga Marete**

### Tana River

#### Police investigating killing of bike rider

Police have launched investigation into a mysterious killing of a boda boda rider whose body was found yesterday two days after going missing. Deputy County Commissioner Kennedy Lunano said Goru Neeko was found dead at Umoja village in Hola town. The body of the deceased, aged between 20 and 30, was found with deep cuts. His motorcycle had been abandoned near Hola County Referral Hospital. He said the victim was a resident of Kiarikungu village.

– **Galgalo Bocha**



Seeking truth &gt; Wife and mistress exchanged nasty e-mails

# Inquest told of infidelity and brawls before murder of playboy

Karen artist was killed 15 years ago in what was said to be a normal carjacking gone wrong; but his mother thinks assassin

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Tales of extra-marital affairs, threatening e-mails and domestic brawls have dominated an ongoing inquest into the murder of a playboy artist who met his death outside his mistress' Villa in the upmarket Karen neighborhood 15 years ago.

The widow of Antonio Trzebinski recounted her numerous fights with her husband over his illicit affair with a Danish professional game hunter Natasha Illumborg in the months leading to his fatal shooting on October 16, 2001.

Testifying before Resident Magistrate Eddah Agade, Anna Sophie Trzebinski spoke about the pain she went through after discovering that her husband was cheating on her with Miss Natasha, and the nasty e-mails they exchanged with her rival.

"We met at some function, she was not a friend, she had a distinct Danish accent, she had come to our house," Anna said of her husband's mistress.

"I was incredibly upset and dismayed about finding what I suspected was likely to be going on," she told the inquest into her husband's murder.

"I sent him fowl e-mails, he sent me a few. I am sure the e-mails were not polite. I was so upset, I received an e-mail from Natasha saying I was jealous, bored and possessive housewife and I was so mad at them both," she went on.

Anna, who remarried shortly after,

however denied any role in the murder, describing the father of their two children as a great friend, a good father and an amazing man.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with Antonio's death and that is deeply offensive to me and the children. I was not in any meeting where anyone planned to kill my husband. I would not know anyone who had reason to kill Antonio," she added amid sobs.

At the time of Antonio's fatal shooting, the couple were living separately and Anna was receiving treatment at a US rehabilitation facility.

The inquest started its hearings on February, this year, after years of undercover detective work by Antonio's mother, who disputes the original police theory that her son's murder was the result of a simple carjacking that went wrong.

Neither his car, nor his expensive watch or a wad of cash in his wallet was stolen and his mother believes a hired assassin killed her son.

Testifying before the inquest, Natasha opened up on her illicit love affair with Antonio, her other affair with a former British soldier and her nasty e-mail exchanges with Anna.

"I was in a relationship with another man Sebastian Willis Planning. Karen is a small community, I had met his (Antonio) Anna. It was not a secret he was in an unhappy marriage and I had a relationship with him (while still being with another man Sebastian who was also in another relationship," she said.

"We were in love, we were planning a future, he came to my house very often. When he died, he had moved out of their house with Anna and informed his wife and his mother that he wanted a divorce," she added.

"He named his fears, he said he was extremely scared of Anna and her capabilities

and I asked how bad it was and he told me I had no idea what Anna was capable of," she went on.

She narrated the day Anna sent her a threatening e-mail. "I cannot remember if Anna called me. She sent me a threatening e-mail, very threatening. She said something to the effect that she thought I was wearing a protective gear because she was coming around. As much as it was a threat, I felt she was desperate and jealous," she stated.

Natasha also revealed how police had tried to frame Anna for her husband's murder.

"I refused to answer when the police asked me if I knew if Anna had arranged the death of Antonio and I told them Anna was the mother of their children. I kept it neutral, I did not want to be put in a corner."

She did not however attend Antonio's funeral and subsequent cremation as she had been aware her presence was not desired, she stated.

A family friend who also testified at the inquest maintained that Antonio was a victim of a carjacking attempt gone awry and that his death was not linked to his extramarital affair.

Mr Ludovico Gnecci, an Italian investor living in Kenya since 1988, was categorical that Antonio's escapades with Natasha could not have led to his death.

The couple had two children - Stas, 24 and Lana, 23 who were about nine and eight years at the time their father's cold blooded murder.

On the fateful day, Antonio had spent time with the children and returned them to the house to sleep. He told the workers that he would return.

He called Natasha informing her that he was on his way to her residence, but he never made it as he was gunned down at point blank range a few meters from his mistress's residence.

The inquest will resume in August.

## Why electoral team wants to acquire new electronic machines

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The fixed battery life span of the electronic equipment used to identify voters in 2013 is not the only reason the electoral commission is seeking to replace them.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) now says that failures of the Electronic Voter Identification (Evids) in 2013 coupled with the "logistical challenges in terms of the storage, transport and maintenance costs" make the 2013 kits unusable in the next election.

"The failure rate of the Evids functionality has demonstrated to the commission that it will be a high risk to use the same Evids in the 2017 General Election," IEBC CEO Ezra

Chiloba said. Furthermore, Mr Chiloba said, the commission intends to add more polling stations in 2017 to cater for new voters. IEBC will dispose of the 34,600 controversial gadgets used in the 2013 General Election and replace them with new version of Evids. A number of former and current IEBC commissioners and staff are facing investigations over the controversial purchase of the kits that failed to a large extent in 2013 and forced the identification of voters to be done manually.

The equipment were obtained from South Africa's Face Technologies at the last minute and left little time to train commission staff on how to use them.

In 2013, each gadget cost Sh55,500 at the current exchange rate).

The cost of acquiring the new

kits, Mr Chiloba said, is part of the technology budget included in the Elections Operations Plan (EOP) and submitted to the National Treasury.

The EOP's indicative budget as of November 15, 2015 for electoral technologies is about Sh4.5 billion, part of which formed the Sh500 million budget in 2015/16 for Mass Voter Registration and ICT.

"While it is true that the batteries have reached end of life, the fact that we have two different Evid gadgets (laptop and handhelds) has proven to be a logistical challenge in terms of the storage, transport and maintenance costs of the Evids," Mr Chiloba said.

According to IEBC, the shelf life of the batteries under normal maintenance is three years, so all the batteries will have to be replaced if they do not buy new EVIDs.

"But there will be additional polling stations. Each polling station will have an Evid. Since the current ones were custom-made for the commission, there are high chances that acquiring additional kits may mean a different model all together. For consistency purposes, there is value to only have one model of Evid," he added.

The new model, the commission explained, would have to take into account all the factors including the current cost of the gadgets, power management and retention, costs of maintenance, multi-functional capabilities, reliability, portability, sustainability and security.

"The 2013 General Election were the first time that Kenya fully adopted the use of ICT technology in elections. The commission has learnt valuable lessons and has a viable plan to address the challenges faced in 2013. The commission will ensure that the proposed new gadgets to either replace or upgrade the existing shall be designed based on these lessons as well as future sustainability and cost of maintenance," the commission CEO said.

**34,600** The commission will dispose these many gadgets used in the 2013 polls

## Governors call for peaceful coexistence

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Marsabit Governor Ukur Yattani and his Wajir counterpart Ahmed Abdullahi have called on locals to embrace peaceful coexistence along the border of the two counties.

This follows an attack in Shurr, Marsabit in which two people died and another in Arbahan, Wajir where five people lost their lives in a retaliatory attack.

Governor Abdullahi warned that anyone found culpable of the killings would be met with the full force of the law.

"Killing of innocent lives is unacceptable and cannot be condoned," he said.

Mr Yattani (above) challenged leaders and local residents to champion for peace.

"Communities should share the pasture and water resources available amicably," he said. "The responsibility of ensuring peace lies with us all. If we can't ensure peace, our people whom we lead will never forgive us for the rest of their lives and generations to come."

They spoke at a peace meeting for the Gabra and Degodia communities following a wave of violence

"Killing of innocent lives is unacceptable and cannot be condoned"

Marsabit Governor Ukur Yattani

erupted between herders from the two communities.

The two leaders and elders reached an agreement to form a committee that would spearhead a quest for lasting peace.

"We have formed a peace committee of ten members. They are meeting to agree on how the families who lost their loved ones can be compensated. They will give us a report in two weeks before we can sign a peace accord between the two counties," Mr Yattani said.

The two county leaders and elders resolved to end hostility and attacks between the communities.

The governors were accompanied by Marsabit County Commissioner Muga Mutindika and MPs Ahmed Orre (Wajir West), Chachu Ganya (North Horr) and Mohammed Elmi (Torbach) who urged residents from the two counties to uphold peace.



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## Happily ever after

Charles Gichuhi (right) and his bride Ann Wambui at their wedding at PCEA Nyamachaki Parish in Nyeri yesterday. The couple are deaf.

## Mau Mau raising money to buy land

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The Mau Mau war veterans have formed an association that will see them raise money to acquire land on their own, after the government turned a deaf ear on their requests to have them allocated free land.

The initiative is being spearheaded by Mrs Mukami Kimathi, the widow of the late freedom fighter Dedan Kimathi through her Mukami Kimathi Foundation.

The foundation has through Eden Park and Country Gardens, a real estate company,

identified an 18,000 acre piece of land at Rumuruti in Laikipia and are now raising funds to purchase it.

The foundation and Eden Park has already convened the first meeting that brought together representatives of the Mau Mau veterans from Mount Kenya region at Utalii Hotel.

Ms Evelyn Wanjugu Kimathi, Mukami's daughter, said the initiative was after they realised that the government had no intentions of resettling the war veterans, some of whom are squatters. Ms Wanjugu attended the meeting on behalf of her aging mother.



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# 2017 will be about greedy elites seeking to replace 'loot-seekers'

The informal start date of the August 2017 General Election has come earlier than is usual with Kenya's polls. Politicians usually begin to out-compete one another about nine months to election date. Today, the election date is about 16 months away but politicians have begun actual preparations. In all the major towns, signs of intense competition are visible through billboards or boda boda riders' jackets. The frequency of fundraising events or harambees is on the rise. Social media usage is also on increase going by the number of discussion groups and counter groups that are forming everyday everywhere. All this is pointing to an increased number of individuals likely to compete in the "six-in-one" General Election.

While in the past this kind of interest reflected the need to serve and represent people, there is real evidence that greed is the motive behind the interest of many elites gunning for these posts. In fact, many people eyeing various posts are yet to present an agenda of what they want to do. Many of them want to run because their Member of Parliament (MP) is "just eating CDF" or that the governor is busy giving contracts to friends. Others want the post of member of County Assembly simply because the current lot of MCAs have ran amok milking the public coffers dry.

In all these discussions, you hear little or nothing about what one will do to stop "eating" or end corruption among MCAs. You hear little about what the potential candidates will do to prepare for prosecution of their governor if they believe he or his associates are corrupt. There is no one talking about how they have collected evidence enough to put their local MP or MCA on the prosecution deck for abuse of office.

What many are not saying openly is that they envy the amount of resources at the disposal of the governor. They envy the amount of resources given to the MCAs when they threaten to impeach local leaders. They are also envious of the emoluments of the MPs. Simply put, many are envious of how others are milking the State without punishment.

On the whole the "organising question" for the 2017 election is greed. There are many people seeking posts because they want to enrich themselves. Their interest is not to represent the people but to do as others have done.

The fact that there is no clarity on the organising question for the 2017 election means we shall have mixed results. This is because what the election will focus on determines what leaders we shall have at the end. The platform on which people campaign determines what the next Parliament will concentrate on. In many counties, what we have are "loot-seeking" groups that want to replace another group because they had their turn to eat. The



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discussion is about which clan should now take the post of governor because the current one and his clan have eaten enough. And where there is no compromise on who will take the post of governor, it is possible that local groups will settle this through a violent conflict; the competition will be stormy and violent.

## Increased claims to resources

This is happening because devolution has meant increased resources at the county level. In all counties there is now more resources available to elected leaders to support development. Availing these resources for development was designed as a deliberate constitutional principle to allow all groups and regions access to development funds.

Devolution was meant to enhance participation of people in shaping their own development. Devolution was aimed at reducing competition over national resources because this competition took ethnic overtones and fuelled violent conflicts. Access to the national resources shaped the conflicts we have had at election time.

Resources to the county governments have heightened stakes of county power and in particular stakes over the post of governor because he presides over distri-

bution of resources at the county level. It has meant increased interest in the post of the governor because this is where resources are concentrated.

The type of intense competition we used to have at the national presidential campaigns has been decentralised and dispersed to all the 47 counties. The national problem of winner-takes-all politics has been devolved to all counties. In each county, groups will be fighting it out on the basis of their numbers: leaders will be mobilising their clans to outcompete rivals. This will mean multiple conflicts throughout the country because a majority of counties are not homogenous in terms of group composition.

How does this compare to previous elections? Grievances took a central role in past general elections. The focus was on the failure of the central government to deliver development. Many ethnic groups would complain about the government neglecting them in terms of development. The grievances were often couched in the language of the President favouring his own community at the expense of others. It was all about grievances against the centre.

This is what tended to make the national presidential election violent; every election was seized as a moment for a group to access the government and its resources. The "winner-takes-all" approach made elections not only competitive but also violent because losers lost everything even after making massive financial investments.

The 2010 Constitution sought to address this challenge by introducing a new approach to national development. Devolution is indeed an innovative response to Kenya's violent past. The Supreme Law came with a promise to address this, especially because the 2007 election brought it to our attention that these grievances were not only real but also the fulcrum around which everything political revolved. The Constitution focuses on giving resources to address the challenges

of development and underlines development as a right in many respects. The Constitution also spells out that the government at both the county and the national level should spend public funds in a transparent and accountable manner.

But the Constitution is not sufficient for addressing the grievances because it did not recondition our mindset. The shift of resources from the national to the local level has meant devolving the centralised tendencies to the local level.

What we have at the county level, therefore, is centralised power. Everything revolves around the governor, begins and ends with the governor. The county assemblies are required to play oversight role on how the governor spends finances and how the governor plans development. The MCAs, however, are not skilled in oversight; some are so poorly "schooled" that they cannot hold the governors to account. Many of them have no idea that Katiba does not expect them to deliver development. At the national level, MPs and Senators are similarly ignorant. They still think they have a role in delivering development rather than playing the role of oversight, representation and legislation.

## Loot seekers ready for 2017

Everybody is chasing the resources from the centre. Everybody is chasing resources that are now devolved to the local level. The 2017 election will serve as the site for this competing greed and behaviour.

What this implies is that the 2017 electoral conflicts at the level of the county government will be more pronounced than ever before. The 2017 election will be about the greed of elites who are keen to replace those they consider "loot-seekers". The conflicts will intensify because there is no governor or MCA who is keen to let it go and yet the new group will be keen to advance its interest at the county level. In fact, there is no man of means who will spend resources only to sit and wait for the seat to go.

All this is will happen because there is little or no attention to the Chapter on Leadership and Integrity, the central pillar of Kenya's Constitution. Reclaiming the country will require making Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity the main organising platform for the 2017 General Election. This will be difficult to achieve particularly because we have no one championing embedding of this agenda in our national discourses. Because we have forgotten about leadership and integrity, everyone involved in recent corruption scandals is seeking to be a leader at the county level. This is the challenge of our nation.

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# Ford-K positions itself as viable option in Cord

Fearing shambolic primaries, aspirants are moving to friendly parties to be sure to get ticket

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Ford-Kenya is slowly turning into a landing point for politicians who fear being disenfranchised by the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM).

Lately, ODM has been notorious for conducting shambolic primaries in its strongholds, with many politicians cutting links with the giant party in 2013.

The situation saw Kisumu West MP Olago Aluoch decamp to Ford-K to remain in the ballot; a cue that was taken by many current MPs and MCAs.

The disgruntled lot went to Cord-friendly parties like People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Wiper; though the coalition principals had agreed they would not field competing candidates within the umbrella Cord. But PDP started working closely with Jubilee after the General Election.

Muhoroni MP James K'oyoo, who has indicated he will seek re-election in ODM, was affected by chaotic polls, as was Mr Jared Kopyo (Awendo) and George Muluan (Alego-Usonga).

At the time, Mr Abdul Mohamed, an aspirant for Kisumu Central constituency seat, also decamped from ODM to Ford-K but lost to Mr Ken Obura.

Governor Okoth Obado (Migori) and Nyamira Senator Okong'o Mong'are were equally forced to seek election in PDP and Ford-K respectively.

Uncertainty among politicians in ODM strongholds in getting the party's ticket is already stalking preparations by the party for the General Election.

Since Western Kenya is predominantly a Cord stronghold, savvy politicians eyeing various seats are running away from ODM nomination debacles. They are defecting to either Ford-Kenya or Wiper, just remaining under the shadow of Cord leader Raila Odinga but not in his ODM party.

Butula MP Michael Onyura of Federal Party of Kenya has declared that he will defend his seat on a Ford-Kenya ticket.

Reliable sources have also indicated that Funyula MP Paul Otuoma, who wants to unseat governor Sospeter Ojaamong,



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Senator Boni Khalwale

is eyeing the Wetang'ula-led party since he is not guaranteed an ODM ticket.

The estranged group says past ODM nominations have made them cautious, arguing that there is no proof that the coming primaries will be free and fair.

Senator Boni Khalwale is also looking at succeeding Mr Oparanya through Ford-Kenya. The latter is ODM deputy leader and has an upper hand in getting the party's blessing for the governorship of Kakamega County for a second term.

## Massive defections

As time goes by, and with the escalated interests in the devolved seats, most parties allied to Cord are likely to see massive defections — which have been blamed on Mr Odinga's close allies.

With ODM remaining the most favoured party in the region, the leaders said they have a reason to be cautious so as not to lose out.

Mr Ochieng' Daima, who defected to Wiper after current Nyakach MP Aduma Ouwor obtained the ODM certificate, said he would fight for the Orange certificate in 2017.

"I am a life member of ODM. We were not given ample time by the IEBC to appeal the nominations outcome. That is why I jumped to another vehicle. But in 2017, I am bidding for an ODM ticket," Mr Ochieng' said.

On his part, Mr Koyoo (Muhoroni) said that they should not be judged by the decisions they took to survive the confusion in 2013.

ODM secretary-general Ababu Namwamba said they want the 2017 nominations to be a different ball game marked by fairness to all candidates.

To avert fallout, the party will conduct the primaries in good time — at least one year before the polls — to allow for reviews where the results are contested.

"We are also working on strict regulations that will make it hard to by-pass those who have tirelessly served the ODM party in one way or another over the years," Mr Namwamba said.



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A campaign rally for the Kericho senatorial by-election last month.

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# Gripping drama at schools fete



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Egerton University students Gabriel Kanja Wanjiku, and Simani Sandra in the play "The Royal Kiss" at the ongoing 57th edition of the Kenya National Drama Festival yesterday, at Kaaga Boys High School in Meru.

Negative effects of social media played out at drama festival, whose main theme is nurturing artistic talent for national development

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Theatre giants Mumbi Girls High School yesterday staged a thrilling choral verse, *The Vortex*, during the fifth day of the 57th edition of the Kenya National Drama Festival at Meru School.

The choral verse highlights the effects of social media on students, parenting and cyber crime.

It tells the story of a girl who gets a smart phone gift from her mother. With the phone, she is able to access many social media platforms.

In one site, she interacts with a young man who offers her a date. It turns out the young man is actually quite old, but had posted different profile pictures at the site.

The girl is introduced to alcohol and drug abuse and ends up pregnant. The stage-set is colourful and the play is true to its billing.

The verse also castigates parental ignorance of the Internet, which is widely used for leisure and education by teenagers with smart phones, sometimes to their detriment.

The main theme of the drama

festival is nurturing artistic talent for national development.

Kianyaga High School presented a great idea against corruption. They used several production tricks to good effect — with rat metaphors depicting corrupt leaders.

The human rats made high-pitched squeals that clearly marked them out as rodents.

### Rescue Kauchumi

*Torrent of Rodents* — scripted and directed by Murungu Joseph, a veteran playwright — uses allegory and stage metaphors to bemoan the effects of corruption on a struggling economy. At the centre of the conflict is baby Kauchumi (Brian Kanani), who is about to be attacked by sewer rats. His parents, Patience (Stephen Kibe) and Mukurino wa Drama (Aloise Mbagara), go through a series of trials to rescue their child.

**57** Editions of the Kenya National Drama Festival staged so far

Ironically, it is the corrupt drama teacher, Mukurino wa Drama, who propped up the corrupt leaders-cum-rats in the first place. The play has rib-cracking humour and breath-taking scenes.

Kang'aru School from Highland presented *Prongs of the Devil Fork*, which mocks the new breed of land grabbers currently traversing the country in search of quick deals.

Alliance Boys' French solo *8 FO-FO*, written and directed by M Jones, depicts the dangers of drug abuse in school.

Other highlights included Egerton University's play *The Royal Kiss*, Zetech's choral verse *Pilatu*, a mime by KCA University and a cultural dance by University of Kabianga.

Yet other top presenters included Laikipia University (oral narrative), Mount Kenya University (mime and solo verse), Rongo University (oral narrative) and Lukenya Teachers College (play).

Today's highlights include pieces by Kakamega High, Agoro Sare High, Gikumene Girls, Kenyatta Mwatate, Alliance Girls, Dagoretti High and Drys Girls High School.

# Business people in Meru smiling all the way to the bank, thanks to festival

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Hotels in Meru town and its environs have doubled their rates for rooms due to an influx of guests attending the national drama festival.

The hotels are doing roaring business and most of them are fully booked, with drama trainers, producers, sponsors, school principals, theatre lovers and education officials.

More than 50,000 participants are taking part in the Kenya National Drama Festival, which started in the county on Tuesday last week.

Teachers and officials sleep in hotels while students sleep in special villages.

A check by the *Sunday Nation* showed that besides doubling their room rates, hotels are also making a killing in the evenings when teachers, drama officials, adjudicators and other guests unwind after the day's performances.

Speaking when he officially opened the event on Wednesday, Governor Peter Munya said the event was a major economic boost for Meru town.

He urged business people not to exploit the visitors. "Right now, we can say Meru town is a 24-hour economy," said Mr Munya.

Mr Munya urged governors to open talent centres in their counties to give young people an opportunity to nurture artistic and sports talent.

He said Meru has two such centres, one at Meru School and another at Meru Teachers College which take in students during school holidays.

Not only hotels are doing

Right now, we can say Meru town is a 24-hour economy."  
Governor Peter Munya



booming business. The transport industry has also benefited as taxis, mostly the Probox type, are in huge demand by participants travelling from the town to festival venues at Meru School, Kaaga Boys, Kaaga Girls and Kenya Methodist University.

The Probox carries up to eight passengers, each paying Sh50.

Food stalls at the venues are kept busy the whole day while water and beverage sellers are also doing roaring business.

The festival ends on Wednesday with a gala family day.

County traffic wardens and traffic police have been having a hectic time controlling traffic.

Security at the festival venues, Meru town and its environs as well as students' accommodation villages has been beefed up.

Imenti North police boss Sammy Koskei said more than 100 officers from the regular police, Administration Police and Prisons Department had been deployed in the town.

The event was last held in Meru in 2009.

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# Kenya Power's three-pronged approach to boosting supply

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**K**enya Power has invested KShs120 billion in 252 projects in a bid to rapidly electrify the East African nation in the next five years.

Targeting households, industries and streets, the utility firm is accelerating connectivity to attain universal electricity access by 2020 and enhance the competitiveness of local manufacturers.

These projects are aimed at ensuring quality and reliability of power supply to stimulate economic growth and accelerate job creation for improved economic wellbeing of Kenyans. The expansion of the power distribution system to be within the reach of many will enable more Kenyans connect to the grid at affordable cost and hence initiate economic activities at the micro-economic level.

In the past, manufacturers decried expensive electricity as a major stumbling block to the realisation of Kenya's industrialisation drive as it rendered the country's goods less competitive.

Kenya Power chief executive Ben Chumo says the firm's three-pronged approach of lighting up homes and streets as well as powering industries will transform the nation's economy in less than a decade.

He said, for instance, the Sh1 billion invested in additional power lines (or what he referred to as 'spare tyres') to 175 industries – out of a targeted 200 under the Boresha Stima Viwandani project – is enhancing the reliability of power supply to factories.

"We want them to have more than one spare tyre – or distribution line – so that when we switch off one line to maintain another, they continue with their operations uninterrupted," he said.

Dr Chumo dispelled the notion that lack of funding could stall its connectivity projects, saying Kenya Power enjoys the goodwill of the national government as well as international donors who are queuing to fund its activities.

From multilateral donors including the World Bank, the African development Bank, the European Union, the French Development Agency and the European Investment Bank, Kenya Power received KShs62.5 billion over the last one year to connect households under

the Last Mile Connectivity Project. This project is aimed to support the Kenya Government's initiatives of ensuring increased electricity access to Kenyans, particularly among the low income groups. Under this initiative, Kenya Power currently connects an average 3,000 new customers to the national grid, bringing the current number of connected households to 4.4 million.

This effectively means 24.2 million Kenyans or 53 per cent of the population have access to electricity, up from 27 per cent connectivity three years ago.

Kenya Power was the only parastatal to feature in the March 2016 Top 10 Most Influential brands survey by Ipsos Synovate. The survey carried out in 21 countries across

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the world had a total of 100 brands ranked and evaluated.

In Kenya, 106 brands were selected out of the 5000 available local brands.

The ranking was based on determining the product and services that demonstrate a high level of actual interaction, deeply entrenched in the people's habits and routines. Kenya Power interacts with Kenyans right from home to work and all the way to industries by providing the electricity that powers modern lifestyles and business operations.

Dr Chumo said the utility firm's recognition as one of Kenya's ten most influential brands was not accidental and the future is bright. He explained that the firm has been implementing customer-centric strategies that have enabled "our presence to be felt in the community."

This, he explained, is because "we

are the most devolved institution in Kenya with 47 county managers and regional managers in seven regions (previously named provinces). We devolved our operations even before the Kenya Constitution 2010 began being implemented." He added that Kenya Power's fairly aggressive connectivity programme has taken its services to customers' doorsteps, including informal settlements in Kenya's major towns. "We no longer wait for Kenyans come to us and queue to be connected; we go looking for them. People see us everywhere in the country. They see our vehicles, our contractors and our clerks as we have moved to double connections," he said.

The utility firm has also enhanced stakeholder engagements with Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Kenya Private Sector Alliance, residents associations and county governments, among others.

## NUMBERS THAT POWER THE ECONOMY

### Electricity connection



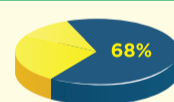
**3,000:** Average daily connections to the national grid

**4.4 million:** Number of Kenyan households on the grid, double the 2.2 million connected by 2013



**24.2 million:** Population of Kenyans with access to power

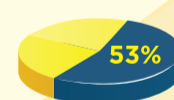
### Impact



**68%:** Reduction of fuel cost charge component in electricity bill, down from KShs7.22 per kWh by August 2014 to KShs2.31 per kWh.



**18%:** Fuel cost charge as a component of electricity bill today down from 39% in August 2014



**53%:** Current national connectivity, up from 27% in 2013

### Network expansion



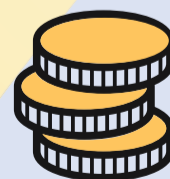
**53,320:** Number of transformers Kenya Power is using to connect 314,000 new households or 1,727,000 citizens

**60,153km:** Total length of medium voltage lines today, up from 49,818 in 2013, with 10,335km having been added over the last three years



**84:** Number of sub-stations Kenya Power will have commissioned beginning 2013 to June 2016

### Project funding



**KShs62.5 billion:** Multilateral funding for Last Mile Connectivity Project over the last one year

**KShs119 billion:** Amount of funding for 252 ongoing projects to be completed in the next five years



**KShs7.6 billion:** Funding for national street/public lighting project being undertaken on behalf of the Kenya Government





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**Procurement > Tobiko has directed governor be charged with abuse of office**

# Graft charges against Mutua elicit sharp criticism by MPs

Leaders see it as ploy to dent 'Maendeleo Chap Chap' ahead of 2017 polls, saying no money was lost in purchase of used cars

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The decision by Public Prosecutions Director Keriako Tobiko to have Governor Alfred Mutua charged over procurement issues has elicited spirited opposition from MPs allied to the county boss.

The MPs say that since no money was lost in procurement of vehicles, the issue should be dealt with administratively. They accuse the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the DPP of being drawn into what they term as President Uhuru Kenyatta's succession politics.

Last week, Mr Tobiko directed that Dr Mutua be charged with abuse of office in relation to irregular purchase of 16 vehicles for his executive committee members.

In a letter seen by the *Sunday Nation*, the DPP accuses Dr Mutua of abuse of office and wilful failure to comply with government procedures relating to pre-used motor vehicles.

Reads the letter: "Dr Alfred Mutua abused his office by conferring a benefit to Extreme Auto Ltd by originating the idea of purchase of pre-used motor vehicles. He presented the idea for endorsement of the prices that he himself gave in the first cabinet meeting held on 16th April 2013."

The EACC recommended prosecution of Dr Mutua after they received complaints from Machakos Senator Johnstone



Governor Alfred Mutua. The DPP accuses him of abuse of office and wilful failure to comply with government procedures relating to pre-used motor vehicles.

Muthama. The duo has been jostling for supremacy in Machakos since the last elections.

Dr Mutua is yet to be charged in court.

Now MPs Victor Munyaka and John Munuve say the charges are choreographed to dent the governor's image in a bid to stop him from being a key player in the Uhuru succession.

"EACC did not act on its own motion — a clear manifestation that they did not have a problem with the process. No money was lost," said Mr Munyaka.

Mr Munyaka (Machakos Town) said the Transitional Authority was still in charge when the said vehicles were bought and, therefore, Dr Mutua was not fully in charge. He termed the charges as political and predicted that Dr Mutua would win.

The MP cited the case against Embu Governor Martin Wambora, where the Court of Appeal

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**John Munuve, Mwingi North MP**

sitting in Nyeri held that a governor cannot be charged with procurement matters because he is not an accounting officer

Members of the tender committee that approved the purchase have already been charged in court. They include Ms Irene Kamau, who was the interim county secretary, Mr John Mwirichia, the head of procurement, and Mr Francis Mwaka, the county secretary.

Mr Munyaka said the rising high profile of Dr Mutua has not endeared him to government functionaries who are

now plotting his downfall. "It is all a script; let them fall into their own trap," he said.

Mr Munuve asked: "What are they going to charge the governor with, saving money by buying vehicles at cheaper prices?" Mr Munuve (Mwingi North MP), said the governor had been rated consistently as the number one performer in the past three years.

When contacted, Governor Mutua would not be drawn to comment on the charges against him.

Dr Mutua is the leader of Maendeleo Chap Chap, a movement that he says champions development politics. The movement has 24 offices in Ukambani.

He rose to prominence when he served as the Government Spokesman during President Mwai Kibaki's two terms in office.

## Wiper politicians threaten to quit Cord

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Wiper Democratic Movement MPs yesterday threatened to quit Cord unless their party's leader Kalonzo Musyoka is chosen the coalition's presidential candidate for the 2017 General Election.

The legislators said Cord's memorandum of understanding (MOU) must be respected and they would accept nothing short of Mr Musyoka's name being on the ballot paper as the coalition's flag-bearer.

Led by Kitui Rural MP Charles Nyamai, the lawmakers said Mr Musyoka agreed to back ODM leader Raila Odinga on the basis

of the agreement that formed the coalition, stipulating future engagement among the political parties.

"We did our bit as Wiper party in supporting our partners ODM during the last elections. It is now their turn to rally behind our party leader as agreed in the 2012 MOU that established the Cord coalition," Mr Nyamai said.

He said Wiper would walk out of Cord and chart a different political path if that agreement was violated by their partners ODM and Ford-Kenya.

His strong sentiments were supported by MPs Chris Wamalwa (Kimini), Makali Mulu (Kitui Central), Daniel Maanzo (Makueni), John

Munuve (Mwingi North) and Peter Mathuki (East African Legislative Assembly).

The MPs spoke at the burial of Ruth Mawia Nyenze, the mother of National Assembly Minority Leader and Kitui West MP Francis Nyenze, in Katheka, Kitui.

Mr Wamalwa said the matter of the MOU could not be wished away.

"What people are saying is true. We know there is an MOU binding the coalition partners to rally behind Mr Musyoka of Wiper party in the 2017 presidential elections," he said.

The lawmaker stated: "There are no flower girls in Cord to always escort other people to big parties. The coalition part-

ners must give direction on this matter without delay."

Mr Makali and Mr Mathuki said their party leader was best suited to defeat Jubilee's quest for President Uhuru Kenyatta's re-election and he had fulfilled his political obligations to the coalition by supporting Mr Odinga in 2013.

Senators Johnstone Muthama (Machakos) and David Musila (Kitui) supported the MPs' calls to have the understanding respected.

Mr Musyoka told the legislators his presidential bid did not depend on any leader among his partners declaring him their preferred candidate. Rather, it depended on strategic political calculations to defeat Jubilee.

## Judges rule in favour of family in property case

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The Court of Appeal has thwarted attempts by the government to declare a private residence in Nairobi a national monument.

Appellate judges Martha Koome, Fatuma Sichale and Otieno Odek overturned a High Court decision by declaring that the property had no historical interest.

By a legal notice of September 17, 2008, the defunct ministry of national heritage and culture declared the prime property sitting on 1.7 acres in Parklands Second Avenue, a national monument.

The then minister William ole Ntimama said he considered the residential building owned by the late freedom fighter Jashbai Motibhai Desai to be of historical interest as he used to meet renowned world leaders within the premises.

But as it emerged later in the court proceedings, the minister appeared to have been duped into believing that the property, which served as an ordinary residence of JM Desai, belonged to Desai of Desai Memorial Library fame.

In their ruling the appellate judges said: "There is no evidence any monument has been buried in the residence. The directive by the minister is an unreasonable exercise of statutory power, abuse of

discretion and irrationality in decision making."

Consequently, the judges quashed a Gazette notice issued by the minister of handing over the residential house to the National Museums of Kenya.

On February 8, 2011, the beneficiaries of Jashbai Motibhai Desai filed a judicial review application at the High Court seeking to quash the decision of the minister to declare the property a national monument.

The grandchildren of JM Desai; Mr Niranjan Desai, Mr Dipa Pulling, Mr Kevit Desai and Ms Sandeep Desai told the court that by a will of July 16, 1991, the deceased vested the property to them.

Therefore, they insisted that the minister's directive was in excess of jurisdiction as he had no power to declare a private residence a national monument under the provisions of the National Museums and Heritage Act.

They further submitted that the minister's directive breached the Constitution as it purported to compulsorily acquire the property without any compensation.

According to the grandchildren, the minister's order was in breach of the rules of natural justice as the beneficiaries, they were not given an opportunity to be heard or make any representation.

## Construction of court stalls after land grab

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Construction of Naivasha High Court has stalled after land reserved for it was allegedly grabbed.

A judicial team led by High Court Judge Lydia Achode said the construction of the court may take longer as Judiciary Asset Recovery Committee (Jarc) members partner with the county government to repossess the land in Naivasha town.

The construction is funded by the World Bank.

The allegedly grabbed land houses an old court in Naivasha.

Sources said it had been illegally sold to a private developer.

Justice Achode, who spoke to the *Sunday Nation* in Naivasha, said construction of courts, including the Land and Environment Court, was meant to take justice close to people and ease pressure on the Nakuru Environment and Land court.

"Construction of especially the Land and Environment Court is very necessary to help solve the high number of land cases in the region," she said.

Currently, the Nakuru Land and Environment court serves Nyandarua, Nakuru, Narok, Samburu, Naivasha and Kericho.

However, Nakuru Governor Kinuthia Mbugua, who spoke at a consultative meeting between Jarc and county officials in Naivasha on Tuesday, indicated his administration had already commenced a public utility verification exercise.

The governor put on notice

Construction of especially the Land and Environment Court is very necessary"  
**Judge Achode**

people whom he said had grabbed land meant for expansion of the Judiciary.

"We can never allow this kind of impunity and we shall soon crack the whip. We have hit the ground running," he said.

Mr Mbugua assured Jarc committee members they would move with speed to ensure the grabbed land was repossessed.

"We are going to carry out due diligence and ensure the grabbed land is reclaimed and used for the intended purposes," he said.



# Rafiki Microfinance Bank's Statement

Following enquiries from members of the public on the status of operations, the Bank wishes to state as below.

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The Bank wishes to inform the general public that it is operational.

During his press briefing on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Central Bank of Kenya Governor, Dr. Patrick Njoroge, affirmed that the Bank remains an independent and strong institution. This can be referenced to our financial report published in March 2016.

The Bank further states that events from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 brought some operational challenges. It sparked panic withdrawals in our various branches countrywide due to the misinformation circulated through social media platforms. This panic has since significantly reduced.

The Bank would like to assure customers, partners and suppliers that their investments remain safe as it continues to provide reliable financial solutions.

At this point, the Bank requests its esteemed customers to remain calm and work together towards ensuring smooth continuity of operations.

Ken Obimbo,  
Managing Director

10<sup>th</sup> April 2016



## THE WEEK THAT WAS

# With the ICC matter now behind him, Deputy President's next move is awaited

Allow me to wrap up. From the outset I supported a local judicial process to try the masterminds of the 2007 post-election violence (PEV) and opposed the International Criminal Court (ICC) process. In 2011, when proceedings got under way at The Hague, I argued that the prosecution had done a shoddy job of gathering evidence.

When witnesses failed to show up, recanted and yet others could not be traced, I argued that the prosecution had not been diligent in assembling and vetting its witnesses. When the court dropped charges against three of the original six suspects, I argued in December 2012 that the victims of PEV had been forgotten.

In 2014, when only Deputy President William Ruto and journalist Joshua Sang remained in the dock and Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda repeatedly complained Nairobi was not co-operating with the court, I revisited the issue of witnesses and evidence and posited that she had been outwitted politically.

It has come to pass. The rest is history.

Now what next? The man of the moment is the DP. A huge weight was taken off his shoulders when the judges declared a mistrial and freed him. Does he own the moment? So far, yes. And he has done so by remaining largely out of sight and saying little.

The silence is speaking for him



KWENDO OPANGA

William Ruto has not taken on the younger Moi or his namesake since the March 8 by-election, but the DP is a ruthless and vindictive politician and now, shorn of the ICC case, his next move is awaited”

as friend and foe alike try to read his mind and assign intention to it.

That speaks to the patient, cunning and calculating side of the DP. Many expected that he would be helicoptered to his Uasin Gishu home on Tuesday evening when news of the verdict broke to join in the frenzied street celebrations beamed across the land on national television. Indeed, those visiting him at Karen have appeared far more excited than him.

For how long will he continue to

own the moment? The silence and suspense have extended it, what he will say and do next will aim to prolong it. That will be interesting to see and watch. Why? The DP is incisive in speech and decisive in action. Rewind to that November afternoon at Kasarani in 2012. He it was who memorably defined the last election.

I will translate and paraphrase him: “Let me tell you; the coming election will be contested by two teams. One team comprises the young, the youth of the digital generation, who are marching into government. The other is made of old people of the analogue generation, the likes of (William) Ntimama, who we are sending home.”

Analogue became a dirty word synonymous with lethargy as digital and youth became dignified and synonymous with energy. PEV was taken off the front burner and debate table even as it was the glue that tied Mr Ruto to Mr Uhuru Kenyatta to form team UhuRuto. Fast forward to March 8, 2016 in Kericho.

That there were murmurs of discontent among the Kipsigis and Nandi elite over what they saw as isolation of their people with regard to government jobs and development projects had been in the public domain since 2013. But few expected a by-election in Kericho would be used to galvanise opposition to the DP and in his own turf.

He campaigned for the Jubilee

Party's candidate as if his political life depended on crushing the opposition candidate who was backed by Mr Gideon Moi, son of former President Moi, and Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto. He has not taken on the younger Moi or his namesake since the by-election, but the DP is a ruthless and vindictive politician and now, shorn of the ICC case, his next move is awaited.

Some speculate Mr Ruto will run for president next year. Though arrogant, the DP is smarter than that; he is in a formidable alliance and will see no need to look for a new one. If he quit, the betrayer-of-the-President tag would be hard to shake off, but even harder would be forging a new alliance for a successful stab at the presidency.

It is prudent for the DP to stick with President Kenyatta; build bridges after next year's General Election and a war chest and campaign channels for 2022. This, of course, assumes that the President will stick with him and debunk the common belief that the Kikuyu are unreliable customers by campaigning for him to take over in 2022.

Therefore, next weekend's thanksgiving meeting in Nakuru will serve to renew the 2012 covenant and re-energise the Jubilee Coalition for the 2017 General Election to which PEV victims will just be a footnote.

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## MY THOUGHTS

## It's now time to reflect on the plight of victims of violence



DOMINIC WAMUGUNDA

We cannot pretend that nothing happened and just move on

The sigh of relief over the Kenyan ICC process has been coming to us piecemeal. First it was through the acquittal of Francis Muthaura, Henry Kosgey and former Commissioner of Police Hussein Ali. Then it was the President who was let off the hook. And now, on Tuesday it was time for the families, relatives, friends and political associates of DP William Ruto and Joshua Sang to smile. It has been a long and torturous journey but, as they say,

everything that has a beginning has to somehow come to an end at some point.

Tuesday's verdict did not come as a surprise to many given the way the case has been progressing. The hard facts are that whoever did what to cause the chaos of early 2008, more than a thousand Kenyans were killed, hundreds of thousands of others displaced and property destroyed. The former prosecutor, Moreno-Ocampo, did boast at some point that he would teach Kenyans a lesson and expressed a lot of confidence that his office had done thorough investigations.

Obviously from the way things have been going on with regard to these cases, there were a lot of gaps in Ocampo's work and, of course, he must have known he was about to hand over the problem to someone else. As I say, those actors in the ICC or those who had been accused are, to my mind, not the real issue right now. The biggest question that hangs in the minds of all right thinking Kenyans and other citizens of the world is what now becomes of the victims of the 2007/2008 violence. Even as we celebrate the end of those cases – which we must – there will always be a need for serious reflection on this matter.

We cannot pretend that nothing happened and just move on for this will increase the possibility of a repeat performance. Another matter that consistently worries me is that through the violence that has been perpetrated since 1992, a lot of young people – some of who are not so young any more – have been turned into murderers. Human life is different from the life of an animal and the moment one kills there is always the possibility of killing another time. A lot of those who killed are known. Have they been given an opportunity for debriefing?

It is alright dealing with the legal aspect of the experiences of 2008 but we must also appreciate the fact that there are dynamics that are as a consequence of those events and which remain with us and may return to haunt us in the future. What Kenya are we building?

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Cord unity is vital; the alternative is chaos

As an ODM legislator, my personal feelings about Cord ever since the coalition's presidential candidate Raila Odinga missed the presidency has been that it ought to have been disbanded soon after the Supreme Court verdict to give room for each party to rethink its strategies moving forward. This did not happen.

We, the new leaders of ODM, wanted to go our separate ways. Mr Odinga advised us to keep the coalition intact. This week, as the now common veiled threats and crude talk from some quarters within Cord continue unabated, I again asked Mr Odinga if he thought the coalition was serving the purpose for which he told us to let it be. Surprisingly, his response was another affirmation.

This is easy to explain. Towards every election, a lot of plotting and deal-making goes on. People conspire against the very people they've been fighting alongside. In fact, often, they conspire with the same people they have been fighting to topple all along. In Cord, the situation is exacerbated by the fact that there are no spoils to share in a country where materialism trounces any other consideration, moral or ideological.

For many of us in ODM, we believe that the current talk of Cord disintegrating has nothing to do with Cord itself. For the last three

## JUNET MOHAMED

My interaction with the principals tells me they are above and beyond these machinations”

years, Cord's management board co-chaired by Senators James Orengo and Johnstone Muthama has been able to iron out “conflicts” when, and, as they occurred. They have done this internally, every turn averting chaos.

The strength of the coalition has also been deepened because of the three principals themselves. Starting from deeply suspicious negotiations, the leaders in no time were able to come up with a political arrangement that allowed us to stage a highly successful campaign in 2013 which inched even closer to capturing state power than at any other time before. In the intervening period, each of them have played a crucial role keeping their troops in check. Those of us in the parliamentary wing have been able to caucus on critical issues affecting the country because the coalition is intact.

A united Cord is good for the country. It has allowed the country to concentrate on checking the re-

gime in power. Because of the unity of purpose, Cord has been able to sniff flagrant abuses meted out on the Kenyan people. The human capital provided by the coalition allowed us to unearth the Sh140 billion Eurobond scandal.

While we expected this status quo to be maintained ahead of the 2017 elections, we in Cord appreciate the concerns being raised by each of the member parties. ODM, Wiper and Ford Kenya appeal to sometimes very different audiences on certain issues. These differences are expected in a living organisation of which Cord is a primate member.

However, despite the high hopes, there is also the reality of opportunists exploiting the few challenges – if any – the coalition is facing. Lurking large also is the ever sly animal called Jubilee, with its repugnant money-for-loyalty politics. The jingoistic rhetoric we are being treated to fits this scenario.

This pattern is not new though. It is part of “defection politics” in Kenya. We must appreciate the foundations of Cord to see why some people are uneasy now. Cord was formed primarily to “win” the 2013 elections. There are those amongst us who expected a quick victory, not this long drawn, painful struggle. Once in power, the little discomforts would be taken care of by the official bounty that comes

with “capturing” the munificence of the state.

However, where the very possibility of opposition victory is increasingly being dismissed as a ridiculous day-dream by Jubilee, such reactionary messages find fertile ground in the ideological emptiness of those who want us to “win” by any means necessary. Where the opposition is increasingly dismissed as bankrupt and without any “development agenda”, the believer in quick fixes becomes disenchanted and disillusioned.

The evolution of Cord after the 2013 elections, therefore, naturally offends those who are not used to the brick and mortar rhythms of realpolitik. People who are not used to chasing big ideas. People who have no regard to the larger scheme of things. The longer it takes to achieve the mission, the blurrier the vision. To them, anything that does not satisfy an immediate quest for power is irrelevant.

My interaction with the three Cord principals tells me they are above and beyond these machinations. The intra-Cord wars, if they get fully blown out, will only lengthen the suffering of Kenyans. Cord unity is vital; the alternative is chaos.

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## OPINION

# Shared concerns an enduring bond between Uhuru and Ruto

What shifts are expected in Kenyan politics now that the case at the International Criminal Court against Deputy President William Ruto has been terminated?

The period before the much-awaited ruling by the ICC on the “no case to answer” application by the Deputy President witnessed the campaign to capture the Kericho Senate seat which fell vacant following the appointment of Charles Keter to the Cabinet. The Kericho by-election turned out to be a proxy war of supremacy between the Deputy President and Kanu chairman and Baringo Senator Gideon Moi, pictured, over the leadership of the Kalenjin Nation.

The strong showing by Kanu in Kericho, which recorded impressive numbers in the rallies it held during the campaign, rejuvenated the otherwise declining former ruling party and has served to consolidate Kanu into a credible fighting force again. Even though Kanu went on to lose the election, its strong performance left the impression that Ruto’s position as the leader of the Kalenjin was no longer to be taken for granted. Kanu did enough to create evidence that it will give Ruto a real fight in the General



GEORGE KEGORO

The ICC peril has not disappeared. It remains a powerful reason for winning the 2017 elections at all costs”

Election in 2017.

If Kanu’s showing in Kericho signified its ascendancy as a political force in the Rift Valley, it also indicated a threat to the political future of the Deputy President, at a time when his case at the ICC remained unresolved. It suddenly began to look as though the political cost of an adverse ICC decision against the Deputy President would not be as high as previously feared. On the evidence of the apparent

rebellion against the Deputy President that the Kericho by-election suggested, it looked as though Ruto was now expendable and that in the Kanu leadership, Jubilee would find a ready replacement from among the Kalenjin community if the Deputy President was to be taken out of political circulation by the ICC.

The end of his ICC case now means that Ruto can concentrate on his political future without the uncertainty that the ICC charges brought into those plans. The end of the case has implications for the Kenyatta camp as well. If Jubilee was crafted as a mutual defence pact between the President and his Deputy, the termination of the Ruto case, which follows on that of the President’s own case, means that the pact has achieved its central objective. This achievement is important and silences the recrimination that had become evident within the coalition that the Kenyan state was not expending as much capital in the defence of Ruto as it had done for Kenyatta. All is well that ends well and coalition members are in a position to look to a future where internal trust will increase on the evidence of the success they have had in defending both the President and his Deputy.



Secondly, it is apparent that the Ruto-Moi rivalry has only just begun. Rather than resolving the difference between these two, the Kericho by-election pushed them farther apart, and there is an outstanding contest that the two must have.

It is reasonable to expect that a feature of the 2017 election will be about this rivalry. It is also clear that, at least in the open, President Kenyatta would rather not take sides regarding this rivalry.

If the ICC had put Ruto on his defence, this might have become a factor in resolving the Ruto-Moi rivalry, and might have provided Kenyatta with a basis for arguing that Moi would be a better presidential running mate than Ruto because of the ICC case. Now that Ruto is free from the ICC, this excuse is eliminated. The charges

against Kenyatta and Ruto have now been terminated on terms that do not affect the possibility of fresh charges being brought against either of them in future. While the case against Kenyatta collapsed because the very small number of potential witnesses that could have linked him with his alleged crime died or disappeared while others disavowed their earlier statements, the situation against Ruto is different. The allegations against him are such that a large number of potential witnesses would still be available than those against Kenyatta. In theory, it would be easier to re-establish a case against Ruto than against Kenyatta. Apart from the lack of witnesses, the other reason why it would be difficult to bring new cases against the two leaders is that as long as they remain in power, the

same hostile conditions that undermined the cases against them will prevail, and no fresh cases are likely to be brought during their watch.

Other than sharing the luck of having their cases terminated, Ruto and Kenyatta also share the concern that if political circumstances change, the threat of fresh charges against one or both of them remains. Even though their cases are now over, their concerns are not, and are an enduring bond between the two.

Kenyatta, who cannot be President beyond 2022, would reason that the self-interest that a Ruto presidency would have in continuing to keep the ICC at bay would continue to benefit him after he retires. In these circumstances, sticking with Ruto rather than switching his support to Moi makes better business sense for Kenyatta.

As happened in 2013, when winning was a zero-sum consideration for Kenyatta and Ruto because of the threat of the ICC, the ICC peril has not disappeared. It remains a powerful reason for winning the 2017 elections at all costs. The ICC, an overt factor in the 2013 elections, will be a covert consideration in the 2017 elections.

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## OPINION

# Kenya is free at last, time to talk healing and reconciliation

Kenya is free at last! The collapse of the last of the Kenyan cases at the Hague-based International Criminal Court (ICC) against Deputy President William Ruto and radio journalist Joshua arap Sang on April 5, 2016 marked the end of over six years of “judicial colonisation” and meddling in Kenya’s internal affairs by external forces.

Kenya’s experience with the ICC proves, yet again, that “courts cannot end civil wars.” The ICC is a crude instrument of advancing the cause of peace and national reconciliation in divided countries plagued by instability and violent conflict. In earlier centuries, civil wars — from the English Civil War (1642-1651) to the American Civil War (1861-1865) and to the Nigerian (Biafra) Civil War (1967-1970) — served as the anvil on which nations were forged.

In contrast, in the 21st century, the “rights of victims” of civil wars are pervasively used to justify external intervention and “re-colonisation” of Africa.

The Argentine ICC Chief Prosecutor, Mr Luis Moreno-Ocampo, exemplified the hubris of the new age of “judicial imperialism”. On December 15, 2010, he issued the sabre-rattling threat to make Kenya a “world example on managing violence”.

Ocampo proceeded to name

six prominent Kenyans — including Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto — as those bearing the highest responsibility for the 2008 post-election violence.

Since then, Kenya has become a living example of how the ICC and its external prompters have mismanaged violence and undermined sustainable peace in fragile African countries. It has wasted Kenya’s energies, time and resources needed for national healing, reconciliation and development.

## Warring eilte

Six years on, Kenya is now back to where it was in April 2008, when its warring elites agreed to sign the National Accord and Reconciliation Act of 2008, ending the fighting and paving the way for national reconciliation along the lines of South Africa’s CODESA process.

Materially, when finally computed, the total amount of dollars wasted in the Kenyan cases, including a cavalier witness procurement and protection syndicate, botched trials as well as legal, travel, accommodation and related costs imposed on Kenyans by the trials over a period of six years, will far outstrip the amount needed to repay and resettle all the victims of cycles of post-election violence from 1991 to 2008!

Politically, far from making



PETER KAGWANJA

Steering clear of violence is Kenya’s best guarantee for safeguarding its freedom from external interference”

Kenya a “world example on managing violence,” the ICC has not only evolved into a dangerous fault-line in the country’s politics, it has also left behind a badly divided political class.

In a statement following the termination of the cases, Kenyatta fittingly described the ICC trials as “a six year nightmare for the Kenyan nation”. Two years ago, this column drew three possible scenarios relating to the potential outcomes of the Hague trial (SN, November 31, 2013).

We identified the first as the “doomsday scenario”: the “double conviction” of Kenyatta

and Ruto. This outcome would have amounted to political decapitation of the Kenyan state, necessitating a radical reconfiguration of power, with a potential for national instability.

However, the duo astutely rode on the ICC cases against them to galvanise popular support in Central Kenya and the Rift Valley and won the 2013 election.

Inversely, because of his public support for the ICC, Odinga was seen as an ally of Western forces who sought to prosecute and jail Jubilee leaders. He lost the Rift Valley vote, and the election.

Kenyatta’s acquittal on December 5, 2014 eventually led to the eventual collapse of the double conviction scenario.

## The split ruling

It also amplified the “Split ruling” scenario: the acquittal of Kenyatta and the possible conviction of his deputy.

Because Article 149 (1) of the new Constitution requires the president to nominate a deputy to fill the vacancy that may be created by the conviction of Ruto by ICC, a fierce supremacy struggle ensued within the Kalenjin elite in Jubilee. This struggle reached its acme during the recently concluded Kericho by-election where Gideon Moi and Kanu challenged Ruto’s dominance, but lost. Moi was accused of exploiting

Ruto’s misfortunes to establish himself as the Kalenjin best suited to replace Ruto as Uhuru Kenyatta’s partner. In the same token, Jubilee rebels such as Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto and Nandi Hills MP Alfred Keter preyed on the widespread fear of a Ruto conviction to challenge President Kenyatta’s Jubilee leadership, accusing him of abandoning Ruto and short-changing his Kalenjin partners.

A few days to the ICC judgment, the rebels upped the ante, warning Kenyatta that if Ruto was jailed, it will have proved that he had not done enough to free him.

The termination of the case has led to the collapse of the split ruling scenario and given rise to the third, and the best case, scenario: the double-acquittal of Kenyatta and Ruto.

The double-acquittal scenario has far-reaching implications for the Jubilee unity and power. It has significance for Kalenjin unity and the future of power in the Rift Valley. Ruto is now free to move against his challengers and reassert his supremacy. A clash with Kanu and the Moi family is inevitable.

Within Jubilee, the ICC ceases to be the tie that binds the Jubilee party, demanding an alternative bond. One possible scenario is the disintegration of Jubilee power if the principals decide to launch separate bids

for the presidency next year — an highly unlikely scenario.

The more likely scenario is that Jubilee unity remains intact and stronger. Jubilee is already exploiting the “victory over the ICC” and tapping into the wellsprings of nationalism to re-energise its support base. It has organised a thanksgiving service at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru on April 16, 2016.

In the ensuing battle for the heart and minds of Kenyan voters, attention is shifting to the future of victims as a galvanising ideological issue likely to define the road to 2017.

Jubilee, however, appears determined to keep pressure on Odinga over the ICC tragedy. “The real perpetrators of the violence are yet to be tried,” President Kenyatta declared.

However, a comprehensive strategy of restorative justice can repair relations between communities, heal the nation and address justice, reparations and resettlement issues of the victims. It is also the surest way of silencing the war drums ahead of 2017.

Steering clear of violence is Kenya’s best guarantee for safeguarding its freedom from external interference.

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## LETTER FROM LONDON

# How ingenious pair use sex messages online to catch men looking for children

David Hanson, 45, thought he was meeting a 14-year-old girl named Amanda after exchanging sexual messages with her. Instead he was confronted by two online paedophile hunters with a camera. Hanson collapsed when he realised he was caught.

Daniel Morris, 36, travelled 400 miles from Devon to Newcastle upon Tyne, expecting to meet a girl aged 15. He, too, faced a camera wielded by the same two-man team, known as Dark Justice.

In an online statement, Dark Justice declared: "We catch online predators who try to groom and meet up with children." The two men, who protect their anonymity, said, "We never approach anybody first. Instead we set up a profile and wait for messages. When we receive a message, we tell them that we are under age.

"The people we talk to suggest a meeting and we suggest a place where we can control what's going on. When a person confirms they are coming, we ring the police. We then confront the person with cameras... when the police have made the arrest, we go to the police station to make statements."

Dark Justice say 46 men have been arrested in this way; 19 have been convicted and 12 jailed. The others are on remand or awaiting trial or sentence.

The two are not the only cyber vigilantes. Letzgo Hunting and the Online Predator Investigation Team (OPIT) perform similar functions. Police tolerance of the vigilante groups is grudging and child protection groups say because the hunters



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Dark Justice say 46 men have been arrested in this way; 19 have been convicted and 12 jailed. The others are on remand or awaiting trial or sentence... Police tolerance of the vigilante groups is grudging and child protection groups say because the hunters are amateurs, mistakes in law can me made which permit guilty men to go free.

Dark Justice say, "We are not vigilantes who operate above the law; we are concerned citizens who work closely with the police."

They point out that police funding has been cut by 20 per cent and they help to bridge the gap.

Morris claimed Dark Justice manipulated his online conversations to entrap him, but a jury rejected the claim. He was found guilty of

attempting to meet a child under 18 following sexual grooming and was jailed for two years.

Hanson admitted a similar charge but was spared prison since he had spent the equivalent of a six-month term on remand in custody. The court heard that he had lost his job and his home. He was given a three-year community order and made subject to a sexual harm prevention order.

Last week this column focussed on the problem of British children carrying knives and guns. The ink was hardly dry on the article when a boy of 16 was found guilty of the stabbing to death of another teenager.

The High Court in Aberdeen, Scotland heard that an argument broke out at school between the two over a biscuit. When it turned physical, the killer, who cannot be named for legal reasons, stabbed Bailey Gwynne, also 16, in the heart, causing catastrophic blood loss.

The judge, Lady Stacey, told the youth: "If you had not carried a knife, that exchange of insults would have led at worst to a fist fight, certainly not loss of life." She sentenced him to nine years in detention for culpable homicide. He was also found guilty of possessing knives and two knuckledusters.

The boy said he bought the knife, which had an 8.5cm blade, for £40 (Sh5,800) online from Amazon "because they don't check your age."

When he was being handcuffed, he appeared "very distressed" and asked, "Is he dead? It was just a moment of anger." Later, he told police, "I've never fitted in, I was just trying

to look cool, act confident, act tough, but I wasn't."

His lawyer said the boy was now receiving treatment for nightmares and depression. "He genuinely recognises that he has taken someone's life and feels very profoundly sorry."

Information we do not really need:

1. Commuters waiting at Bournemouth station were warned: "The train now arriving at Platform One is on fire. Passengers are advised not to board this train."

2. Notice on a city bus: "Our buses sometimes have to stop suddenly. Please hold on tight."

3. In a ladies' toilet: "Mirror under repair. Please do not use."

4. On a river bank in Northern Ireland, a notice says, "River."

Fans of four football teams, Manchester United, Arsenal, Newcastle United and Sunderland, meet on top of a cliff and argue about which club has the most loyal fans.

The Manchester United fan says, "It is obviously us and I can prove it. I will jump off this cliff and as I am falling to my death I will shout, 'Go Red Devils.'" And he does just that.

Not to be outdone, the Arsenal fan leaps off the cliff shouting, "Up the Gunners."

The Newcastle United supporter, knowing in his heart that his clubs fans are the finest of all, calls, "Howway the Toon," and pushes the Sunderland fan off.

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## OUTSIDE THE BOX

# Why it's bizarre to hold ICC victory party at Afraha Stadium



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The choice of a former IDP camp for a victory party seems bizarre

Around this time in 2008, Nakuru's Afraha Stadium was a centre of human suffering, being one of the 235 holding grounds for post-election violence survivors across the country that the Kenya Red Cross had put in its records.

The Kenya Red Cross reported a humanitarian crisis in these camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs), with families exposed to the elements, children malnourished and women raped.

Eight years later, Afraha Stadium is set to play a different role in the tragic drama of Kenya's near-civil war of 2007 and 2008 and its aftermath.

The stadium will be the scene of political bravado and lofty rhetoric next Saturday when President Uhuru Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto lead their ruling Jubilee coalition troops and their supporters to a thanksgiving ceremony for the collapse of Kenyan cases at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC judges last Tuesday declared a mistrial in the crimes against humanity case involving Mr Ruto and journalist Joshua Sang, the last of the decisions that also saw Mr Kenyatta, former police commissioner Hussein Ali, former head of public service Francis Muthaura and Henry Kosgey, a former Cabinet minister, walk free previously.

Even by Kenyan public morality standards, the choice of a former IDP camp for a victory party for persons once linked with the camp dwellers' suffering seems bizarre.

If the organisers of the Saturday event ever wanted the perfect place to dance on the graves and rub the salt in, Afraha would be it.

Similar events dubbed prayer rallies in the past turned out to be toxic political meetings where speakers abused their rivals and spewed hate. Just as bizarre is the fact that a crowd of wananchi will turn out to celebrate the end of an ICC process that has produced five winners and 40 million losers.

Having successfully campaigned on a persecution platform and won sympathy votes in the last elections, Mr Kenyatta and Mr Ruto no doubt hold the ultimate prize.

Mr Ali - the post-election-violence-period police commissioner who is a "war veteran" to some and a "death squad general" to others - and Mr Kosgey recently got State corporation board appointments.

Mr Muthaura was appointed to the Lapsset board much earlier, making Mr Sang the only member of the original Ocampo Six without a State job.

Outside of the lucky Ocampo Five and their families, everyone else is a loser from the collapse of these cases. Minus the incentive to the defence teams at The Hague, the resettlement and compensation programme is likely to stall further, with the so-called integrated IDPs of western Kenya the biggest losers.

Then there is the pervasive fear of the future entrenched by the perception that terminating the cases, short of an acquittal (the judges cited witness interference and political meddling), confirms Kenya is the land of impunity.

Some folks are already talking about 2017 in very gloomy terms.

Will Nakuru allay or confirm their fears?

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## BAROMETER

# This foundation of lies poses big risk to Kenya

As part of research that I conducted over a decade ago, I scoured the Kenya National Archives for records of events leading to the declaration of a State of Emergency by the then colonial administration. During this study, I found many records contradicting the official history of our republic as taught in schools.

Many of the people celebrated as heroes of the independence struggle were actually lackeys of the colonial government, and their ascendancy to power after "independence" appears to have been a calculated move by the British government to protect their "investment".

Contrary to the popularly held view that a sustained guerrilla war caused the "mzungu" (white man) to surrender the reins of government to the majority, the defining moment in our move towards self-governance was the massacre of inmates at a concentration camp. Before this, conflicts in many British colonies and a changing global socio-political environment had significantly undermined the colonial appetite.

The clobbering to death of Mau Mau inmates in Hola seems to have raised overwhelming moral outrage in London, leading to the rapid concession to internal self-governance and eventual independence.

Many lies and half-truths are told

about our founding leaders, including the airbrushing of their early lives. They are presented to us as people predestined to lead us, with an almost divine right to rule. Personal struggles and successes are presented as matters of national concern, and any missteps are glossed over in the telling of their story. People who fought on the side of the colonialist are today presented as leaders of the independence movement, and we are obliged to celebrate them as heroes.

We used to lie to ourselves that we were the island of peace in a turbulent neighbourhood, ignoring the regular and widespread ethnicised crimes that we christened banditry, cattle rustling and "clashes". This lie was, of course, exposed after the 2007 election, when the "internecine clashes" erupted into a full-blown civil war that we now blame on historical injustices against some communities.

A couple of weeks ago, we erupted in outrage when columnist David Ndi suggested the need to have an honest discussion on the state of our nationhood. We called him unpatriotic, going as far as characterising his suggestions as treasonable. We would rather perpetuate the lie that we are more united now than ever, and we make important national decisions regardless of our ethnicity and that of our neighbours. Of course we must ignore the fact that our surnames are



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Many records contradict Kenya's official history; the freedom struggle leaders were, by and large, colonial lackeys; the peace we pride ourselves in crumbles all too easily under the hammer of ethnicity; and, going by the recent ICC ruling, even post-election violence never happened"

often proxy indicators of our political opinions.

In my view, it will be difficult to make any meaningful progress as long as we continue to live in a paradise built on the shaky foundation of lies. We need to be able to craft a truthful story of our national trajectory so far, to be able to predict our possible futures and influence them

in our own national interest. Many of the problems we face today could be avoided, or easily tackled, if we had a clearer understanding of our collective history. Unfortunately, the habit of lying dies hard, and we continue to delude ourselves in the hope that time will erase the lies we tell.

Today, many Kenyans will tell you that following the ICC ruling this past week that the last two of the "Ocampo Six" do not have a case to answer, we need to forge ahead and forget the past. Many of us are convinced that whatever happened at the time was simply a spontaneous expression of outrage after a lost election, and that there were no systematic attempts to kill and displace people based on their ethnicity and perceived political opinions.

The common narrative is that either we were all culpable in one way or another, or that none of us is culpable. These are further examples of the bricks of lies we are using to build our great republic.

One day, when all these lies begin unravelling, we shall be forced to finally confront the truth for our own survival. Hopefully we shall be ready when that happens.

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# BUSINESS



## SUNNY DAY

I know many well-to-do people who have it all, but still manage to look stressed-out and feel victimised every day. They always have someone to blame for their perceived plights and slights **PG 40**

**Drawback>** When local currencies depreciate against the dollar, the cost of the loan rises substantially

## Eurobond season heating up as Kenya leads Africa into the fray

Country may troop to UK in May for a 'roadshow bond', while South Africa is eyeing a 10-year dollar bond

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The 2016 Eurobond season for African countries is heating up. And Kenya seems to be leading the fray, while ignoring an opportunity to tap resources at home.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich was in London on Tuesday to meet investors in what was dubbed a "non-deal" roadshow.

But Reuters reported that Kenya may return in May for a roadshow bond, while South Africa held a global conference call with investors on Wednesday for a potential 10-year dollar bond.

African countries have ignored calls to tame heavy borrowing from external finance markets which came under huge pressure last year when their currencies depreciated against the dollar, making the cost of paying back rise significantly.

For instance, last year the Ghanaian cedi lost over 40 per cent of its value against the US dollar, which led to a surge in the nominal value of its Sh75.9 billion (\$750 million) 2007 Eurobond to over Sh303 billion (\$3 billion).

Africa Development Bank (AfDB) President Akinwumi Adesina, during the African CEO Forum in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, urged African countries to find ways of financing development internally to guard against shocks of dollar-denominated debt.

Mr Adesina said Africans should instead increase tax bases and tap into internal markets to finance budget deficits.

"Governments need to broaden tax bases, deepen



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Treasury CS Henry Rotich (centre), Permanent Secretary Kamau Thugge (left) and Controller of Budget Agnes Odhiambo address public queries on the Eurobond. African economies are at a crossroads, tested by volatile financial markets and risk aversion.

Africa should find ways of financing development internally to guard against shocks of dollar-denominated debt, AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina

**\$22.6bn**

Kenya's current external debt, according to the latest figures by the IMF — an all-time high

financial markets and strive towards fiscal consolidation. We need to find ways of raising domestic resources to finance our own development and dictate its pace," Mr Adesina said.

Kenya has a potential pool of Sh810 billion (\$8 billion) assets held by pension firms which remains largely invested in cash/fixed income, Sh162 billion (\$1.6 billion) in average yearly diaspora remittances and a Sh2.79 trillion (\$27.59 billion) mobile money economy that largely remains untapped.

Incidentally, the national Treasury has failed to launch the Sh5 billion mobile money

bond for the second time, delaying the much touted M-Akiba for over half a year.

"We need to leverage technology, for example 50 per cent of all mobile money transferred in the world happens in Kenya. Technology has the potential to move us from where we are to where the rest are but in a shorter time," Deputy President William Ruto said during the conference.

Even though the shilling has stabilised, Kenya's growing external debt continues to pose a challenge against rising costs to finance due to a stronger US currency.

Kenya's external debt has risen to a record high, with the latest figure by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) placing the total debt at \$22.6 billion.

According to the UK-based Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in a recent report on sub-Saharan Africa sovereign bonds, the region has significantly increased its borrowing through bond sales from \$6 billion in 2012 to a record \$11 billion in 2014.

African economies are at a crossroads, tested by volatile financial markets and return of risk aversion, which are projected to continue in the near term.

The AfDB boss believes that the private sector can play a bigger role in developing the continent by filling the financial gap created by risk averse foreign investors.

According to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), investor appetite is diminishing across asset classes as evidenced by portfolio outflows and reduced foreign direct investments.

In Kenya, overall net inflows reduced from a peak of Sh30 billion (\$300 million) in 2013 to Sh4 billion (\$40 million) in 2014 to Sh900 million (\$9 million) last year.

But African economies are defying this trend to grow, with the World Bank projecting that year on year growth for the region would rise from 4.2 per cent in 2016 and 4.7 per cent in 2017, up from 3.4 per cent last year.

Per capita Gross Domestic Product in sub-Saharan Africa is expected to exceed \$4,700 by 2020, up by 50 per cent over the 2010 level, a 5.5 annual growth led by East Africa's Tanzania (6.5 per cent), Rwanda (6.6 per cent) and Ethiopia (8.9 per cent).

"Africa is not falling apart, if you compare it with the projections of growth in the global economy of 3 per cent and Europe of 1.9 per cent," Mr Adesina said.

IFC's report *New Horizon in African Finance* says the bottom line is that African economies are continuing to grow, its citizens are becoming wealthier, they have access to more disposable income, they are connected to the rest of the world more than ever, and are hungry for the broad variety of goods and services that businesses can offer.

Mr Adesina says Africa should leverage this wealth against falling FDI, reversing of cheap credit and the currency pressures as the US dollar strengthens.

## 3 Kenyans in Sh3.6m innovation prize list

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Three young Kenyans are among 12 African finalists shortlisted for a Sh3.6 million continental prize for creating breakthrough technologies to solve everyday problems.

Mr Brian Bosire, Mr Felix Kimaru and Mr Taita Ng'etich have made their final proposals to a five-judge bench that will be determining the winner of the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation in Dar-es-Salaam next month.

They are up against nine other contestants from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The winner will receive £25,000 while two runners-up will get £10,000 each. The competition has been organised by the UK's Royal Academy of Engineering.

Mr Bosire, 22, is a fourth-year computer engineering student at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. He is delighted that a system he created to assist farmers gauge the productivity of their soil is up for another award for the second year in a row.

Devastated that a horticultural farming project he started in his home area of Nyamira had failed to materialise, he created a device that could tell the amount of nutrients in a particular piece of land to enable a farmer know what fertiliser to apply and which crop, ideally, to plant.

"I hope that we get selected [as winners]. We are very confident... everybody has a big idea, a big innovation," Mr Bosire said. The concept dubbed UjuziKilimo last year won Mr Bosire and his four team-mates a continental award by the American Society for Mechanical Engineers.

Mr Kimaru, 28, is the co-founder of Totohealth, a system that helps women receive medical attention from the time they conceive to delivery — and until the child attains five years.

The third Kenyan on the list is Mr Ng'etich, who came up with a cheap greenhouse technology — Illuminum Greenhouse — that uses solar energy to grow crops.

## This week's indicators

### MARKET PERFORMANCE

Points	NSE 20	Index
Close	3996.38	1
Week's change:	Down 4.98 points	

### TOP GAINERS

	Price	%
Stanchart	247.00	10.3
NSE Ltd	27.25	9.0
Crown Berger	62.00	6.9

### BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	%
National Bank	11.75	-19.2
Marshals EA	0.15	-18.8
EA Cables	6.55	-12.1

### TOP TRADERS

	Price	Shares
Safaricom Ltd	16.85	6m
Equity Group	40.00	1m
Kenya Airways	4.50	1m

### MARKET TURNOVER

	Friday	Prev
Equity:	1.8 billion;	2.1 billion
Bond:	9 billion;	6.2 billion

### MACRO INDICATORS

Interest rates: Latest (%)	
91-day	8.965 07/04/2016
182-day	10.729 06/04/2016

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**Up and down >** Regulator stopped imports last month after stocks rose, hurting ex-factory prices

# Sugar imports resume after just one month to redress looming shortage

Move precipitated by sharp drop in stocks held by millers and planned maintenance of key sugar factories

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Kenya has resumed sugar imports hardly a month after a ban was imposed, following a decline in local production.

Also, the stocks held by millers have fallen below the 10,000 tonnes a day required to forestall a crisis.

The shortage, according to the agriculture regulator, has been precipitated by dwindling supplies from giant miller Mumias Sugar Company owing to cane shortage and a planned maintenance of Chemilil and Muhoroni sugar factories that are currently underperforming.

The resumption of imports is meant to fill the anticipated shortage as Kenya takes precautionary measures in the wake of a sugar shortage globally.

Director General of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority (AFFA) Alfred Busolo says the sugar directorate has allowed importers with permits to bring in up to 10,000 tonnes a month to avoid a crisis in the coming days.

"Mumias has been hit by a shortage of cane, which has reduced the supply of sugar in the market, while two of the local millers are proceeding for annual maintenance. These two factors combined have affected local stocks, hence the need to import," said Mr Busolo.

He said the country was allowing imports to cover only for what is needed, hence monitoring the process closely to



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A customer purchases local sugar from a supermarket in Nairobi. Following a decline in the sugar the government has lifted a ban on importation of the product.

Licensed importers have been allowed to bring in up to 10,000 tonnes a month to forestall an imminent crisis.

**Mr Alfred Busolo, Director General of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Authority**

ensure importers adhere to this.

Statistics from the directorate indicate that sugar stocks held by all factories dropped to about 9,000 tonnes on April 6, from 12,000 tonnes on April 5.

According to the government, the country should have about 10,000 tonnes of sugar at any given time.

The regulator stopped the imports last month after local stocks shot to 15,000 tonnes a day, hurting ex-factory sugar prices that stood at Sh3,000 per 50kg bag.

The current decline in stocks, has, however, lifted the prices to Sh3,950 per bag.

In January, Kenya cut sugar imports by 20 per cent to protect local millers as supply increased due to huge shipments from abroad.

Kenya is a sugar deficit country and relies mainly on imports from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) to bridge the gap. The country produces 350,000 tonnes a year against the required consumption of 800,000 tonnes.

Imported sugar is cheaper than locally made sugar, making it difficult for Kenyan millers to sell their produce.

Critics have blamed high costs of production for the woes facing Kenya's sugar industry. Poorly funded government factories have ageing machinery prone to break-downs.

Muhoroni and Chemilil have been operating below their installed capacities due to inefficient machines and procedures, forcing the State to allow them to shut down for maintenance.

Head of sugar directorate Andrew Osodo says the government has approved a Sh447 million maintenance plan for Muhoroni and Sh265 million for Chemilil.

"The two factories have been milling below capacity. That is why they are scheduled to undergo maintenance to improve production," he said.

Mr Busolo said Mumias factory has been hit by cane shortage, prompting it to reach an agreement with Nzoia Sugar Company to purchase cane managed by Nzoia.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics indicates that local production has remained unchanged. The factories produced 480,000 tonnes in nine months to September, compared with 475,913 tonnes in the same period a year earlier.

## Chief Justice reveals cause of friction in public bodies

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Poor coordination and harmony between different public oversight entities is largely responsible for weak governance structures in various institutions and the government, Chief Justice Willy Mutunga has said.

Addressing the annual dinner gathering of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (ICPSK) in Nairobi on Friday night, the CJ said supremacy wars between the bodies, and with the Executive, were responsible for the governance crisis facing Kenya.

He said the problem emanates from obscure lines of responsibility, accountability and the perceived overlapping nature of concurrent functions, notwithstanding the stated independence of state organs.

"These oversight concerns result in turf wars between them, which frequently play out in the public domain, with disastrous effects on comity within the government," he said.

The CJ cited recent attempts by both the Executive and Parliament to control or give "oversight" to constitutional commissions and independent offices. He challenged governance professionals to advise on the best practices and prepare a code of governance and guidance to help oversight bodies operate efficiently.

ICPSK chairman Nicholas Letting said the institute had invested enormous resources aimed at creating awareness on good governance at national and county governments, and within the private sector.

## Report tells of 'surge' in postal use during December holiday season

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Kenya's struggling postal and courier service had a surge during the festive season, says a report by the Communications Authority.

The report covers October-December 2015/16 period and says traffic in local letters and courier services shot up.

"The number of letters sent locally grew 35.6 per cent to reach 17.6 million up from 12.9 million letters sent during the preceding quarter," says the report. "Courier items sent also increased by 46.1 per cent, to stand at 445,836 up from 305,248 items sent the previous quarter."

The remarkable growth is attributed to the festive season when greeting cards and gifts are exchanged between relatives and friends.

With the Standard Eight and Form Four final exams taking place, relatives and friends contributed to the growth in traffic by sending success cards, letters and courier items, says the report.

But letters received from other countries fell 6.5 per cent from 2.4 million to 2.2 million during the last quarter. The Com-

munication Authority says it is interesting that Kenyans are sending letters to other countries at a high rate.

Outgoing letters increased "tremendously by 93.5 per cent to stand at 2.66 million letters, up from 1.37 million sent during the last quarter."

The postal and courier outlets are at 623 and 2,117 respectively, though performance has been thwarted by increased use of e-commerce.

**17.6m** The number of letters sent locally during October-December 2015/16 period, a substantial growth of 35.6 per cent

CA director general Francis Wangusi said plans are underway to ensure a comprehensive national numbering and address system for door-to-door deliveries using e-commerce.

"A committee is being set up to sensitise all 47 counties on the importance of uniform mapping," he said.

The Courier Industry Association of Kenya says lack of good mapping has slowed down growth of e-commerce. For instance, it causes miss-deliveries (17 per cent), delayed deliveries (58 per cent) and non-deliveries (25 per cent).

The communication authority has also started appraising the Postal Corporation of Kenya's service delivery structure to ensure compliance to new quality standards and regulations.

The regulations published in January compel postal and courier services to increase service quality or part with 0.2 per cent of their annual gross turnover. In some situations, the CA threatens to revoke the licences of under-performers.

In a newspaper advert last month, the authority said it was "seeking the services of a consultant to review Postal Corporation of Kenya's service delivery levels."

Telcoms like Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom Kenya, for instance, are vetted and penalised for failure to achieve set standards.

"This is the first time the Postal Corporation of Kenya is being subjected to a quality review," said CA board chairman Ben Ngene Gituku.

## Revenue from beer makers increase five-fold: KRA

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The introduction of the excise stamps by the Kenya Revenue Authority has increased revenue collection from beer packaging companies five-fold, the authority's boss has said.

KRA commissioner-general John Njiraini who made a surprise visit to Keroche breweries on Thursday said they have now been able to seal revenue leaks. In February, the taxman introduced mandatory excise stamps affixed on beers in a move to curb illicit liquor that had flooded the market.

According to Mr Njiraini, the authority has registered immeasurable success in terms of tax generation and also assisted genuine manufacturers get value for their businesses.

He cited a company that used to rake in between Sh30 and Sh40 million before the introduction of the excise stamp but are "now able to collect more than Sh200 million since the in-

roduction of the excise stamps," revealed the KRA boss.

KRA has launched a crackdown on manufacturers without excise licences.

He said they were now able to determine the genuine and taxable products, adding that they would develop a product that would enable customers scan a stamp using mobile phones.

**Genuine product**

"This way, the customer will know if the product is genuine or not," added the KRA boss.

He said the success of the excise in the beer industry would enable them roll out a similar programme in the soft drink and water making companies. "Data collected by industry players from soda and juices indicate that more than 60 per cent of the products are illicit," noted Mr Njiraini.

Keroche CEO Tabitha Karanja praised KRA for the new measures, saying they had increased sales by more than 50 per cent.





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National Lands Commission chairman Mohamed Swazuri addresses residents of Baharini in Mpeketoni, Lamu County, this week on compensation for 3,000 acres of land earmarked for the proposed Sh20 billion wind-power project.

## Controversial Sh20bn wind power project in Lamu county to go on

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The controversial Sh20 billion wind power project based in Lamu County will go on as planned. National Lands Commission chairman Muhammad Swazuri says the valuation process has started with a view to compensating those to be displaced by the project.

Speaking in Lamu this week when he addressed more than 1,000 residents at the project site at Baharini in Mpeketoni, Prof Swazuri said compensation would depend on location of the land and the extent to which it has been developed.

A total of 259 families will be affected by the project, which requires 3,206 acres of land.

Prof Swazuri said government surveyors had already assessed the land and that NLC would conduct a valuation exercise before each genuine beneficiary is compensated.

### Resettlement

Prof Swazuri added that compensation would involve both monetary and alternative resettlement.

He cautioned local leaders and residents against engaging in propaganda, and asked Lamu County Commissioner Joseph Kanyiri to take stern action against inciters.

"We have come here today to give a way forward concerning the wind project. We did our investigation, which proved that the investors of the project met all the requirements. The government also gave a go-ahead to the investors. This is a national project and it will proceed as planned," said Prof Swazuri.

"NLC has already begun land valuation before compensating the affected families. What you should note is that the project will commence from today henceforth," said Prof Swazuri.

He assured the locals that each genuine landowner would

be compensated.

Commenting on the same, Lamu Deputy Governor Eric Mugo assured all locals affected by the project of alternative resettlement and full compensation.

Mr Mugo said the project is good and beneficial to Lamu people, although it might adversely affect hundreds of squatters at Baharini.

"I am not opposing the project; but my worry is that our people might be displaced from their plots to pave the way for the project. I want locals to get justice. Let them be fully compensated. These people don't have anywhere to stay. All this must be put into consideration," said Mr Mugo.

On his part, Hongwe Ward Representative James Komu said whether the locals at Baharini have title deeds for the land they occupy or not, they have a right to be compensated and resettled.

He said many locals moved to the area when it was still underdeveloped and have helped to develop it.

He added that there was a need for locals to be compensated not less than Sh1.5 million per acre since most of the plots are well developed, unlike "the undeveloped land acquired for the Lamu Port (Lapsset) project at Kililana and Mashunduanii" where each acre was compensated at Sh1.5 million.

"The Lapsset beneficiaries at Kililana and Mashunduanii got Sh1.5 million per acre despite their land being underdeveloped. We will not accept anything less than Sh1.5 million per acre here. These people developed their plots and need to be given good money," said Mr Komu.

The project, which is under Belgium company Electrawinds, in partnership with the World Bank and Kenwind Holdings of Kenya, is expected to generate 90MW of electricity when complete.

The firm has proposed to acquire 3,206 acres of land at Baharini for the project.

**Audit >** Win boosts image of firm after accusations of loopholes in companies they audit

# Deloitte wins three-year Central Bank audit tender

Firm wins tender at a time when regulator is embroiled in a crisis following the collapse of three banks in nine months

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**A**udit firm Deloitte on Friday won Sh9.5 million a year tender to audit Central Bank of Kenya as the heat on the banking industry peaks. The audit work will run for the next three years.

In a celebratory message sent to staff, Deloitte East Africa chief executive Sammy Onyango, said the win to audit Central Bank was a vote of confidence, coming at a time when the firm is at the centre of multiple cases where companies they audit have been accused of manipulating financial statements.

"The win audit covers three financial periods from 2016 up to 2018. The fee is approximately USD92,584 per annum. Given the current climate, the importance of this win cannot be overemphasised. It underlines the confidence of the regulator in Deloitte's continued ability to be of outstanding value to clients and markets," a statement signed by Mr Onyango said.

Deloitte, which has local clientele including nearly 30 per cent of the companies quoted on the Nairobi Stock Exchange, raised the red flag regarding the latest toxic loans that choked Chase Bank into receivership.

The firm also has a record of being investigated over questionable auditing practices at troubled companies such as CMC Motors, Mumias sugar, KPCU, Tuskeys supermarket, National Bank of Kenya and the collapsed Dubai Bank.

The audit firm has been auditing Chase Bank for the last decade giving the lender



FILE | NATION

Deloitte East Africa CEO Sammy Onyango in the past.

a clean bill of health and even ranked the lender now put on receivership as the Best Company to work for in Kenya both in 2014 and 2015.

National Bank, another client of the firm made a surprise Sh1.2 billion loss prompting the Board to send chief executive Munir Ahmed and five other managers on compulsory leave for fresh audit.

"Our clients range from the largest and most prestigious organisations in the country, including nearly 30 per cent of the companies quoted on the Nairobi Stock Exchange, to sole traders. They come from a wide variety of local and international organisations, including manufacturing, financial, distribution, service, agricultural, governmental and charitable bodies, representing the complete spectrum of the private sector, development agencies, non-governmental organisations and parastatals," the firm's website states.

In 2012, a push by the Institute of Certi-

fied Public Accountants of Kenya seeking to delicense Deloitte for alleged mishandling of troubled CMC Motor's financial statements saw the matter forwarded to a disciplinary committee appointed by the Treasury.

The accounting watchdog's push followed a complaint by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) that the audit firm mis-stated the motor dealer's accounts, thereby inflating its earnings.

Deloitte was accused of not recognising losses from CMC assets that are damaged, failure to disclose the auto firm's subsidiary in South Sudan in the annual reports, abetting the booking of undelivered vehicle sales as revenues and not capturing interest payments for cars sold on credit.

Deloitte begins the audit at CBK at a time when the regulator is embroiled in a crisis following the collapse of three banks in nine months leaving it with a huge forensic audit headache never seen before in the country's banking supervision.

### SPECIAL MEDICAL REQUEST FOR MERLYN



We the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Marks O. Owiti, kindly appeal for your support in aid our daughter, Merlyn Monica who is currently admitted in Fortis Hospital in India.

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### NOTICE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL NON- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Limited has appointed Mr. Rizwan Hyder as a non- executive director with effect from 29 March 2016. Mr. Hyder is a seasoned banker with over thirty years of diverse banking experience, in senior management positions, with local and International banks. He is currently the Chief Risk Officer for Habib Bank Limited (HBL), Pakistan's largest bank. Mr. Hyder also serves on the Boards of HBL Asset Management Limited - Pakistan, Habib Finance International Limited - Hong Kong and Habib Financial Services Limited - Pakistan. He has previously served as the Regional General Manager - Far East and Africa regions and Head of International and Market Risks at HBL. Prior to joining HBL, Mr. Hyder was with Credit Agricole, where he held senior management positions in Corporate and Investment Banking and Risk Management.

By Order of the Board

Stephen Kodumbe  
Company Secretary



## SUNNY DAY

# Life lessons from a happy porter: Make the best out of life however tough it is

The temperature was more than 40 degrees celsius. Dubai in summer is no joke, and when we arrived at the airport and stepped out of the air-conditioned car, it was like stepping into a furnace.

Nonetheless a porter came running up in the blinding heat to take our bags and load them onto his trolley. He did it quickly and cheerfully, even though he was awash with perspiration. He saw me looking at him with concern, and stopped to make a wisecrack: "Sorry I'm so wet, sir - I just stepped out of the swimming pool!"

We entered the cool refuge of the terminal building with relief. Our ever-smiling porter waved enthusiastically at many people as we walked towards the check-in counter. He seemed to know pretty much every employee around him. They all waved back. He even chatted with passengers who were strangers to him, joking about how cold Dubai gets — but only indoors...

When we arrived at the check-in counter, my new friend placed all the suitcases onto the carousel, then went around to greet every single airline employee manning the various counters. He knew all their names, and they all chatted animatedly with him.

He insisted on waiting until we were sorted out and ready to go towards the immigration area. Even then, he walked alongside, joking away. The tip was optional



SUNNY BINDRA

I know many well-to-do people who have it all, but still manage to look stressed-out and feel victimised every day. They always have someone to blame for their perceived plights and slights; they bring everyone around them down. They kill all signs of enthusiasm"

(he's an airline employee and the porter service is included in the fare), but I gave him the biggest tip I've ever given a porter. I suspect that happens to him a lot.

I asked him as we parted: "Why are you so happy?" His answer: "I am a happy person, sir. Why be unhappy? It's useless to be unhappy."

After I waved goodbye, I thought about this gentleman a lot over the next few hours. He is a Filipino, one of his country's many emigrants in Dubai and all over the world. Economic difficulty no doubt made him leave his homeland. His work is physical — loading, carrying, unloading — and he does this in a very oppressive climate. Every day he has to walk out of the oven that is the outdoors into the refrigerator that is the inside, and back, dozens of times a day.

Still that man keeps smiling. All the time. Still he makes time to appreciate everyone around him and lighten their daily load a little with a smile and a compliment. I trust his employers appreciate him, for he is a gem: Someone who effortlessly builds relationships and strengthens the brand — every single day. So taken was I by the experience that I realised later, to my regret, that I had forgotten to note down his name. Had I done so, I would have named him here and written immediately to the airline to commend him and recommend a promotion for him.

Why so? Because people like these are rare indeed. Unlike most of us, they radiate instead of absorbing. They not only accept their lives as they are, but they embrace them — they make the most of every situation. My friend's fellow porters were all sullen and methodical — efficient enough, but unable to feel good

about such a trying job.

In our families, our communities, our institutions: The happy people are pure gold. They are not always exuberant extroverts, please note — my friend certainly was, but many happy people radiate a quieter kindness which is just as effective. The point is, their energy is directed outward. Look around you. These good people exist, and they make life better for everyone. Our collective human spirit is enriched because of them.

Too many folks are the opposite of this. They expect others to make life right for them; they whine and groan about their condition, no matter how privileged; they spread ill-will and negativity; they absorb kindness without gratitude and radiate toxicity in return.

I know many well-to-do people who have it all, but still manage to look stressed-out and feel victimised every day. They always have someone to blame for their perceived plights and slights; they bring everyone around them down. They kill all signs of enthusiasm in their ambit. These characters are the opposite of my airport friend; they should be avoided and kept away from positions of authority.

So how are you feeling today, and will you be adding to the happiness in the world or depleting it?

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## Farmers to get Sh3bn more after coffee rule

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Coffee farmers are set to earn an additional Sh3 billion, thanks to the recent presidential directive on waiver of levies and fees.

The President, during his State of the Nation address last week, ordered that coffee levies and fees be removed, saying this would boost farmers' income by 4 per cent. Experts say the earnings could be higher, at about 6 per cent.

"The directive will open up the market to more players; competition will bring efficiency to the sector and earn producers more income," said Kenya Small Coffee Growers Association chairman Peter Njoroge.

Experts estimate the amount in fees and levies which will now be converted to farmers' income is over Sh3 billion. This is between 4 per cent and 6 per cent of the total export value of coffee sold through auction, estimated at Sh50 billion.

They say that more pressure is expected to be put on other players like co-operative societies to improve efficiency and release more money to farmers.

The report of the coffee task force appointed by President Kenyatta is expected to be released soon. Players say its recommendations could further enhance control of the sector by farmers, enabling more operators to participate in the lucrative coffee business.

The abolished levies and fees, according to sector players, have barred many interested parties from entering the sector, leaving six multinationals to

dominate.

"The six players earn billions every year from coffee through the Nairobi Coffee Exchange. Since they are multinationals, most of the finances are handled abroad and the country has nothing to show for it," said a source familiar with trading at the auction.

This came as Members of Parliament last week called for the establishment of a commodities exchange to rid the coffee business of cartels that dictate prices at the Nairobi auction.

Mr Dennis Waweru (Dagoretti North), Mr Waihenya Ndirangu (Kasarani), Mr Irungu Kang'ata (Kiharu) and Manyatta's John Nyaga told the coffee sub-sector reforms team that marketing of the cash crop must be opened up and all global investors given a chance to participate.

Coffee sales, they said, are controlled by eight people who dictate prices and have ensured peasant farmers have no access to information on the true value of their crop.

"The cartels must be rooted out and all players given a chance to vouch for prices at an open commodities exchange like it happens in New York," said Mr Nyaga.

The task force heard that at the commodities market, investors will pitch various prices that will be dictated by demand. This could see prices rise to a minimum of Sh3,000 per kilo, compared with the current Sh58 that is later deducted to settle co-operative societies' debts, with the farmer taking home a paltry Sh30.

## TECHNOLOGY

## How WhatsApp is frustrating hackers

WhatsApp, the trusted communication application that is used by one billion people globally, has tightened its data security. Messages, videos and photographs exchanged through the app are now harder to hack while on transit from sender to recipient, in what is termed "end-to-end" encryption.

This means that when you send a message, the only person who can read it is the person or group chat that you have sent it to. No one else can see inside that message. Not cybercriminals, not hackers, not government agents. Not even WhatsApp engineers. End-to-end encryption helps make communication via WhatsApp private — sort of like a face-to-face conversation.

## Unable to decrypt

The content of communications is not stored in plaintext on WhatsApp's servers. Nor is the company able to decrypt users' messages to access them since it does not hold the encryption keys. So WhatsApp will be unable to be compelled to hand over messaging data by any authority — even if served with a warrant by authorities demanding access.

Although completion of the default end-to-end encryption is a hugely important security milestone for the WhatsApp platform,



SAM WAMBUGU

There are a handful of visible signs that encryption has kicked in; a text bubble now appears at the top of every new chat confirming that messages and calls are now end-to-end encrypted

it does not mean that from here on, every communication sent via the app is end-to-end encrypted, because that's reliant on all users being upgraded to the latest version of the software.

In Kenya, thousands of people use WhatsApp to send text messages, make calls over the Internet and to share videos and photographs. Many have also formed social and profes-

sional groups on the WhatsApp platform where members share information.

This encryption works for all mobile phone platforms, including Android, iPhone, Windows Phone, Nokia S40, Nokia S60, BlackBerry, and BB10.

WhatsApp is owned by tech giant Facebook and has grown into one of the world's most important applications. More than a billion people trade messages, make phone calls, send photos, and swap videos using the service. This means that only Facebook itself runs a larger self-contained communications network.

## Not entirely new

End-to-end encryption is not an entirely new feature on the app. Globally, it's been pushed to hundreds of millions of users on the Android mobile operating system since November 2014.

But that roll-out didn't cover all types of messages, like group chats, videos, or photos.

It also didn't cover other operating systems, like Apple's iOS and Windows Phone, although Android is the world's most popular mobile OS.

There are a handful of visible signs that encryption has kicked in. A text bubble now appears at the top of every new chat confirming that messages and calls are now end-to-end encrypted,

if everyone participating in that conversation has the latest version of the app.

Users also can verify that a chat is encrypted by scanning a unique QR code or comparing a 60-digit string of numbers that is generated for each chat.

The latest version of WhatsApp on iOS was available on April 1, while the latest Android version was available on March 29.

Encryption is critical for global tech companies in general, and WhatsApp in particular. Facebook's chief for Latin America was briefly jailed in Brazil in March for failing to provide WhatsApp chat data in a drug case. It wasn't clear if the data was encrypted.

In US, Apple had a tussle with the Federal Bureau of Investigation recently over a court order compelling it to create a way to bypass security measures on a locked iPhone.

The effects of that case, which was ultimately dropped by the FBI after it said it had found a way to access the phone without Apple's help, are still being felt, as questions arise over how powerful that FBI tool is, and whether the bureau should disclose the security hole to Apple.

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## Central MPs refute link to shady coffee cartels

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Central Kenya MPs have trashed claims by Nyeri Governor Nderitu Gachagua that they had been bankrolled by coffee barons to politically fight pro-farmer reforms.

Speaking when they presented their views to the Coffee Subsector Task Force at NHIF Building in Nairobi, the MPs through chairman Dennis Waweru disassociated themselves from coffee cartels wreaking havoc on the industry.

They said they would support any Bill seeking to liberalise coffee sale via establishment of a commodities exchange.

"We have looked at all possible ways of improving the coffee subsector and the best way is to end the eight-man marketing team at the Nairobi Coffee Auction by opening up the subsector

to all players in an open market managed by Capital Market Authority rules," said Mr Waweru who is the Dagoretti South MP.

Manyatta MP John Nyaga said the cartels were now fighting MPs standing for farmers' interests by sponsoring opponents and funding them to launch early campaigns. He said this had adversely affected the war against cartels.

"This task force can recommend an end to the cartel's cashcow and give farmers a chance to access information on the true value of their coffee. Farmers cannot tend the crop, harvest the beans and hand it over to brokers through their co-operatives only to receive peanuts," he said.

Kasarani MP Waihenya Ndirangu blamed the matter for proliferation of illicit brews, slums and petty crime in urban centres due to high levels of poverty.



# WORLD



## ZUMA FACES TRIAL

The leader of South Africa's Khoisan Revolution Party goes to court accusing President Jacob Zuma of fraud, corruption and defeating justice, piling pressure on the embattled head of state. **PAGE 43**

**Referendum** > Region was united until 1994 when President Bashir divided it into three

## Three-day vote on Darfur status to begin amid threats of boycott

Some insurgents back the plebiscite in principle but say the vote has been chosen by officials to suit the regime

KHARTOUM, Saturday

Sudan's conflict-ridden Darfur region starts voting on Monday on whether to unify its five states, a long-standing demand of rebels seeking greater autonomy, but ongoing instability means insurgents are boycotting the referendum.

The three-day vote is expected to maintain the five-state system, which President Omar al-Bashir's ruling party says is more efficient but which observers say gives Khartoum greater control over Darfur.

The ethnic minority insurgents who rebelled against the

Arab-dominated government in 2003 claiming their region was marginalised say the vote cannot be fair because of fighting.

But Bashir — wanted by the International Criminal Court on war crimes charges — has insisted the situation is stable enough for voting to go ahead.

"It is the people of Darfur who choose whether they want states or one region and we are holding this referendum so that no one else can come and say we want this or that," Bashir said last week.

His ruling National Congress Party says five state governments are better able to care for the people of Darfur than a single administration.

Darfur was a united region from its incorporation into Sudan in 1916 until 1994, when Bashir divided it into three states, adding two more in 2012.

Holding the vote while the

government controls much of Darfur and is able to mobilise its supporters may also be a bid to counter the rebels' calls for a united, autonomous Darfur.

"The government can say: 'We're not discussing any more because the referendum has decided so,'" analyst Magdi al-Gizouli said.

The government has also

**100,000** The number of people who have fled their homes in Darfur as a result of heavy fighting

stressed the vote is one of the terms of a 2011 peace deal between Khartoum and some rebel groups.

Some groups that signed the treaty have started campaigning for a single region, but others that didn't sign have said the

result will be meaningless because unrest wracking the region means many will not vote, while the government will mobilise its supporters in towns.

While the insurgency is less intense than at the peak of the conflict, clashes occasionally flare, as happened in January in the Marra mountain range.

Heavy fighting has forced more than 100,000 people flee their homes, joining a pre-existing population of 2.5 million people in Darfur who were already displaced, the UN says.

The insurgents support a referendum in principle but say the vote has been chosen to suit the government.

"The referendum, though stipulated, is not a priority and the government is keen to seize it and ignore what is more important in the treaty," said Abdullah Mursal, a leader in the Sudan Liberation Army faction headed by Minni Minnawi. (AFP)



### COMMENTS

Go to this link to join the debate and to see views from other readers: [www.nation.co.ke](http://www.nation.co.ke)

## By the sweat of her brow

A Cambodian greengrocer on a motorbike takes her stock to the market in capital Phnom Penh yesterday. Motorcycles have been modified to carry a large number of goods and passengers.

PHOTO | AFP



## Djibouti head extends long rule with poll victory

DJIBOUTI, Saturday

President Ismail Omar Guelleh has been declared the winner of Friday's election in Djibouti, granting him a fourth term.

The election was marred by low turnout and claims of soldiers voting in small towns where the incumbent had little support.

The president faced seven opponents in a divided opposition. Guelleh's most outspoken critic and former friend Abdourahman Boreh is in exile.

Accompanied by his wife Kadra Mahamoud Haid, Guelleh cast his ballot in the capital on Friday morning.

"I'm confident. I think the vote will go well," he said.

Prime Minister Abdoulkader Kamil Mohamed announced the results on state-run television. He said Guelleh got 87 per cent of the votes cast.

"The people of Djibouti have followed the path of wisdom, stability, security and development," Mohamed said.

Djibouti is one of the conti-

nent's smallest countries and could fit twice into Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve.

However, it is strategic because it is in the Horn of Africa, across a narrow strait from war-torn Yemen, and controls the only entrance from the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea via the Suez Canal in Egypt.

The law says final results

must be published not later than Wednesday midnight.

Omar Elmi Khaireh came a distant second with seven per cent of the vote.

About 133,300 citizens took part in the election.

Djibouti has been ruled by only two men since independence; the incumbent and his uncle Hassan Gouled Aptidon. (Correspondent)

## BRIEFLY

ABUJA

### Benin national is Ecowas commission president

Marcel Alain de Souza from Benin is the new president of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States. He assumed the position on Friday following the end of the four-year term of Kadré Ouedraogo. De Souza took over in a ceremony at the commission's headquarters in Abuja. Ouedraogo expressed confidence in his successor facilitating integration in the region. (Mohamed Momoh, Correspondent)

MONROVIA

### New Ebola case reported, raising the number to 3

A new Ebola case has been reported in Liberia, rising to three the number declared since March 31. Deputy Health minister Tolbert Nyenswah said the latest case was a three-year-old son of a 30-year old woman who died on March 31 at Redemption Hospital in the western Monrovia suburb of Bushrod Island. Her five-year-old son tested positive last week. (Kemo Cham, Correspondent)

LUSAKA

### Two buses collide in Zambia leaving 22 dead

Twenty two people have died in a bus collision in Zambia's Central district of Kabwe, police say. The Lusaka-bound bus was attempting to avoid hitting a parked truck when it swerved and collided head-on with a minibus heading the opposite direction. Police spokesperson Charity Chanda told state radio that 22 people died and several others were taken to hospital with injuries. (Michael Chawe, Correspondent)

JOHANNESBURG

### Winnie Mandela to appeal ruling on house



Nelson Mandela's ex-wife Winnie Madikizela (above) will challenge the High Court ruling denying her ownership of the former South Africa President's Qunu home. On Thursday, she lost with costs a bid to inherit the house. However, her lawyer Mvuzo Ntuyesi said he would file an appeal. "The process is in motion. We are preparing the application," he said on Saturday. (Peter Dube, Correspondent)



**Ciugu Mwangiru > The rulers did away with term limits, having tasted the trappings of power**

# Djibouti, Chad polls a formality

Protests erupted over the rape of a 16-year-old girl

Just two days after the Horn of Africa nation of Djibouti held a presidential poll, Chadians cast their ballots today to choose a leader.

The Djibouti election, which was held on Friday, was a follow-up to parliamentary polls in 2013, and saw a confident President Ismail Omar Guelleh seeking a fourth term after reneging on a pledge not to do so.

The veteran 68-year-old is the second president Djibouti has had since it gained independence from France in 1977. He has ruled the tiny country of 820,000 people for 17 years.

During the poll, the burly leader, who was able to seek re-election thanks to a constitutional change made in April 2010 that allowed

him to stand for a third and consequent term, easily triumphed over a fractured opposition.

As for today's poll in Chad, Africa's fifth largest country, the man of the moment is incumbent Idriss Deby. A towering political figure, he has been in power since 1990 and many see him winning a fifth term.

He will be facing 14 other candidates, but none is viewed as a match for Deby who will be seeking re-election just over two months since taking over

His pedigree is enhanced by the fact that he was for a long time revered as the man who rescued Chad from the brutal rule of Hissene Habre”

Ciugu Mwangiru



A soldier at a Friday rally of Saleh Kebzaboh, Chad's opposition candidate for the presidential poll which is being held today. President Idriss Deby is widely expected to extend his 26-year rule.

PHOTO | AFP

the African Union chairmanship from Zimbabwe leader Robert Mugabe.

With his chances bolstered by the prestige of his AU position, Deby is expected to win a new term without running too much of a sweat.

That aside, his pedigree is enhanced by the fact that he was for a long time revered as the man who rescued Chad from the brutal eight-year rule of notorious despot Hissene Habre.

Habre unleashed protracted terror on the citizenry and is

said to have been responsible for the deaths of almost 40,000.

In recent months, Habre has appeared in a Senegalese court, charged with crimes against humanity and torture.

Like many African military rulers, Deby's prolonged hold onto power was made possible by the fact that there were initially no term limits in Chad.

However, after much clamour for change, the constitution was amended in 2004 to limit the number of terms to two. Having tasted the trappings of power,

Deby did away with the limits in 2005, sparking a five-year rebellion.

He stood for a third term in 2006 and actually survived the insurgency. In recent times, he has faced serious challenges, particularly after the outbreak of protests in early February.

The protests were sparked by the alleged rape of a 16-year-old girl by people associated with the elite.

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## Anti-Biya activists held in Cameroon

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More than a dozen opposition activists have been arrested in the Cameroonian capital in the wake of protests against Paul Biya's "life presidency".

The activists from the Cameroon People's Party and Cameroon Renaissance Movement were picked up shortly before midday as they staged a peaceful demo.

CPP leader and 2013 presidential candidate Edith Kahbang Walla said she and her supporters were arrested for wearing black T-shirts.

The president has been in office since 1982.

"We wear black to say YES we want water, electricity and hospitals," Walla tweeted hours before her arrest.

"#WearBlack for political freedoms in Cameroon! Everyone has the right to express their opinions. We want water, light, hospitals. NO to constitutional change!" she wrote in another tweet, insinuating that the 84-year-old leader was scheming to succeed himself by organising early elections following calls from the ruling CPDM supporters for him to do so.

Walla and other activists were taken to a police station where they were detained for insurrection and planning a rebellion.

## Refugees wait for rations

Refugees and migrants wait under the rain for food distribution at their makeshift camp in the northern border village of Idomeni, Greece, yesterday. Four migrant women and a child drowned off the Greek island of Samos in the first deaths in the Aegean Sea.

PHOTO | AFP



## Editor's killers executed in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, Saturday

Two members of Somalia's Al-Shabaab jihadist group have been executed by firing squad for the killing of a journalist last year, a judge said.

Abdirisak Mohamed Barow and Hassan Nur Ali, who admitted being Al-Shabaab members during their trial, were shot on Saturday morning in Mogadishu, Abdulahi Hussein Mohamed, deputy judge of the supreme military court told reporters.

"Both were found guilty of killing Mr Hindiyo Haji Mohamed whose car was blown up," Hussein said.

National television journalist Mohamed was killed in December when his car blew up as he returned home from a university class in Mogadishu.

The military court recently rejected an appeal by the men — and increased their sentence from life to execution.

Somalia is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists to operate, with some attacks believed to be linked to score-settling among the multiple factions in power, as well as by Al-Shabaab.

Reporters Without Borders ranks Somalia 172nd out of 180 countries for press freedom. Mohamed was the 38th journalist killed doing in the line of duty since 2010. (AFP)

## Francophone states suspend Burundi over violence

BY NDI EUGENE NDI  
NATION Correspondent  
YAOUNDE, Saturday

The International Organisation of La Francophone States (OIF) has severed links with Burundi.

A statement by OIF cited lack of progress in the East African nation's efforts to hold dialogue aimed at end-

ing political crisis and violence.

OIF was created in 1970 to encourage solidarity between French-speaking nations.

The statement said the organisation suspended all programmes with Burundi, except those "directly benefiting civilians and those which may contribute to the restoration of democracy".

It added that the permanent council of the of the Paris-based organisation, chaired by Canadian Michaëlle Jean, in a session on Thursday, announced the reinstatement of the Central African Republic, saluting the "responsibility shown in its government transition process".

After three years of sectarian violence, CAR organised successful

presidential elections which Faustin-Archange Touadéra won.

Regarding Burundi, members of the permanent council "deplored the deterioration of the security situation and absence of progress in the establishment of a truly inclusive political dialogue despite significant continued efforts by the international community".



**Governance > Ruling party divided on issue**

# Pressure piles on Zuma as Khoisan leader files case

Last week, the court found the president guilty of illegally using state money to refurbish home

BY PETER DUBE  
NATION Correspondent  
PRETORIA, Saturday

The leader of South Africa's Khoisan people, Stanley Petersen, has opened a criminal case against President Jacob Zuma, piling more pressure on the embattled head.

Charges laid against the president include corruption, fraud and defeating the ends of justice.

This follows last week's constitutional court ruling on the expenses incurred on President Zuma's Nkandla home in KwaZulu Natal province.

The court found that the president used \$20 million public money to refurbish his house illegally.

He was ordered to pay part of the huge amount.

The new cases come when the civil society is planning demonstrations countrywide aimed at ousting the president.

The South African leader survived a third impeachment bid in six months only last week.

The campaign, dubbed 'The South Africa We Demand', is also supported by prominent religious, political and business leaders, trade unions and community-based organisations.

Petersen, who leads the Khoisan Revolution, a new political party for the San community, said members and other South Africans could not stand by and watch while public funds and money meant for development was squandered.

"As a member of the Khoisan council, I was a guest in parliament when the president was delivering the speech," Petersen said.

"I was sitting in the gallery and the president was telling the nation that his family paid for the upgrading of the Nkandla home. Everybody knows that was a lie."

He added that the constitutional court findings showed that the South African leader lied under oath.

"He didn't abide with the constitution as the President of the country. There are unpaid land claims that have been lingering for years yet the president is undermining the country's constitution by wasting money, taxpayers money," Petersen added.

Top ruling African National Congress officials have thrown their weight behind groups asking President Zuma to leave office.

ANC has repeatedly defended the president, saying there was no basis for resigning despite the Nkandla saga and court ruling.

**20** The millions in US dollars that President Jacob Zuma used to renovate his home in Nkandla. A court on Thursday told him to pay



PHOTO | AFP

## Hiroshima police on alert

Police officers stand guard at an entrance of the Peace Memorial Park for victims of the 1945 atomic bombing in Hiroshima, Japan yesterday. When US Secretary of State John Kerry joins fellow G7 foreign ministers for talks in Hiroshima, the city's symbolism as the first ever target of a nuclear attack will take centre stage.

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### SANAA

#### Al-Qaeda militants kill 20 Yemeni troops in ambush

Al-Qaeda militants killed at least 20 Yemeni soldiers on Saturday when they ambushed their convoy in the south of the war-torn country, a military source said. "Armed members of Al-Qaeda ambushed a group of young soldiers travelling in three vehicles in the province of Abyan," said the source who requested anonymity. The jihadists ordered the soldiers out of the vehicles and shot them. (AFP)

### LIMA

#### Bus plunges into river in Peru killing 23 passengers

At least 23 people were killed and 32 injured when a bus plunged into a river in the Andes mountains in southeastern Peru, police said. "The bus was almost completely submerged in the river. That made the rescue brigade's work difficult," said police spokesman Linio Sanchez of the town of Urcos, in the tourist-magnet region of Cusco. The bus departed from Puerto Maldonado and was heading to Cusco city, authorities said. (AFP)

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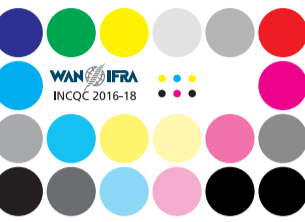
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**Rachael Kanyanga Kavaya**

Dearly missed by your loving husband J. Kavaya, children Rose, Alex, Edward, Martin, Phyllis, Steve, Mary, Kate, Jacky, Bernard, David and Nick. Grandchildren, friends and relatives. Your brother Zebedi and sister Esinasi. Your sons and daughters in law.

**In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you live forever. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23:6.**

### Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will to announce the passing on to Glory of Joseph Kamau Murichu on 6th Wed. 2016. Husband of Margaret Njoki Kamau. Son of late Suleiman Murichu and late Gladys Wangui. Brother of Moses Ndungu, John Ngochi, Tabitha Wangari, Ibrahim Kahari, Patrick Mungai and the late Wanjiru and the late Wairimu.



**Joseph Kamau Murichu**

Father of Rosemary Wangui, Peter Mwangi, Eunice Wangari, Jessee Ndung'u and late Paul Murichu.

The Burial service will be held at his home Kamahia (Malewa) Village Cereal Board Centre along Gilgil-Miharati Road.

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**Christopher Mark Poole  
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*"Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, missed and very dear"*

### Appreciation



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The Nairobi and Ng'arua burial committees for their dedication and support in making the burial arrangements. James' colleagues from Commercial Bank of Africa, Kenyatta University and Charles' colleagues from Blackwood Hodge for their generous contributions, sacrifice, dedication and tireless working hours spent during the planning that culminated in a very dignified send off for our dear mummy.

Not to forget the choir members of St. Andrews, Pastors Ashton, Bun and Muniyannbu who conducted uplifting evening services. The team at Hugh Gooding Funeral Home in the UK and Umash funeral services in Kenya, who took exceptional care of mum. Since it is not possible to mention every individual in person, we humbly ask that you accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support.

**May the Almighty God reward and bless you all abundantly.**

### Death and Funeral Announcement

We proclaim the promotion to glory land of sister Grace Thuo (Wanjiru wa Mweruti).



**Grace Thuo (Wanjiru wa Mweruti)**

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The cortege leaves Umash Funeral Home on 13th April 2016 at 9am for burial on the same date at their home Uthiru at 11:00am.

### 2nd Anniversary

Days, weeks and months have quickly turned into two years since God took you home. It was His will and in our hearts you will live and be treasured forever. We thank God for the time we shared together and hope to meet again.



**Samuel Gitau Njoroge**

We appreciate all those who stood and prayed with us during that trying time.

Fondly remembered by: Dad-Ayub Gitau; Mum-Veronica Wanjiku Njoroge; Sisters - Esther and Faith-Alice Njoroge and all those who loved and cared for you.

### 10th Anniversary / In Loving Memory

It's exactly 10 years since you went to be with the Lord.



**Hon. Mirugi Kariuki**

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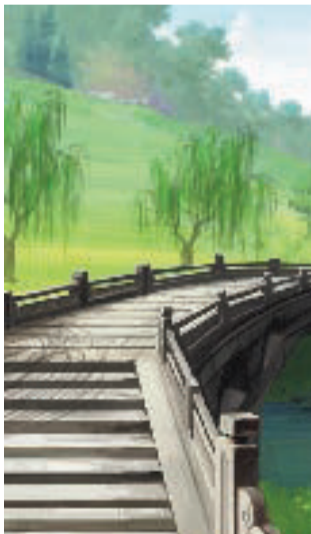


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Top seed John Isner downed Chung Hyeon 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 to book a semi-final clash with defending champion Jack Sock at the ATP claycourt tournament in Houston on Friday.

## BADMINTON

Malaysia's badminton star Lee Chong Wei stormed through to the finals of the Malaysian Open, after beating Denmark's Jan O Jorgensen in a semis match yesterday.



## NBA

## PISTONS BOOK PLAY-OFF SPOT

Point guard Reggie Jackson (above) wouldn't let Detroit be denied, scoring 39 points in a 112-99 triumph over the Washington Wizards that saw the Pistons clinch their first National Basketball Association play-off berth in seven seasons on Friday.

## RUGBY

## SAVEA REPLIES TO DOUBTERS

Julian Savea (below) bounced back from public humiliation over his lack of fitness with a hat-trick of blockbusting tries as the Hurricanes downed the Jaguares 40-22 in a Super Rugby clash in Wellington yesterday.



**World Rugby Sevens series > One mistake cost us against All Blacks, says Kayange**

# Lucky Kenya sail into Cup quarters, face Fiji

Point difference sees team finish second in Group A ahead of France and Samoa

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Kenya Sevens take on defending champions Fiji in Hong Kong Sevens Cup quarter-finals today from 7.40am where they hope to make amends for their previous defeats in Sydney and Vancouver to the Pacific Ocean islanders.

Benjamin Ayimba charge's sailed through to the Cup quarters, their fourth this season, by the skin of their teeth after losing to New Zealand and France 5-0 and 10-17 respectively yesterday.

What counted for Kenya Sevens, who qualified alongside New Zealand from in Pool A to the Cup quarters, was their superior point difference.

**5-0** New Zealand's victory over Kenya in their Pool A match yesterday

New Zealand topped the pool unbeaten, edging France 19-17, Kenya 5-0 and Samoa 20-10.

However, mathematics had to be used after Kenya, Samoa and France tied on five points after winning once and losing twice each.

Kenya sailed through with a point difference of positive 12. France had a difference of negative seven and Samoa negative 30.

Skipper Andrew Amonde said they played well but unfortunately didn't take their chances to attack and score.

"What is happening is that teams strategise well against Kenya hence we must work hard all round in defence, possession and attack to be able to win," he said.

Veteran Humphrey Kayange said they should have won again against All Blacks.

"We didn't take our chances to attack especially at the breakdowns and one mistake cost us the try against All Blacks," said Kayange.

"We always plan to win tournaments and that moment will come soon. But we need to keep working hard."



France's Pierre Gilles Lakafia (centre) is tackled by Kenya's Nelson Oyoo (left) and Humphrey Kayange during their Hong Kong Sevens Pool A match at the Hong Kong Stadium yesterday. France won 17-10.

ISAAC LAWRENCE | AFP

## Kenya Cup &gt;

## Quins bring down Nakuru, Impala win

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The battle for the two remaining semi-final places in the Kenya Cup league will go down to the wire after Nakuru and Strathmore Leos yesterday lost their matches.

Kenya Harlequin cruised to bonus-point 22-5 victory over visiting Nakuru at the RFUEA grounds to uphold a one-point lead at the top of the standings with 76 points. The defeat saw the Great Rift side drop three places to sixth with 62 points.

Impala Saracens tightened their grip on second place when they touched down 11 tries to beat hosts Nondescripts 63-3 at the Railway Club, Nairobi.

Mwamba also kept their dream of reaching the semi-finals alive when they battled to a 10-5 victory over Strathmore Leos at the Railway Club, Nairobi. Mwamba remained eighth but with an improved tally of 59 points while the Leos dropped two places to seventh and out of the semi-final places with 62 points.

## KCB up to third

Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) scaled one place to third with 67 points when they whitewashed hosts Bungoma Sharks 93-3 at Bungoma High School.

Kabras Sugar chalked a bonus-point 29-10 victory against hosts Blak Blad at Kenyatta University to jump two places to fourth with 75 points as Homeboyz moved into the semi-final bracket with bonus-point 48-3 win over Thika.

With Quins and Impala having claimed the first two automatic semi-final places, KCB, Kabras, Homeboyz, Nakuru and Strathmore will battle for the last two places on Saturday in their last matches.

From the six teams vying for the two semi-finals places, Kabras Sugar seem certain of reaching the semi-finals as they are left with a relatively easy match against Thika in Kakamega on Saturday.

But Strathmore and Mwamba have to beat Impala and Nondies respectively in their last matches to reach the semis.

## SUMMARISED RESULTS

Nondies 3-63 Impala; Mwamba 10-5 Strathmore; Quins 22-5 Nakuru; Homeboyz 48-3 Thika; KCB 93-3 Sharks; Kabras Sugar 29-10 Blak Blad.



SCHOOLS NATIONALS &gt; Games start on Tuesday

# Buru Buru vow to reclaim girls' basketball title

Former national champs face Kaya Tiwi in Pool 'B' at Friends Kamusinga

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Two-time national basketball champions Buru Buru Girls have vowed to reclaim the title after a two-year absence from secondary schools Term One 'A' national games.

The Nairobi County team beat rivals Parklands Arya 46-39 at last month's Metropolitan region finals to reach the nationals which get underway on Tuesday at Friends School Kamusinga in Bungoma County.

The result was sweet revenge for Buru Buru who have lost to Parklands in both the Nairobi County and Metropolitan region finals since 2014.

Buru Buru, under coach Julius Otieno, will be seeking to win their third national title after their success in 1995 and 2000. Otieno, who took over the team in 2001, believes Buru Buru have what it takes to win the title.

"We have prepared well and we are now ready to go and win the title. The girls are fired up and have vowed to return home with the title," Otieno said yesterday in Nairobi. His team leaves for Kamusinga this morning.

Buru Buru are in Pool 'B' alongside Coast region

champions Kaya Tiwi, Nzoia Region's St Brigids Kimini and Highland region champions Kirigara in what has been dubbed 'pool of death'.

Upper Hill will compete in boy's basketball.

Buru Buru open their account against Kaya Tiwi who knocked out national champions Shimba Hills at the Coast region games and Ochieng believes the two teams are favourites to win the title. "We have a lot of respect for Kaya Tiwi. Their coach Philip Onyango is my friend but we know we can beat them," he added.



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Upper Hill's Riak Machuol dribbles past Victor Mugo of Starehe Boys during the Nairobi County Secondary Schools Term One 'A' games at Upper Hill High School on March 12.

## Kigari runners rule athletics championship

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Guest runners from Kigari Teachers Training College dominated this year's Kenya Police Service Eastern region inter-division athletics championship.

Kigari's Wesley Kirui withstood a strong challenge from police officers from eight counties in the region to win men's 1,500m, 10,000m and 3,000m steeplechase titles. Meru Police were crowned overall winners.

Kirui easily won men's 1,500m in 3min,51 secs, beating his closest challenger by over 110 metres.

Kigari's Milton Parseina capitalised on home advantage to anchor the home team to victory in men's 4x400m relay title.

### Good run

Fresh from winning the 1,500m and 10,000m titles, Kirui proceeded to claim the 3,000m steeplechase title in 8min,53secs ahead of Bimwoy Chirchir from Marsabit who registered 9:45:01 minutes.

However, the runners were not ranked since they are not members of the Kenya Police Service.

Men's 1,500m was a Marsabit County affair, with Philemon Koori winning in 4min, 02.22secs, followed by Kipkoech Too (4.10.34) and Lawrence Mugo (4.25.08).

Marsabit's Festus Cherus won men's 10,000m in 31min,53.53 secs ahead of Samuel Limo of Machakos who finished in 32.09.00.

In the women's 3,000m race, Carol Mutai (Embu) led her from gun to tape to win ahead of Meru's Joyce Chemng'etich and Valentine Jebet.

It was Mutai's first competitive race in a year since being transferred to Kiganjo Police Training College. Makueni's Grace Erain won women's 5,000m ahead of Belinda Etyang (Tharaka Nithi) and Mevilica Chebor (Meru).

## Kobe goodbye bling has Sh4m hat

Los Angeles

Well-heeled fans will be able to remember Kobe Bryant (inset) in style after the five-time NBA champion plays his last game for the Los Angeles Lakers next week.

Anschutz Entertainment Group, which runs the Staples Center arena and its merchandise, on Thursday unveiled a flock of limited-edition items, leading with a gold-encrusted cap that costs \$38,024 (about Sh4 million).

All of the items feature Bryant's jersey number 24. Some, such as snakeskin texture jerseys (\$424) give a nod to his "Black Mamba"

nickname, his five titles or his record-setting 81-point game.

In synch with the Lakers' "Showtime" tradition, the "24 Collection" offers plenty of bling.

The \$38,024 hat is made of lambskin and snakeskin — another "Black Mamba" reference, and contains 3.5 ounces of 18-karat gold in the shape of the number 24 on the cap's front.

Only eight were made, and for those looking for something a little less pricey, there's a purple diamond cashmere cap for \$24,008.

Caps commemorating the still-astonishing 81-point game a decade ago feature Swarovski crystals and Bryant's points per quarter on the side.

Some of the items in the collection — which also includes pins, coins and jackets — were going on sale through the Lakers' online store on Thursday night, while others were to be made available at Bryant's final game at the Staples Center, next Wednesday against the Utah Jazz. (AFP)



## Kisorio, Mwangangi for Rotterdam Marathon

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Kenyans Mathew Kisorio, John Mwangangi and Mark Kiptoo take the battle to Ethiopians Ayele Abshero and Tsegaye Kebede when Marathon Rotterdam goes down today in the Netherlands.

Mwangangi, who won his maiden marathon in Valencia last year in a personal best 2 hours, 06 minutes and 13 minutes, returns in Rotterdam today, hoping for victory.

It's in Rotterdam where Mwangangi, the 2012 World Half Marathon bronze medallist, made his full marathon debut in 2013, clocking 2:09:32 for fifth place in a race won by Tilahun



I have taken part in many races in the Netherlands and I have been a pacemaker on the same course, so I know it (course) very well"

**John Mwangangi, 2012 World Half Marathon bronze medallist**

JARED NYATAYA | NATION  
**Mathew Kisorio will compete in the Rotterdam Marathon today.**

Regassa from Ethiopia. Mwangangi, 25, was one of the pacesetters at the 2012 Rotterdam where the top two runners finished under two hours and five minutes. Ethiopian Yemane Adhane won the race in 2:04:48.

It's Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge who stopped Ethiopia's two-year dominance in the race when he won the 2014 race in 2:05:00, in what was his third race over the distance. Adhane had halted Kenya's 13-year dominance over the race with victory in 2012.

"I have been running a lot of races in the Netherlands and I have been a pacemaker on the same course, so I know the course very well," said Mwangangi, who has been training in Mwingi. Mwangangi warmed up for the race with a fifth-place finish in World's Best 10K in San Juan by clocking 28:00, just seven seconds shy of his personal best. Kenya's Bedan Karoki won the race in 27:42.

Meanwhile, Kenyans will be out to halt Ethiopia's reign at today's Rome Marathon. Silas Cheboi, who clocked 2 hours, 07 minutes and 15 second in Gyeong, South Korea in 2014, will lead his compatriots Ezekiel Omullo and Robert Kipkemboi in Rome today.

Omullo ran personal best 2:09:19 when he won last year's Warsaw Marathon while Kipkemboi also chalked PB when he triumphed at 2015 Padua Marathon in 2:09:32.

It's left to be seen whether Kenyans will succeed in stopping Ethiopians, who have enjoyed a proud tradition in the Italian capital since the days of Abebe Bikila's legendary Olympic title run in 1960.



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G265	16:00	Torino v Atalanta	1.83	3.40	4.33
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M812	17:00	Valencia v Sevilla	2.50	3.25	2.80
M655	18:00	Liverpool v Stoke	1.57	4.00	5.50
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# Kenya finish fifth at All Africa Challenge golf

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Defending champions South Africa beat Morocco by 32 shots to win the All Africa Challenge Trophy for the 12th time at the Golf Citrus Club in Hammement Tunisia on Friday. Their top player Ivanna Samu fired an excellent three under par 69 in the final round while Kaleigh Telfer added 76 for an all rounds total of 442 gross to retain Africa's most prestigious women golf title.

Kenya, the 2014 silver medallists, finished fifth. Leading player Josephine Ainley shot 81 in the closing round with 15-year-old Kellie Wahito Gachaga posting 87 for a team total of 502.

This was the worst placing for the Kenyan ladies who failed to break 80 in all their rounds. Back at the top, Morocco fired 78 and 81 for a total of 470 to take the Silver medal while hosts Tunisia came home third with a total of 485 which included the final round's 80 and 83.

### FINAL LEADERBOARD

442	South Africa	71	74	77	69
470	Morocco	76	78	80	78
485	Tunisia	81	81	76	83
500	Zimbabwe	81	84	78	81
502	Kenya	80	85	83	86
514	Zambia	79	83	82	90
517	Uganda	83	86	85	87
522	Senegal	85	87	82	88
524	Nigeria	85	86	77	97
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2016 Africa Women Cup of Nations qualifiers > Return match on Tuesday at Nyayo

# Starlets chase history

Brave Kenya women's team have the edge after first leg draw with Algeria in Algiers

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The national women's football team is on the brink of securing an historic qualification to the Africa Cup of Nations.

This is after they secured a brave 2-2 draw in Algiers against Algeria in their final round 2016 Afcon qualifier at the Stade Omar Hammadi in Bologhine.

The Harambee Starlets - as the team is fondly referred to - now require any kind of victory or scoreless draw in the return leg match set for the Nyayo Stadium in Nairobi on Tuesday to earn a ticket to the Nations Cup for the first time in the tournament's history.

The African final will be held in Cameroon in November.

"This is a match we should have won but this is still a favourable result. These two goals we have scored will be crucial ahead of the return leg," Starlets coach David Ouma told *Sunday Nation Sport*.

Having needed a slice of fortune to get to this stage after their opponents in the previous round - the Democratic Republic of Congo - withdrew at the last minute, the Starlets fell behind in Algiers early in the match.

Naima Bouhani capitalized on a slow reaction from the Kenyan defence to fire home the opening goal of the match.

Trailing at the break, the Kenyans came back forcefully in the second half with consistent pressure that eventually paid off with the equalizing goal.

The strike came through Fatima's Sekouane's own goal from a mis-timed clearance.

This is a match we should have won but this is still a favourable result. These two goals we have scored will be crucial ahead of the return leg"

David Ouma, Harambee Starlets coach

Dependable attacking midfielder Mwanahima Adam then stunned the hosts with a well taken goal with only five minutes of regulation time remaining to give Kenya the lead.

In fact, the Starlets were coasting towards an unlikely victory until Hamid Bouhani scored the equalizing goal well into stoppage time.

This performance caps what has been a consistently outing for the Starlets, despite many challenges, including the lack of a

professional women football league in Kenya for the last two years. Nevertheless, the Kenya same side - consisting mainly of secondary school students - came close to, against all odds, qualifying for the Olympic Games set for Rio de Janeiro in August during the qualification campaign last year for the tournament last year, only to be eliminated by South Africa at the final hurdle, having earlier on eliminated Botswana 4-3 on aggregate.

The Starlets are expected back home today afternoon and will head straight into camp to prepare for the crucial return match at Nyayo.

Eight teams will participate in the African finals.

While congratulating the girls for their fine performance, Football Kenya Federation deputy president Doris Petra also highlighted the plans for the team.

"We think this team can perform even better. The decision to maintain the bulk of the squad plus the entire technical bench is proving fruitful. They have all our support and I'm certain we shall be going to Cameroon," Petra said.

The draw caused excitement among local fans on social media on Saturday, with a section cheekily suggesting the team replace the under performing men's side.



MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION

Harambee Starlets player Esse Akida in action against Botswana during their 2016 Olympic Games qualifier at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos last year. Starlets drew 2-2 with Algeria in Algiers on Friday in an Africa Women Cup of Nations qualifying match.



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# The RUMOUR Mill

## FEDERATION OFFICIAL SECURES LOVER FKF JOB

Love, indeed, blossoms in the beautiful game. A senior Football Kenya Federation official is said to have secured a federation job for a female administrator of the game. The two are said to be engaged in a steamy affair that has blossomed to the extent that the man cannot stand being away from his heartthrob for even a day. The man, who also runs a football club, started seeing the woman a year ago. So sweet and serious has this relationship been that the man just had to offer his lover a job at the federation to get them closer together. As sure as the sun rises in the East and sets in the West, the beautiful game comes with such beautiful stories. It's love brewed in the African game...

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## CLUB BOSS DABBLES HEAVILY IN THE OTHER WORLD

The grapevine has it that a controversial Kenyan Premier League club manager belongs to some secretive religious cult. The man, who runs a team that is sponsored by a sugar factory, is no stranger to controversy. With a burly, intimidating figure, huge eyes and a highly-volatile personality, it is not hard to believe that indeed some influence from the unknown world has a grip on him.

A source at the club told the Rumour Mill that the man is often seen speaking to himself while holding something that looks like rosary beads and anyone who dares interrupt him when he is in his element is met with forceful insults and, sometimes, a heavy blow to the body. Strange stuff.

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## EX-KENYA INTERNATIONAL NOW A BARTENDER

In such tough economic times, it is understandable when one has to go out of their way to make ends meet. Any business or activity goes so long as there is some income earned. A former Kenya international looking for that extra penny has lowered himself to the level of working in a bar-cum-brothel. The player, who featured for a top club in the Premier League, is working as a bartender at a joint in Eastlands. His main job description, we understand, involves selling wines and spirits and cooking "mitura and hooves" to customers seeking alcohol or pleasures of the nether region. All in a day's work.

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## I'M READY TO DOPE TO WIN, CONFESSES ATHLETE

Reports this year by a World Anti-Doping Agency committee on systematic doping in Russia left the athletics world in shock. But that was no news in Eldoret town - the Mecca of world athletics.

Here, upcoming athletes struggle to get cash to pay doctors and chemists to administer banned drugs on them. One budding athlete happily said: "I use the cheap drugs but they don't work out very well. If I get money, I'll opt for more sophisticated ways." Then the athlete shockingly confessed: "I have not made good money in local races and I think the expensive drugs can help me make good money."

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## RIFT VALLEY A HOTBED OF CHAMPIONS AND LOVE

The Rift Valley, they say, is the hotbed of middle and long distance runners. Thus hundreds of foreign athletes pitch camp there to seek the Kenyan secret to success. The aspiring runners train in Iten and Eldoret, hoping to strike the magic bullet to successful running. These Europeans, it appears, seem to leave nothing to chance. They are now even having affairs with elite Kenyan athletes presumably to gain extra insights. The Rumour Mill understands that a celebrated star athlete, who has been dating a European man, is now heavy with a child. The same athlete has also been seeing a local lover. And now the million dollar question is: Who's responsible for the pregnancy? Only God knows.

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## A TRUE MATCH CAN NEVER BE SEPERATED

The good word says: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." That resonates well with a banned long distance athlete and her bubbly. Sources close to the running couple disclosed that they were back together after almost three years of separation. The couple, who have a son, parted ways after they disagreed on the star's training schedule and diet. The athlete, who has won several big city marathon races, was recently handed a two-year ban after she tested positive for a prohibited substance. At the height of their tiff, the man had sensationally claimed that his better half began doping about five years ago. But things seem to have changed and they are now cosy, cosy together.

## Golf > Players tackle Augusta National course

# Weekend form boosts Rory hopes



## World No.2 out to rectreat good form in 2015 event to win this year's tournament

Augusta

Rory McIlroy hopes to recreate his weekend form of last year as he pushes for a win in the Masters that would make him just the sixth player to win all four majors.

The 26-year-old from Northern Ireland (above) enjoyed a fine day in testing conditions at Augusta National, rebounding from an early double bogey to card a 71. That propelled him up the leaderboard on a day when

just getting near par was beyond most players and he ended it just one shy of leader Jordan Spieth at 3-under.

The world's number two and three players were due to step out together in the third round yesterday.

It was all a far cry from last year, when McIlroy virtually played himself out of the competition with two middling rounds on Thursday and Friday.

With the pressure off, he was the form player at the weekend, producing rounds of 68 and 66 that gave him his best Masters finish in seven campaigns - a tie for fourth.

"Yeah, if I can have a weekend this weekend like I did that last weekend, I'd be very happy," he said.

"Obviously with the position I was in last year going into the weekend, there wasn't much pressure. You could go out there and free-wheel it a little bit and try to make as many birdies as you could and the conditions were more benign, so you could go after the course a bit more.

"Hopefully it's a third year in a row and a third weekend in a row where I can post a couple of good scores and see where that leaves me at the end of the week."

What McIlroy did not recall, however, was his 2011 performance in the Masters, when he took a four-shot lead into the final round and fell apart with an 80 that dropped him into a tie for 15th place. (AFP)

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**SportPesa Premier League > Homeboyz hit City Stars in Mumias**

# Brewers cling on to top spot

Tusker silence Stima in Kisumu to stay ahead of Leopards and Mathare United

BY SUNDAY NATION TEAM  
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**T**usker maintained their place at the top of Kenyan Premier table of standings after coming from behind to floor Western Stima 2-1 at Moi Stadium, Kisumu, yesterday.

The outcome leaves the brewers at the summit of the log on 17 points ahead of Mathare United and AFC Leopards, who also won their round eight matches to record equal number of points.

Substitute Michael Khamati scored deep in the second half as Tusker came from behind to overcome Stima 2-1. Wesley Kemboi had given Stima the lead in the 13th minute before Eugene Asike equalised for Tusker before the break.

At Nyayo, Mathare United left it late to beat Sony Sugar 1-0 in a late kick-off match to extend the sugar millers' winless streak to eight matches. Derrik Onyango scored Mathare's winner. Earlier on at the same venue, Leopards,

who had been trailing Sofapaka, came from a goal down to beat 'Batoto ba Mungu' 2-1. Sofapaka went ahead in the first minute through Brian Nyakan but Leopards equalised through Kepha Aswani before Simon Abuko confirmed the three points in the second half.

Nyakan took advantage of Ingwe's unsettled backline to score the opener barely 29 seconds into the match. But with a second consecutive defeat looming, Ingwe embarked on a spirited search for an equaliser, as 'Batoto ba Mungu' played with increased energy in

quest for their first win in seven games and got their reward. Upon resumption, Ingwe coach Ivan Minnaert introduced Ugandan midfielder Allan Katerrega and Bernard Ongoma who made an instant impact.

"It's good we scored two goals though we made mistakes. There is a problem with the midfield," Leopards coach Ivan Minnaert said. At Mumias Complex, Kakamega Homeboyz silenced visiting Nairobi City Stars 1-0 in a fiercely-contested match. Second half substitute Andrew Murunga scored the only goal in the 79th minute.

Reports by Celestine Ollilo, Gaetano Pessa and Titus Maero



MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION

AFC Leopards' Kepha Aswani celebrates his goal with team-mate Cresten Mwanzo during their match against Sofapaka at Nyayo Stadium yesterday. Inset: Goalkeeper Lucas Indech joins in the celebrations. Leopards won 2-1.

**RESULTS**

<b>W. Stima</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>Tusker</b>
Leopards	2-1	Sofapaka
<b>Homeboyz</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>City Stars</b>
Mathare	1-0	S. Sugar

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16:00	6676	Sampdoria vs Udinese	2.03	3.32	3.75
16:00	7121	Napoli vs Verona	1.26	5.89	10.17
16:00	9157	Torino vs Atalanta	1.87	3.37	4.38
16:30	7504	Schalke 04 vs Borussia Dortmund	4.24	3.86	1.77
17:00	1836	Stal Dneprodzerzhinsk vs Shakhtar Donetsk	11.07	5.79	1.17
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21:45	7367	Palermo vs Lazio	3.47	3.31	2.13
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**SERIE A**

**ICARDI HITS TIMELY 50TH GOAL FOR INTER**

Mauro Icardi struck his 50th goal in 100 Serie A appearances as Inter Milan kept their outside Champions League hopes alive with a cagey but welcome 1-0 win over 10-man Frosinone yesterday. Inter are one of several teams in contention for the league's third and last Champions League qualifying spot and their 17th win of the season moved them up to fourth. They sit five points behind third-placed Roma ahead of the remaining weekend fixtures. Inter have collected only three points from their last six away games.

**BUNDESLIGA**

**GUNDOGAN SET FOR SCHALKE IN DERBY**

Germany international Ilkay Gundogan is set to return to the Borussia Dortmund line-up for today's Ruhr derby at Schalke as his club looks to keep the pressure on Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich. Dortmund started the weekend five points behind Bayern with six games left as they travel 50kms west to neighbours Gelsenkirchen. This will be the 88th Bundesliga meeting between the arch-rivals with Dortmund having won 32 of the matches while Schalke have 30 victories with 25 draws. Schalke are seventh in Germany's top flight, 23 points behind second-placed Dortmund.

**LIGUE 1**

**CORNET BRACE LIFTS LYON INTO SECOND**

Lyon moved above Monaco and into second spot and automatic qualification for the Champions League with a 2-0 win at Montpellier on Friday. Maxwell Cornet's quickfire first half brace pushed the in-form former multiple champions onto 55 points, but in line for the ticket to the Champions League on goal difference. Monaco can regain second if they beat Lille today. This was Lyon's eighth win from their last 10 games, a run that has catapulted them back into contention for Europe's top club competition. Their fine run continued when Jordan Ferri set up Cornet for the 34th minute opener.

**SCOTLAND**

**CELTIC CLOSE IN ON TITLE WITH VICTORY**

Leigh Griffiths grabbed a double and missed a penalty as Celtic claimed a 2-1 win over Motherwell yesterday that extends their lead at the top of the Scottish Premiership. The Hoops now have a massive eight-point advantage over Aberdeen, who lost 2-1 away to Hearts on Friday night, with just five games remaining as they close in on a fifth successive league title. A dominant first-half display saw Griffiths fire a penalty wide before making amends as he steered a 44th-minute shot past Connor Ripley. Former Celtic striker Scott McDonald had Motherwell level on the hour.



La Liga >

CR7 shines as Real close in on Barca



PHOTO: AFP

Real Madrid's Jese Rodriguez (right) celebrates scoring against Eibar with team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo yesterday. Real won 4-0.

Madrid

Real Madrid bounced back from their Champions League embarrassment against Wolfsburg in midweek to close to within four points of Barcelona at the top of La Liga with a 4-0 win over Eibar yesterday.

Cristiano Ronaldo was one of only three players retained in coach Zinedine Zidane's starting line-up from the 2-0 defeat in Germany and the Portuguese shone with a goal and two assists as Madrid stormed into a 4-0 half-time lead with James Rodriguez, Lucas Vazquez and Jese also on the scoresheet.

Victory away to Barcelona last weekend had revived Real's title hopes before they came crashing back down to earth in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Zidane showed his priority remains turning around their quarter-final tie when Wolfsburg visit the Santiago Bernabeu on Tuesday as Gareth Bale, Toni Kroos and Marcelo were left on the bench, whilst Keylor Navas and Luka Modric was rested from the squad.

Smashed home

Despite the changes, the hosts were always comfortable against the Basque minnows, who now haven't won in eight games, from the moment Rodriguez smashed home a sumptuous free-kick after just five minutes.

Ronaldo showed he was in a generous mood on 18 minutes when he unselfishly squared for Vazquez to turn home the second.

A typically clinical Madrid counter-attack followed just two minutes later as Jese bore down on goal before teeing up Ronaldo to smash home his 30th La Liga goal of the season and extend his lead to four over Barcelona's Luis Suarez in the battle to be the league's top scorer.

The roles were reversed for the fourth just before the break as this time Ronaldo picked out Jese's unmarked run to the far post to leave the youngster with the simplest of finishes. (AFP)

Barclays Premier League > Table toppers have an easy tie

Spurs desperate to stop Foxes' march

Tottenham must beat United to stay in tight fight as Leicester face struggling Sunderland

London

Tottenham Hotspur will once again grapple with historical portents today when their bid to prevent Leicester City running away with the Premier League title sees them entertain Manchester United.

It is 15 years since Tottenham last won a home league game against United and they spurned one opportunity to reverse a long-standing trend last weekend when a 1-1 draw at Liverpool — where they have won just once in 22 league visits — allowed Leicester to open up a seven-point lead.

With Leicester visiting third-bottom Sunderland earlier in the day, Spurs could be 10 points off the pace by kick-off, but manager Mauricio Pochettino says his side will not abandon hope.

"You need to believe in football that things can change," he said. "It's important for us to be focused and prepared, but we can't play when Leicester play. We can only do our job and be focused on the three points.

"We will see what happens with Leicester. It's important for us to believe and to fight. There are six games ahead and anything can happen in football."

Failed to record victory

While Tottenham continue to believe in a first league title since their fated league and FA Cup double of 1961, the omens for victory over United are not good. They have not scored a goal against United in the league in three games under Pochettino, who has failed to record a victory over the men from Old Trafford in six attempts with Spurs and former club Southampton.

Of greater concern will be the

fact that while Leicester have cranked out gritty 1-0 wins in five of their last six matches, Spurs have won only three times in the same period.

Predicting how long United's fleeting bursts of form will last has proved a fool's errand this season. (AFP)



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Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane celebrates scoring in a past Premier League match while (below) Leicester City's Jamie Vardy savours his goal in a recent game. Spurs host Manchester United while Leicester tackle Sunderland.



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9	10/04/16	18:00	EPL	LIVERPOOL	STOKE	1.58	3.90	5.70
10	10/04/16	18:00	EPL	TOTTENHAM	MANCHESTER UTD	1.95	3.45	3.85
11	10/04/16	18:00	FRA	NICE	RENNES	2.30	3.25	3.10
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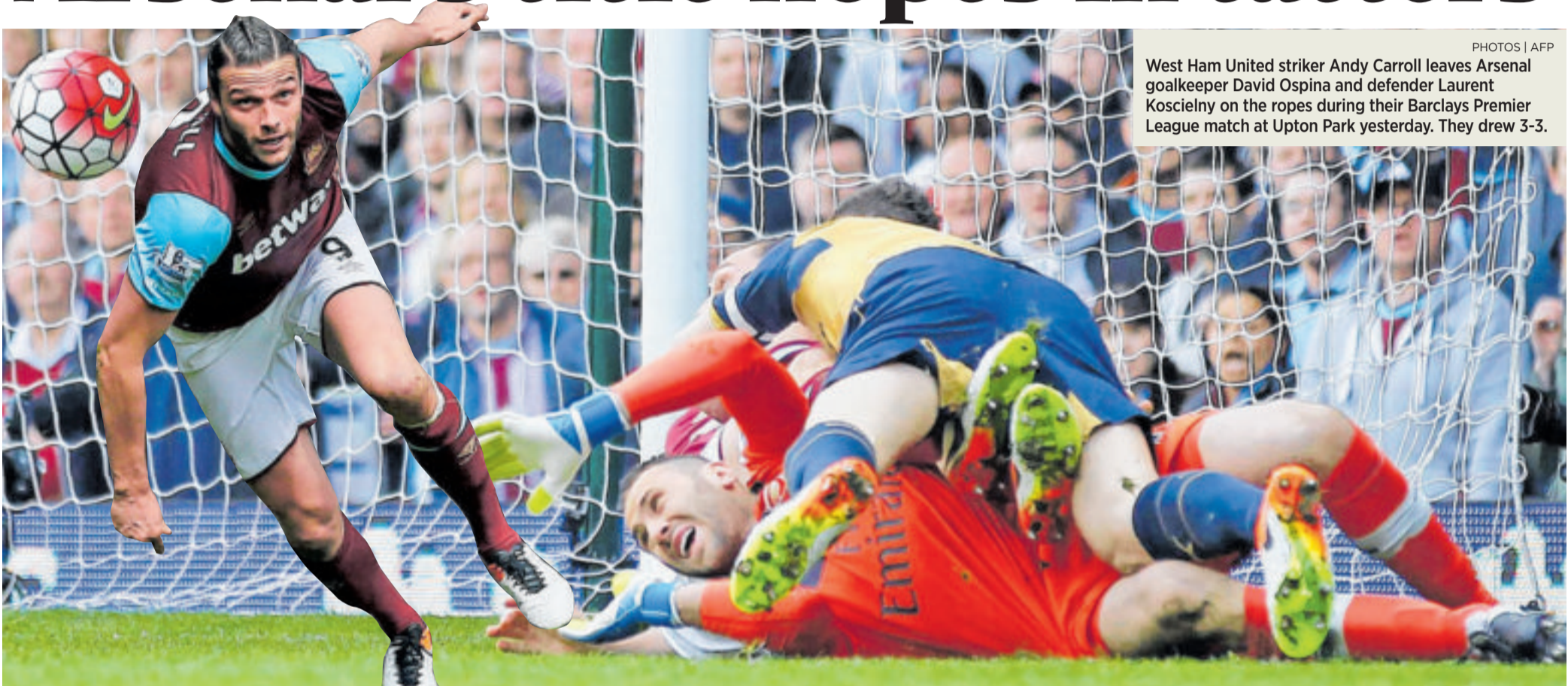
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Barclays Premier League > West Ham United rally to share the spoils with the visitors in thrilling clash at Upton Park

# Arsenal's title hopes in tatters



PHOTOS | AFP

West Ham United striker Andy Carroll leaves Arsenal goalkeeper David Ospina and defender Laurent Koscielny on the ropes during their Barclays Premier League match at Upton Park yesterday. They drew 3-3.

## Carroll claims a hat-trick to derail Gunners' charge as Aston Villa stay alive despite defeat

London

Helpless bottom club Aston Villa avoided relegation from the Premier League by the skin of their teeth yesterday despite a 2-1 loss at home to Bournemouth.

Goals from Steve Cook and Josh King gave Bournemouth victory at Villa Park, but Norwich City's 1-0 defeat at Crystal Palace kept Villa hanging by a mathematical thread.

At Upton Park, Arsenal's title hopes took another hit in a 3-3 draw with West Ham United, with Laurent Koscielny's strike earning a point for the visitors after Andy Carroll's hat-trick saw the hosts come from 2-0 down to lead.

The result left Arsenal 10 points below leaders Leicester City, who visit third-bottom Sunderland today, and three points behind second-place Tottenham Hotspur, who entertain Manchester United.

West Ham and Arsenal played out a gripping but mutually damaging six-goal thriller at Upton Park that did little for

either the former's Champions League hopes or the latter's fading title aspirations.

Neatly taken goals by Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez put Arsenal 2-0 up, only for Carroll to net twice in 160 seconds at the end of the first half. The towering striker headed in Michail Antonio's cross to complete an eight-minute hat-trick early in the second period, but Arsenal rescued a point when Koscielny hooked in a 70th-minute equaliser. (AFP)

### RESULTS

**Villa 1 (Ayew 85) B'mouth 2 (Cook 45+2, King 74)**

Crystal Palace 1 (Puncheon 68) Norwich 0

**S'ton 3 (Long 4, Pelle 38, Wanyama 55) Newcastle 1 (Townsend 65)**

Swansea 1 (Sigurdsson 25) Chelsea 0

**Watford 1 (Holebas 45+3) Everton 1 (McCarthy 45+1)**

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## One man's dream to change Africa

**Fred Swaniker, a 39-year-old Ghanaian entrepreneur, founded the African Leadership University and aims to open 25 campuses across the region to train future leaders for the continent**

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wild issue

Radioactive boars wreaking havoc



Radioactive wild boars that are “breeding like rabbits” are overwhelming the Fukushima nuclear disaster zone in Japan, the *Daily Mirror* writes. The boars’ population, which has increased by 330 per cent in the

four years since the disaster, has been devastating crops in farms in the area. Around 13,000 of the animals are in the zone, which stretches in a 19km radius from the plant. Boars also pose a threat to public safety, and have reportedly injured local residents while roaming the streets of towns nearby. According to the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper, the government has been offering rewards to hunters in order to “inspire” them to cull the wild pigs. But their efforts have only had a tiny effect on the population of the animals, which reproduce quickly.

industrious aid

Ants help in farming

Ants are being used to help organic fruit farmers in Denmark, the BBC writes. A team from Aarhus University hopes the ants will gobble up insect pests that cause damage to apple trees during spring, namely moth larvae, which feast on their leaves. Researchers have been relocating forest-based colonies into an orchard as part of a new study, the *Copenhagen Post* reports. “We are moving a large ant colony from a pine forest and will spread a number of smaller colonies, each having its own queen, around the apple plantations,” senior researcher Joachim Offenberg says. They had to make the forest ants feel at home, so they have brought along pine needles to enable the insects to build their colonies, he says. In 2015, Joachim wrote a review that suggested weaver ants were as effective as synthetic pesticides in reducing pest damage and improving crop yields.

picture story



CREATIVE MINDS

Students of Nyahururu Elite Schools showcase their creativity to parents and other guests during the prize giving event at the school on Friday. School principal Keziah Waithaka watches on. Governor Waithaka Mwangi of Nyandarua was the chief guest.

not strict

Female driver given school-style penalty

A Vietnamese police force is winning plaudits after letting a woman avoid a traffic fine by writing 50 lines promising not to repeat the offence, it is reported, according to the BBC. Police in the central city of Da Nang imposed the unusual school-style penalty after catching her driving down a one-way street in the wrong direction, according to the Tuoi Tre News website. Local police chief Tran Viet Hoa says officers gave the nervous-looking driver, 20, the benefit of the doubt after she claimed not to have seen a one-way sign. They told her she could write “I promise not to travel in the wrong direction on a one-way street again” 50 times or pay a fine. The woman gratefully accepted the cheaper option, according to Hoa, and immediately got on with the job while perched on a kerbside. Many social media users voiced their approval for the unusual tactic.

on cleanliness

A note on bed sheets

There are many things you would not want to see in your hotel room, the *Daily Mirror* writes. One hotel guest claims to have found a secret note that probably really put them off their sleep. An image of the letter, written on a hotel’s notepad paper, was posted on the social networking website Reddit along with the caption: “Heard something crinkle when I settled in for the night...” The note was supposedly written by the room’s previous guest, and says: “If you’re reading this then housekeeping did not change your sheets!” There is no evidence the poster did not write this themselves as a funny joke to post online. The paper has a logo of the Courtyard by Marriott brand of hotels. Mirror Online contacted the company for comment. A spokesperson said: “While there is no way for us to verify validity of this claim, Marriott has the greatest concern and respect for every guest’s experience. We take hotel hygiene and cleanliness very seriously”.

replacing man

Robot employees ‘not useful enough’

Three restaurants in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou have found “employing” robot waiting staff is more trouble than it is worth, the BBC writes. Of the three establishments, two have closed down, while the third has sent all but one of their robots back and reverted to human servers, the *Workers’ Daily* newspaper reports.



While the robot waiters were an excellent gimmick to get customers through the door, they were not quite so good at their programmed task of serving food and drink to customers, according to staff. “The mobility of the catering staff was great, we initially recruited six for service, but after a year we only retained one,” a hotpot restaurant supervisor named Ms Liang says. Another human employee at one of the restaurants says the robots simply did not have the same capabilities as their flesh-and-blood colleagues. “Their services were limited. They couldn’t pour water for customers, nor could they take orders,” the staff member tells *Workers’ Daily*. The current state of robotics and artificial intelligence means the technology is not quite advanced enough for robot waiters to work effectively, a technology expert, Zhang Yun, tells the Shanghaiist website.

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Raymond Oloo Ndong’  
1948-2016

Raymond Oloo Ndong’, a former Member of Parliament for Rangwe and Assistant Minister for Trade, died of cancer at the Coptic Hospital in Nairobi last Sunday.

Mr Ndong’, a former banker, was born in Kanyada, Homa Bay.

He is an alumni of Sero Primary School and Migori High School.

Mr Ndong’ became Member of Parliament for Rangwe in 1992 when, running on a Kanu ticket, he won a by-election that was held after the constituency’s Member of Parliament, Mr Ouma Muga, was expelled from the House. Prof Muga had teamed up with Jaramogi Oginga Odinga to call for repeal of section 2A of the Constitution so that Kenya

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could become a multiparty state.

President Daniel arap Moi later appointed Mr Ndong’ Assistant Minister for Trade.

The former politician is the father of Citizen TV sports anchor and reporter Bernard Ndong’ and a brother of Jerry Ndong, a former chairman of the Architectural Association of Kenya.

Mr Ndong’ will be buried on Friday at his home in Asego, Homa Bay.



## people

# It's painful living in a flat with some neighbours

**This reminded me of another neighbour I once had who had the habit of waking up at 4.45am, and then spending the next one hour walking all over the house in high heels**

**S**ometime last week, a reader wrote me an e-mail, and begged me to put to shame those insensitive people who live in flats, Kenyans who make the lives of those who live below them unbearable.

As I read his e-mail, I found myself nodding in sympathy, because at several stages of my life, I have had the misfortune of living below inconsiderate flat mates. I wrote about it once, you know, about that randy couple that had not bothered to invest in a firm bed.

I had had my son one or two months earlier before moving into the flat, and each time the two decided to do the deed, (which, for some reason, was always at some ungodly hour of the night, when everyone is supposed to be asleep) the creaking bed would wake my son up, and inevitably, me.

Since I had passionately written about this subject, I will not bother going into the nitty gritty of the frustration I felt then, especially because I just couldn't knock on that energetic couple's door and tell them that they had a lousy bed.

For the sake of this reader though, if you live above someone, and your bed groans every time you shift, please invest in a firm bed or tighten the bolts. Have a heart, there is someone below you



MY WEEKEND

caroline njung'e

whose sleep you're interrupting.

This gentleman's e-mail reminded me of another neighbour I once had who had the habit of waking up at 4.45am, and then spending the next one hour walking all over the house in high heels. It was as if she would swing her legs out of bed and then step into high heels, instead of slippers – like normal people.

She would then walk through the entire house back and forth, until she mercifully left for work at around 5.45am. You should have heard the echo in the house. Once she woke up, that would be the end of my sleep as well.

Please, if you live above someone, resist walking around the house with high heels because you could be triggering headaches that you don't know about.

How about those parents who



Some people do their morning exercise in their house, becoming a nuisance to those on the floor below.  
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allow their children to bounce balls all over the house late at night? My reader told me to tell you that houses are not playgrounds, that when your children play basketball at 9pm in the living room, he can barely hear the news, and that a few nights ago, a picture of his beloved mother, which hangs above his TV set, crashed to the floor due to the mini tremors caused by your children's basketball.

#### Mind your business

He says he also gets irritated every time his next door neighbour peeps out surreptitiously each time he steps in or out of his house. Mind your own business, he says. I have to tell him though that it is human nature to be "interested" in what others do or do not do – I mean, even I am guilty of spying on a neighbour,

**THERE IS SOMETHING I WOULD NEVER DO THOUGH, AND THAT IS ENCOURAGE MY CHILDREN TO SPY ON OTHERS."**

though not recently, yet I am a firm believer in the fact that people should mind their own business.

There is something I would never do though, and that is encourage my children to spy on others. In a recent parenting seminar, the facilitator narrated how their neighbour's 6-year-old daughter once asked them whether they had bought or rent the house they live in.

Pray, what does a 6-year-old know about rent or a mortgage?

Chances are that she overheard her parents discussing this fact and in the innocence of a child, decided to make their fact-finding easier by walking up to the source and asking the question live, live.

This Sunday, make a pact with yourself to start being a good neighbour if you're a bad one, and resist the temptation to spy on your neighbours.

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## WORLD OF FIGURES» MUNGAI KIHANYA

# Why there is never enough cash in the bank

**BRACE YOURSELF** for the shocking news. According to the 2015 Central Bank of Kenya annual report, on June 30, 2015, the total sum of all bank account deposits in the country was Sh2.583 trillion. At the same time, the total value of all Kenyan currency notes and coins in circulation (that is, in all bank vaults, our safes and pockets and even under our mattresses) was Sh222 billion.

In other words, only about 8.6 per cent of our money was in the form of notes and coins. That is, if we all woke up one morning and went to our respective banks demanding our money in cash, only 8.6% would be available. Over 90% would be turned away! The banking system would collapse and the entire economy would come to a standstill.

What happened? Did someone raid the banks and steal it? Was it used in political campaigns?

Not really; there was no theft and there is nothing to worry about. That

is how modern banking systems are. In fact, our economy is quite cash-heavy: in more developed countries, only about 5 per cent of their bank balances are available in notes and coins.

To understand how this situation arises, imagine a remote village very far away from any urban centre. Suppose there is no bank and the villagers there do all their transaction using notes and coins only.

Then one day, a bank opens a branch there. Suppose it manages to convince all the villagers to deposit their notes and keeps an accurate record of how much each person has deposited.

In order to win their confidence, the bank keeps all the money deposited in its vault at the branch. That way, any person willing to verify can go in and do so. From then onwards, the villagers will only be withdrawing the cash they need for a particular transaction.

As time goes by, some of the currency notes get worn out and are no longer usable. So the bank takes them



out of circulation and keeps them in a separate safe. It keeps doing this until almost all the notes have moved to the second safe.

At that point, the bank picks all the old notes and takes them back to the Central Bank for replacement. But the

CBK tells it to wait until new ones are printed. In the meantime, the CBK counts and records the value of notes received from this bank and promptly destroys them to avoid the risk of theft.

Now, back at the remote village, only a small portion of the villagers' money

is held in the bank, but no one is worried because every time they need some cash, they easily get it without question.

The village branch manager quickly realises that she doesn't need to replace all the notes she had sent to the CBK – after all, the villagers don't need it! So she informs CBK to only send her a small amount. From that moment, she'll never have all the villagers' money in her vault. In fact, it won't be at CBK either – remember, the old notes were destroyed.

And so it shall be: the villagers' bank balances will always be more than the notes and coins in their bank. What would happen if they all went to withdraw all their money at the same time? That's what happened to Chase Bank mid this week. No bank in the world can survive such withdrawals – not even a Central/Reserve Bank!

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## relationships

**Facts»** Far more first messages from women turn into dates than do from men

# Finding dates online can be fun, but watch out!

**Cyber criminals will deliberately target you; so once you are talking the swindle begins**

**Y**ou looking for love on the Net? You're forever online anyway, and making new friends online is easy.

But you'll need to be careful. There are some serious freaks out there. And many dating sites use "bots" that pretend you're getting great hits on your free profile. So you pay for a subscription – after which all those hits mysteriously dry up.

Worse still, online criminals will deliberately target you with appealing profiles and photos. They're not real of course. So once you're talking the swindle begins.

Like they'll say they'd love to meet you but don't have the money to travel. Or for a passport. Or a visa. Or they need medical treatment. Or whatever. It's all a con, of course – and it could get worse. Like some will use your chats or selfies to blackmail you.

They're so good it's hard to spot these fraudsters at first. But they usually declare their love too soon, ask lots of questions, somehow avoid answering yours, and of course the conversation quickly turns towards money...

So if you're looking for love on the Net, be as alert as you would be on the streets. And instantly suspicious if the conversation's getting financial. No matter how good you feel about your new friend.

Don't avoid the Internet altogether though – lots of couples meet that way. But online communication has some curious characteristics. Like we're less warm, more revealing about our personal lives, and forget how others feel. So we're much ruder, saying things we'd never say in real life.

And those lame chat up lines like "You look so cool. You free now?" really are as



awful as they sound! It's mostly guys who use them, because everyone thinks that men must make the first move.

But that's changing. Because far more first messages from women turn into dates than do first messages from men. Even though women send far fewer of them. And because both men and women tend to approach online partners

who're more attractive than themselves. So women who send a first message are far more likely to be offered a date – and from far more attractive men. While women who wait for men to approach them just get what's left. And find themselves turning most of them down.

That might sound crazy, but it's actually exactly what happens in real life. Guys who hit on all the girls get rejected by most of them. But the ones who only go for the girls who are showing interest in them have a great time.

Finding dates online's fun. But be streetwise – and be yourself online. Because you won't connect with your date in real life if you're actually different from your online character.

In fact, don't do anything online that you wouldn't do face-to-face. Instead, learn to use the Internet skilfully – and think of it as an extension of your personality. Then you really might find love on the Net...

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## SUNDAY SERMON » FR JOE BABENDREIER

# Cheating is wrong! Let's stand for the truth

**Kenya has been rocked** by allegation of students cheating on exams. Some teachers and officials have profited by showing them how to do it. Cheating on exams is a form of lying. If I cheat, I claim that I know the material. Even though I know I am not prepared, I try to convince others that I am.

Is cheating wrong? We hardly need to ask. Why would cheating become so wide spread that it becomes a national epidemic? What is the pressing need driving both teachers and students to engage in something they would naturally be ashamed of?

It must be part of the culture of corruption. It goes hand in hand with the general conviction

that we can get rich quick as long as we're willing to do something wrong. These days, it almost doesn't matter if you get caught. These days, it is practically a sign of weakness to insist on being honest. If lots of people are cheating and getting what they want by cheating, you will be left behind. All your talents will go to waste.

It should be obvious, without being told, that adultery, stealing and cheating cause enormous harm. But we get lazy. We begin to think that drunkenness, adultery and corruption are not so bad after all. If all manner of evil practices become commonplace, how can we convince students that cheating is wrong?

To know just how much harm cheating causes, one could invoke the Ten Commandments, especially the one that tells us that it's wrong to lie. If God says it's wrong, it must be wrong. Perhaps at times we need revelation from above. We need to hear God command: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness.

Still, it should be obvious. If you need to build a building and you have to choose an engineer, do you want the one who cheated on exams or the one who really knows how to do the design? If you have cancer and you need a tumour removed, do you want the doctor who cheated on exams

or the one who really knows surgery?

Saint Augustine, the greatest of African bishops, once wrote: "We can speak the truth, but we can also lie. Although we are bound to speak the truth, still we have it in our power to lie whenever we will. But far be it from us to think that the darkness of falsehood could be found in the splendour of the divine light."

Many Kenyans reject the culture of corruption and the culture of cheating. With our example and our patience, we can lead others back to respect for telling the truth.

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## ALTRUISM

# Does it matter why we help others?

Is altruism simply self-interest in disguise? And can a mathematical equation hope to answer the question?

In 1968, an academic George Price, presented an equation that baffled many. If we are selfish creatures, engaged in a battle for survival, why do we display altruism? Why do we show kindness to others even at a cost to ourselves?

Price's equation explained how altruism could thrive, even amongst groups of selfish people. It built on the work of a number of other scientists, arguably beginning with JBS Haldane, a British biologist who developed a theory in the early 1950s. When asked if he would sacrifice his own life to save that of another, he said that he would, but only under certain conditions. "I would lay down my life for two brothers, or eight cousins."

Haldane's reasoning was a simplistic explanation of a theory that has come to dominate evolutionary biology – that of "kin selection".

Since he would share 50pc of each brother's genetic makeup, and 12.5pc of each cousin's, his genes would survive even if he were to die.

It took until the early 1960s for another scientist, William Donald Hamilton, to popularise the theory. He wrote a simple equation to explain that an organism would demonstrate self-sacrificing behaviour if it would enhance the reproductive chances of those it was closely related to.

In 1967 Price arrived in London from the United States, where he had been a scientist and journalist, but with no background in the field of evolutionary biology.

He discovered Hamilton's theory in a public library and thought he could improve upon it. Working in seclusion, he rewrote the equation in a simpler but more wide-reaching way. It explained the relationship between different generations of a population, and could be used to show how the prevalence of particular traits would change over time.

Although it was a fairly simple statement, it had never been expressed in clear mathematical terms, and the staff at the University College London recognised his insight as wildly original.

A debate about the scientific roots of altruism still rages to this day, but kin selection remains a hugely influential theory, and Price's contribution is held in high regard by many.

"It underpins a lot of modern evolutionary biology research," says Andy Gardner, an evolutionary biologist at Oxford University, who uses the Price Equation in much of his work.

Oren Harman, who wrote Price's biography in 2010, says the view is shared by plenty of people in the field.

"Although there are those who fail to see the precise use of the equation, others think of it as the most simple and brilliant description of the dynamics of natural selection."

But Price began to find the implications of his work very difficult to deal with, according to Harman. If altruism was simply an attempt to ensure the survival of one's own genes, could it be considered altruism at all?

Lee Dugatkin, professor of Biology at the University of Louisville, thinks it was this thought that triggered a major change in Price. "That was what got him going," he says. "He was so depressed when he found out that Hamilton was right."

In the summer of 1970, Price became a devout Christian and embarked on a radical project – giving himself over to the service of others.

"He was going to go out to try and show that human beings are the only species that can beat out their own nature. And he was going to do that by becoming a pure selfless altruist," says Harman.

Price began giving money to homeless people, and invited many of them to live with him in his flat near Oxford Circus. His increasingly erratic behaviour left him penniless. He left his flat and eventually moved into a squat in Kentish Town.

Samir Okasha, professor of the philosophy of science at Bristol University, thinks not. "The idea that what evolutionary theory shows is that altruism is self-interest in disguise is, to my mind, a questionable thing to say."

Behaviour in some animal species is indeed genetically determined, he says, but humans "that certainly isn't the case". He argues that culture sets us apart from animals in that respect, and points to the huge variance in social norms in different countries, and over short periods of time.

– BBC



GOING PLACES » Acacia Camp

# Easter on the Swara Plains; it's worth it

**The conservancy is definitely worth considering for a day-trip, too – for a game drive and a spot of lunch**

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Having recently camped at Naivasha's perennial favourite Carnelley's, I felt that we should search for an alternative camping spot for the Easter weekend. This wasn't easy, though, given our low budget and the fact that I'd be accompanied by a non-resident. We considered camping in one of Laikipia's countless community conservancies but didn't fancy the six-hour drive from Nairobi, so searched closer to home. We ended up at lot closer than anticipated – at the Acacia Camp, just beyond Athi River.

As its name suggests, the Acacia Camp sits within a thicket of fever trees, on the edge of the Swara Plains Conservancy. Unknown to many, this 20,000 acre sanctuary is home to about 3,000 game animals – including over 100 giraffes, as well as wildebeest, zebras, ostriches, and a large variety of gazelles. A pair of cheetah brothers often roam into the conservancy, and there are also over 300 bird species.

Whenever I drive through Athi River, I think of legendary filmmaker Alan Root's description of the Athi-Kapiti Plains in the 1940s, in his memoir *Ivory, Apes and Peacocks*. He describes these plains as much like the Serengeti today – as an endless savannah teaming with wildlife. Amidst all of the area's present development – the sprawling housing estates



The patio of the Swara Plains Acacia Camp restaurant. PHOTO | JAN FOX

and obtrusive factories – I like to consider the Swara Plains Conservancy as a modest reminder of the Athi Plains of old.

The ranch has been home to the Hopcraft family since independence. Professor David Hopcraft, conservationist and owner of Swara Plains, has carried out extensive research with the support of Cornell University and the National Science Foundation, to understand the relationship between wildlife and healthy rangelands. David wasn't around when we visited, but his son Xan was, who seems to have taken over the day-to-day management of the ranch. Xan, it turns out, was also the inspiration for the Warner Bros feature film "Duma" – based

on the true story of his relationship with an adopted orphaned cheetah cub called Dooms.

We didn't spot any cheetahs, but saw plenty of the conservancy's grazing animals, as well as a wide variety of birds. One of the unique features of Swara Plains, and what I think is one of its biggest selling points, is the ability for guests to go on night game drives. In those conservancies where they aren't forbidden, night game drives are often really expensive, where as in the Swara Plains it's free if you have your own car and provide your own spotlight.

Guests are also free to explore the conservancy on foot, or on a bike – great ways to appreciate the landscape and the wildlife

within it. There are also a number of dams scattered across the conservancy where you can fish for Tilapia and Catfish (tackle can be hired for Sh500), and you can even go for a game drive in a vintage Model A Ford.

Or, you could just relax in the lounge of the Acacia Camp, looking out across the well-manicured lawn to the thatched bandas, surrounded by flowering shrubs and shaded by tall fever trees. There are 13 of these quaint little bandas, which are all ensuite, and each have their own front patio. There are also eight large canvas tents, as well as a family cottage.

For those who prefer to pitch their own tent, as we did, there's a

spacious campsite with bathroom and shower facilities. Firewood is included in the Sh1,600 camping fee. The thatched bandas are a bit steeper: bed and breakfast is Sh8,500 for a double, and Sh6,500 for a single; full board is Sh14,200 for a double and Sh8,700 for a single. All of these prices are inclusive of a Sh600 sanctuary fee.

The conservancy is definitely worth considering for a day-trip, too – for a game drive and a spot of lunch. There's plenty on offer at the Acacia Camp's restaurant, including a variety of soups, salads and quiches for starters, and main courses like "Pan-fried fillet of Tilapia with lemon and parsley butter", and "Broiled game ranch lamb cutlets with a mint jus". The specials when we visited included a cream of spinach soup and a lamb curry.

Opposite the restaurant is the camp's bar, cleverly dubbed "The Hop Inn" (after Hopcraft, you see). It's an open rondavel in the heart of the garden, with a dartboard and a large flat screen with DSTV. The TV is usually switched off so as not to distract from the peaceful surroundings, but can be switched on for those (like me) who dread the thought of missing out on that crucial football match.

Looking back, then, we are sure we made the right choice for our Easter getaway. Swara Plains is well-worth a visit for a weekend, or just for a day, and unlike many of the country's conservancies grants its visitors the freedom to view its wildlife on foot.

## COOKERY

### Pineapple swirl cheesecake

**PINEAPPLES ARE A** favourite Kenyan fruit and often included in fruit salads. They can be made into luscious desserts or baked as part of cake recipes. Enjoy this amazing fruit in this delicious cheesecake recipe.

#### INGREDIENTS:

Serves 8. Preparation time: 40 mins. Cooking time: 45 minutes.

#### For the base:

50gms butter  
150gms digestive biscuits  
1tbsp golden syrup

#### For the filling:

1 medium ripe pineapple, diced. Reserve 2 thin slices to decorate.  
1 cup sugar  
500gms cream cheese  
1tbsp corn flour  
2 eggs  
1tsp vanilla essence  
200ml whipped cream

#### METHOD:

1. Heat oven to 140°C or gas mark 3. Grease a round cake



PHOTO : ANTHONY NJOROGE

tin. Crush the biscuits until crumbed. Melt the butter with the syrup and stir into the crumbs until damp. Pour into the cake tin and bake for 10 minutes, remove and set aside. Reduce the oven to gas mark 2.

2. In a blender, add the pineapple with ½-cup of sugar. Blend until smooth and then place in a small saucepan and boil gently for 5 minutes, stirring until it forms thick syrup. Allow it to cool.

3. Rinse the blender pour in the cheese, corn flour, eggs,

sugar, vanilla, and half of the whipped cream. Blend until smooth. Spoon half of the mixture into the cake tin and then spoon half of the pineapple puree evenly over the top. Spoon the remaining cheesecake mix over this. Stir the mixture gently with a fork to spread the pineapple through it. Bake for 40 minutes, turn off the oven and leave it in for 30 minutes. 4. Spread the remaining whipped cream over the cake smoothen well. Set the reserved pineapple slice in a pattern. Chill until ready to serve.

#### Cooking tips:

- You may substitute the pineapple for any other fruit of your choice. Try making it with mango or strawberries.
- A tablespoon of lemon juice added to the filling ingredients gives the cheesecake a twinge of citrus taste.

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## HEALTH >> CARLOS MUREITHI

### Mothers who eat salmon 'less likely to have asthmatic babies'

**CHILDREN BORN TO** mothers who eat salmon when pregnant may be less likely to have doctor diagnosed asthma compared to children whose mothers do not eat it, the University of Southampton in the UK said in a press release on Wednesday, citing its own study.

Prof Philip Calder, who led the research, "The Salmon in Pregnancy Study: study design, subject characteristics, maternal fish and marine n-3 fatty acid intake, and marine n-3 fatty acid status in maternal and umbilical cord blood", presented its findings at a recent congress in the US.

The study was a randomised, controlled trial in which a group of women ate salmon twice a week from the 19th week of pregnancy. Allergy tests were then performed on the children at six months and then at two to three years of age. Results were compared with a control group whose mothers did not eat salmon during pregnancy.

Prof Calder told the congress that early results, which are yet to be published, showed that at six months, there was no difference in allergy rate between the two groups of

children.

However, at two-and-half, children whose mothers ate salmon while pregnant were less likely to have asthma.

The academic's research over the years has shown that certain fatty acids – or a lack of them – are involved in a broad spectrum of common diseases. These include diverse allergies and atherosclerosis, a disease of the

arteries characterised by deposition of plaques of fatty material on their inner walls, and inflammatory conditions such as Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory disease of the intestines associated with ulcers and fistulae.

The work carried out in this area over the past 25 years and that Prof Calder has made important contribution to has deepened understanding of underlying mechanisms that explain the relationship between nutrition and immunity, the important first step in formulation of nutritional advice for better feeding the immune system.

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**The model** » The college is not modelled on traditional university teaching and research. It focuses not on

# The young visionary changing

**Fred Swaniker founded the African Leadership University in Mauritius and hopes to have a network of 25 world-class universities with 10,000 students each**

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Two years ago, Seketo Sophia, 21, was attending lectures at Maasai Mara University in Narok County. A student of Forestry and an environmental enthusiast, she was also running the "Tree for School" project in which she got friends and family to plant a tree and donate money to education institutions.

Today, she is one of 31 Kenyans out of the 176 students on the founding campus of the African Leadership University (ALU) in Mauritius — the first of a network of 25 world-class universities which the founder believes will provide answers to Africa's challenges.

They were selected out of 6,000 applications that came from across the continent, making ALU one of the most competitive universities in the world.

"The process of waiting to know if you have been selected took long days and nights. They wanted us to display our ability to clearly put out our thoughts while observing time. We got to explore a lot of fields, from education to history," Sophia told *Lifestyle* in an interview at the Beau Plan campus just outside the capital Port Louis.

## Africa's challenges

ALU is a chapter in the story of Mr Fred Swaniker, a 39-year-old Ghanaian who is on a mission to change Africa — one student at a time.

Listed by *Forbes* Magazine in 2011 as one of the 10 youngest powermen in Africa, Mr Swaniker is the founder of the Johannesburg-based African Leadership Academy — a co-educational high school which recruits outstanding students from across the continent and prepares them for a future in leadership.

Always ahead of his time, at the age of 18, Mr Swaniker was the principal of a school run by his mother in Botswana. By then he had lived in three other African countries — Ghana, the Gambia, and Zimbabwe. Just like his mother, his father, a lawyer, was always ready to apply his professional skills wherever he was called upon.

When US President Barack Obama visited South Africa in 2013, he showed praise on Mr Swaniker for using his expertise to help other young Africans develop their leadership skills "so that they can come back and put those skills to use serving their communities, starting businesses, creating jobs".

With hundreds of students, most of them from poor backgrounds, having emerged from the leadership academy to enter the hallowed halls of top universities in the world — including America's Stanford, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology — and graduated to work globally, Mr Swan-

iker's place as one of the continent's most influential people was perhaps already cemented by the success of the leadership academy.

Yet last month, school administrators, leaders and journalists from across the world descended on the Indian Ocean Island of Mauritius to witness, yet again, an unveiling of another of Mr Swaniker's grand plans — this special model of a university.

"We cannot fix Africa unless we fix its leadership," he told *Lifestyle* on the sidelines of the assembly — a weekly two-hour session in which the students showcase and hone their creativity with activities such as skits, speeches and dances.

Mr Swaniker says Africa's problems are too enormous and their solutions too urgent for things to be done the usual way.

"Our evolution of universities could take between 25 and 40 years. Our hope is that our graduates will go to form governments. We want to create exceptional leaderships, you know, filling the public sector with world class leaders. Others will be entrepreneurs building large-scale enterprises," Mr Swaniker says.

An admirer of former US President J.F. Kennedy, Mr Swaniker considers his vision to build 25 universities in Africa, each admitting 10,000 students, a daunting, yet achievable, feat.

"Just like President Kennedy dreamt of landing the first American on the moon, our mission might seem impossible now. But like Kennedy's America, we are taking radical measures because Africa needs moon

shot thinking," he says. The college is not modelled on traditional university teaching and research. It focuses not on majors, but on the grand challenges Africa is facing. "Educators are not the traditional professor; they are facilitators, who include retired executives, recent university grads (graduates), and mid-career professionals," he says. But how does beginning with 176 students fit into the grand scheme of rolling out 25 campuses each carrying 10,000 students? "Once the foundation is well established, the roll-out in other countries will be faster. We shall have campuses all over Africa including Kenya. I mean across the continent where need is the greatest and where the environment is friendly. The innovation we bring requires visionary governments that are not threatened by our innovation," he says.

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## Visionary governments

Mauritius, known more for its vibrant leisure and sugar industry, was chosen to host the founding campus for its friendly regulations and working systems. The country recently opened its doors to African visitors, who don't require a visa for up to a 90-day visit. Mr Swaniker also says he was able to secure work permits for all his 70 staff in record time.

"If you are thinking about pan-African institutions you do as Mauritius has done. Why is it easier for a Chinese or a US citizen to come to an African country than it is for an African? We talk of a population of one billion people but that is meaningless if we don't integrate. The Sh2 trillion dollars we (Africa) jointly command will be meaningless if we have no synergy."

During the opening ceremony of the college, Mauritius President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim called on African countries to build a culture of good governance and entrepreneurship, and invest in science and technology.

"Africa's research output is only one per cent of the world, yet its population is 12 per cent. We welcome ALU as we have a shared vision," said the former University of Mauritius professor of organic chemistry.

When more ALU campuses are up and running, a prospective student will apply to the system with choices and they will be allocated a college. And while they are selected on the basis of their academic excellence in their secondary school examinations, the greater emphasis is on their leadership potential.

"We are recruiting leaders in their own right, some of these students



**WE CANNOT FIX AFRICA UNLESS WE FIX ITS LEADERSHIP"**

Mr Swaniker



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majors, but on the grand challenges Africa is facing

# Africa, a student at a time

had started their own non-governmental organisations at 17. Up to 40 per cent of our inaugural class dropped out of colleges back home. One young man from Morocco had graduated and started his masters, but he dropped out to come here," says Swaniker.

So from where does he draw the inspiration to push these grand ideas to fruition every day when there are many comfortable jobs beckoning him?

"I am passionately in love with Africa. I grew up when the 'African rising' conversation had not come. I used to think all of Africa was a basket case. But when I went to Botswana I saw fibre optic and a working government, I fell in love with Africa," he says.

Mr Swaniker attended Stanford Business School where he was named an Arjay Miller Scholar of Stanford University, an honour bestowed on students graduating top of class.

"I came back to Africa against my mother's advice. In Africa you don't have to give a reason why you go to work. You see impact every day," he says.

To found the Africa Leadership Academy, whose inaugural dean was former Alliance High School principal Christopher Khaemba, who now works for the Nairobi County government, Mr Swaniker mobilised resources using networks which he built while working for McKinsey, the consulting firm that advises most of the world's most influential organisations.

"It has exceeded all my wildest imagination," he says.

But this success was also his frustration. "About 80 per cent of the graduates have been leaving Africa. So I said we need an MIT here. And here we are," he says.

## Influential organisations

But the speed of the realisation of Mr Swaniker's dream is also dependent on the reception by governments,



ALU students break out into peer group sessions, a crucial part of the university's learning model.

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some of which are wary of the young people coming out of the universities.

"It is not easy communicating the vision of what we are trying to do because it is really away from convention. Many regulatory regimes in Africa want to see a given number of things first before issuing accreditation. We believe there is a need to balance between meeting these standards and the need to move with the world," Mr Swaniker says.

The college works with corporate sponsors to meet the cost of the programmes. Students are required to do internship in the companies and work thereafter for a period to be agreed on.

"We are also exploring many ways including having those who can pay enough to subsidise those who can't. These include students from outside Africa who will pay more. We are also developing a loan scheme to build a sustainable system," Mr Swaniker says.

The ALU model also relies heavily on technology with students being taught via hi-tech e-learning material and peer-to-peer interaction which cuts down the need for faculty staff.

"What makes great education is not the buildings or fancy facilities. What makes a great institution is great students, a great curriculum and great teachers," he says.

Arjuna Costa, a partner at Omidyar Network, founders of eBay and the largest investors at ALU, says the company's interest in the college is in the lack of ethical leadership both in the public and private spheres across Africa.

"The present graduates might have the book learning and the certificate, but they don't have the requisite skills and overall requirement to fit into jobs," says Mr Costa.

Coca-Cola, IBM, Boston Consulting Group and Standard Chartered Bank are also involved.

Mr Thomas Mbajjwe, 18, a student from central Uganda, told *Lifestyle* that the institution had exposed him to a wide range of possibilities.

"I am choosing between business and computer science," he says.

Mr Mbajjwe recalls the rigorous selection process, including interviews with representatives of the corporates involved that wanted to select students. This is in line with the ALU model under which each year a student spends eight months on campus and four months in the work place.

"We design our curriculum with employers. We break barriers between universities and the world. Solving real problems for real organisations begins from day one," said Khurram Masood, the head of college.

A class at ALU involves students sitting in small groups with their laptops, some of them with music on, perhaps to emphasise the informality of it all. The students are expected to discover their problem and work with others towards solving it.

They first go through a four-week induction programme meant to disabuse them of what Ronald Dore labelled, in 1976, the "diploma disease" – the obsession and the excessive value attached to the certificates acquired from college.

Other students in the pioneering class include Mr Jeremy Kisorio, a victim of the 2007/2008 post-election violence in Eldoret, and Piet Motaloata from the Limpopo Province of South who had been an actuarial science student at the University of the Free State when he heard of Mr Swaniker and his dream for the continent.

"The traditional training model just wasn't for me as I hope to start my own companies after this," he told *Lifestyle*.

The college, whose chancellor is former South African President Nelson Mandela's widow Graca Machel, collaborates with Glasgow Caledonian



Teaching and academic support is delivered at the main campus in scenic Pamplemousses, in the north of the island.

University. The university will, for the first few years, issue ALU graduates with degrees.

In a fireside interview with Glasgow Caledonian University vice-chancellor Pamela Gillies, Dr Machel allayed fears that the youth being trained would be a catalyst for social instability on the continent.

She said the reason many graduates in Africa do not find employment is because of the divorce between the academic institutions and requirements in the work place.

"The launch of African Leadership University is an opportunity for Africa as a whole to revisit its curricula, the relationship between lectures and students, and that between training institutions and productive systems," Dr Machel said.

So what if the graduates of this grand vision in whom the college and the partner companies have invested heavily leave the continent?

"What we are inculcating in these young people is a sense of opportunity, not obligation. But we selected

them in the first place because of their passion for Africa. We are reinforcing that passion. A truly entrepreneurial person will see the great business opportunity here in Africa," Mr Swaniker says.

He adds that the challenge with brain drain in Africa is a problem of numbers. "That is why we are aiming so high that even if a few leave the continent, we shall have enough to go around and build enough positive force to change Africa," says Mr Swaniker, who lives with his wife Amanda Johnson, an entrepreneur, on the island.

For now, as Mr Swaniker envisions an Africa that will be transformed by young graduates of a holistic education, Sophia is already thinking of her contribution.

"I look forward to be in a position to formulate policies and create awareness about issues affecting our communities. These issues include taking care of our environment and embracing positive cultural values," she says.

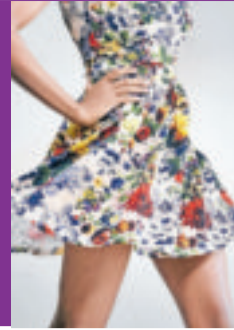


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**Mauritius President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim**



# style



## FASHION TIP

Looking truly sexy involves knowing what to bare and what to keep under wraps. Otherwise, where's the mystery? Choose one body part and show it off. If it's cleavage, don't show your legs. If it's your legs, stay covered on top.

**OUR WALK** » We don't have to follow the narrow path America and Europe made

## When the dream ends

**If any Kenyan designer were observant enough, they must have noticed established international designers are in fact, shutting down**

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The very last thing designers think when launching is how to walk away, shut down or downsize. In that moment when the idea to be a designer sparks, shared for the very first time, sometimes at such a young age some parents hope their children will outgrow this hobby-like pursuit as a life dream, or even as a somewhat successful emerging designer hunkering for investors, they rarely ever think to plan for the worst.

Yet if any Kenyan designer were observant enough, they must have noticed established, celebrated, well-paid, highly acclaimed international designers are in fact, shutting down their labels, downsizing, walking away or taking sabbaticals, if you can call them that. These are triggered by rather fascinating circumstances.

Fashion has a consistent calendar and annual cycle pegged on American seasons: Autumn/Winter (A/W), Spring/Summer (S/S) for womenswear, haute couture in January and July done only in Paris, Resort/Cruise prior to S/S and Pre-Fall before A/W and the steadily growing menswear collections. Shows move from New York, London, Milan to Paris. Are you exhausted imagining a design team working around the clock on one collection following the other after the other? Well, as it so happens, so are journalists. So is the industry.

And even more critically, so are established designers exiting what is considered one of the world's most fabulous jobs and multi-million dollar brands. Because they are spent. Burnt out. Their creative juices ground to ash. And that right there is the problem with following your passion. Passion runs on heat and fire making it very much in danger of extinguishing itself and taking us along with it.

Known as creative directors, they champion strong, very challenging

brands and circumstances as money-makers, brilliant minds expected to compete globally with fresh, exciting ideas. They are marketers, require an opinionated online presence, maintain good relations with media, wow the world with their spectacles, share themselves with a public that needs to understand and buy into their vision. Creative directors have introverted leanings and from the very beginning, simply wanted to create. Some have smaller teams competing in a market against Giorgio Armani and Karl Lagerfeld whose brands come with inbuilt teams of

designers, marketing, sales and media departments allowing them to flourish and replenish their inner resources, turning them into energiser bunnies. This lack of support structure weighs on creative directors, grinding at them.

The lucky labels have CFOs or CEOs who double up as creative directors with CFO-skillsets. They are blessed few such as Prada and Tom Ford. CEOs cum CDs who have found a way to dance between their dual identities find it easier to arrive at a manageable place.

Then again solid labels like Christian Dior and Celine have had their CDs citing the need for more "Me" time from spending time with family to travelling the world.

The breathless pace of fashion. The

THIS ALLOWS FOR TIME TO CREATE WITH LESS FRANTIC HEAD-SPINNING TO ACCOMMODATE INDUSTRY CYCLES"

need for contrasts with the need for control, a return to that initial, sweet motivation for getting into fashion in the first place which was to consciously create, a sense of independence juxtaposed against what is become the soullessness of corporate fashion and the universal need for balance. Labels like Burberry and Tom Ford have opted out of the fashion calendar, preparing themselves for one 2 shows per year. Even more surprising, their collections will be on sale literally on the runway. They have also opted out of the 6 month waiting period after a show. Fashion weeks showcase to buyers and media what will be available in the market in the next 6 months. More houses are following suit. This allows for time to create with less frantic head-spinning to accommodate industry cycles. As a result of all this, the calendar is a bit chaotic.

We model ourselves against America's fashion industry unfortunately without grasping their challenges.

Significantly, the solution is not more investors however willing and trusting. There is no shortage of that yet CDs still left. It is about learning lessons from someone else's heartbreaking experience. We don't have to follow the winding, narrow path America and Europe made. It is not our path.

It is quite recent, this realisation designers have made contending with the financial implications of creativity, the legal boundaries of their work, marketing, sales, branding, production and manufacturing, human resources and because the universe has a sense of humor and these were evidently not challenging enough, social media and technology. Once, designers could drift along the carpet of their genius.

Now that genius must be tempered with leadership, management and business savvy no matter how small an enterprise. There exists far more left brain activity in fashion now than there ever was right-brained.



Pinky Ghelani at Fashion High Tea at Zen Garden, Nairobi, in February. PHOTO I FILE



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## Beauty products from Mother Nature

**KENYA IS ABUNDANTLY** blessed with tropical ingredients that take good care of your skin. Remember that nature is always the best when it comes to your skin and body. When you use natural oils and ingredients as your main source of beauty care, you will end up healthier and younger looking for longer. Your body will be spared the vagaries that come with chemical overload found in most of the manufactured products. Look out for these beauty products "manufactured" by mother nature. Why use synthetics when there are countless plants producing fabulous oils? They have been used since the ancient days.

### 1. Plant oils:

One of the best oils known to man is olive oil. Its botanical molecules penetrate the skin and hair to give positive changes. Use it as hair and scalp oil, as well as skin oil. Other plant oils from Kenya include: coconut, avocado oil, purple tea seed oil, moringa oil, eucalyptus oil, sunflower oil, soy oil and groundnut oil.

### 2. Fruit masks:

Several fruits contain enzymes, vitamins and minerals to correct certain skin conditions. To even out your skin tone, try the papain enzyme action. This enzyme softens dead skin and discoloured skin, causing it to peel away from your top skin layer. It is simply found in the white liquid of unripe paw paw. Use it once a week at night for 30 mins after cleansing. Do not rinse it off no matter how much it itches. It will not irritate your skin. Rinse it with warm water.

Lemon bleach: Use lemon to bleach your skin daily. Simply apply a thin layer of juice to your face. Allow to dry and sleep with it. Rinse and wash before applying moisturiser.

Green gram flour: This is an ancient remedy used at the coast to impart smoothness to the skin. Mix 1 spoon of bhajia flour with 1 spoon of egg. Apply to the skin and leave it on for 15 mins before rinsing.

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## humour

WHEN I RECALLED YOU, SOME PEOPLE STARTED SAYING THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN US

## Bensouda frustrates closing day plans



STAFF ROOM DIARY

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As a sufficiently philanthropic boss, I was serious when I planned to close school earlier than Matiang'i had prescribed. And although there was fear that the CS could storm our school on Thursday to find the school closed, my intimate intelligence told me that, like every Kenyan, Matiang'i is tired. If you doubt that, when is the last time you heard that he had stormed a school? He is just a Kenyan who was trying to show his boss what a hard worker he is.

I chaired a staff meeting last Monday afternoon, and I was happy to note that all teachers had completed their marking and most report cards were ready. Except for the usual suspect, Sapphire. He had not even picked answer sheets, as he had not been in school. And when he was called, through Hitler's phone (he doesn't have a phone) he said that he would only need an hour to mark the papers and asked everyone to relax. The other teachers, eager to close school on Wednesday, distributed Sapphire's work amongst themselves and proceeded to do Red Cross work for him.

That same Monday evening, I embarked on signing the report cards that were ready. On Tuesday we had an interclass soccer competition to keep pupils busy. Keeping them in class without teachers was going to be an unmitigated disaster. Oscar and Lena (with her bad hair in tow) were in charge of the pupils while the rest of the teachers worked on Sapphire's unfinished work. Kuya, despite that fact that he had not been taken to another school, had not been to school. I hear he swore never to work under me. But we all know that can't last long, he will be here come May, happily working under me!

In the afternoon, all reports were ready, teachers having done a great job on Sapphire's work. After the soccer games, we called for an award ceremony, during which we thanked all the pupils for their co-operation. The winning class had a special gift – they would not come to school on any day in the course of the April vacations for cleaning.

Although tuition was banned, during holidays, there is always a class to come to school on different days for cleaning and security. The winners, class 7 Green, were quite happy to be exempted from this.

Before giving the awards, I allowed teachers to make their end of the term remarks and I also did the same. "I want us to finish everything now so that come tomorrow, we will just come to school to close. By 9.30am you will be out of this place," I said. There was wild cheering and clapping by both the learners and teachers.

It was around 4.30pm when I dismissed the pupils, after more wild cheers.

I was in school early the next morning to finish signing the report forms. Other teachers arrived early. I had planned for a staff meeting at 8am followed by official closure as soon as the meeting was done, probably at around 9am. "The earlier you come for the meeting the earlier we will close," I said in the SMS that I sent them.

It was the first time most teachers kept time. All except you know who. The meeting started at exactly 8.07am. Nzomo kept a vigil on the pupils.

I led the teachers through an analysis of performance and called out the classes, teachers and subjects we need to improve on next term. I then let each teacher make their closing remarks. Meeting was done by 8.47am and the bell was rang for parade. You should have heard how the pupils came out of the class wildly.

As they were just settling on parade, a motorcycle arrived at school. Bensouda was the passenger. She did not allow me to speak to the pupils. She took over the parade.

"Good morning boys and girls?" she said.

"Good morning madam and how do you do?" they roared back.

"I am doing well," she responded happily, then immediately her face changed. She instructed them to go back to class and wait further announcements. The entire mood changed, and they went back to class grumpily.

She immediately called for a staff meeting. I had thought that I had seen Bensouda angry, until that day. To say she was upset was an understatement. She gave us a tongue lashing without letting

any one of us speak.

"Who lied to you that you have powers to close the school the day you feel like? Who? Are you the minister? Are you Matiang'i? Are you the Director of Education? Are you even the headmaster?"

"I don't want to see any teacher here in the staffroom. Everyone go to class," she ordered.

"Well noted madam but the pupils did not come with books so learning can't take place," I said.

"Keep quiet Dre," she stopped me halfway. "That is not my problem. I want to see every teacher in class teaching as per the timetable, right?"

The teachers left reluctantly while she went to her office. I went to her office a few minutes later, carrying the report forms in a box.

"Madam HM these are the report forms, I said as I gave her. I have already signed them on your behalf.

"Oh so you are already the Headmaster of this school?" she asked sarcastically.

"No, I wanted us to save time," I said. Mrs Atika had just arrived in the staffroom, and I thought Bensouda would speak in low tones but she immediately increased her voice.

"Go back with those reports," she said. "You already signed them as the HM of this school, I don't have to look at them," she said. "I am useless in this school and you are the clever one."

I tried to speak but she did not let me. She actually led me out of her office and I had a feeling she was keen to embarrass me before Mrs Atika, and Nzomo, who had also joined Atika in the staffroom.

At tea break, she joined us for tea, and

insisted that we should continue with classes.

"In the afternoon all pupils should come back with their books and revision should start immediately up to tomorrow," she said.

Then looking at me, she asked. "Even if you want to close the school early, you need to consult me," she said as other teachers listened. "This is the last time I am warning you on this habit of sabotaging me."

The next three days were very long, but our forever faithful God saw us through until when we closed school on Friday, with Bensouda ensuring that we closed very late at 5pm, when all other schools had closed already.

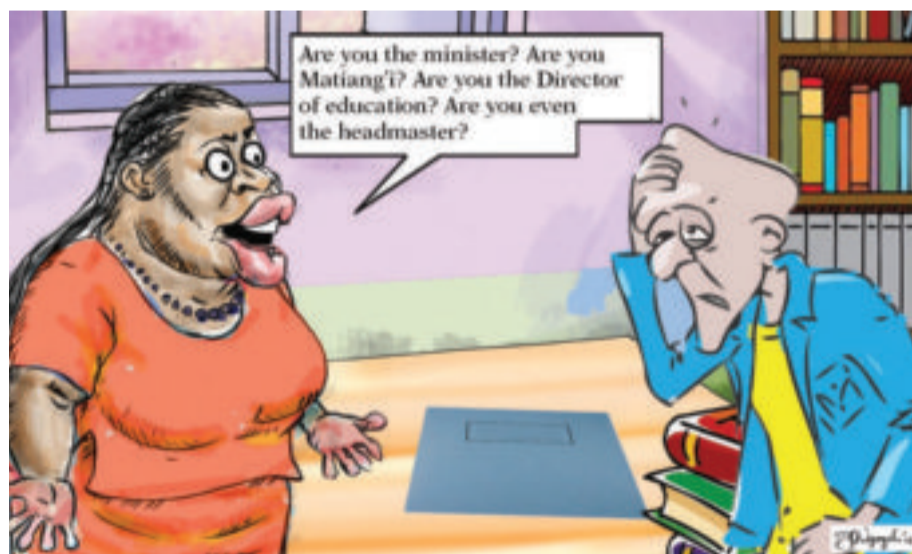
She invited me for a drink at Kasuku Bar and Rest that evening. Bensouda was quite in high spirits, quite different from the Bensouda who had terrorised me for three days. She started speaking after a few drinks.

"I did that deliberately as I didn't want other teachers to think that I favour you or that there is something between us," she said, smilingly.

"When I recalled you from Daraja Mbili, some people started saying that there was something between us," she said. "Also some got to know that you came to my place on my birthday and I wanted to dispel this notion..." she laughed, then hugged me.

Unfortunately for me, Fiolina had returned that day and I had to leave Bensouda and go home early, reluctantly.

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## JOKES

**What is Gorilla Warfare?** Two monkeys fighting over a banana.

**What is a volcano?** A mountain with hiccups.

**What kind of certificates do vets receive?**

Pedigrees.

**Why is 2016 good for kangaroos?** Because it is a leap year.

**What happens if you get a gigabyte?** It megahertz.

**How did the Yeti feel when he had flu?**

Abominable.

**What do you call sticky coffee?** Toffee.

**What happens if you put a glow-worm in water?** It becomes a floodlight.

**Why is the law of gravity so useful?** It is easier to

pick something off the floor, than off the ceiling.

**Which is the best quick snack?** Runner beans.

**Where does a ghost train stop?** At a manifestation.

**How would one cut the ocean in half?** With a sea-saw.

**What do you call a peeled potato?** A spuddy in the nuddy.

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A bend in the road is not terminal, unless you fail to turn.

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.

A bit of fragrance always clings to the giver of

roses.

Keep a green tree in your heart, and the singing bird will arrive.

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**Salesman:** Would you like to buy a second-hand computer?

**Eva:** No thanks. I can only type with one hand.

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**Milton:** If a person's brain stops working, does he die?

**Teacher:** You are still alive. Go figure.

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**Sally:** Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I buy myself a new hat.

**Sheila:** Oh so that's where you get them.

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**Penny:** I love your new Rottweiler.

**Harry:** He's useless as a watch-dog. Last night he just watched while someone burgled our home.

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**Inspector:** Why are your cows looking funny?

**Farmer:** They are my laughing stock.

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## woman to woman

## Rosemary: Being Raila's daughter

**Ms Odinga has had a unique experience growing up as former prime minister's daughter, but she is walking her own walk**

**Who is Rosemary Odinga? Tell us about yourself?**

Rosemary is a mother of two lovely girls. A snail farmer. An entrepreneur. An advocate for social justice and a supporter of youth empowerment and development. I am also the patron of Upper Hill School Rugby team.

**Why snails?**

Snails are nurtured, bred and eaten. I chose snail farming as my way of earning a living because I found them fascinating. Though a rewarding business venture, they can be a menace.

**What was life like growing up?**

I would say eventful like a yoyo. As you may be aware, my father was first detained just days to my fifth birthday. Regular police raids at our home marked the next 10 or so years. However, we were very close with my siblings. We played regular games like football, bird hunting, made dolls of clay and maize cobs, went fishing and swimming in the Nairobi river.

**What did you study?**

I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Howard University and obtained an MBA in Marketing from University of Dallas.

**What drives you?**

I remember thinking that we can do better as Kenyans. My satisfaction comes from the fact that I am contributing positively to my country by being a patriot, tackling food security and developing young talent.

**Do you have interests in**

**Kibra?**

I work with people from all over Kenya: Malindi, Kwale, Kuria, Siaya, Murang'a to mention but a few. However, Kibra has remained dear to my heart since I was a girl. I have many relatives who live there and I pretty much grew up in the area. Just like any one else, the residents of Kibra also seek to lead a dignified life and ensure a better future for their children. Anything I can do to help them achieve their dreams I will do. I have been and always will be a part of them.

**There is talk that you are eyeing the MP's seat in the area ...**

That is an assumption, as far as I am concerned, I have not declared interest in any political seat.

**Are you married?**

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**What is the cost of being Raila Odinga's daughter?**

It is a reality

of my life; people are unable to detach my personal life from his public life. This sometimes determines how and where I socialise and meet people. Some people have unrealistic expectations of how I should look or act based on my father's public persona. All the same I am very proud of my father and what he has accomplished for this country. He has been in the forefront in agitating for the many freedoms we as Kenyans enjoy today.

**If you were to address a women's only rally at Uhuru Park, what would you tell them?**

In my journey of meeting women from various parts of the country and the world, I have come to learn that we all yearn for different things in life. However, we all want to succeed and



WOMAN TO WOMAN

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women are the best at helping and encouraging each other to get further in life. That's why women's organisations are the most successful and most organised anywhere you visit in the world.

**What do you enjoy the most as the daughter of Kenya's former prime minister?**

The opportunity to meet different people from all walks of life, interacting with them and learning their different cultures. From the very humble, to the most privileged. I value a human being not by their social status but by the way they treat fellow humans.

**Talk a little bit about your mother and the impact she has had in your life?**

My mother is the bedrock of our family. I get my strength and resilience from her. She is also very prayerful and thoughtful of others' wellbeing. She is a no-nonsense person for those who know her very well but also has a great sense of humour.

**How do you unwind?**

I sometimes go out of town to visit friends and relatives. I also do girls' night-out with my girlfriends. My daughters and I sometimes go on adventures to discover new places and meet new people. We fish, or go to the animal park.

**What's your favourite meal?**

Ugali, matumbo and mchicha



## MOTORING » GAVIN BENNETT

## The vehicles between town and country 4WDs

The motoring world lacks a consistent definition of vehicles that cross and compromise the qualities of "town" cars and "country" 4WDs.

The majority are misrepresented as SUVs (Sport Utility Vehicles). Perhaps because the balance of street and bush ingredients being fed into the design blender is extremely variable and still evolving. More likely because modern marketing is now such a pathological liar that anything as truth-centric as a definition is scary monster – to be rigorously repelled with smoke and mirrors.

Another reason is that America (quite a big vehicle market) still refuses in these matters to acknowledge a little place called "the rest of the world". Further interference comes from attempts to defeat the role of vehicle "classification" as a controller of technical standards, road laws and, most especially, taxes.

To most of us the classification issues might be interesting in a stamp-collector or bird-watcher sort of way, but all we really want to know is what "type" a vehicle is, and we would like to have a universally meaningful word to describe it in conversation.

For about a century we have had a common comprehension of the phrase "passenger car", and we broadly understand that it can be a saloon, a hatchback or a station wagon. Any vehicle based on one of these conventional passenger car platforms – with 4WD added – is known consistently (though not very meaningfully) as a "crossover".

The Subaru, the Audi (Quattro) and the Volvo were probably the first. Now every make offers such a variant. But these options have not only proliferated but also evolved to the extent that many are no longer recognisable derivatives of an existing

2WD passenger car. They are their own thing.

They are crossovers that have now crossed, but the majority are not utility vehicles and nor are they fully-fledged 4WD estates.

**Exists to work**

The adjective "utility" means useful, especially through being able to perform several functions. With equal force, it means "functional" – it exists to work, not to look pretty. Hence the phrase "Utility Vehicle" is already well embedded in motoring history as strictly functional working unit designed to carry a small load (of anything). We call them pickups. They may be single or double cab, and they may have any manner of open or closed box on the back. The original Jeeps and Land-Rovers of 75 years ago were, generically, 4WD utility vehicles.

So if 4WD is added to a pick-up platform, it would seem perfectly logical and legitimate to call it an SUV.

But that leaves us still waiting for a name for those predominantly road-going passenger cars with 4WD that are more than a crossover but less than a proper off-roader.

Almost everything currently called an SUV lives in that void. Everything from a Nissan X-Trail to a 6 Series BMW, from a Honda CRV (Comfortable Recreational Vehicle) to a Range-Rover Evoque; from a Suzuki Vitara to a VW Touareg.

That whole "type" of vehicle needs a collective name that does not include the word "utility". Vox pop offers "up kerb" vehicles or "City Tractors". Marketers need to beat those, or learn to live with them.

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## Come and experience the power of embrace

**MOTHERLY EMBRACES** for spiritual enlightenment and for relieving pain and grief will be offered at Oshwal Centre Auditorium next Sunday and Monday. This exceptional event has been organised by Amrita Centre Kenya, which will at the same time host the renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader Amma. The Centre has thrown an open invitation to all Kenyans irrespective of their racial, religious or ethnic affiliations, to come and experience an unconditional love and compassion.

Amma, born Sudhamani in a remote village in Kerala, India, spent her childhood there totally lost in the devotion of the Supreme Being. She, it is recorded, had no fascination with the worldly matters and even though her family was poor, she readily sacrificed by donating her family's food and belongings to the poor folk in the village. Thus she evolved to being Amma, the universal mother who would and continues to care and love one and all.

The faithful believe Amma is not a mere mortal but is here on this earth with a mission of true love and compassion that will uplift the less fortunate members of society. Amma has embraced over 35 million people around the world. Her embrace is no ordinary hug; it is believed that in reality it is a flow of divine exuberance to emancipate the one being hugged. She exemplifies the unconditional love of motherhood.

Dr Sunil Kallunga of the Amrita Centre of Kenya in a recent conversation emphasised that following and practicing Amma's spiritual principles, the Centre is actively involved in charitable, social welfare and educational work in Kenya. It is successfully educating and feeding more than 100 needy children at its education institute in Athi River. It is also predominantly involved in providing medical, and relief services to the needy which certainly is a manifestation of true love for fellow beings.

The event at Oshwal Centre will display Amma's crusade in eradicating worldly suffering through love and compassion. There will be a session of Bhajans (devotional hymns).

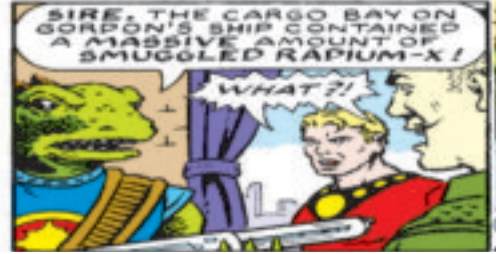
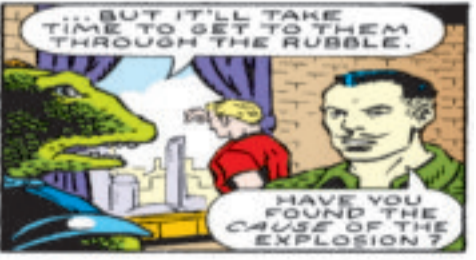
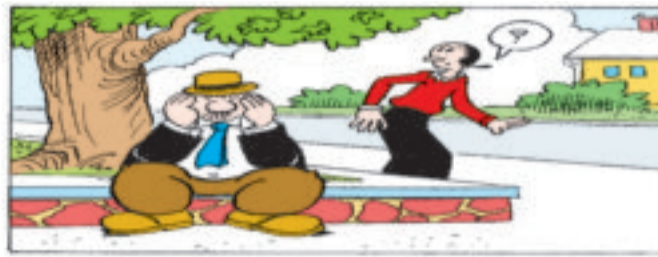
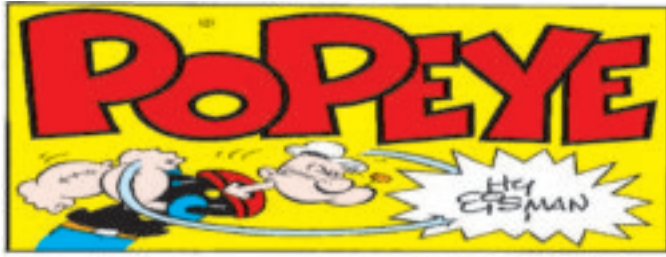
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**GIG GUIDE:** THURSDAY NITE LIVE AT CHOICES COURTESY OF ROOTS INTERNATIONAL BRINGS YOU A NITE OF ORIGINAL ACOUSTIC, JAZZ AND ROOTS MUSIC FEATURING SARABI. SHOW STARTS FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM.

### Octopizzo tells off Kakuma Refugee Camp musician

Rapper Octopizzo has rubbished claims that he refused to help musicians from Kakuma Refugee Camp, terming the allegations false and attention seeking. The accusations were made by musician Smart Djaba (from the camp) who claims that Octopizzo did not want to feature in any of their songs and did not want to make them famous.

Speaking to *Showbuzz*, the Presidential rapper laughed off the claims and revealed that he actually recorded a song with Djaba that is currently on the music download site Mdundo.

"He has issues," he said of Djaba. "He was among the first beneficiaries of the programme. We audition every year and choose new people because we don't want a monopoly kind of situation. The programme is actually about entrepreneurship and training and the recording bit comes last."

The rapper also clarified that although the idea to help artistes at the refugee camp is his, the programme belongs to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

He also had a few words for the musician: "Work hard, we've seen people like you come and go. Things don't work like that. You're only given one chance so run with it. If you wish to apply again, do so but you should know there are no shortcuts."



### Fatigue was the cause of road accident, H\_art The Band says

H\_art The Band have revealed that fatigue was the cause of their near-death road accident mid last week.

The three-member band is scheduled for its first major performance on the 16th of April.

They have all been working round the clock to get ready for the shindig.

"We were from rehearsal; we had spent

the whole night in the studio preparing for our upcoming concert and we were fatigued. The next thing we heard: Boom!

We only had minor injuries but we still had to go to hospital to get checked because you never know with these things."

The *Uliza Kiatu* hit makers, however, maintain that they will continue to pull all-nighters until the day of the show.



### Keri Hilson to be the mentor in Airtel Trace Music Star season two

The Airtel Trace Music Star competition is back for a second season, and this year's mentor and judges for the Kenyan panel have been unveiled.

American singer, songwriter and vocalist Keri Hilson will play the role of mentor for the competing talents from Nigeria, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia.

But fans will be disappointed to learn that Keri Hilson will not be coming to Kenya since the grand finale of the competition will be held in Nigeria.

The panel of Kenyan judges will include vocalist and singer Atemi, music producer Chris Adwar and reggae sensation Wyre.

### Actress Janet Kirina defends her baby bump photo

*Makutano Junction* actress Janet Kirina is expected to give birth to a baby boy within the next two weeks, and the proud mother-to-be has decided to freeze the bump for posterity, a move that some people do not approve of.

Speaking to *Showbuzz*, the actress — who doubles as a producer as well — says her pregnancy photo shoot is not risqué as such, but just a show of her pregnant body.

"How else do you shoot a baby bump? Really! The thing is, I told my photographer to not edit any parts, to keep my body looking as natural as it is. It's my pregnancy body and I am so comfortable in it. Having another human grow inside you... It's truly a miracle," she says.

The first-time mother says she has been having interesting craves, such as vanilla milk shake from Java, Weetabix, porridge, pork with *ugali*, bananas and potatoes, and salt and vinegar flavoured urban bites.

Kirina also answers those who are asking about marriage. "Right now the focus is on the baby; I cannot wait to be introduced to this beautiful soul I'm carrying," she says.



She has also not yet settled on a baby name because she keeps changing her mind. As soon as she gives birth, Kirina hopes to get her post-baby body "as soon as I can manage to. I'm needed back on set in July."



### 'Godwin' hit maker Korede Bello and Banky W extend lucrative deals

It seems that things could not get any better for young Nigerian singer Korede Bello. After hitting one million followers on Instagram and surpassing superstars 2 Face, D'banj, Flavour, Yemi Alade and others, the *Godwin* hit song star has announced that he renewed his contract with a textile company called Woodin.

The singer who turned 20 this year on February 29 shared photos on Instagram signing on as the brand ambassador for the company. This is his second year as Woodin's representative.

He captioned the photo: "Mega thanks!"

Meanwhile, R&B artiste Banky W also announced that he had renewed his contract with mobile phone giant Samsung Nigeria for another year. This will make it the seventh time the musician is announced as an ambassador for Samsung.



### Rob Kardashian proposed minutes after buying Blac Chyna's engagement ring

It's been barely a week since Rob Kardashian and fiancée Blac Chyna announced their engagement, but wedding plans are already underway. According to *E! News*, the couple is not wasting any time and they have started putting plans together for their special day.

"Chyna will have at least two dresses on her wedding, both statement pieces," a source close to the celebrity told *E! News*.

It has also emerged that Rob popped the question only minutes after buying Chyna a \$325,000 (Sh30 million) engagement ring.

So far, Rob's sisters and mother have remained silent on the engagement.

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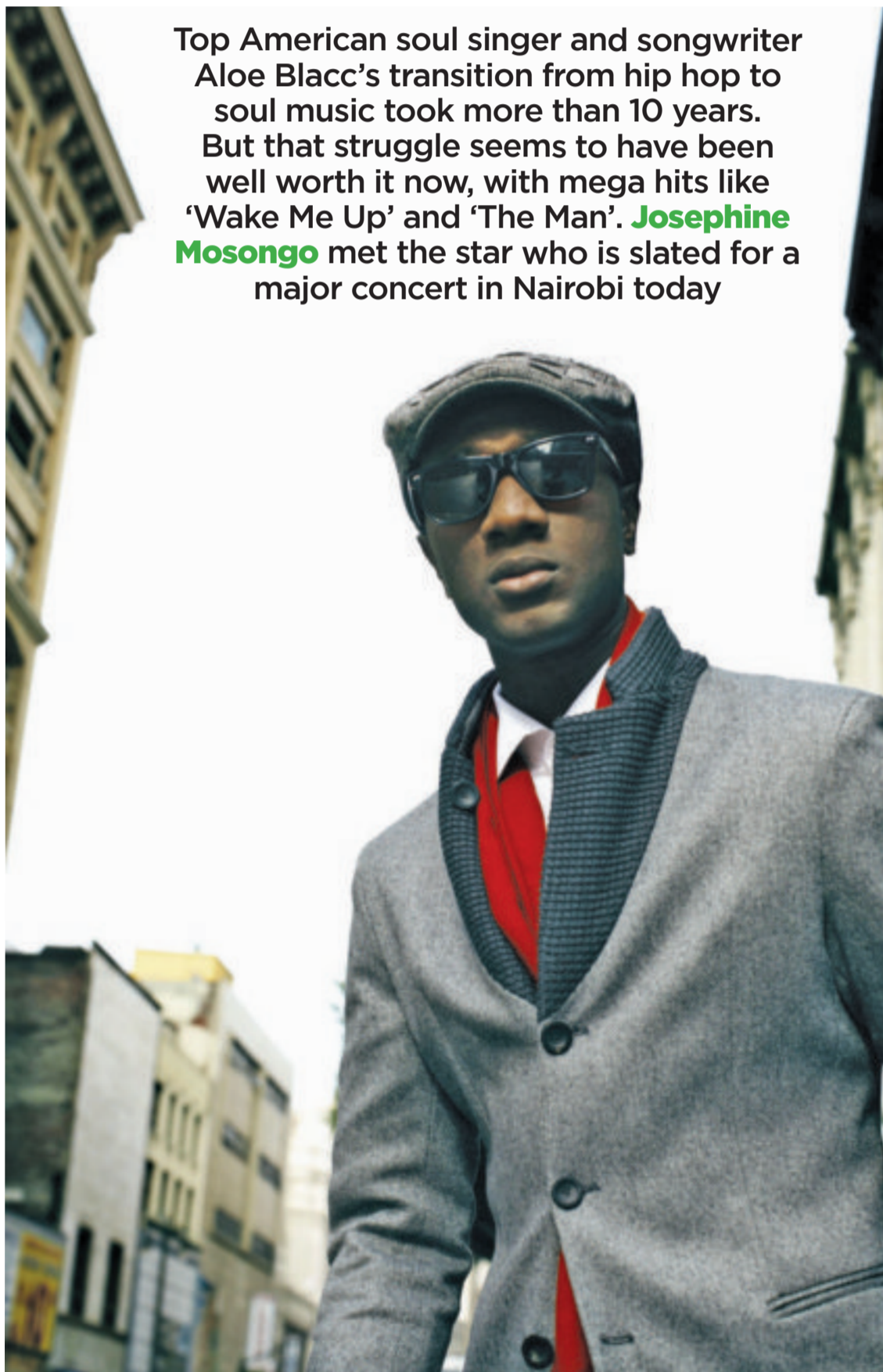


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**GIG GUIDE** ENJOY THE ONGOING TINGA TINGA TALES THE MUSICAL LIVE AT THE ELEPHANT. PERFORMANCES START FROM 3PM TO 6PM

# ALOE BLACC

Top American soul singer and songwriter Aloe Blacc's transition from hip hop to soul music took more than 10 years. But that struggle seems to have been well worth it now, with mega hits like 'Wake Me Up' and 'The Man'. **Josephine Mosongo** met the star who is slated for a major concert in Nairobi today



**What kind of show should your fans expect today at the Blankets and Wine event?**

I appreciate the opportunity to perform for the first time in Kenya and I'm happy to be part of its return from hiatus. I'm looking forward to spending time, knowing the people and enjoying some of the food. It will be a fantastic moment. I want to see how fans will engage with the music. Some of my favourite performances have been in France, Italy and Brazil because people have a real connection to life. They live first and everything else is secondary. So I want to see how that relates to people in Nairobi — do you engage and entertain, or are you just spectators?

**You teamed up with hip hop producer Exile and formed Emanon but broke up when you were just about to peak, how challenging was that?**

I started the group back in 1995 and, as we progressed in making hip hop music, the climate of hip hop changed from jazzy, philosophical and poetic... and turned into street, violent, misogynistic style that became popular in the mainstream industry. But in 2005, I thought I could be more effective as a lyricist. The transition was not easy; it took a long time to learn how to write and sing. Finding the words that mattered the most was a struggle. It took seven years to get to where I became comfortable and another seven to make a career.

**You grew up in the suburbs as the only black child; did that influence your music?**

I don't know how much the suburban experience influenced what I do, but in a large way hip hop is the main influence, it's transcultural, trans-generational and transnational. Once you get into the culture, it almost doesn't matter where you're from. My parents are from Panama and I grew up listening to reggae, calypso, jazz and salsa, but the friends I had in school and their parents would generally listen to classic rock. When I went to their homes, I would get a chance to hear what my parents didn't play, like Bob Dylan, Jimmy Hendrix and The Beatles.

**Are there topics you consider hard to sing about?**

When I was doing hip hop and making my transition to singing, I did enough of sexy music. Music about male and female interactions (laughs) and my girlfriend at the time, who is now my wife, thought it was too much. She basically made me embarrassed to sing that kind of music and I haven't done it in a while. It's hard for me to do songs that are about romantic love. I do love songs that are about familial love, friendship, loyalty, love for humanity and nature, but I haven't approached the depth of romantic love. I think that's something that I'm going to start working on. I've been lucky enough to have success without those. My first major hit was *I Need a Dollar*, the second was *Wake Me Up* and the third, *The Man*. But if you think about any other male singer, their first hit was probably a love song.

**How many hats do you own?**

I just did a cleaning up of hats that I don't wear. I have about seven that I don't wear, so there are some lucky friends who'll end up winning some hats. I have about 20 to 30 hats. I get a new one for every photo shoot because you can't wear the same hat twice, but I end up wearing the same hat a lot of times.

**What's the coolest thing you've seen so far about Nairobi?**

How much nature there is around; we are in a city but there are trees everywhere. Usually where I live you can't see the horizon because of buildings.

**Tell us about the 'Malaria No More' initiative**

In my mind, I have a song that I've written and a concept of the video I'd like to do for 'Malaria No More' that'll potentially be filmed here in Nairobi. I will be speaking with some film makers and the Malaria No More group.

**What wakes you up in the morning?**

The biggest motivator is, I get to stand as the positive image of blackness around the world. Many stories are told about blackness, from the African American to the Latino, that we are not in control of. I'm lucky I get to present my own story and not be subject to someone else's.

I've taken scripts from directors and producers because I would like to get into acting, but what I find very difficult is that I'm not in control of the story. Quite often, the scripts want me to depict a drug dealer, an ex-convict or a gang member and it's so far from whom I am, and from everyone that I know of. It's important that I don't take that role, and that I stay in the role I am and be this reality.

**Which is the strangest place you found you had fans?**

I would say probably Dubai, I didn't expect to have any fan in the middle of the desert.

**If you were to get stuck in an island, which three musical geniuses would you rather be with?**

Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder and Whitney Houston.

**What influences your personal style?**

It's partially my dad; he would always request that I dress nicely and stop wearing baggy pants. But my style mixes with hip hop chic.

**You gravitate towards earthy colours, but what is your favourite colour?**

Ox-blood deep red. I'm not really into bright colours, maybe on a beach day.

**Do you have a tell, when you're nervous or lying?**

I try not to lie, but I don't know if I have a tell. I'm pretty much a poker face.

**Would you rather lose your teeth or your hair?**

I would easily lose my hair; I would always cover up with a nice hat.

@jmmosongo



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**TOP 5 BOX OFFICE**

1. BATMAN VS SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICEZOOTOPIA
2. MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2
3. GOD'S NOT DEAD 2
4. MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN
5. ALLEGIANT

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**A**fter close to a decade together, nerdy funk trio Just A Band this week announced they would be “taking some time away” from their collective group to work on individual projects. The move has drawn various reactions from fans and social media commentators, with some cheering and others jeering at the proclamation.

Formed in 2008 in the halls of Kenyatta University, the quirky group has enjoyed a fairly successful run since the release of their 2010 hit single *Ha-He*, which earned them worldwide recognition for bringing viral fame to the urban legend that was Makmende.

“Just to clarify, we’re not breaking up! We’re just taking some time away from our group to work on our individual projects for a while”, said Just A Band in a statement posted on their official website. “The band has been active since 2008; and we held it in our heads as a burning idea for five years before that. We’ve come to the point where a refresh is in order.”

**Individual interests**

In a subsequent series of Twitter posts, Bill Selanga, one third of the group, revealed that the members’ plan to pursue individual interests for the next two years. He tweeted; “@mbithi (Mbithi Masya) has a film coming out this year called *KariKati...* @nairobidhobi (Daniel Muli) will be creating a graphic novel that he’s been talking about for years.. And I’ll be putting out my solo record this year...”

Despite their reiterated efforts to assure fans that the band is just “taking a break and not a break-up”, there is apprehension that this could signal the beginning of the end for yet another promising Kenyan music outfit.

While Just A Band never quite managed to dominantly influence mainstream music post-Makmende, they have consistently created palpable waves in the alternative music scene and were rewarded with prime performances and appearances at major festivals and platforms across the world.

In 2012, the band joined the esteemed ranks of African acts to have earned a showcase opportunity at the coveted South by South West Festival in Austin, Texas. And just last year, the group’s lead singer, Blinky Bill, made headlines when he was selected to join the prestigious Red Bull Music Academy, with whom he will be debuting his next creative instalment, a syndicated monthly radio show.

**Bands don’t last**

Notwithstanding the trio’s noteworthy milestones, there exists little precedence, locally and internationally, to support the case for a successful comeback. From Camp Mulla to P-Unit here at home, to Backstreet Boys, LMFAO and The Spice Girls abroad, incidents of groups parting ways to work on “individual projects” often symbolise the expiry of their union. This often paves the way for the rise of individual careers (a la Victoria Beckham, Beyonce and Justin Timberlake) and the beginning of divergent new chapters of the respective members’ personal lives and careers.

The truth is, bands just don’t last forever. As with many other professions, working with the same people for years at a time can eventually get dreary. While some groups are able to trudge through what can feel like an impossible time for developing creatives, most prefer to calmly break off to avoid the strain and damage such situations often cause on their personal relationships.

When pop sensation One Direction announced their hiatus last year, for instance, critics termed the group “finished” even as

## CENTRE STAGE



**BONI MWALII** examines the implications of Just A Band’s decision to put a pause on their musical collaborations against the results of similar actions by various bands.

# Taking a break or a break-up?



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- Just A Band’s Bill “Blinky Bill” Selanga

their global teen fan base reeled over the announcement that followed the group’s incredible five-year run together. While addressing the reports, the band’s official spokesperson said there was “absolutely no bad blood between them and they were all 100 per cent behind the decision. They fully deserve to have at least a year to work on their own projects. They fully intend to get back together at some time in the future.”

For popular 90s hip hop duo Outkast, the decision to go on hiatus effectively marked an end to their joint career, but Andre 3000 and Big Boi both went on to pursue fairly successful solo ventures. While they are yet to release any music together in close to a decade, their one-off reunion at the 2014 Coachella Festival was a much welcome gift to their fans in commemoration of their 20-year anniversary.

**Black Eyed Peas**

They are probably the classic example of how such breaks can potentially impact a group. After the success of their 2004 album *Monkey Business*, the group embarked on a series of global tours before announcing their first hiatus between 2007-2008, after fans accused them of “selling out” to corporate advertisers. They would return in 2009 for another lucrative commercial run before going on hiatus again in 2013. While they hinted at yet another comeback when they released their single *Yesterday* on their 20th anniversary celebration in July 2015, it remains to be seen how fans will receive their return after they were accused of “running out of ideas” and bordering on “irrelevance”.

As Just A Band prepare to grace the stage for what has been billed as their final performance together at today’s Blankets & Wine concert at the Ngong Racecourse in Nairobi, these and other concerns will certainly linger heavily on the minds of their fans. The group’s future prospects now rests solely in fate’s unpredictable hands, but their impressive catalogue of creative works comprising three albums and a recently launched book will continue to serve as a potent reminder of what they ultimately represent — courage and determination. Just like Makmende.



**TOP 5 R&B/HIP HOP**

1. WORK - RIHANNA FEATURING DRAKE
2. 7 YEARS - LUKAS GRAHAM
3. NO - MEGHAN TRAINOR
4. PILLOWTALK-ZAYN 5. LOVE YOURSELF - JUSTIN BIEBER

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## OURPIX

### Airtel Trace Music Star season 2 launch



1. Sauti Sol on stage during the launch of Airtel Trace Music Stars season 2



Benjamin Webi reminding the attendees why he won season one



NTV's Larry Madowo (left), his sister Liz and 'Big Brother Africa' season nine winner Idris Sultan were all smiles



Season one winner of Airtel Trace Music Star, Benjamin Webi (left), and Airtel Kenya CEO Adil El Youssefi. This season will feature American RnB star Keri Hilson



Trace TV's senior vice president for Eastern Africa, Steve Agutu



The judges of Airtel Trace Music Star season two, Chris Adwar (left), Atemi Oyungu (centre) and Wyre

### Maina Kageni on a 'Tembea Kenya' mission



Left and right: Ruth Muthoni and Susan Wanjiru, who are part of The Maina Kageni Road Trip Tour which will see the radio host tour the country to help popularise some of the major attractions to Kenyans



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# PERFECT PIECES FOR YOUR SHAPE

with **WAMBUI KIBUE**

**T**he key to dressing well is knowing your body shape and what looks good on you. These tips make dressing up fun, chic and easy. There are five major body shapes.

**Apple:** Women with an apple shape are a little fuller around the mid-section. Take focus away from the middle with long vertical silhouettes. For jackets, look for semi-fitted or straight shapes that end below the hips. Pair this with pencil or A-line skirts that get to the knee. Tops should be form fitting and fall to below the waist while pants should be long straight or boot cut to balance out the shape. Empire waist dresses with a subtle A-line shape that lightly schemes the body draw eyes up and down.

**Boyish:** Boyish shapes are athletic or column like. Create curves with fitted or belted jackets that curve in at the waist to create an hour glass figure. Select skirts with volume at the bottom and thick waist bands and pair with figure-grazing tops with details like ruffling and ruffles on the front. Low waist tapered jeans or pants accentuate hips as do boyfriend jeans worn with a tucked in top. Bias cut dresses with soft draping help accentuate the female form.

**Curvy:** Also known as an hour glass figure,

curvy women have small waists and full bust & hips. Jackets with narrow lapels that end slightly above the fullest part of the hips best flatter this silhouette. Stay clear of straight long cuts. Pencil and A-line skirts look best paired with a fitted tucked in top. Tops should be simple with clean classic cuts while dresses should have nipped-in waists to really bring out the hour glass figure.

**Pear:** Pear shaped women are wider at the hips than they are at the bust. Steer clear of cropped jackets! Instead, go for fitted styles that flare out gently over the hips. Skirts are most flattering when they are A-line or wrap skirts. Balance your frame out by wearing tops with details like ruching or a cowl neckline. Pants are best when they are flat front with straight or wide legs. Like skirts, dresses should be A-line with an empire waist line for a clean figure-grazing silhouette.

**Petite:** Petite women aim to create the illusion of height with leg-lengthening looks. Go for jackets that are fitted. Long

boxy jackets swallow tiny figures. Knee length or slightly below the knee pencil skirts give the illusion of longer legs especially when paired with high heels. Tops should be simple and clean cut to help elongate the torso. Avoid oversize prints, shapeless styles and too much volume as they would overwhelm your frame. Straight pant legs look great as do skinny jeans while dresses like wrap, pencil and sheath dresses are best in a solid colour from top to bottom.

Have a great week beautiful people.  
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# young nation



**Meet the eight-year-old who rules the catwalk**

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At only eight years, Ashley Kagendo Gitari is a household name in the world of modelling. Ashley has featured in several adverts notably for Dettol soap, NSSF and Naivas supermarkets, among others. And recently she was signed to model children's clothes.

It all started a couple of years ago. According to her mother, Fridah Rudiah, from an early age Ashley was inquisitive and exuded confidence hard to find in her peers. "She enjoyed having her picture taken in different postures. This talent became even obvious when Versatile Models discovered her talent and she was signed by the agency," says Ashley's mother.

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## birthday wishes



**LEONEL MWANIKI MUREITHI**  
Happy 14th birthday Leonel. May the Almighty God be with you always and bless you abundantly. Best wishes from grandpas, parents Charles Mureithi and Purity Muthoni, brother Liam Wainaina of Bethlehem Academy (Ruiru), aunts, uncles, cousins, and all Standard 8 West Teachers and classmates at Bethlehem Academy.

### IVY JEPCHUMBA TOO

Happy sixth birthday Chumbaa. May you grow to be a successful and a God-fearing person. Best wishes from dad David, mum Eulitah, sister Jeruto, aunts and uncles.



**SAMUEL MANN'OKA KELVIN**  
Happy birthday Sam as you turn eight. May the Almighty God be gracious to you today and the days ahead. Best wishes from daddy Kelvin Maweu, mum Florence Mueni, sister MaryAnne Mwendu and grandparents.

### CHANTAL ONG'ERA

Happy birthday to our beautiful and intelligent daughter. As you turn seven years today, may you continue to be a shining star in our midst and may God's blessings, favour, wisdom and knowledge be your daily portion. Best wishes from dad David, mum Ednah, sister Promise and brother Alpha, Babu Ngolania, Cucu Veronichah and uncles Sila and Dennis.



**CALEB MWANGI WAMWATI**  
Happy birthday Caleb. You are now two years old and we thank God for that. May you grow to be a God-fearing and bright son. Best wishes from dad Wamwati, mum Rose, sis Imma, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

### CHELSEA ASHITSA

Happy birthday wishes on your 10th birthday today. May you excel in all you do. Wishes from family and friends.



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### THANK YOU FOR RECOGNISING ME IN YOUR PAINTING COMPETITION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Young Nation' for recognising my efforts in a painting competition of an elephant that ran in the newspaper two months ago. I am happy that my efforts were recognised and rewarded. I received my gift hamper for being one of the winners through my teacher and that made me even happier. I believe that next time I will be ready to participate in more challenges. Thank you so much for honouring me and making my school proud.

SIMEO JUMA SIMIYU, Toloso Primary School, Bungoma County

## Quotes

The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want.

- Barbara Hall

it well, enjoy it-and then, not now, think about what comes next.

- Christopher Morley

Life is full of surprises and serendipity. Being open to unexpected turns in the road is an important part of success. If you try to plan every step, you may miss those wonderful twists and turns. Just find your next adventure-do

Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.

- Denis Waitley

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### What do you think should be done to end the culture of destruction during demonstrations by university students?

**David Ochieng Were:** Issues that make students to demonstrate are supposed to be handled with urgency to avoid tension building up towards strikes and rampage.

**Moses Ole Nchasi Meeki:** They should offer guidance and counseling to students and remind them of the consequences of strikes.

**Eliud Mathu:** Prevention is better than cure; their grievances should be taken into consideration before it gets to destruction stage.

**Maggie Wanjiru:** Students' complaints and woes should be addressed by the administration as soon as possible to avoid destruction and inconveniences.

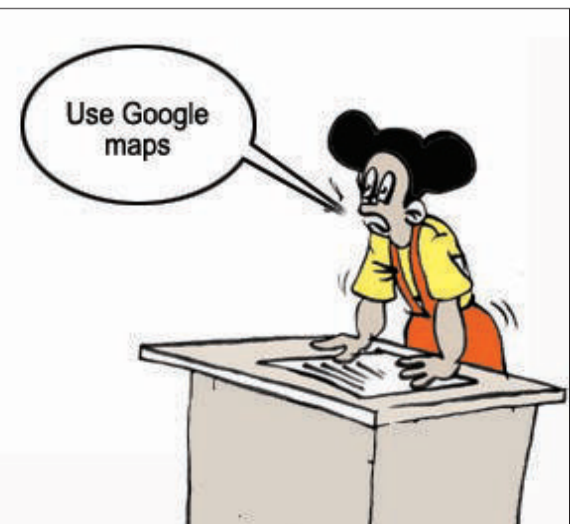
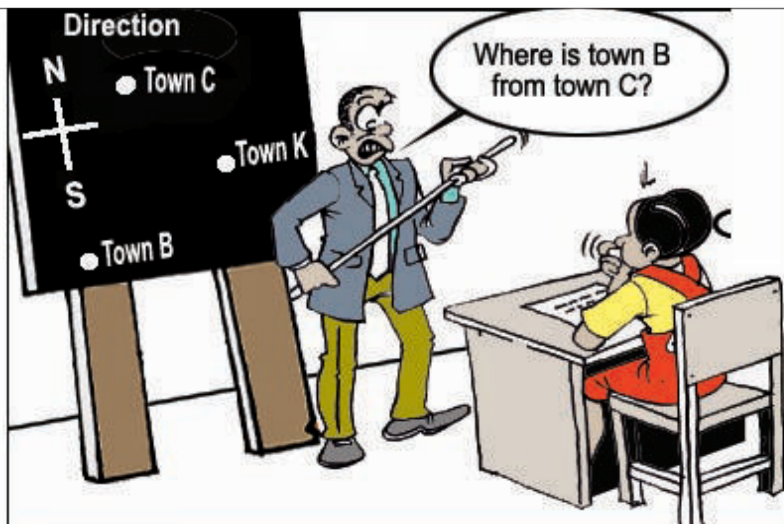
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## TRIVIA

1. How do crocodiles carry their young?
2. What is the square root of 81?
3. If a person is long-sighted, would they have problems seeing things that are close by or far away?
4. What do the letters LOL stand for?
5. What is the smallest ocean in the world?
6. What is 75 per cent of 200?
7. What is the world's largest rainforest called?
8. What is the freezing point of water?
9. What is a scalene triangle?
10. Which of the following is a source of renewable energy: coal, sunlight, oil?
11. What are the five vital organs of the human body?
12. What is magma?
13. What is the slowest moving mammal in the world?
14. Does a compass point towards the North or South Pole?
15. When added together, how many days are there in the months of October, November and December?

### Answers in reverse

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1 In the mouth           | 10. Sunlight  |
| 2 Nine (9)               | 11. Brain, heart, kidneys, liver and lungs                                |
| 3 Close by               | 12. A molten and semi-molten rock mixture found under the Earth's surface |
| 4. Laugh out loud        | 13. Sloth   |
| 5. The Arctic            | 14. North Pole  |
| 6. 150                   | 15. 92 days   |
| 7. The Amazon Rainforest | 9. A triangle with 3 unequal sides  |
| 8. 0 °C                  |   |
- Compiled by **MWORIA MUCHINA**







# Meet the little girl who is modelling children's wear

FROM PAGE 1

Ashley is currently among the faces of the Dettol products adverts which have run on television, newspapers, billboards and various chemists. "I like modelling because it helps me pass a message through my talent," says the Class Three pupil at Happyland Preparatory School in Buru Buru, Nairobi.

Ashley's first breakthrough in the world of modelling came in 2012, then just aged three years. She featured in her first advert. This was a Dettol advert which ran in television and also on billboards. But she acknowledges it isn't easy. "It is tiring working the whole day during photo shoots as my pictures are taken for use in the adverts but in the end when you see your photo on the billboard you are happy. My parents also encouraged me a lot," she says.

In 2014 she featured in the Dettol television advert. Ashley and the crew travelled to Naivasha for photo shoot. She was one of children who were captured in the scene playing. In the same year she also featured in Naivas supermarket television advert. Presently, she is among the faces on Dettol themed signs on major hospitals.

While modelling products for companies has hugely been a success it is her being discovered recently to model children's clothes that excites her the most. She says her greatest moment came when she had to catwalk on the runway to show off best attires for children with all those eyes on her! She has modelled clothes by various companies and clothes outlets.

Last year she also took part in the Watoto Festival first edition during which the organisers, Knitwear Models Africa, were looking for children models to train on the catwalk, in public speaking and fashion. "I emerged third and I was signed. During the training I learnt a lot, like what is required of me while I am on the runway and also when speaking in public. This gave me a lot of my confidence while on stage," says Ashley, who apart from modelling also likes dancing and taking pictures.

"I love catwalking and modelling because I love fashion. I also get a chance to meet new people and just being part of the fascinating fashion industry," she says adding that parents should encourage and support their children when they want to pursue their talents like singing, sports and modelling. She says she looks upon Ajuma Nasenyana, a Kenyan model who has worked with international designers.

This year Ashley took part in Valentine Fashion show, where she showcased trendy children's wear. Recently she participated in East Africa Fashion week which was held at Boma hotel and sponsored by Knitwear Models Africa. "I was so excited when I was given the platform to model during the fashion week by my mentor and also the founder of Knitwear Models Africa, Nico Junior," says Ashley, who has also worked with several other agencies including Versatile Models Kenya, Mojo Advertising, JWT Kenya and Twinkle World.

An adept Bible reader and a staunch Christian, Ashley advises children interested in modelling to be ready to work hard and also learn that despite the success on the catwalk, it is also good to work hard in school. "My parents are very strict when it comes to school work so I only do my modelling during my school holidays and if I have to go for training or auditions I only go over the weekend and that is after I finish my home work. Also always put God first in everything you do."

Ashley mother added that parents who have children talented in modelling should ensure they work with the best agencies to avoid exploitation and to take time to understand the usage rights on the contracts before signing them.

MWORIA MUCHINA AND COURTESY  
Eight-year-old Ashley Kagendo Gitari during the East Africa fashion week organised by Knitwear Africa models recently. She has appeared on billboards, newspapers and TV in adverts for various companies and is currently modelling children's clothes.







# storytime...

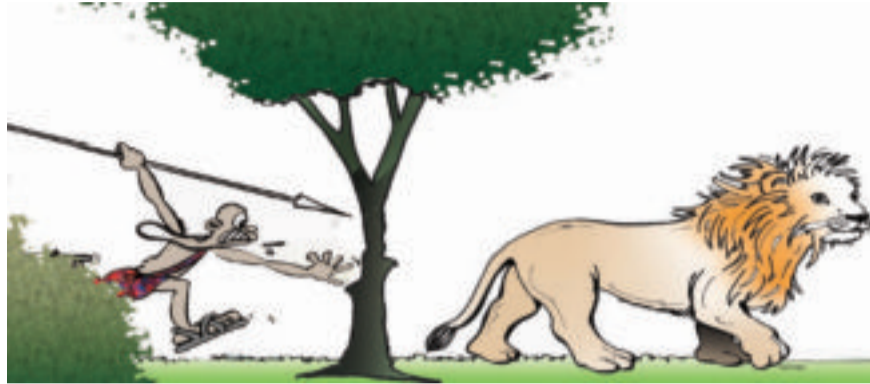
## How man and lion became enemies

Lion was once man's dear pet. Man would generously feed him daily with some of his milk from his cows; and their friendship grew by the day. But one day lion became greedy and stole man's milk that was stored in a pot. Man's wife had just preserved the milk for some guests the couple was expecting - friends of their only daughter, Palomar.

That fateful day, the jovial guests started to spill into man's spacious compound early in the morning. It was the day Palomar was to introduce her boyfriend whom she was to marry later in the year. Palomar was the most beautiful girl in the entire village and everyone was excited about the ceremony.

After exchanging greetings with the guests, man accompanied them to a big, shady neem tree that stood in the middle of the compound, where he typically received his important visitors. Mats were already spread, and he quickly asked his wife to prepare tea for the guests.

Man's wife straightway strolled to the kitchen. When she opened the kitchen's door, she realised the pot where she had stored the milk was open. Curious, she got closer. To her disappointment there wasn't a drop of milk left! She immediately suspected lion their pet to be behind the crime. Frustrated, she looked in the cupboard to see if there was anything else for the guests. There



was nothing to offer the guests.

She then started to call out for "patsy", as that was how they fondly called lion. But patsy was nowhere to be seen. She wondered what to do. Their herd of cattle which would have saved the family from embarrassment had unluckily been driven to a faraway land to graze.

Shortly, she revealed the sad news to man, who could not believe the turn of events. He quickly excused himself to search for lion. But his bid to locate lion also turned a futile exercise. He then unhappily returned to his guests and explained the situation to them.

Luckily, the guests understood, as they downplayed the situation. The ceremony went on well as Palomar accepted her suitor's hand in marriage. However, man would not find it in his heart to forgive lion for the

embarrassment he had caused them.

As darkness began to set in, lion brazenly showed up at man's compound. Man's wife was the first to spot him while he was entering the gate. She immediately woke up her husband who was in a nap, "Darling, the shameless idiot is here," she muttered. Man sprung out of his bed and immediately reached for his baton and gave lion a hot chase.

Lion ran to the bush, where he forever disappeared and blended with other wild animals. He miserably turned bloody in order to survive in the wild, after being cut off from the daily milk supply by man. Luckily though, man out of his compassion, retained lion's offsprings, who loyally stay with him up to today as his 'cats' and enjoy his milk daily.

- HASSAN MALIK MOHAMED

## did you know?

### THESE RHINOS ARE GOOD SWIMMERS

The Greater one-horned rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) also known as the Indian rhinoceros, is found in India and Nepal. Its single horn distinguishes it from its African counterparts, who all have two horns. Its skin also has folds that look like armour and its prehensile lips are specially adapted to grasp the grass it eats. It occasionally eats leaves, fruits and crops. To combat the heat, the rhinos eat during the cooler parts of the day and immerse themselves in nearby rivers and mud during the hot afternoons. They are considered to be good swimmers.



## photo album



PHOTO | JEFF ANGOTE

Serena William (centre) with her Class 4 classmates at Marion School in Nairobi during a thanksgiving day held at the school grounds. The pupils thereafter closed school for April holiday.



PHOTO | ANTHONY NJAGI

Naikara Primary School pupils at Kaaga Girls High School during the 57th Edition of the Kenya National drama festival last week.

## Easy Sudoku

The rules of Sudoku are quite simple. You are presented with a 6x6 grid of boxes, some empty, some filled with numbers in the range of 1 to 6. That gives you 2 rows, 3 columns and also 2 larger squares of 2x3 boxes.

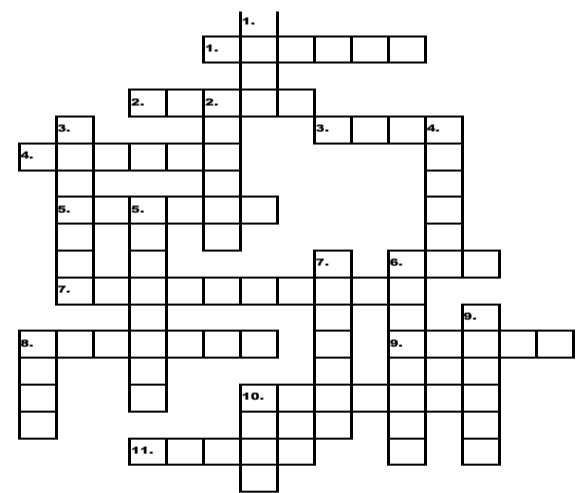
The idea of Sudoku is to completely fill the empty grid squares with numbers in such a way that the following conditions hold true:

- 1) Every row should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that row.
- 2) Every column should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that column.
- 3) Every 2x3 square should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that square.

		5			
				1	3
			6		
4					
		3			2
	1			4	

Answers on page 6

## Crossword



### ACROSS:

1. Where Muslims gather to worship
2. How many states make up the USA?
3. A meal that has proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins is a balanced \_\_\_\_\_?
4. The home of the king and the queen
5. The driver steps on this to change gears when driving a car
6. Fishermen use this to catch fish
7. A natural shaking of the earth
8. The act of voyaging
9. In fairy tales, this fairy comes to collect removed teeth from children and pays the children for them. The \_\_\_\_\_ fairy.
10. To grow and raise food crops and livestock
11. They bring electricity to your home. Electricity \_\_\_\_\_?

### DOWN:

1. You carry luggage here in a car
2. A native of France
3. This meal is commonly eaten at breakfast
4. The Hindu go here to worship
5. Use this to protect you from the rain
6. The young one of a bird
7. It's small, but it powers your phone
8. In fairy tales, this character helps people to sleep by pouring magical sand on them. The \_\_\_\_\_ man.
9. You can search here for information
10. The bottom surface of your legs

Answers on page 6





## Charity...

# Dancing to put a smile on faces of the needy

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They could have spent their time in idle talk, or visiting with friends from other schools to catch up after a long period in school. But no, this group of high school students would rather spend their holiday doing something that can give a smile to the less fortunate in society.

Ma-Zyrka crew from Meru County performs dances for a fee to support orphans in children's homes. The group is a year old and looking back they say it was the best decision they ever made.

Members meet every weekend for practice and performance. They have so far helped Ntungu Children's Home with personal effects and foodstuffs and are now targeting to reach out to all the children homes in the region. This will ensure all children feel part of the society, they told 'Young Nation'.

The group has 12 members from different secondary schools in the county.

The group's trainer, Mr Emmanuel Muchui who is a student at Nairobi Aviation College Meru branch, said the dancers felt challenged to do



PHOTOS | PHOEBE OKALL

Ma-Zyrka dancing group from Meru County when they met for practice recently. They dance to help orphans in children's homes.

something to uplift the lives of others who lacked. That's how the idea of dancing to give to orphans came up. "We have an aim of reaching all orphans staying in children's homes within Meru County and if possible start a home for the needy so that we can make them feel part

of the society. The dancers also give motivational talks to the needy children encouraging them to work hard in school for a better future despite the challenges they face, Mr Muchui adds.

The dancers also reach out to other youths to encourage them to start



The group praised the government's initiative to weed out illicit liquors and promised to support the campaign until the brews are completely eradicated in the region.

"We appreciate the government's bold step of initiating the fight on illicit liquor which was the main obstacle on youth development in some parts of the county.

"We hope the crackdown will completely eradicate the consumption of illicit brews to ensure youth concentrate in building their talents," Mr Muchui said.

The dancers are appealing for support from well wishers for their initiative to succeed. "We are students and we don't have any source of income. We need to buy costumes but we lack sponsorship.

"Often we are forced to use organisers' means of transport which ends up cutting into our performance fee when invited to perform at social functions," one of the members, Brian Thurania, lamented.

The group is appealing to the Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, Culture and Social Services to help them accomplish their dreams of starting a children's home.

## 'YOUNG NATION' ESSAY-WRITING COMPETITION

Are you an upper primary school pupil? 'Young Nation' is offering you a chance to participate in an essay-writing competition that will earn you great prizes including an opportunity to take part in a two-day camp in Nairobi during the April holidays. Ten winners will be picked to take part in the camp, while 10 others will receive an assortment of prizes.

### Activities during the two-day event will be;

1. A reading camp (writing essays and reading selected story books and short stories)
2. Spelling Bee
3. Mentorship
4. Tour of Nation Centre
5. Tour of 'Young Nation' desk to experience how the magazine is produced

### Requirements:

1. This competition is open to all 'Young Nation' readers aged between 11 and 14 years from all the 47 counties.
2. Write in not more than 900 words an essay about something you are really good at.
3. Your essay can be hand-written or typed.
4. Talk to your parents or guardians about this offer before applying because if you are successful, you will have to make your own arrangements for accommodation in Nairobi.
5. On your essay include:
  - a) Your name and age
  - b) School name and address
  - c) Your telephone number or

that of your parent or guardian

### The judging criteria:

- Originality of content
- Proper use of grammar, tenses and idiomatic expressions
- Flow of ideas
- Legibility, if essay is hand-written
- Word limit

The first three winning essays will also be published in 'Young Nation'.

Send your essays to:  
**Essay-writing competition, Young Nation, PO Box 49010 - 00100 Nairobi.**  
Or email to [yn@ke.nationmedia.com](mailto:yn@ke.nationmedia.com)

If you live in Nairobi, you can drop off your essay at the ground floor reception at Nation Centre on Kimathi Street. You can also drop your entries at other Nation bureaus if you live outside Nairobi.

## WINNERS OF ESSAY COMPETITION

### Winners for the Camp

1. Brian Muoki Mumina, Machakos County
2. Lora Nabwala, Nairobi County
3. Lucy Nyaguthii Chebe, Kiambu County
4. Diane Moturi, Nairobi County
5. Quinter Akinyi Nyanggo'r, Nairobi County
6. Kevin Muchiri, Kirinyaga County
7. Brenda Wambui, Kiambu County
8. Lynda Akinyi Otieno, Kakamega County
9. Jonathan Kibe Macharia, Murang'a County
10. Alfred Olume, Nairobi County

### Winners for other prizes

1. Saheel Ibrahim Gohil, Mombasa County
2. Amani Gichuru Kamau, Nairobi County
3. Tiffany Kerubo, Nairobi County
4. Mutua Simon, Greenwoods Academy
5. Umar Amani, Nairobi County
6. Daniel Lando, Nairobi County
7. Emmanuel Tendwa, Nairobi County
8. Trevor Kenei
9. Linda Nyabuto, Kisii County
10. John Ogola, Nairobi County





# Selina: Karate is an interesting sport

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Selina Atieno, 15, is creating ripples in Nakuru with her karate skills. It is a sport which she has dominated since she was eight years old when she developed an interest in martial arts.

"My interest developed after watching karatekers during tournaments held in Nakuru town," she remembers. She attended many tournaments before making up her mind to give it a try. This move has not disappointed her as today she is known widely in the county for her karate skills.

And contrary to what many parents think, she says it is a wonderful sport. Many parents are scared of karate, she says, and adds that it is the best gift that a parent can give to a child who shows interest in the sport.

Selina's parents encouraged her to learn more about the sport and also enrolled her in a local club.

And several years later, her determination and hard work is proving to be rewarding as she has so far starred in major karate tournaments.

"My dad who is also my



PHOTOS | MWORIA MUCHINA  
Selina Atieno, 15, demonstrates her Karate skills.

instructor is my role model. He has moulded me into what I am today," Selina reveals. Michael Ojiambo, her father, is the coach of Sky-life karate club based in Nakuru town.

So what's the secret to

success? The Olive Girls Secondary School students says she puts six hours of practice weekly, an effort that has already paid off.

She has featured in several open tournaments posting

some fine results and occasionally reaching the finals.

At Menengai Social Hall recently Selina attained position one in inter-club competitions and later at the same venue clinched fourth position in the inter-county tournament.

Looking back, she recalls her debut tournament in Dar-es-Salaam as the most challenging.

Despite the odds, nothing not even lack of exposure could hold her back. She was named the best player of the tournament.

Presently, she is a 6th Kuyu green belt holder and a Green belt holder in national grading.

To excel in sports and help hone her skills she has been taking part in several open tournaments. "It is good to participate in many tournaments since it helps one to improve their skills," she says.

However, Selina plans to focus more on her education now that she will be writing her Kenya Certificate Of Secondary Education exams (KCSE) next year. At school her best subjects are biology and chemistry. She hopes to be a doctor in future. Her other hobbies include watching sports and movies.

## SUDOKU

### SOLUTION

1	3	5	4	2	6
2	6	4	5	1	3
3	2	1	6	5	4
4	5	6	2	3	1
5	4	3	1	6	2
6	1	2	3	4	5

## CROSSWORD

### SOLUTION

#### ACROSS:

1. Dairy
2. Captain
3. Keyboard
4. Fees
5. CD
6. Cinema
7. Homework
8. Green
9. Thermos
10. SMS
11. Volume

#### DOWN:

1. Attic
2. Calendar
3. Red
4. Apps
5. WiFi
6. Laundry
7. Tempest
8. Exam
9. Hall
10. Museum



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Ryan Wadondera, a Class Five pupil at Blue Sky Academy in Kajiado County (left) receives his gift hamper from Nation Brand Manager Christine Muiruri at Nation Centre on Friday. Ryan was one of 10 winners of a painting competition (right) that ran in 'Young Nation'.



## Winners of painting competition

1. Simeo Juma Simiyu - Bungoma County
2. Bridget Makena - Mombasa County
3. Amanda Muneo - Nairobi County
4. Ezra Korir - Baringo County
5. Isaack Baraka - Laikipia County
6. Ryan Wadondera, Kajiado County
7. Noel Bariki - Laikipia County
8. Yelena Khan - Nairobi County
9. Angelin T. Antony - Nakuru County
10. Adrian Nyaga - Kajiado County

Winners yet to collect their prizes should call this number 0719038076