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POLITICS | But President Kenyatta says vote is a waste of time and money, urging Kenyans to focus on development

Raila warns Jubilee of tough contest at the referendum

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Let's meet and battle it out at the referendum so that we can have better policies”

Raila Odinga

Cord leader says push for vote cannot be stopped as he pledges it will bring better policies [Story on Page 2](#)



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Cord leader Raila Odinga shakes hands with Kilifi North MP Gideon Mung'aro at the burial of Kilifi elder Pekeshe Ndeje at his home in Rabai, Kilifi County, yesterday.



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Company paid Sh247 an acre for Lamu land

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Kaab Investments Ltd paid **Sh1.54 million** for **6,268 acres (L.R. No 29322)** for a 99-year lease from April 1, 2012 for agricultural purposes.

How the payment was broken down:	
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BY WALTER MENYA AND SAMWEL BORN MAINA

A company named in the alleged irregular acquisition of prime land in Lamu County paid as little as Sh247 for an acre, documents possession show.

The documents showing transaction details confirm that Kaab Investments Ltd

paid Sh1.54 million for 6,268 acres for L.R. No 29322. The company was granted the land on a 99-year lease from April 1, 2012 for agricultural purposes.

The amount included Sh61,000 for stamp duty, annual rent of Sh37,625 and conveyance.

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PRIORITIES | Whereas Jubilee says it is time to focus on development, Cord says the vote will rectify governance mistakes

Leaders differ over push for referendum

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Opposition leader Raila Odinga yesterday said the Jubilee Government should prepare for a tough battle at the proposed Cord referendum as President Uhuru Kenyatta dismissed the push for a plebiscite as a waste of taxpayers' money and an "unnecessary venture".

Mr Odinga said the Jubilee Government should avoid side-shows and wait for the public jury to deliver a verdict. "Let's meet and battle it out at the referendum so that we can have better policies between the national and county governments in running the devolved system," Mr Odinga said in Kilifi. "In the event there are better policies, employment will not be dominated by a few ethnic groups."

The former Prime Minister spoke a day after governors unveiled a team that will help to push their *Pesa Mashinani* (Money to the Counties) campaign that is separate from the push led by Mr Odinga and his Cord co-principals Kalonzo Musyoka and Moses Wetang'ula.

Though the governors' approach is noticeably similar to the one adopted by Cord, there are no indications yet about how the two quests will play out and whether the two referendum proponents will marry their agenda and push jointly.

In their statement read out by Nyeri Governor Nderitu

Gachagua, the governors said: "This clarion call is predicated on the need to adequately finance devolution for purposes of service delivery while taking into account the interests of all Kenyans. It has no political inclinations."

But yesterday, President Kenyatta, while addressing Kenyans in the US, asked politicians agitating for a referendum to switch their focus to helping Kenya use its resources in a more meaningful manner.

The President said implementation of issues such as devolution, which some politicians want amended in the Constitution, started after the Jubilee Government came to power. He said Kenyans voted just over a year ago and made a choice to give the government the mandate to rule. He added that the leaders should, therefore, be given space to implement reforms.

"Just one and a half years after we have started implementing these provisions some people are asking for a referendum. Are we going to have a referendum every one year?" asked the President when he addressed Kenyans in Dallas, Texas.

He said politicians would do Kenya a great favour if they spent their time promoting development and cohesion.

The President said governors should spend the money allocated to them prudently instead of fronting the argument that more budgetary allocation will solve the country's development challenges.

"It is not how much money you have but how you utilise



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Deputy President William Ruto (left) and Samburu West MP Lati Leletit arrive at Maralal Stadium for a rally yesterday.

it that makes the difference," he said.

In Samburu, Deputy President William Ruto took the same line and said the national government will progressively increase funding to counties based on prudent management and accountability in the use of resources allocated.

He stated that elected leaders entrusted with public resources must be ready to account for the use and management of the funds under.

"This year we have enhanced resource allocation to counties by Sh40 billion and we will continue to do so as counties appropriate and use the funds

efficiently," he said.

Speaking at Sirati Oirobi grounds in Samburu County where he laid a foundation stone for the construction of Samburu West Technical Institute, the Deputy President said the national government and county governments must be ready to answer accountability questions raised by oversight institutions.

He said there will be no compromise at all levels of government when it comes to proper use of public funds.

"All of us whether in national or county government must be prepared to be accountable. If the Controller of Budget or

Parliament asks questions on how public funds are utilised, the Executive must be prepared to respond for the purpose of accountability," he said.

Mr Ruto dismissed those saying that devolution was under attack when held to account as dishonest adding that there will be no shortcut to proper use of public funds.

"The debate on who has money and who holds which position does not add value to where we want to go," he said. In Kilifi, Mr Odinga told coastal Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) politicians to refrain from divided loyalty and support their party.

He was visiting the area after his party recently sacked Kilifi North MP Gideon Mung'aro as Minority Chief Whip in the National Assembly and replaced him with Wundanyi MP Thomas Mwadhegu. The move sparked a round of protests from some area MPs.

Yesterday, Mr Odinga sought to set the record straight about those in his party who were blowing hot and cold.

"You cannot put on an Argentina jersey and pretend to score for the German team," Mr Odinga said, drawing an analogy to the recently concluded World Cup in Brazil.

Mr Odinga was accompanied by Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi, Senator Steward Madzayo and several local leaders from the Coast to the burial of Mzee Moses Abraham alias Pekeshe Ndeje alias Simba Wanje, who was an influential Kaya elder.

Among those he associated with and promoted in Kilifi and the Coast were founding President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, his Vice President and later Opposition doyen Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, former presidents Moi and Kibaki, and Mr Odinga.

Mr Odinga praised Pekeshe for his bravery and leading coastal cultural leaders over injustices that faced the people.

"My coming to his burial is

not driven by politics. I came to join fellow Kenyans to send off a great son of Kenya," he said.

Mr Madzayo urged Coast politicians to refrain from sideshows and unite for the sake of development.

"We are here today to bury our son and this should be a start for us to forge unity for the prosperity of our people," he said.

At one point, Mr Kingi had to stand up and caution some speakers who were going against the family wish not to politic at the funeral.

"We know that politicians used him to ascend to their positions but in return it was

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It is not how much money you have but how you utilise it that makes the difference,"

President Kenyatta

unfulfilled promises. But in death, let it be the start of a better life for the family," he said.

Mr Kingi who donated Sh400,000 to the family, said it was time that political leaders in Kilifi recognised Mzee Pekeshe's contribution to society and supported his family in return.

Kilifi North MP Gedion Mungaro steered clear of politics saying his move was driven by the late Mzee Pekeshe's wishes.

Other politicians in attendance were Kaloleni MP Gunga Mwinga, Malindi MP Dan Kazungu, Ganze MP Peter Shehe, Msambweni MP Suleiman Dori and Kisauni MP Rashid Bedzimba, Mombasa Women representative Mishi Mboko, Joyce Lay and Kwale women representative Zainab Chidzuga.



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INVESTIGATIONS | President ordered the revocation of title deeds for 22 companies whose owners are being sought

Intrigues as teams probe big fish behind Lamu land scandal

There are claims that security officials are shielding some senior government officials who benefited from irregular allocations

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Deep rifts have emerged within the government over the Lamu land controversy with claims that investigators are shielding some powerful individuals alleged to have benefited from irregular allocations.

On Friday, head of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations Ndegwa Muhoro briefed top security officials at the Interior ministry at Harambee House on the progress of the investigations into the alleged irregular allocation of 500,000 acres in Lamu to 22 companies.

However, a source who attended the confidential meeting said that suggestions by some officials that investigators were unlikely to find concrete evidence linking powerful individuals to the allocations were unconvincing, prompting some in the meeting to express their dissatisfaction with the progress so far.

"Some senior officials took issue with suggestions that no evidence would be found. They thought it was too early to make such a statement," said our source.

Last week, Lands Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu told the *Sunday Nation* that the real owners of the land may not be those in the registration records while some companies were not properly registered.

"The matter is now under investigation; some people might be mentioned as directors, yet they are not the real owners. The mentioned directors might be innocent house-helpers who do not know that they own thousands of

acres of land," Mrs Ngilu said.

There were reports that some of the listed directors had no statutory records at the National Social Security Fund and the National Health Insurance Fund.

"To have such a big chunk of land, it means you paid millions. Someone with that kind of money must be a known entity. Names of some of these directors have not been heard before," a Lands ministry source said.

On July 31, President Uhuru Kenyatta directed the revocation of titles held by the 22 entities until the truth behind the land allocation is revealed. Mr Muhoro is spearheading the process, with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the National Land Commission carrying out separate probes.

"We have commenced investigations to establish the real owners and whether those mentioned are proxies. We will do our part and forward the files to the Director of Public Prosecutions," EACC chairman Mumo Matemu told the *Sunday Nation*.

Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko has asked the agencies to merge their investigations.

Earlier in the week, Mr Muhoro

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To have such a big chunk of land, it means you paid millions. Someone with that kind of money must be a known entity,"

Ngilu, Lands Secretary



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Lands CS Charity Ngilu at the Lands offices in Mombasa. The offices were closed for files audit and re-organisation. Mrs Ngilu said earlier that the real owners of land in Lamu may not be those in the registration records.

said only two directors had voluntarily recorded statements and summoned the others to appear before his officers. The *Sunday Nation* has learnt that a few have since sent their lawyers.

However, the Friday meeting where preliminary findings were presented laid bare the pressure top security officials are under to provide evidence to support the President's declaration that land was acquired "under dubious and corrupt circumstances".

"There is going to be a big fall-out in government if what happened today (Friday) is anything to go by. It seems investigators want to protect certain powerful individuals and implicate others," the source said.

The President is expected to be briefed on the investigations after he returns from the US-Africa Summit. Interior PS Mutea Iringo has been receiving all the briefings in the absence of Cabinet Secretary Joseph ole Lenku, who is part of the Kenyan delegation to America.

Cord leaders have accused their Jubilee counterparts of using the excuse of alleged grabbing in Lamu County as a witch-hunt targeting former Lands minister

James Orengo.

Last Monday, Mr Orengo, who is the Siaya Senator, denied claims that he was involved in illegal allocations between 2011 and 2012. He, instead, fingered 1,000 prominent people — including Deputy President William Ruto and Labour Secretary Kazungu Kambi — as among those whose land titles he revoked. Statements from State House and from Mr Kambi dismissed the claims.

Preliminary investigations reveal that the real faces behind the alleged Lamu land grab straddle both sides of the political divide. Investigators are said to be pursuing evidence that at least 10 powerful individuals hid their identities as the real beneficiaries of the land.

Officers have now narrowed their focus on two senior civil servants in the Mwai Kibaki administration, the son and sister of a prominent politician, a former top parastatal manager, two senior Mombasa politicians, a Lamu tycoon, the wife of a minister in the Grand Coalition Government, and a female Central Kenya politician.

It is the link between these prominent people and the 22

companies that the investigators are trying to establish.

According to the national coordinator of the Kenya Land Alliance Lumumba Odenda, the fact that the land involved was public meant that only the National Land Commission could give credible findings.

"To the extent that this is about historical and contemporary injustices, NLC should be taking the lead role and only invite other agencies," said Mr Odenda.

However, Mr Odenda claimed that the ongoing investigations are only meant to muddy the waters. Some coastal Jubilee MPs asked the government to pursue companies and individuals behind the land scandal without considering their political affiliation.

Deputy Majority Leader Naomi Shaban told *Sunday Nation*, "Mrs Ngilu should look at all the files in her investigation. This is the only way to address the land issue which is emotive for all."

Almost 90 people have been killed in Lamu and Tana River counties in violent attacks that the government has linked to politics and land issues.

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FATAL DISEASE | Ministry says 43-year-old Congolese was only suffering from food poisoning

Air passenger suspected of having Ebola symptoms found free of virus

Passenger was isolated on Friday at the airport. He has improved markedly and is likely to be discharged tomorrow following treatment, says Medical Services boss

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A passenger isolated on Friday at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport after showing Ebola-like symptoms later tested negative of the virus after nerve-racking hours of waiting for results by health authorities.

The Ministry of Health last evening announced that the traveller, a 43-year-old Congolese, was only suffering from food poisoning and not the deadly disease that has so far killed more than 960 people in West Africa.

"Laboratory tests conducted at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) have found that the passenger is free of Ebola virus," Dr Nicholas Muraguri, the Director of Medical Services, told reporters in Nairobi.

"He has since improved markedly on treatment and is likely to be discharged tomorrow."

The passenger was headed to Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) via Nairobi from Kampala aboard flight KQ417. He had been scheduled to board a connecting Kenya Airways flight on Friday evening when he started vomiting.

What followed was fear and panic as health workers showed up at the Kenyatta National Hospital isolation ward with the man.

"I understand what caused fear was the fact that our nurses were wearing protective gear. People assumed that this was Ebola. But the first thing we are doing is to protect the health workers," Health PS Fred Sigor said.

"I want to assure everyone that we have put in place adequate measures and the ministry of Health is working closely with other government agencies to ensure that we reason in the same direction."

The announcement could alleviate public panic but health officials last evening began screening passengers passing through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to other destinations in a bid to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus into East Africa.

The decision followed Thursday's crisis meeting by the National Aviation Pandemic Preparedness



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Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Health Fred Segor (right) with Director of Medical Services Nicholas Muraguri addressing the press yesterday. They assured Kenyans that the country is so far free from the Ebola virus.

Committee which resorted to further measures to fight the deadly virus. The committee looks at measures to avoid the spread of contagious diseases through air transport. Its members are from the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya Airways, Kemri, Immigration managers and other related government agencies.

Deadly virus

Since the Ebola outbreak in March, JKIA and major international airports have only been screening passengers from West Africa coming to Kenya as the final destination.

Yesterday, Port Health Officer at JKIA Mohammed Duba told the *Sunday Nation* the decision to vet passengers in transit had nothing to do with the incident.

"Initially we could not capture transiting passengers because the Port Health desk was only at the arrivals," he said in an interview at JKIA.

"But now, the Kenya Airports Authority has provided us with another desk to cover both transiting

and arrivals. It was always in the pipeline."

This new desk will be situated at Gate 3 and this now means that all passengers from West Africa coming via Kenya Airways, Ethiopian Airlines and Rwandair will be screened before they come in or board another plane.

The virus, whose outbreak the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Friday declared an international public health emergency, has 90 per cent fatality. In West Africa, more than 960 people have died in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria since it emerged in March.

But Kenyans are worried because major airlines like Kenya Airways, Rwandair and Ethiopian Airlines fly to cities in these countries every day.

KQ argued on Friday that it will not stop flights to West Africa since the best advice from global health authorities shows that the risk to most travellers remains low. It said that handgun thermometers, gloves and hand sanitisers have been provided to staff in Freetown, Monrovia, Accra, Lagos and Abuja.

Last evening, Mr Sigor argued that any cancellation of flights to West Africa would be determined by shared information between countries in the region.

"It is not just Kenya Airways which flies to West Africa. Ethiopian and Rwandair fly people between Nairobi and these cities," he said.

"If it becomes necessary to take that decision (to cancel flights), we will do that, but it will be after

consultations with our neighbouring countries as well as international partners such as IATA (International Air Transport Association)."

KQ announced that travellers will also be screened by doctors in Nairobi before boarding aircraft for other destinations or being allowed out of the airport.

"All passengers arriving at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport from West Africa and Entebbe, and whose final destination is Nairobi, are now using a separate gate on arrival where screening will be done before release to Immigration officials, and into the country," the statement signed by outgoing chief executive Titus Naikuni said.

Separate screening gate

"Port Health, a division of the Ministry of Health responsible for disease surveillance and public health control at all points of entry, will regularly inform the various county health teams of persons who have travelled to their counties as per surveillance forms."

"Adequate arrangements have been put in place to avoid delays and misconnection," Kenya Airways said. "Kenya Airways provides Port Health details on the flights expected and numbers of transit and terminating passengers beforehand to facilitate planning for the screening."

"We continuously monitor updates from the World Health Organisation, Centres for Disease Control and IATA on the disease, its spread and recommended action," KQ said.

Kenya Airways flights continue despite deadly outbreak

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Kenya Airways is cautiously continuing flights to West Africa even after Nigeria declared Ebola a national emergency and the World Health Organisation declared the epidemic an international health emergency.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan declared Ebola a national emergency in his country as different countries around the world adopted measures to respond to one of the worst outbreaks of the disease which has severely hit at least three West African nations.

More suspected cases of Ebola moving across borders via air travel are expected, as West Africa faces the largest outbreak of the haemorrhagic virus in history, said Tom Frieden, the head of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Already one man with dual US-Liberian citizenship has died from Ebola, after becoming sick on a plane from Monrovia to Lagos and exposing as many as seven other people in Nigeria.

Some passengers arriving in Nairobi aboard different airlines said they did not go through any screening for Ebola at the airport, raising concerns over how the health directive is being implemented.

"I flew in from Lagos through Accra

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The number of West African countries that have severely been hit by Ebola outbreak. Nigeria has declared the disease a national emergency

and arrived in Nairobi on Saturday morning," a man who requested anonymity told the *Sunday Nation*.

"We had to wait in Accra for an hour for our connecting flight because it had been delayed. When we boarded, we found some passengers already on board. We learnt that they were coming from Freetown. I asked one of the crew members and she told me people do not need to be tested for Ebola when leaving their country."

The flight landed in Nairobi on Saturday morning at 7 am, though the official arrival time should have been 5:30 am.

Asked whether passengers from his flight were taken through a separate screening door, the man said: "No such thing happened. In fact, I learnt about the new measures on the news at home."

Kenya Airways has taken precautions and announced that all passengers travelling from Freetown, Monrovia, Accra, Lagos, and Abuja will undergo temperature checks at the points of departure.



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CHANGES | Four out of five judges transferred at the criminal division, thus some trials may start afresh

Judges reshuffled in shake-up

The transfers that affects entire Judiciary leave out judges whose conduct was questioned by the vetting board

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Judges whose conduct in the Judiciary was questioned by the vetting board have been left out in the re-organisation of the Bench announced by Chief Justice Willy Mutunga.

The seven who have been left out were declared unsuitable to continue holding office by the Judges and Magistrates Vetting Board over their conduct, which the board said had brought disrepute to the Judiciary.

They remain judges but will not be allocated any duties pending the outcome of the challenges they have mounted against the findings by the Sharad Rao-led vetting team.

They are Justices Mary Ang'awa, Jeanne Gacheche, Nicholas Ombija, Muga Apondi, Abida Aroni, Grace Nzioka and Joseph Mutava.

Justices Ang'awa, Gacheche, Apondi, Aroni and Nzioka moved to the High Court challenging the decision. The High Court ruled that they should not be relieved off their duties pending the hearing and determination of their suits. The cases are still pending.

Justice Ombija was also found unsuitable by the board but his application for a review was upheld with the vetting board recommending that he be vetted afresh.

Justice Mutava was, however, suspended by the Judicial Service Commission after questions were raised over the manner in which he handled cases involving businessman Kamlesh Pattani.

He successfully contested the decision at the High Court and got reinstated but the Judicial Service Commission appealed at the Court of Appeal with the decision still pending. The transfers are contained in a memo by Dr Mutunga in his first major changes of judges of the High Court and Industrial Court in the last three years.

"There is a need to re-organise the leadership and composition of various stations to improve service delivery and management. In making the new postings, I have considered the transfer policy, leadership imperatives, case log data and court infrastructures," said Dr Mutunga.

Justice Richard Mwongo will retain his position as the High Court Principle Judge but at the same time will work under Justice Fred Ochieng, who will preside over the commercial division at the Milimani High Court.

Others in the commercial division are Justices Eric Ogola, Francis



Chief Justice Willy Mutunga addresses the media at his office at the Supreme Court on March 2. The changes are expected to enhance efficiency in the Judiciary.

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There is a need to re-organise the leadership and composition of various stations to improve service delivery and management,”

Chief Justice Willy Mutunga

Gikonyo, Jacqueline Kamau and Shaik Mohammed, who replaces Justice Jonathan Havelock.

Justice Havelock has been moved to the Judiciary Training Institute where he will work under the directorship of Justice Joel Ngugi.

The criminal division will be the most affected with many criminal trials likely to start afresh after four of the five judges in the division were transferred.

The division will now be headed by Justice Jessie Lesiit. Others in the division are Lady Justices Grace Ngenye, Roseline Korir, Stella Mutuku and Justice Luka Kimaru.

Justice Mbogholi Msagha, who previously headed the criminal division, will now preside over the civil division. He will have Justices David Onyancha, Joseph Seron, Alfred Mabeya and Roselyn Aburuli working under him.

The family division will now have five judges, up from the previous three. It will be headed by Justice

Aggrey Muchelule with Justices Lydia Achode, William Musyoka, Rose Ougo and Margaret Muigai completing the division.

Lady Justice Pauline Nyamweya has retained her position as head of Lands and Environment Division where she will have Justices John Mutungi, Nyambura Gacheru, Mary Gitungi and Joseph Onguto.

Nairobi's Industrial Court will be presided over by Justice Nduma Nderi with Justices Monica Mbaru, Hellen Wasilwa, Nelson Abwotha, Linet Ndolo and Nzioki wa Makau completing the work force.

Justices Weldon Korir and George Odunga have been retained at the Judicial Review Division while Justice Isaac Lenaola will continue presiding over the Constitutional and Human Rights Division with Lady Justice Mumbi Ngugi.

Mombasa High Court will have seven judges, with one serving at the Lands Division and two at the Industrial Court. Justice Mathew Emukule will serve as the resident judge. Others are Justices Mary Kasango, Edward Muriithi, Martin Muya, Ann Abongo, James Rika and Onesmus Makau.

Justice Hillary Chemitei will now be the resident judge in Kisumu with Justices Esther Maina, Anthony Kaniaru and Maureen Onyango, who will preside over the Industrial Court in Kisumu.

Nakuru will have Lady Justice Maureen Odero as the resident judge with Justices Abigail Mshila, Janet Mulwa, Munayo Sila and Justice Radido working in the station.

Nyeri will have Justice Jairus Ngaa as the resident judge with Justices Byrum Ongaya at the Industrial Court and Njoki Waithaka at the Lands Court.

Three judges will serve in Eldoret with Justice George Kimondo heading the station. Others will be Justices Cecilia Githua and Ombwayo Otengo.

Kakamega and Kisii will also have three judges with Justices Ruth Sitati, Enock Chacha Mwita and Anthony Charo in Kakamega while Kisii will have Justices Joseph Karanja, Samson Okong'o and Crispin Nagila.

Justices Hellen Omondi and Samuel Mukunya will be based in Bungoma while Justices Francis Tuityot and Stephen Kibunja will serve in Busia High Court.

Justices Florence Muchemi and Justus Bwonwonga will work in Embu, Justices George Dulu (Garissa), David Majanja (Homabay), Boaz Olao and Robert Limo (Kerugoya), Hedwig Ong'udi and Njagi Marete (Kericho), while Narok and Naivasha will have Justice Christine Meoli.

Kitale will have Justices James Wakiage and Elijah Obaga, Machakos Lilian Mutende, Beatrice Thurairara and Charles Kariuki. Justices Said Chitembe and Oscar Angote will be based in Malindi.

Meru will be served by Judges Roseline Wendoh, Aaron Makau and Peter Njoroge while Justice Hatari Waweru will be posted to Murang'a High Court.

The new postings will take effect from September 1.

Governors with audit queries 'must appear before Senate'

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Kiambu Senator Kimani Wamatangi has asked governors whose counties were barred from accessing devolved funds to appear before the Senate to clear their audit queries.

Mr Wamatangi said by appearing before the Senate Committee on Finance, the governors will save their respective counties from the agony of lack of funds.

The senator, whose county is among those affected by the resolution, said the move is not meant to belittle governors. He noted Senate is playing its oversight role on the county governments, adding the summons were occasioned by a report by the Auditor General, which highlighted cases of misappropriation of public funds.

Mr Wamatangi said it should not be misunderstood that the Senate blocked four counties from getting their funds with an improper motive.

The Senate resolved that the Controller of Budget should not authorise any withdrawal of public funds in the four counties until governors respond to the audit queries, which Mr Wamatangi said are of great concerns.

Senators on Thursday in a motion filed by Kakamega's Boni Khalwale blocked accounts for Kiambu,

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The number of governors whose counties have queries and have been barred from withdrawing public funds.

Murang'a, Bomet and Kisumu counties, citing failure by the county chiefs to answer audit queries with respect to whether or not public monies have been used lawfully.

"We at the Senate have not condemned these governors and it's not our intention to do so. They should honour the summons and clear the audit queries," Mr Wamatangi said.

Governor William Kabogo (Kiambu), Jackson Ranguma (Kisumu), Issack Ruto (Bomet) and Mwangi wa Iria (Murang'a) were summoned by the Senate but did not appear.

Governors have claimed that the Senate does not have powers to summon them and have maintained that they will not appear before the finance committee.

The effects of delay in releasing funds is already being felt in Kiambu County, with the health sector being hard hit. Hospitals are grappling with lack of drugs due to lack of money to pay suppliers.

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TERRORISM | Minister says Mustafa was deeply involved in the militants propaganda machine

Somalia wants Kenya to extradite al-Shabaab suspect

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The military court is pursuing Hassan Hanafi in relation to complaints from the relatives of those he is alleged to have killed”

Mr Mustafa Duhulow, Somalia's information minister

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The government of Somalia is asking Kenya to extradite a senior al-Shabaab commander to face charges over crimes he allegedly committed in Somalia.

The Somalia's information minister Mustafa Duhulow yesterday said that they had formally requested the Kenyan government to extradite Hassan Hanafi Haji, who was arrested in Nairobi's Eastleigh while seeking treatment for injuries he sustained in Somalia.

According to the minister, the suspect doubles up as a Somali journalist and is wanted by Somalia's government for killing fellow journalists.

“As a result of surveillance by the Somali security apparatus, the Kenyan security forces captured Hassan Hanafi Haji, wanted for the killing of a number of Somali journalists and other citizens,” he

said in a statement.

Mr Duhulow confirmed that Mr Hanafi was a “senior” member of the Islamist group. “It is also alleged that he was also deeply involved in the al-Shabaab propaganda machine,” Mr Duhulow added.

However, the Inspector General of Police David Kimaiyo has declined to comment on the matter. “As usual, we are alert and have enhanced our surveillance especially at the borders, entry points and airports,” he said yesterday.

The al-Shabaab continue to launch attacks in Mogadishu, including recent brazen commando raids on the presidential palace and Parliament, in a bid to topple the internationally-backed government.

“The military court is pursuing Hassan Hanafi in relation to complaints from the relatives of those he is alleged to have killed, including prominent journalists and other people,” Mr Duhulow added.



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Soldiers stand guard at the main gate of the presidential palace in Mogadishu following an attack by al-Shabaab rebels on July 8. The group is believed to be behind a spate of deadly attacks in Somalia.

“It is alleged that Hassan Hanafi terrorised media owners, editors and journalists, forcing them to tell lies and propagate al-Shabaab propaganda.”

The al-Shabaab operate their own radio station and regularly release propaganda videos, and were previously active on Twitter before their accounts were deactivated.

In Kenya, counter terrorism detectives marked him a “high value” suspect and held him for interrogation at an undisclosed location. It's believed he was hit in

an ambush several weeks ago but his condition deteriorated, forcing him to take the risk of coming to Kenya since the injuries were life threatening and hoped doctors here could save him.

Detectives questioned him on how he had hoped to get in touch with doctors, and at the same time live in Kenya undetected.

The detectives wanted to know if he was working other people who would have helped him enter Kenya, especially at a time when the security officials were on high alert over terrorism.

Kenyan makes shortlist of playwright competition

BY KINGWA KAMENCU

Two Kenyan-based writers have been shortlisted for the British Broadcasting Corporation playwriting competition.

Mr Maxwell Vincent Omondi made it to the shortlist for users of English as a second language while Ms Joanne Carpenter, a Briton living in Kenya, was nominated in the native English speakers' category.

Mr Omondi, 29, who had not heard the news until he was informed by the *Sunday Nation*, was pleasantly surprised that his play, *Eulogy*, was among those picked from 1,000 entries from 86 countries.

“Being a young writer who has entered his first play in such a forum, I'm speechless,” said Mr Omondi, who is an independent film and TV producer in Nairobi.

Ms Carpenter, 42, has been involved in various creative works in Kenya.

The award comes with £2,000 (Sh290,000) prize and a trip to London where winning plays will be recorded.

Writers from Colombia, Australia, Zimbabwe, Ireland and Mexico also made it to the shortlist

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ROAD SAFETY | Committee of the House says any laws must be made within the dictates of the Constitution

Why Parliament team rejected new PSV rules

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They are quick to call for adjournment motions to discuss the rising road carnage but when we put in place safety measures, the leaders want to do away with them"

Mr Lee Kinyanjui

A parliamentary committee shocked transport safety regulators last week when it recommended to do away with the regulations published in March. Because only Parliament can make laws, any rules and regulations prepared by any other body must be scrutinised by the House, which can accept or discard them.

With the regulations developed by the National Transport and Safety Authority, the committee chaired by Baringo North MP William Cheptumo decided to do away with them.

It provoked a furious reaction from safety authority chairman Lee Kinyanjui, a former Transport assistant minister.

"They are quick to call for adjournment motions to discuss the rising road carnage but when we put in place safety measures, the leaders want to do away with them on the basis of technicalities," Mr Kinyanjui said.

So confused were MPs about what to do with the regulations on matatus that they sought a ruling from the Speaker.

Mr Justin Muturi told the House late March that whenever such regulations are

submitted for scrutiny, the House can only elect to either accept part of them or reject them altogether.

The MPs cannot amend anything.

Mr John Muriithi Waiganjo (Oljorok), a member of the committee, known as Committee on Delegated Legislation, said that contrary to the reactions, the team was not acting out of bad faith.

"We are not throwing them out because of vanity or any ulterior motive. We are doing everything in utmost good faith but we also want the drafters of such regulations to start complying with the law," he told the *Sunday Nation*.

In its report, the committee's first observation is that the regulations were not accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

Mr Muriithi said that like the memorandum of objects and reasons contained in draft Bills, "An explanatory memorandum is supposed to summarise the regulations in a good way so that it is understood by an ordinary person."

This memorandum would also contain information on whether the public participated in the making of the rules as provided for in the Constitution.

Because there was no explanatory memorandum, the committee decided that the public participation was not satisfactory.



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National Transport and Safety Authority chairman Lee Kinyanjui with other transport stakeholders during a press briefing in December, last year.

Mr Waiganjo said there were also fears that some of the regulations defied logic and practice and in some cases went beyond what the regulations were intended to enhance and the Constitution.

He cited the requirement that public service vehicles should not have roof racks. "They are too drastic because some of those things have been in use for a long time and there is no accident resulting from those carriers," he said.

It also faulted the regulations for extending criminal liability to the vehicle owner for actions by a driver, conductor or other

member of staff.

"This is against the rules of natural justice which require that a person be individually responsible for any criminal acts they commit."

The committee has also taken issue with the requirement that public service vehicles can only be registered if they belong to savings and credit cooperative societies.

It says this contravenes the Constitution, which states that, "A person shall not be compelled to join an association of any kind."



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Ngilu, MD face off over housing plans worth billions

Official seeks MPs' protection as minister explains why she suspended National Housing Commission boss

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A fight for the control of projects worth billions of shillings could be the cause of trouble at the National Housing Corporation that has resulted in the suspension of the chief executive.

This is the latest storm involving Lands Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu.

On Thursday, Mrs Ngilu and suspended housing corporation managing director Wachira Njuguna faced off at a meeting with Parliament's housing committee.

Mr Njuguna sought the assistance of the committee headed by Starehe MP Maina Kamanda after receiving a suspension letter from housing corporation chairman Sammy Chepkwony.

The letter from Lands Principal Secretary Mariamu el Maawy stated that he was being suspended on grounds of inefficiency and alleged irregularities.

But Mr Njuguna argued that the corporation had registered the highest profits in its history under his watch. He reads mischief in kicking him out of office.

The successful completion of 44 houses for the police in Ruai unveiled on July 7 appeared to point in the direction the previously troubled corporation would take in its work.

Built within eight months and at a reasonable cost, the 44 houses were to set the stage for the construction of 2,000 more across the country to ease housing shortage for police officers.

More houses

The corporation has been planning to work with the private sector to help put up 50,000 more houses across the country; 20,000 for the police and 30,000 for the Prisons Service, Mr Njuguna told the committee.

The corporation had also started to build 10,000 houses in various parts of the country at a cost of Sh53 billion. By the time Mr Njuguna was suspended, the *Sunday Nation* has learnt, the corporation had signed contracts and awarded jobs for the first 1,080 houses; 360 in Athi River, 80 in Lang'ata, 40 in Kisii and 600 in Kisumu.

These, documents submitted to the committee indicate, are turnkey projects, where the contractor builds and hands over the houses to the corporation to sell or lease.

CLAIMS

Audit report accusations



CS Charity Ngilu (above) told MPs Mr Wachira Njuguna (below) failed to perform. An Audit report accuses Mr Njuguna of incurring unbudgeted expenditures, flouting procurement procedures and laws and interfering with staff benefits



tractor builds and hands over the houses to the corporation to sell or lease.

It is these projects that have come to haunt Mr Njuguna, the *Sunday Nation* was told. Sources

said that powerful individuals seeking to control tenders for construction may have engineered the probe on which the ministry had based action against the Mr Njuguna.

The Athi River scheme had particularly generated great interest among some of these individuals.

But Mrs Ngilu told the committee that one of the main concerns was that the management under Mr Njuguna had failed to initiate new projects.

She added that Mr Njuguna's suspension was based on findings and recommendations of a special audit report by the Inspectorate of State Corporations.

The inspectorate's report of July 24 recommended that the MD be relieved of his duties.

In the suspension letter dated July 28, the PS informed Mr Njuguna that the inspectorate report had said he was unable to properly manage the corporation and prudently utilise its financial and human resources.

Told to resign

His suspension was endorsed by the board of directors on July 30, two days after the PS's letter. The board then asked Mr Njuguna to step aside following the preliminary audit. Mr Kamanda said the committee's interest is to determine whether the suspension was fair.

Members of the committee said there was need to look at the practical losses or gains that the corporation made under Mr Njuguna's stewardship.

Mr Njuguna said the corporation had recorded the highest profits in its history.

"I have protected all the assets of this corporation. About finances, the numbers cannot lie, I have declared to the Treasury a Sh57 million dividend," he said.

The housing corporation board has five members; chairman

Sammy Chepkwony, Mohammed Noor Ali, Charles Sikuku, Magdalene Wambua and Victor Ogutu.

Mr Sikuku, Ms Wambua and Mr Ogutu represented the Permanent Secretaries in the former separate ministries of Lands, Housing and Local Government. Because the three ministries were merged, the report states, the three technically represent the Lands, Housing and Urban Development PS.

Mr Njuguna's suspension letter is copied to Mrs Ngilu and

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There was a need to look at the practical losses or gains that the corporation made under Mr Njuguna's stewardship”

Committee members

directed him to hand over to Mr Kamau Maina.

Mr Njuguna told the MPs that he was never questioned on the allegations in the letter and was never given the audit report which provided grounds for his suspension.

He said he was shocked at the report because the Inspectorate of State Corporations only conducted a routine audit of National Housing Corporation and that he was never informed of a Special Audit.

He also said Mrs Ngilu had directed the corporation to suspend housing projects in a letter dated October 16, 2013 which had affected its work.

Mr Njuguna was appointed to the position on October 1, 2012 by former Housing Minister Soita Shitanda on a three year contract, which was to expire on September 30, 2015.

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CHANGE | With latest development, sub-Saharan Africa's pro-democracy agenda has suffered

From tyrants to turbines: Obama's subtle shift in African foreign policy

In Ghana, in 2009, Obama proclaimed eloquently, that Africa needed strong institutions, not strong men. Six years later, many of the same strong men were in Washington, writes DANIEL KALINAKI

What is Africa's problem? To many, it is power and the failure to use, manage and transfer it peacefully. So it is not surprising that last week's US-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington focused extensively on power in Africa — only that the focus was on electricity, not the continent's politics.

The biggest announcement from Washington was that private US companies had agreed to invest \$14 billion in US Power Africa, an initiative by President Barack Obama's Administration to increase electricity output and access on the continent.

Power Africa, which started in 2013 with \$7 billion over five years, now has more than \$26 billion in promised funding. It has attracted the support of the World Bank (whose President Jim Yong Kim has thrown in \$5 billion in cash, guarantees and advisory services) and the Swedish government (\$300 million).

There are now agreements worth 2,800MW sewn up with another 5,000MW potentially on the way. Buoyed by the billions of dollars, Power Africa has vowed to “up its game”, in the words of President Obama, by expanding its target to producing 30,000MW and putting 60 million African households on the grid.

It is a significant amount of money to address a significant problem. About seven out of every 10 Africans do not have access to regular and reliable electricity and the continent cannot industrialise and create jobs by candlelight or wood.

A pattern has emerged in recent years in which geopolitical blocs seeking to tap into Africa's potential organise conferences, invite its leaders, and compete to see how much money they can promise in investment and aid. The Japanese, Chinese, Europeans and now the Americans have done it. Even the Gulf States have opened their eyes to Africa and the Russians had one such summit on the cards before planes started falling out of the skies in Ukraine.

In the diplomatic game of “my Africa fund is bigger than your African fund”, the \$33 billion announced in Washington last week therefore puts America back into play in the race for the hearts, minds and — let's face it, the markets and minerals from Africa. China, if you must compare, has a \$20 billion Africa fund.

Most significantly from the Washington summit, however, was the almost complete lack of focus on the other form of power — politics — and the absence, in many places on the continent, of its restraints such as good governance, rule of law, accountability, and democracy generally. The



US President Barack Obama speaks during a session on “Investing in Africa's Future” of the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington DC on August 6.

Washington summit was also remarkable for the almost total absence of “democracy” on the agenda. That is important and disturbing.

The first time President Obama addressed himself to Africa's leaders, in Accra, Ghana, in 2009, soon after he took office, he proclaimed, loftily and eloquently, that Africa needed strong institutions, not strong men.

Six years later, many of the same strong men were in Washington, from Angola's Dos Santos, Equatorial Guinea's Teodoro Obiang Nguema, to Gambia's eccentric brute, Yaya Jammeh, with not a drop of his victim's blood on his spotlessly white flowing robes.

As expected, Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe and Eritrea's Isaias Afwerki were not invited but this was only symbolic; it was impossible to throw a stone at the White House last week without hitting a despot, a dictator, an election thief, or a corrupt tyrant from Africa. America has not given up on dreaming of a democratic and prosperous Africa where citizens are respected and rights protected. The Washington summit, however, represents a subtle but important shift in focus and tactics of engagement.

Washington's interventionist foreign policy has failed spectacularly over the last decade in Afghanistan and Iraq. In North Africa, what looked like tantalisingly green shoots of democracy sprouting after the ouster of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt and Muammar Gaddafi in Libya have turned out to be rival clans or sects simply shooting at each other. From Sirte to Syria, the Arab Spring has turned into a winter of discontent.

Tunisia, where the Arab

Spring started, and where pre-existing conditions were only waiting for a spark by the time Mohammed Bouaziz set himself on fire, has been relatively more successful in its transition from Ben Ali.

Regime change

Similarly, the pro-democracy foreign policy agenda in sub-Saharan Africa has suffered. Term limits and regime change remain up in the air in many countries, from DR Congo to Rwanda to Burundi and the wave of anti-homosexuality legislation in Uganda, Malawi, Nigeria and elsewhere is only the more visible crest of a wave to ebb back civil liberties in many countries across the continent.

After successfully mobilising the African Union to oppose the International Criminal Court charges against President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto, African leaders have had the temerity to propose an alternative court in which they would be exempt — perpetrating the very impunity the ICC was meant to counter.

In supping with some nasty tyrants, and trying to find mutual grounds of co-operation with African leaders, the US is showing the kind of pragmatism we have come to expect from — you guessed it — China!

This is not to say that the US is adopting China's see-no-evil, hear-no-evil approach. There are other important differences: China's government-to-government bilateral engagements are breeding grounds for corruption while America is leading through Wall Street, and business-to-business engagements.

The US has also pledged money to support African

governments improve their peacekeeping capabilities. This is useful and supports attempts by African governments to act as the first line of defence in regional conflicts.

In terms of democracy, however, there is growing acknowledgment that while citizen agency can be nurtured and inspired by outsiders, it can never be imported or downloaded via YouTube.

America is changing the way it relates to Africa. It is a subtle shift away from preaching politics and democracy to its leaders, to inspiring its youth and its entrepreneurs to drive the change that the continent needs.

It is also likely to shift resources and attention away from traditional areas — reports indicate that some of the money invested in Power Africa has been drawn from democracy and governance within the US Agency for International Development.

Those with a long-term view will argue that the most significant summit in Washington this month was not that of the heads of state but the one that ended a few days before, of 500 young men and women, part of the Young African Leaders Initiative.

In addition, the US is keen to meaningfully engage the continent's entrepreneurs — the people who create jobs and drive growth in Africa.

After decades of watching ageing African dinosaurs, their shopaholic wives and sleepy ministers, the continent's entrepreneurs like Aliko Dangote, Mo Ibrahim and economic brains like Donald Kaberuka finally got a chance to show that Africa is open for business.

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Summit lives up to its billing as a unique event

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The US-Africa summit produced political and economic results sufficient to justify President Barack Obama's description of the three-day extravaganza as “an extraordinary event.”

But the unprecedented gathering of 50 African leaders in the US capital was also criticised as an exercise in “business as usual.”

The summit did partly succeed in shifting US perceptions of Africa as a hopeless continent wracked by poverty and violence to a beckoning frontier of opportunity and accelerating modernisation.

The Obama administration paid particular attention to the “demographic dividend” Africa derives as the continent with the youngest population.

Prior to the summit, the State Department awarded six-week fellowships at US universities to 500 young African leaders who, the Obama administration hopes, will develop friendly future relations with the United States.

Relentlessly touting Africa's economic growth and profitable potential for investors, the Obama administration orchestrated sizeable new commitments at the summit from private businesses as well as the US government.

Mr Obama announced \$7 billion in financing by federal agencies intended to facilitate US exports and business deals. Included in these initiatives is \$250 million in US government insurance for investments in the construction and operation of a 310 megawatt wind power project near Lake Turkana.

Clean energy

Washington is also using its leverage to expand Mr Obama's year-old Power Africa project that now aims to bring electricity to 60 million African homes and businesses in the coming years. Kenya is one of six countries chosen to benefit from this public-private undertaking.

A few of the best-known US corporations also announced Africa initiatives at the summit totalling \$14 billion. These investments in clean energy, aviation, banking and construction include a commitment by Coca-Cola to derive more ingredients for its products sold in Africa from local suppliers. In Kenya, for example, Coke said it will focus initially on mango and tea production.

The US denies it is “playing catch-up” to China, which has greatly surpassed it as Africa's largest trading partner, but officials suggested that African countries should recognise and act on the advantages of doing business with the United States.

“We do believe we bring something unique to the table,” US national security official Ben Rhodes said in the run-up to the summit. “We are less focused on resources from Africa and on deepening trade and investment.”

“That sounds nice, but it's not actually true,” commented John Feffer, director of a Washington-based group that critiques US foreign policy from a left-wing perspective.

“Strip away all the modern PR and prettified palaver and it's an ugly scramble for oil, minerals and markets for US goods,” he wrote. “Everyone wants a piece of Africa: drooling outsiders, corrupt insiders, cynical middle men.”

CRIMES | Agency accused Charterhouse Bank of money laundering and tax evasion

Bank boss sues anti-graft agency

Shah, Charterhouse Bank MD, wants agency forced to give him report on the collapsed bank

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Charterhouse Bank managing director Sanjay Shah has gone to court to compel the anti-corruption agency to produce a report over his alleged involvement in corruption so that he can appeal a decision by Britain to deny him a visa.

Mr Shah wants to undergo surgery at a hospital in Britain.

He urged the court to instruct the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to provide him with a report linking him to corruption between 2004 and 2006 that he believes is the genesis of the travel ban slapped against him by Britain.

He says that in 2006, the anti-graft agency raided the bank's offices at Longonot Place on allegations that the bank was involved in massive money laundering, tax evasion and economic crimes and carried away depositors and creditors' account documents which, to this day, have not been returned.

Through his lawyer Mark Ngatia, Mr Shah says he has been seeking an interim report allegedly prepared by the EACC on the findings of the investigations carried out on the accounts but the report has not been given to him.

"Two weeks after the raid by EACC, Central Bank also did an impromptu investigation and identified that certain documents were missing. The documents were part



The Integrity Centre, which hosts the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, along Valley Road in Nairobi.

of what the anti-graft agency carried away," he said.

He claimed that the move by the anti-corruption agency to deny him findings of the report had placed him in an awkward situation.

Money laundering

"My client's visa denial is on account of his alleged involvement in money laundering, economic crimes and corruption as the MD of Charterhouse Bank. Now he needs to access urgent medical care in the UK but he cannot," Mr Ngatia said.

The lawyer said that after learning of the EACC report in 2013, he was instructed to write a letter to the

agency head seeking clarifications on his alleged involvement in illegal money dealings.

He claimed that he wrote reminders to the anti-graft agency but his letters have to date not been responded to.

"The matter has been lying in abeyance since 2006. There was collusion between some members of Charterhouse Bank and the anti-graft agency to try to fix him over allegations of suspicious activities within the bank," the lawyer said. Mr Ngatia told the court that he was not only seeking to be furnished with the findings of the report but also to compel the EACC to release

customers' account documents they took from the bank.

"There is no evidence of investigations being carried out by EACC; they just confiscated documents from our offices in 2004 and did not return some," he said.

Attorney-General Amos Wako was in 2010 accused by the parliamentary committee on Finance, Trade and Planning of sitting on fraud charges against directors of Charterhouse Bank.

The then chairman of the committee, Mr Chris Okemo, asked whether it was normal for the AG's office to hold a charge in abeyance for over two years.

High Court dismisses Kirima son's Sh2m claim

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The High Court has thrown out an application by a son of the late tycoon Gerishon Kirima seeking to review a consent order the family signed to end a three-year inheritance dispute.

In his application, Mr Stephen Kamau claimed that his mother, Grace Wawathia, 75, had wrongly been left out of a Sh2 million interim payment despite being a beneficiary of Mr Kirima's Sh2 billion estate.

The payments were made last October after a directive issued by Justice Isaac Lenaola to cushion beneficiaries from hardship because of the long period the distribution of the estate was expected to take.

Mr Kamau said his stepmother, Agnes Waruguru, who was the first wife, had been included as a beneficiary yet she died on August 26, 2007.

Mr Kirima died on December 21, 2010 while being treated at a South African hospital. Kamau said his mother was married to Mr Kirima under Kikuyu customary law and should be recognised as a wife and beneficiary of the estate.

On July 29, Justice Lenaola ruled that in law and the unique facts of the estate, "to re-open the consent order of October 30, 2013, would merely delay the distribution of the estate of Mr Kirima. Therefore, I don't see any merit in Mr Kamau's application dated May 8, 2014."

The judge further said that there was no evidence that Ms Wawathia either ceased to be a wife by known legal channels and whether she qualifies either as a "wife" or "former wife".

CLEAN UP | Giving Mombasa a shine



GEORGE KIKAMI | NATION

Members of the Mombasa Ni Yetu group during a cleanup at Mama Ngina yesterday. This was during the launch of "Cleanup Mombasa" drive. The guest of honour was the county tourism executive Job Tumbo.

Police report 35 people killed in city in one week

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At least 35 people have been killed in Nairobi in the last one week.

Six of them, including a Kenya Army soldier from at Kahawa Barracks, were stabbed to death according to police.

Senior Private Boniface Thuku Ndungu was stabbed in the head and neck as he was walking to his house from work in Kasarani.

Elsewhere in Kasarani, a businessman shot dead a bouncer at a club and seriously injured two of his colleagues following a disagreement over a Sh200 bill.

The businessman was leaving the bar when he was blocked by the bouncers. He rushed out and came back with a pistol and shot the three.

Police records indicate that at least six victims were stabbed to death in Kasarani, Riruta, Kariobangi, Kilimani and Starehe. In Riruta, a man was stabbed to death after a

disagreement over a woman.

George Hinda and George Nyakundi Otuqe quarrelled over the woman and Mr Hinda was stabbed with a knife on the chest and died.

Police in Kilimani have also arrested a woman suspected to have stabbed her close relative to death.

The woman told the police that Simon Munyoki, who appeared drunk, arrived home with a stab wound on Sunday night. He later died.

However, police officers went to the house and found a blood-stained knife and arrested the woman.

A businessman was shot dead by gunmen. Mr Devshi Padamshi, 78, was shot dead at the gate of his residence Parklands.

A child who was escaping punishment hit her head on the table and later died. Police say that Mr John Apondo was caning her 12 year old son, Clifford Oduor but as the child was running away, he hit his head against the table.

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SUNDAY NATION

Referendum must not be used as a stick against rivals

Referendum proposals have in the last few weeks dominated debate and raised pertinent issues on this important constitutional safeguard. The opposition, Cord, believes there is a need to amend the Constitution to resolve a wide range of issues that include security, devolution, disbandment of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and ethnicity in public appointments.

In the meantime, the Council of Governors has also formed a team to draft a Bill that will allocate at least 45 per cent of the national budget to counties and change various laws governing the devolved units.

The Jubilee Government has dismissed calls for a referendum, but recent statements by some key leaders suggest the ruling coalition may also consider crafting its own referendum plans.

While the referendum is a right that should not be restricted, the framers of the 2010 Constitution anticipated it to be an option of last resort. Amendments are allowed in matters touching on the supremacy of the Constitution, territorial integrity, the Bill of Rights, the presidential term, functions of Parliament and various aspects of devolution among others.

Involve citizens

Further, changes through a referendum are not the privilege of a few but are designed to involve the input of a significant number of citizens and their representatives at the county and national levels. Article 256 on amendment by parliamentary initiative using a Bill, and Article 257 that gives a similar option through popular initiative that starts with the endorsement of one million registered voters, are clear on the roadmap to a referendum.

However, the politicians leading the referendum push must bear in mind the costs and consequences involved. Such a weighty vote must not be trivialised and reduced to a big stick to beat opponents merely for political gain. Any such narrow motive that abuses the democratic process is not worth the billions of shillings expected to be spent if issues go to the ballot. Keeping the country on a permanent campaign mode also distracts attention from other important matters.

As the various groups pushing for a referendum continue with the initial stages of pursuing the option, the onus is on them to convince Kenyans of the need to go to the ballot instead of using Parliament and other institutions. Similarly, those opposed to the plebiscite must clearly point out why it is not needed.

Kenya will be the winner if both sides of the argument put the country's interest first.

Let's stand with S. Sudan

Reports that at least 40,000 displaced South Sudanese in a United Nations camp are living in sub-human conditions are a grim reminder of the need to save the world's newest state from sinking further into crisis. The situation in Bentiu, where thousands are living in makeshift shelters surrounded by knee-high sewage water, should not be viewed in isolation.

Instead, it should be seen as a strong statement of the foul condition Kenya's neighbour finds itself in. It is a shame that after decades of a civil war against the oppressive North ended with independence in 2011, South Sudanese leaders returned the country to violence last December. It is even more shameful that the factions led by President Salva Kiir and his former deputy turned rebel leader Riek Machar are yet to agree on a peace deal.

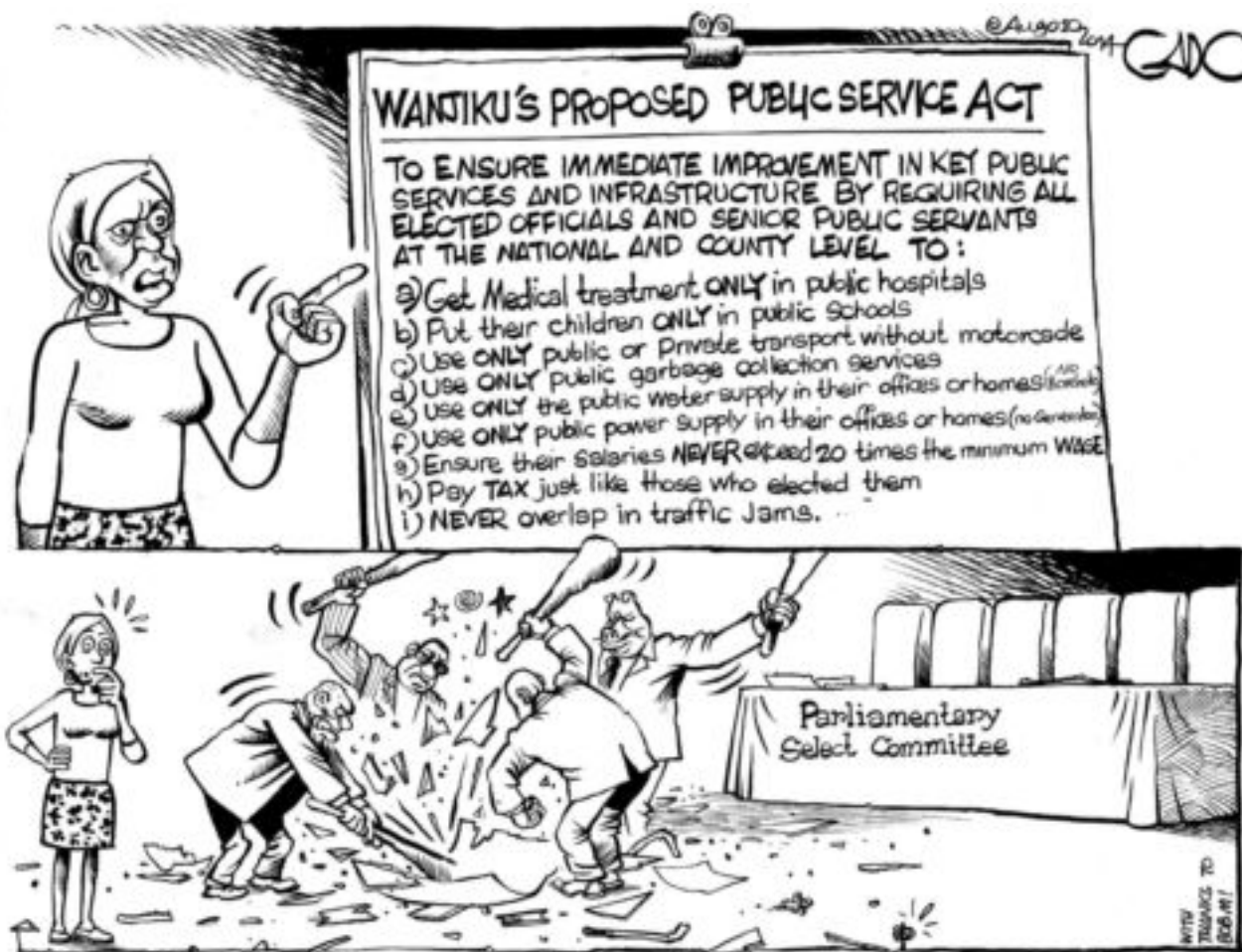
The stalemate risks turning the South Sudan crisis into a "forgotten war" with thousands of civilians continuing to face violence and poor living conditions. That is why President Uhuru Kenyatta and other regional leaders must urgently renew their efforts to seek a peaceful solution to the problem.

We agree with the recent statement by a humanitarian organisation that "the current situation is untenable".

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"The people who steal your millet at night are often the same people who help you look for it the next morning."

— African Proverb



THIS AND THAT | Murithi Mutiga

Talking to Al-Shabaab should remain on the table as a path out of Somalia



Charade:

The current arrangement is a charade because if the Ugandan troops pulled out of Mogadishu, for example, Shabaab would take the capital within weeks

It was good to see President Uhuru Kenyatta making friends in America in the last few days.

One of the most baffling things about Jubilee Administration leaders has been their consistent and aggressively hostile posture towards the West, simply because harsh words were exchanged during the campaign period.

They forgot that there is little room for sentimentality in foreign affairs and that decisions should be guided mainly by interests.

Washington, London and others quickly moved on after the results were announced.

They were obeying a dictum coined by Hans Morgenthau, one of the great foreign policy thinkers of the last century, who argued that nations deal with one another "under an empty sky from which the gods have departed".

There is little point in chewing over past hostilities and it is good to see Nairobi has finally moved on.

The Kenya Government should proceed to play the game everyone else around the world from Europe to Latin America is playing, of trying to get the best deal out of the two big boys in the schoolyard, China and America.

There was one agreement that requires greater clarification, though. It was announced that Kenya is one of six African countries that will benefit from a new joint security governance initiative that will see the US help its allies to battle terrorist groups.

This is an encouraging step because Kenya and the US are joined at the hip in fighting terrorism, with the attack on the US embassy in Nairobi in 1998 having marked

the start of Al-Qaeda's global campaign.

It will be fine if those funds are to be used to boost the capacity of the security forces to detect and stop terrorists. But it will be a mistake if they are disbursed to finance a prolonged deployment in Somalia.

It is neither in Kenya's nor America's interest for our military to stay in Somalia indefinitely.

An external force will not impose a lasting military solution.

My reading is that the only two feasible options to resolve the mess there include the emergence of a Somali faction with overwhelming force that can pound rivals into submission, a bit like what happened in Chechnya where the former rebel Akhmad Kadyrov struck an alliance with Moscow and proceeded to steamroll rivals and impose a dictatorship in 2004.

He was killed three years later and his son succeeded in maintaining the status quo after taking office.

The other, less bloody and more difficult option, is to have effective decentralisation and hope you will have many Puntlands and Somalilands that are relatively homogenous clan-wise and reasonably peaceful.

The current arrangement is a charade because, if the Ugandan

troops pulled out of Mogadishu, for example, Al-Shabaab would take the capital within weeks.

Kenya is especially exposed because it is a democracy and a weak state with corrupt policemen and immigration officials.

Unlike other countries such as Uganda, Ethiopia, Yemen and others where terrorists vanish after arrest, in Kenya they are bailed.

That, in a way, is a good thing because it means Kenya is a better bet for long-term sustainability as a society but it can't afford to battle endless wars with extremists.

Nairobi should exit the cauldron in Somalia and leave the job to troops from further afield whose countries are less exposed.

One pathway out would be to use the American Afghan exit strategy where they are talking to the Taliban through the Qataris, who finance many extremists. WikiLeaks cables claim Washington thought Qatar has links with the Shabaab, too.

There would be no harm in talking to the Shabaab through back-channels including the Gulf monarchy to strike a deal that Kenya will uphold the old IGAD framework which required that frontline states should not send troops to Somalia.

America can then channel funds to improve internal security capabilities in Kenya and maybe send West Africans to tackle the Shabaab.

Nations operate under an empty blue sky where each looks out mainly after their own best interests.

Pulling out of Somalia and restoring calm in the country free from a wave of indiscriminate attacks is a better option than fighting on.

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OPINION MAKERS | What they said



"It has become extremely difficult to identify some of the owners of the companies who own land in Lamu County. This means that some of the acquiring processes might have been illegal." – **Lands Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu after visiting her ministry's offices in Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi counties**



"The Council of Governors wishes to express its resolute decision not to attend summons from the Senate. The Senate committee should listen to the executive and finance of officers we send and then call governors if there is a complicated matter that needs to be handled." – **Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto, who is also chairman of the Council of Governors**



"It is our judgement – and the former Vice President Riek Machar needs to understand this – that it was his initiative that broke the agreement [on ceasefire] and took his troops back into a violent status." – **US Secretary of State John Kerry on civil war in South Sudan. Igad and the country's leader Salva Kiir also blame Mr Machar**



"That is when [during Otieno Kajwang's tenure as Immigration minister] Kenyan national registration documents were given to terrorists, drug barons and mercenaries... so I can tell Senator Kajwang that he better start producing the 500,000 passports and work permits that he issued irregularly through his proxies." – **Majority Leader Aden Duale**



"The money we get is little and most of it is spent on salaries. We, therefore, can't keep you here if you don't work. The responsibility to monitor employees' performance lies with the County Service Board, but look, its chairman is not even present now." – **Murang'a Governor Mwangi reacts to county employees reporting late to work**

SUNDAY VIEW | Gitau Warigi

There's lots of money to be made if America changes its Africa game



For a start: One way the US can counter the state-to-state thrust of Chinese infrastructure investment in Africa is by overhauling the World Bank

The message from the US-Africa Summit couldn't have been clearer: What Africa needs is trade and investment, not aid handouts. Aid never brought meaningful development to any country. Nor has it killed poverty on our continent.

Agoa, the trade opportunity that was started by Bill Clinton, has done more to Africa than aid ever did. US aid has only created a fat parasitic class of civil society which lives on seminars and talk-shops.

Belatedly, the US is realising it has to change its game. US corporations are putting \$14 billion on the table for new investment in Africa. That is not small money. Yet there is quite a distance to go to rival the mega billions China pours into its state-to-state investment deals with Africa.

Actually US investment in Africa has never been insignificant. The problem is that it is skewed. America's bankrolling of UN and AU military peace enforcement operations on the continent as well as for anti-terrorism account for the biggest chunk. On trade, the bulk of it – in dollar value – consists of oil imports, mainly from Angola, Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea. The money reflected in other sectors is small potatoes, relatively.

And with US domestic oil production expanding rapidly because of new shale oil extraction using the new-fangled "fracking" technique (America is suddenly becoming the world's largest producer!), its oil imports from Africa will sharply decrease.

When it comes to foreign investment, the US adheres to the capitalist philosophy of private sector partnerships. China, on the other hand, has huge state-owned enterprises and banks which it uses to finance its deals with African governments. One

problem with the US approach is that Africa has few private sector players with enough heft to partner with on Chinese-sized infrastructure projects. Two, US companies have traditionally considered doing business in Africa an unpleasant task.

Much of this stems from misconceptions, which the Washington DC summit sought to dispel. Examples are legion. In 2001, US entertainment group MCA Universal had an bitter fallout with its French partner Vivendi in a row originating from the 1990s on how to diversify their investments. Alongside the big ventures the American shareholders objected to were two little telcom businesses in Morocco and Kenya (Kencell) which they deemed misplaced and in the wrong continent.

Yet European firms like Vodafone – which owns Safaricom – have since demonstrated the good profits to be made in the telcoms business in virgin Africa. And Caterpillar, a US construction equipment firm, quietly continues to rake in money from, ironically, the Chinese-financed road-building operations across Africa.

One way the US can counter the state-to-state thrust of Chinese infrastructure investment in Africa is by overhauling the World Bank, where it has veto power. That would mean

persuading Congress – a near impossibility, to be sure – to beef up the Bank's capital to fund more and bigger projects in Africa. But the larger point of the overhaul must be to make the Bank "user friendly" to Africa.

American civil rights leader Jesse Jackson has written of an institutional culture in the Bank that is almost colonial in its attitude. It is reflected in the paternalistic conditionalities the Bank imposes on poor borrowers. Inflexible lending policies and layers of unnecessary consultants who fleece away most of the cash before it reaches the borrower, have made the Bank an increasingly unattractive partner for Africa's forward-looking economies. As for the IMF, I can't think of any single success story its reactionary programmes have ever scored in Africa.

Indeed there is much that America can profit from in today's Africa. There is money to be made in Africa's largest economy, Nigeria, specifically in electricity generation and distribution (power blackouts are the norm there). Opportunity abounds as well for the US in Kenya in financial services, and in South Africa in information technology. In the vast Congo, the US can focus on infrastructure; and in Ethiopia, there is room for large-scale commercial farming of the type the US excels in.

Of course, aid will always retain a precious niche. The US remains the biggest donor for anti-HIV programmes in Africa and in provision of anti-retroviral drugs for Aids patients, thanks to one George W. Bush. The emerging scourge of Ebola will also best be fought by the US's superior medical and research expertise.

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FIFTH COLUMNIST |

Philip Ochieng'

We will grow only if personal mistakes are not communalised



Let me say it again. It helps neither you, nor your party, nor your ethnic community, nor yet your whole nation for you – once and for all the so-called leaders – to keep hurling words like a pingpong ball against one another, especially on such vexed questions as public security and corruption.

Take Lamu. It is just the latest of a long list of tragedies about which the government and the opposition leaders are perennially at daggers-drawn. I say "leaders" because, although our politics is basically ethnic, there are social levels at which only the ethnic leaders are at war with one another.

For instance, to assert that, as a whole ethnic people, either the Kikuyu or the Luo are the instigators of the terrorism, land grabbing and other crimes which have befallen Lamu and other Mijikenda areas since independence is to utter a falsehood as dangerous as "hate speech".

Were it true, the whole of Central Province itself would now be a Lassallean continuum of rich individuals, and we would not hear any teeth-gnashing from individuals robbed by their own relatives of whole swathes of land or realty – a phenomenon now widespread nationwide.

If ethnic Robin Hoods exist in Kenya – if certain individuals organise big-time robbery of the rich to help the poor – I have never heard of them. What I have heard of are only individuals who, although identifiable with a certain tribe, commit these crimes only for themselves as individuals, and do it in the cruellest possible fashion.

What's more, only in the years immediately on both sides of independence in 1963 was it possible to identify these inhumanities with a particular single community. Since then, crime has not only spiralled but also invaded the upper classes even of the smallest tribal, racial and other communities in Kenya.

In short, although some Kikuyu, Luo, Kalenjin, Kamba and even Mijikenda individuals might have masterminded the present terrorism and land robbery in Lamu, the point is that they did it in pursuit of their own thirst for individual wealth. They have never done it for their political parties or their ethnic communities.

That is why it is the height of irresponsibility to accuse individuals by name – like the respective Lands ministers James Orengo, Amos Kimunya and Charity Ngilu – in contexts which imply that they did it with the approval of their respective political parties and on behalf of their respective tribal communities.

That is the tragedy of the present table-tennis exchanges between Jubilee (seen as a Kikuyu party) and Cord (seen as a Luo party) on security, corruption and other forms of crime and dereliction of duty. For it makes crime an ethnic characteristic, whereas these are attributes only of individual members of a class – attributes which transcend tribes, races, religions and genders.

The officials cited would not have done it for their tribes or parties. They would have done it only for themselves as individuals. So do not cite Mr Orengo as if he could have done it only as a Luo or Cord leader, Mr Kimunya only as a Kikuyu or TNA official and Ms Ngilu only as a Kamba or Jubilee Cabinet Secretary.

The problem, then, is straightforward. The Executive and Legislative branches of government have become major and habitual participants in this tribe-based table tennis game of accusations and counter-accusations. So the question sticks out like Kilindini (near Lamu): Isn't there any constitutional mechanism by which this perennial blame game can be arrested and effectively tamed once and for all? Maybe the Nyachae commission – the body created to implement the Constitution – can devise a method by which to force all our political partisans to pack it in?

The idea would be to instil in all those vying for political power to drum up such a sense of responsibility as to reject all temptation to bear false witness against their rivals.

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County Development Boards are necessary

The County Development Board Bill is supposed to help in coordination and supervision of development processes and budget affairs. But governors have argued that it contravenes the Constitution because if passed into law, senators will only play a watchdog role and represent counties at the national level.

However, the two levels of the government must work together. Creation of County Development Boards is meant to strengthen and fast-track delivery of services to citizens. The time has come for governors to swallow their pride and accept to work with other elected leaders in their counties.

Joseph Ndonga, Nairobi

Presence of Uwezo Fund not yet felt

I request President Uhuru Kenyatta to take up the issue of Uwezo Fund and ensure that youths really benefit from the project.

Since it was launched, it has not been felt on the ground due to information breakdown. The Ministry of Devolution and Planning, in conjunction with relevant departments, should audit prospective beneficiaries in each constituency before embarking on disbursement of the finances.

Uwezo Fund should target youths who are skillful, and basically entrepreneurs.

The government is supposed to have its agenda as "poverty eradication and creation self-employment as well as young entrepreneurs".

Mike Ng'elele, Eldama Ravine

A vaccine for Ebola must be developed

The world must come together to fight the deadly scourge Ebola Virus Disease, also known as Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever.

The pathological condition knows no boundaries or travel advisories.

It can travel like wildfire, if people do not bring their heads together to fight it.

Ebola is the worst piece of news.

This amorphous mole is a direct ticket to death.

No remedy for it is known. A vaccine to eradicate it must be found before it sweeps humans away.

Scientists should not go to sleep until a remedy for this devil of death is found, or at least prevention like that of polio or other deadly diseases.

Justin Nkaranga, Mombasa

TALKING POINT

A referendum at this time would be too costly for the country

After Cord's call for national dialogue flopped, the coalition embarked on a new call to have a referendum on key issues affecting the country.

This quest to have a plebiscite has elicited heated debate from across the political divide.

While the issues that Cord is raising are legitimate and need urgent solutions, it is important to interrogate whether a referendum is going to offer an answer to them.

Indeed, the coalition's political motive in this matter has raised eyebrows. The question on the minds of many is: is Cord genuine in pushing for the exercise or is this a move to test the political waters ahead of the 2017 election?

This question aside, is it healthy for the country to hold a referendum?

IEBC has indicated that Kenya would require about Sh8 billion to hold a referendum.

And the country is not yet out of the woods following last year's General Election that saw us deeply divided along tribal lines.

Already, the country is torn down the middle on the question of a referendum.

In the event it goes to another electoral process, it will mean that more divisions will be created.



FILE | NATION

Voters line up in Eldoret for the 2010 referendum.

This scenario is likely to continue in referendum campaigns and after the process.

National unity is key to Kenya realising substantive development.

Negative ethnicity will continue posing a great challenge to this unity – should we continue to create room for it to thrive.

Besides, a referendum will provide fertile ground for negative ethnicity to thrive well into the next election.

If Cord leaders indeed have the interest of the country at heart – as they always say – then these salient facts should mean something to them.

Another crucial question lin-

gers: When are we as a country going to settle down to develop our country?

It is crystal clear that a referendum is going to put us in a permanent election mode, yet we need time to embark on the crucial business of national building.

I urge Cord leaders to put the interest of the nation at heart and drop this call for a referendum.

They should explore other ways of addressing the issues they are raising without disintegrating Kenya.

Vivere Nandimo, Kegonga

Cord should support Uhuru's revocation of titles

The tragedy in this country is that politicians have made it a tendency to politicise even the most emotive issues.

It is for this reason that it was not surprising to hear former Prime Minister Raila Odinga politicise the decision of President Uhuru Kenyatta to revoke title deeds to 500,000 acres of land illegally acquired in Lamu by 22 entities.

The cancellation of those titles was a fitting response to insecurity in Lamu as some of them have been explained in terms of land problems.

Cord has dared the Jubilee government to arrest Siaya Senator James Orengo over

these illegal allocations and threatened to expose Jubilee leaders who have been involved in illegal land deals.

It is unbelievable and unimaginable that Cord is supporting entities with the audacity to divide 70 per cent of an entire county amongst themselves and friends, mainly for speculation purposes.

Any sensible leader worth their title should support this endeavour by President Kenyatta to the hilt.

Since Mr Orengo is among senior government officials who have come in the spotlight after it emerged that the prime land in Lamu was

given out under his watch, it is only logical to allow him to answer the allegations in front of him.

In the past, people have paid lip service to the problem, and it has been used as a campaign tool by some politicians.

That is why the president deserves kudos for starting the process.

Indeed, he must go beyond Lamu and sort out outstanding land issues around the country without fear or favour.

Kimani Wa Njuguna, Gatundu South

The Cutting Edge

BY THE WATCHMAN

OUT WITH THE OLD: Chief Justice Willy Mutunga has been lauded in various quarters for spearheading reforms in the Judiciary. But Elijah Ogaya is even more impressed with a purely symbolic gesture: the decision to dispense with "colonial court attire", including the sisal wigs. And the Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate, he adds, also deserve praise for throwing out the robs and wigs. Ogaya asks, "So when will administrators discard their khaki uniforms and the metal bowl-shaped hats?". His email address is elijahogaya@gmail.com.

GOVERNORS AND TRIBALISM: Julius Richard is skeptical that having governors vetted by Parliament and appointed by the President would have worked in Kenya, a country where tribalism reigns supreme. "Posting people to work away from their home counties may be very okay, but the most unfortunate thing is that we would have ended up having the majority of governors from only one or two communities, promoting – instead of ending – tribalism," Richard, whose email address is rjulius24@hotmail.com, says.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE: Lauding the idea of having competent governors hired on merit serving away from their own home counties, Asoka Itur says this "bright idea" is an indictment of the Constitution promulgated in August 2010. He hopes more proposals will be presented for people to debate and finally make a decision after wide consultation. "Remember, not even a comma, full stop or typographical error was corrected in the draft. It was simply a matter of 'pass now and correct later'," he states. His email address is itur46@gmail.com.

SERIOUS MATTERS SIDELINED: The most disgusting thing about many politicians is their tendency to engage in silly fights, even over sensitive national problems such as the land scandal in Lamu County, remarks a seemingly disgusted Jim Webo. He says: "As the loudmouths from the rival groups purport to muckrake and threaten to sue one another for trading demeaning insults, problems afflicting the country continue to escalate. How I wish the media could black out these clowns, or better still, the people could resolve to vote them out in the next elections!"

CROSSING A ROAD: The cry for construction of a footbridge across the Nairobi-Nakuru highway at Kinoo trading centre does not make sense, says Isaac Nguire. He explains that the area has an underground tunnel, but "many would rather risk their lives dashing across the busy highway instead of using the tunnels," hence "What we need is a change of attitude and increased awareness so that all appreciate that life is a personal thing and it's precious". His email address is isaac.nguire7@gmail.com.

PREVENT DEATHS: Also encouraging Kinoo residents to use the tunnels instead of risking their lives crossing the busy highway, Ngige Mungai says the increasing number of fatal accidents that have occurred along that stretch should be a source of concern to all, including local officials. He is unhappy about the failure to ensure routine maintenance of the tunnels, which he believes, is what discourages some pedestrians from using them. His email address is ngigemungai@yandex.com.

FOOTBALL GROWTH: Harambee Stars watching a Fifa World Cup match live in Brazil on June 26 cannot alone turn the team's fortunes around overnight, says Danny Miguel. He, however, lauds the chance for squad members to "see others in action and learn new skills and tricks". This, he observes, should have been seen for what it was: an opportunity that can benefit the team in the long run. "It pays to be patient," Miguel says. "The seed has just been planted. Water it and wait for the crop to mature and harvest it." His email address is diemnajorge@gmail.com.

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Thirty Years Ago



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Kenya's Information and Broadcasting Minister, Mr Robert Matano, has called for the removal of all pre-conditions on Namibia's independence.

Mr Matano, who is also the Secretary General of Kanu, said this in a message of solidarity to

Zimbabwe's ruling party Zanu-PF's second congress.

He is attending the congress together with Kanu's National Organising Secretary, Mr Nathan Munoko.

More than 150 foreign delegates and 6,000 local delegates are also in attendance.

The Minister conveyed Presi-

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dent Moi's greetings in a tribute to Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, for steering Zanu-PF.

He said Africa is indignant about the delay in granting Namibia freedom, and that Kenyans had also taken arms to free themselves from colonialism.

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REFERENDUM | Who will finally pull through with the call for a vote and what will the issues be?

Dilemma as governors, Cord and state separately push for plebiscite

There is also suspicion especially
between Jubilee and the opposition
that the other is using county bosses

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The parallel referendum initiatives by opposition Cord, the Jubilee government and the Council of Governors (CoG) promises to cause a dilemma as the country navigates through uncharted constitutional waters.

It appears to be a unanimous view among lawyers that the number of questions that can comfortably be put to a vote in a single referendum needs to be limited to reduce the complexity. As it is, the Constitution is silent on the matter.

But some of the teams maintained that the possibility of a merger was not on the cards — at least not yet.

Nyeri Governor Nderitu Gachagua, who sits in the CoG's Steering Committee, on Friday said the referendum sponsored by the governors had nothing to do with the issues Cord was pushing for.

"The issues that governors want to be determined at the referendum are being pushed by counties, not parties. Ours is an issue-based referendum owned by the people at the grassroots and the possibility of merging with other groups is not an issue being considered right now," said Mr Gachagua.

But a strategist with Cord's Okoa Kenya team, who asked not to be named so as not to jeopardise the technical team's work, argued that the issues the governors had put on the table were not any different from those of the opposition.

"The governors' and Cord's

issues are likely to be the same. In that case isn't it prudent to have a single Bill or suggestion on the same issues?" the strategist posed.

Key among the issues Cord's Okoa Kenya initiative and CoG's Pesa Mashinani one share is to increase the resources that are allocated to the counties from 15 per cent to 45 per cent of the current audited Exchequer accounts.

Cord also listed governance with the subject of restructuring of the provincial administration central to the question, composition of the constitutional commissions, land reforms, inclusivity and equality, fighting corruption and enhancing security. The issues have now been consolidated into a draft bill as provided for in Article 257 of the Constitution.

"We are going with a draft bill for constitutional amendment, not questions on issues. It means all the issues will be consolidated in the draft bill and presented as a single document to be voted on and that is allowed in Article 257," the Cord strategist told the *Sunday Nation*.

The IEBC

The emotive issue of electoral reforms will be covered under the composition of the constitutional commissions.

"If we say for instance that each constitutional commission should have a maximum of five permanent members, then we shall have killed two birds with one stone. It will mean that the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), which has been one of our key concerns, will be overhauled to conform to the new constitutional



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provisions," Suna East MP Junet Mohammed told *Sunday Nation*.

According to the Law Society of Kenya chairman Eric Mutua, while there is no limit as to the number of questions, the IEBC has the mandate to step in and break them down.

"When you have many questions, the process becomes complex and very easy to scuttle," said Mr Mutua.

A similar view is held by Senate Majority Leader Kithure Kindiki who argued that the best way to deal with the matter was to consolidate the issues into a constitutional amendment Bill instead of presenting them separately.

"The questions can be as many as possible but the neatest way is to have a Bill and let people vote on it.

Those are legal questions and we may not even get there," Prof Kindiki said.

The chairman of the Committee of Experts that midwived the 2010 Constitution, Mr Nzamba Kitonga, also concurred. But Mr Kitonga believed that the referendum quest was premature.

"My view is that we should wait for the implementation period of the Constitution to be over, which is just next year. It is then that the government should call a national conference to audit the Constitution since Kenyans will have identified the good and the bad in the laws," said Mr Kitonga.

He also rubbished some

Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto (right) and his Nyeri counterpart Nderitu Gachagua. The Council of Governors has formed a steering committee to spearhead its push for a referendum.

BITS & PIECES |

Gakiha Weru

HEALTHCARE HORROR

Some time in 1976, the Ebola virus, for the first time, darted from the Congo rainforest and swept through villages leaving death in its wake. After several weeks, it disappeared as mysteriously as it had appeared. Since then, it keeps emerging every few years. It's wreaking havoc in West Africa. Besides the horror stories coming out of there, the nightmare that is healthcare in Africa is also coming to light. A health worker in Liberia says many of her colleagues are dead after getting infected and yet she continues battling the disease without gloves or mask.

PRIME TIME TV NEWS

Most Kenyans that I know are crazy about prime time TV news. So when the clock hits nine at the pub you are bound to hear shouts of 'weka news' directed at the girl behind the counter who also happens to be the custodian of the remote. There is this buddy of ours who doesn't like the girl at one of our regular haunts because he believes she does monkey business with his bill. Now he has this smart phone with which he is able to quietly switch off the TV every few minutes resulting in an uproar from patrons. You should hear the kind of names the patrons hurl at her.

TRAFFIC RULES A BOON

Since some stringent traffic rules came into force some time this year, we are told PSV accident-related fatalities have gone down 30pc. Then some Parliamentary committee crawls out of the woodwork and declares the rules are unconstitutional as if the same constitution does not exist solely to protect and safeguard public interest. Anybody who wants to toss away the gains brought in by the traffic rules must be high on something. What do these people smoke?

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

The authorities have realised that the sanity of most pedestrians went south long ago. Around Ngara area, pedestrians prefer vaulting over the metal grill and a good number of them end up being dead after landing squarely in front of speeding vehicles. Now razor wire has been placed on top of the metal grill to deter adventurous pedestrians from risking their lives. Some people need to be protected from themselves.

"For us this is not a referendum but Cord trying to interfere with the Jubilee government and we shall scuttle them to the four corners of the earth"

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Mount Kenya University

Varsity ranked among TOP 10 in Kenya

Ranking improves from Number 12 in March, 2014 to Number 10 in August, 2014

Mount Kenya University is among the top 10 universities in Kenya. The latest survey by Webometrics shows the university improved two places from the previous position 12. The university scored highly in the criteria used in the survey, namely **Institutional presence, Impact, Openness and Excellence**. The survey is conducted twice annually. "Our concerted efforts at improving access to e-learning and sharing information through electronic formats are continuously bearing fruit," said MKU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudo. "This impressive ranking accentuates our other successes on the ICT front." MKU is fourth private university in the top 10. Last year, MKU scooped four awards during the coveted Information and Communications Technology Association of Kenya (ICTAK) Awards. These were **Overall Winner-ICT Value Award, Best use of ICT in Education, Excellence in use of ICT in Education and Best Innovation Award**.

UK Benchmarking Tour



Prof. Chege Mungai, MKU deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Student Welfare and Marketing makes a presentation at the University of Strathclyde, UK. MKU Chairman and founder Simon N. Gicharu, CBS, who led a delegation of MKU staff to a recent UK tour says Kenyan universities are producing some of the best graduates in the world.

Model Alumnus: Hepatitis Drug Researcher



Dr. F. George Njoroge, of Eli Lilly & Co., USA, who discovered the Vicitrelis™ drug that treats Hepatitis C receives an MKU Honorary Doctorate in Pharmaceutical Science from Chancellor Prof. Victoria Wulsin during the 6th Graduation ceremony at Thika Main Campus on July 25th. Dr. Njoroge was named the "Hero of Chemistry" in 2012.

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2	Kenyatta University
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8	KCA University
9	Maseno University
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Will rival camps merge to deliver referendum?

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of the issues Cord wants included in the referendum as "unconstitutional".

According to Mr Kitonga, the issue of security is not constitutional and the only way to deal with it is to empower and re-organise the security agencies.

The Cord team that is working on the referendum issues consist of lawyers Paul Mwangi, Kethi Kilongo, former Permanent Secretary Beatrice Kituyi and Muslims for Human Rights (Muhuri) boss Khelef Khalifa.

CoG also unveiled its technical team on Friday that comprises of university don Prof Winnie Mitullah, lawyers Wachira Maina, Apollo Mboya and Issa Mansur, and economist David Ndii.

But some members of the CoG technical committee are also known to have been consulting for Oka Kenya.

Meanwhile, the Jubilee government has also come up with a strategy team that is tasked with coming up with issues to counter the opposition Cord's referendum quest.

Prof Kindiki confirmed that the Jubilee government had also formed a team "though issues we want to put out for the referendum *bado ziko jikoni* (are still being worked on)".

"We have an immutable strategy but we want things to concretise first. For us this is not a referendum but Cord trying to interfere with the Jubilee government and we shall counter them and scuttle them to the four corners of the earth," said Prof Kindiki.

Gem MP Jakoyo Midiwo said Jubilee's move was welcome

BRIEFLY

How idea for poll came up

Cord had initially come up with a list of 1 issues it wanted addressed in a referendum including security, cost of living and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

It had compiled the list which was released on Sasa Saba day last month after the government refused to heed the opposition coalition's demand for national dialogue.

Now, the Council of Governors and the Jubilee Alliance have said they are also formulating their own referendum questions.

and challenged them to merge with Cord.

"That is the primary reason we want dialogue. My advice to them is that they should come and join Cord's quest because what we want to do is not a Jubilee or Cord affair but is for the good of all Kenyans," said Mr Midiwo.

Mr Midiwo also said Jubilee's rush to counter Cord's initiative by forming a separate team was an open admission by the government that there are issues that must be sorted out through dialogue.

If the various groups do not merge, the other question is whether each of them will be collecting the million signatures separately and how

Kenyans will perceive that.

Merging the three teams, however, appears an uphill task with each not sure of the other's agenda.

The Cord strategists wondered whether there was a hidden hand to the CoG's initiative.

"Kenyans will remember that the governors had at one point talked of a referendum to have more resources go to the counties. The initiative fizzled out after they met with the government. Our concern with the Pesa Mashinani initiative is the gusto with which even party loyalists from URP are now coming out in support of the governors' referendum quest. Is there an attempt to prop up the governors' initiative and deflate or water down Oka Kenya's?" the Cord strategist posed.

On the other hand, Prof Kindiki claims that Cord and CoG's initiatives are one and the same.

But Mr Gachagua maintained that the governors' agenda was not aligned to any political party, but geared towards ensuring devolution is implemented in the spirit and letter of the Constitution.

"The problems facing the people are enormous and history has given us a position as governors that we must set things right and that is exactly what we are going to do," Mr Gachagua said.

He added, "We do not want anyone to introduce politics into our issues as we only want to deal with issues relating to devolved functions and money following the functions as the Constitution provides."

Additional reporting by PSCU

How Jubilee plans to counter Cord's push for a plebiscite

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The government has adopted a new tactic it hopes will put the brakes on the momentum the opposition Cord has shown lately in its push for a referendum.

The *Sunday Nation* has learnt from Jubilee strategists that the plan is to target members of Cord who served either as ministers or generally as senior government officials in the last government with a view to revisiting the "rot" which allegedly happened under their watch.

Those considered to be the most vocal lieutenants of Cord leader Raila Odinga, who was the Prime Minister in the grand coalition government between 2008 and 2013 which also had Mr Mwai Kibaki as President, are on the watch list.

Siaya Senator James Orengo and his Homa Bay counterpart Otieno Kajwang, who headed Lands and Immigration and Registration of Persons dockets respectively, have had the first shots fired at them.

Immediately President Uhuru Kenyatta announced that he had cancelled title deeds for 500,000 acres of land he said were allocated

under dubious circumstances in Lamu County, Mr Orengo became the first target of the Jubilee foot soldiers, including Majority Leader in the National Assembly Aden Duale, who accused him of presiding over the process.

The senator has since dared the government to arrest him, charging that he had a list of 1,000 individuals, some of whom are in government, who he claims used unscrupulous means to amass huge chunks of land in Lamu.

The aim of the new approach, one Jubilee insider who requested not to be named because he is not the official spokesperson said, is to paint the opposition members as Johnny-come-latelies who are not only out to discredit the legitimacy of the Jubilee administration but also convince the general public that their hands are so much soiled that they cannot be the saviours Cord purports to be.

They keep saying that we do not have the moral authority when a lot of corrupt deals happened under their watch. By the time we are done with them, they will learn to respect a legitimately elected regime," the source said.

Jubilee hopes the onslaught will keep the opposition on the defensive, distracting them from their fierce criticism of the government.

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TITLES SHOCK | Cabinet Secretary has revealed several firms that bought land in Lamu did not pay market rates for the land

How dubious land deals saw firms buy an acre in Lamu for as little as Sh200

Documents show firms paid peanuts for the land that was initially set aside for agriculture

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A company named in the alleged irregular acquisition of prime plots in Lamu County controversy paid as little as Sh1.5 million for more than 6,000 acres.

Transaction documents in the possession of the *Sunday Nation* show that Kaab Investments Ltd paid Sh1.54 million for 6,268 acres (LR. No 29322) for a 99-year lease from April 1, 2012 for agricultural purposes. This was inclusive of stamp duty of Sh61,000, annual rent of Sh37,625, conveyancing fee of Sh1,250, registration fee of Sh500 and approval fees of Sh5,000.

It means that on average, the company acquired an acre at Sh247.20 inclusive of the statutory fees.

In fact, Kaab Investments Ltd, Fincorp Investments (K) Ltd, Shanghai Investments Ltd and Rusken International Ltd paid a combined amount of about Sh23.34 million for 88,372 acres or Sh264.10 an acre.

The allocations, according to the documents, were done between 2011 and 2012, when Lamu County was under considerable attention because of the proposed development of the Lapsset project.

Irregular allocations

Lands Secretary Charity Ngilu has accused her predecessor and current Siaya Senator James Orengo of presiding over the irregular land allocations.

But Mr Orengo and Cord leaders have dismissed the allegation claiming the government is using the land problem at the Coast to intimidate the opposition.

A letter by Mrs Ngilu to President Uhuru Kenyatta on July 31 states that most of the transactions in Lamu took place during Mr Orengo's watch after the promulgation of the Constitution in 2010 but before the 2013 General Election.

"During this time a moratorium had been issued on the transfer of public assets both at the national government and former municipal county councils," said Ms Ngilu.

But Mrs Ngilu alleges that the moratorium was ignored.

The letter goes ahead to list 16 companies that acquired 476,051 acres of prime land in Lamu between April and November 2012 whose directors are now under investigation by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations as well as the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

"We have commenced investigations, we will do our part and forward the files

to the DPP; we will know the real owners if the mentioned ones are proxies," EACC chairman Mumo Matemu told the *Sunday Nation*.

The companies are Brick Investments Ltd, Rusken International Ltd, Mat International and Witu Nyangoro Ranch (DA) Company. Others are Witu Conservation Self-Help Group, Shanghai Investments Ltd, Fincorp Investments Ltd, Kaab Investments, Sheila Ranch, Dynamic Trading Company Ltd, Savannah Fresh Fruits Exports, Mokowe Kibokoni Ranch Ltd, Panda Nguo Boni Community, Baragoni Boni Community, Khalrara Ranch and Cyberdom Investments.

In addition, Mrs Ngilu listed five ranches "purportedly owned by farmers and pastoralist cooperative societies" among those that acquired thousands of acres of land in Lamu. They are Baragoni ranch, Enganani ranch, Lamu Investments, Amu Ranch and Maalim ranch. However, the letter by the Cabinet Secretary does not make mention of the historical land injustices at the coast region by the first independent Government of Kenya.

These historical injustices have been documented in various reports including the 2004 Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Illegal/Irregular Allocation of Public Land (Ndung'u Report), the Kenya Human Rights Commission reports of 2011 and 2014 and the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission.

According to the transaction documents Kaab Investments had initially been allocated 16,326 acres for a fee of Sh3.9 million excluding the cost of conveyancing (Sh1,250), registration fee (Sh500), stamp duty (Sh158,720) and approval fees of Sh5,000. Following the re-evaluation, the stamp duty was also revised downwards to Sh61,000 while the other legal fees remained.

The acreage was later reduced in October 2012 and Kaab Investments was refunded the over-paid legal fees (stand premium and stamp duty) of Sh2.5 million in a letter signed by then Commissioner of Lands Zablon Mabea and addressed to the Principal Accounts Controller on October 10, 2012.

"The payment was in respect of agricultural plot 'C' whose acreage was reduced," Mr Mabea stated in the letter.

It therefore meant that Kaab Investment only paid Sh1.5 million, excluding other legal fees, as the stand premium to obtain the 6,268 acres.

Kaab Investments Ltd was incorporated in October 2007 with four directors based in Mombasa. Another company, Fincorp Investments (K) Ltd and Shanghai Investments Ltd were allocated 41,990 acres for a lease of 45 years from April 1, 2012 at a cost of Sh10.6 million.

The directors of Fincorp and Shanghai eventually paid Sh11.6 million, the extra Sh1 million being the legal fees.

The annual rent was Sh177,927 while the stamp duty cost Sh423,340. The company also paid the standard conveyancing fee of Sh1,250, registration fee of Sh500, ap-



proval fees of Sh5,000 and planning fees of Sh320,250.

The letter of allotment was signed by E.K. Kosgei on behalf of the Commissioner of Lands. The farm was to be purely for agricultural purposes.

The plot was carved out of land that originally belonged to Akiro Ranch and Said Ahmed Bujra, one of the people arrested over the killing of more than 60 people in Mpeketoni in June.

The County Council of Lamu concluded on March 21, 2012 that original holders - Akiro and Bujra ranches -- had failed to utilise the land in a memorandum to Mr Orengo.

"These sites were originally government land that were planned and allocated to Akiro and Bujra ranches in October 1976. However, the land has never been operational and we recommend repossession," the internal memo signed by Muthomi Ngaruthi in the coast lands department reads.

Mr Orengo approved the allocation in the same month. "The comments of the County Council of Lamu are noted. Approval granted subject to proof of ability to develop the same for the benefit of Lamu people," Mr Orengo responded.

Orengo clearance

With the clearance from Mr Orengo and then County Council of Lamu, Fincorp and Shanghai paid the Sh11.6 million within a week after getting the green light from the Ministry of Lands.

Yet another company, Rusken International Ltd, paid Sh10.2 million to the ministry of Lands for the 40,014 acres of land in Lamu West.

The land was allocated to Rusken for a period of 45 years beginning March 1, 2012.

The allocation of farm land in Lamu to private developers began in August 1998 when the Lamu District Livestock

ANALYSIS | George Kegoro

The President has needlessly

Last week, the President cancelled land titles for Lamu, a decision that has generated significant heat in the country but which has been defended on the basis that it is part of Jubilee's effort to turn the land question into the land answer. However, Jubilee could have easily legally had the desired effect if it had chosen to follow the law. If the land question is to turn into an answer, Jubilee must avoid careless mistakes of the nature displayed in the handling of the Lamu titles.

The first problem with the handling of the Lamu titles is that Jubilee decided to personalise decisions in the President rather than to institutionalise them in the National Land Commission. The

governance of land is the responsibility of the commission. Kenya's land reform movement has, in part, been about checking the President's massive powers over land and managing land through a more accountable mechanism, in this case the commission.

But Jubilee, which has all along ignored and fought the commission, chose to place responsibility for the cancellation of the titles in the President, a power he does not have, rather than in the NLC, which in principle has such powers.

By purporting to cancel land titles, the President has shown little regard for constitutional limits on his power, or the history that led to the removal of his role in the management of land.

and she blames her predecessor for the mess



Mr Peter Kaveta and his family ponder their next move after being displaced from Mpeketoni on June 25.

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Production officer Fred Jefa released data on ranches in the district. Mr Jefa had categorised the ranches into four namely, those that were operational, non-operational, idle, and proposed. However, the matter received little attention until after the 2002 General Election when the Narc government took over the reins of power and showed serious commitment to develop the Lamu Port.

“Whereas Lamu County was a fairly quiet part of the country, mainly known as a place of retreat, this (Lapsset project) drastically changed its face and huge tracts of land were allocated to the detriment of the local people of Lamu,” said Mrs Ngilu.

Furthermore in February 2012, the County Council of Lamu wrote to Mr Orenge saying allocation done to Mat

International needed to be revised to give other developers opportunities. “The council in its sitting agreed that the allocation done to Mat International be revised since to date they have not commenced development,” read the letter.

Mr Orenge, in his response, approved the request but urged due diligence and in concurrence with the Agriculture ministry. “An allocation through a letter of allotment was made to Mat International. We had concerns about the size of the land given including the portion in Garsen. Subject to consultations with Mat International and due diligence and application of appropriate procedure, the council’s request may be processed,” Mr Orenge wrote on February 24, 2012. But Mat International still owns 40,014 acres according to data released by Mrs Ngilu.

Ndung’u: Uhuru will have to bite the bullet

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Veteran lawyer Paul Ndung’u, the author of the famous Ndung’u land report on illegal land acquisition has challenged President Uhuru Kenyatta to bite the bullet and restore sanity.

Mr Ndung’u wants the President, Land’s Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu and the chairperson of National Land Commission Mohammed Swazuri to bring an end to the squabbling around land, a key factor of production.

“Somebody has to bite the bullet and say enough is enough, people cannot be dying year in year out because of land and yet nothing happens. The three (Mr Kenyatta, Mrs Ngilu and Dr Swazuri) have to act, whether it touches on prominent people like we know, let them address it,” he said

Mr Ndung’u, whose Commission found out that the powers vested in the President had been grossly abused by former Presidents and successive Commissioners of Lands over the years leading to unbridled plunder, said the country does not need another commission of inquiry to cure the problem.

“The recommendations on what is to be done are available in reports that have been compiled in the past. All we need is to revamp the National Land Commission and give it more resources so they are not overwhelmed by the task and let it do it,” he said.

Dr Swazuri is also of the opinion that NLC will require political goodwill to achieve this.

He warns that unless this is urgently done, the worst may happen.

“You will be forced to have your fire engines ready to firefight when these regions affected the most erupt. We will be in trouble,” he said

Even though the lawyer does not find fault with the decision by Mr Kenyatta to cancel titles of the 500,000 acres in Lamu, the government, he says, was illegally acquired he says tougher action should be taken in other parts of the country which are affected.

“What the president has done by revoking the titles is perfectly in order but what may not work is the piecemeal approach that we have seen them adopt. He should go beyond Lamu and look into areas such as Kilifi, Kwale, Taita Taveta, Rift Valley and other places,” he said

He suggested remissions as a way of dealing with the problem.

“There are people who irregularly obtained land and have now developed them or even resold and all these are documented. They can undertake validation of titles where those who were allocated land and may have developed them are asked to pay an amount equivalent to the market rate at the time of the allocation to the rightful owners without interfering with their property,” he stated.

Ndung’u asked Mrs Ngilu and Dr Swazuri to bury the hatchet for the general good of the public. The two are currently embroiled in a serious supremacy fight over who has more say on land matters.

“Dr Swazuri and Mrs Ngilu must sit down together and go through documents that govern land and identify what the functions of each one of them are. Right now, they are fighting about nothing. This way, they will only lose focus,” Mr Ndung’u said

He said none of them had absolute authority over land since the Constitution and the National Lands Commission Act says that the commission acts “on behalf of and with the consent” of the national government or county government as the case may be. He was referring to Article 67 of the Constitution and Sections 3 and 5 of the National Lands Commission Act.

“The commission is not the sole authority under the current law. They have to work with other institutions,” Mr Ndung’u said.

He said officials at the lands ministry were part of the cartel which has compounded the problem of land grabbing in the country.

NDUNG’U REPORT

Key highlights

- The Commission was established by President Kibaki in June 2003 to ascertain the beneficiaries of illegal land allocations.
 - It recommended that all allocations of Trust Lands to individuals and companies contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, Trust Land Act and the Land Adjudication Act be revoked.
 - Upgrading Informal Settlements in urban centres by establishing decent and affordable housing schemes was to be given priority.
 - Establishment of a Land Division of the High Court which would exclusively deal with land cases would also mark a new dawn in the sector
- Some of the prominent persons named in the final report include:
- Retired President Daniel Moi and the former first lady Mama Ngina Kenyatta whose son Uhuru Kenyatta is now the President. Baringo Senator Gideon Moi and his wife are also named to have benefitted
 - The report recommends that retired President Moi’s 937 hectare farm in Narok hived off Trans Mara Forest be repossessed.

waded into an issue that he would have been better off avoiding

Bypassing the land commission recalls the country’s past in which the Electoral Commission of Kenya, established as the constitutional body to manage elections, was supplanted through administrative arrangements, first under Jomo Kenyatta and then under Daniel Moi, until political pressure on the resumption of multi-party politics forced the government to involve the commission in the management of elections. If Jubilee is to be taken seriously in its rhetoric about providing the land answer, it must do the small but important act of supporting the land commission, through which it must institutionalise all decision-making on land.

Secondly, it is now clear that no process preceded the decision to cancel the titles in Lamu. Once land is registered, it becomes private property and cannot be taken away without a legal process. The NLC Act allows the commission to cancel land titles. It provides a simple process which obligates the commission “on its own motion or upon a complaint by the national or a county government, a community or an individual, [to] review all grants or dispositions of public land to establish their propriety or legality.” If such a review discloses that the land was acquired unlawfully, “the commission shall direct the registrar to revoke the title.”

However, the Act requires due process for any person its decision might affect. It provides that “in exercise of the powers under [the Act], the commission shall give every person who appears to the commission to have an interest in the grant or disposition concerned, a notice of such review and an opportunity to appear before it and to inspect any relevant documents.”

The remedy

The legal provisions place the commission at the centre of any investigations over titles to land. Also, they provide the very remedy that the President desired for Lamu.

Therefore, the President could have requested the NLC to carry out the needed investigations with a view to arriving at the decision to cancel the titles in question. This would have been lawful.

Clearly, however, this did not happen and the President chose instead to take matters upon himself, exercising powers he does not have, but which a body within his reach could have lawfully exercised. Further, he exercised these powers in an arbitrary manner, giving no hearing to those affected, when the law requires due process.

What explains this conduct? Is it a feeling by the President’s handlers

that it was beneath him to engage with the commission? Or is it that, having shunned the commission all along, the government cannot now get it to do its bidding?

Something needs to be said about the investigations that the government has ordered following its cancellation of the Lamu titles, which have been placed in the hands of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI). Again, there are clear provisions of the NLC Act, which confer the lands commission with investigative powers. But the commission has been supplanted yet again, the DCI has been brought

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HUNTER BECOMES HUNTED | Whistle blower wrote to Commission of Administration of Justice

Anti-graft agency faces corruption claims

Ombudsman seeks to investigate Commission over two issues raised by a whistle blower

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The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the body charged with fighting graft, is set to be investigated by the ombudsman over allegations

of corruption.

The agency is also being probed over how it handled the recent handover of prime property by prominent businessman Rashid Sajjad in Mombasa.

It is a strange twist of events as the hunter has become the

hunted in the fight against corruption after the Commission on Administration of Justice (CAJ) notified the anti-graft chiefs of their intention to start probing them over allegations of abetting corruption.

The new development puts into scrutiny the credibility

of the EACC and comes at a time when questions are being raised about their willingness to prosecute given that majority of cases they take to court end up in acquittals.

The allegations were triggered by an anonymous whistleblower who wrote to CAJ alleging massive corruption, incompetence, immorality, illegal allowances and salaries at the commission.

Documents seen by the *Sunday Nation* reveal a series of communication between CAJ boss Otiende Amollo and EACC boss Mumo Matemu, with Mr Amollo informing Mr Matemu of CAJ's intention to investigate EACC over two issues raised by the whistleblower.

"We have considered your responses to the allegations raised against EACC but two matters remain un-responded to. CAJ will take investigations into the two issues and ask for cooperation from your office and staff," said Amollo.

CAJ will investigate allegations that impropriety and abuse of power by selectively awarding the deputy commission secretary a salary beyond the rates approved by the Salary and Remuneration Commission.

They will also investigate allegations of impropriety among EACC officials over acquisition of houses allegedly donated by the National Social Security Fund to influence the commission when it was investigating corrupt deals in installation of CCTV cameras at NSSF building.

The anonymous whistleblower claimed that EACC commissioners entered into suspect negotiations with Mr Sajjad to recover some properties.

Mr Sajjad in March surrendered Sh1.6 billion prime public properties, including recreational parks and a clinic, after years of court battles and 18 title deeds for the plots acquired irregularly to Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho and the EACC.

In the course of the negotiations, the letter states some EACC officials allegedly pocketed Sh2.6 billion in bribes.

It further alleged that a file of another case involving installation of CCTV cameras worth Sh254 million vanished from the commission's custody after investigations were complete, and that commission officials accepted bribes from two top constitutional commission officials to stall possible prosecution.

"Levels of immorality are higher than any other time," the letter stated, alleging that a senior commission official and a junior staff were involved in a physical confrontation over a man.

In response, Mr Matemu wrote to Mr Amollo denying the claims. On the alleged consent entered with Mr Sajjad, the EACC boss stated that they only took over from the defunct Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission and could not stop the negotiations to recover public property.

"EACC is not aware of any bribe taken by its officials from Mr Sajjad and any evidence to the contrary should be adduced to the commission by the complainant," said Matemu.

On allegations of biased recruitment of senior officials and favouritism within EACC, Mr Matemu responded that the processes of recruitment of staff were conducted transparently through adverts in the newspapers and open interviews. Mr Matemu denied that they compromised investigations into installation of CCTV cameras at NSSF building. "The commission is not aware of any attempt to cover-up the matter. It is still under active investigations and once it is finalised, the file will be forwarded to Director of Public Prosecution for his recommendation," he said.

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Mr Matemu



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EACC chairman Mumo Matemu (left) Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho and EACC CEO Halakhe Waqo receive title deeds of land surrendered by Rashid Sajjad in March. The agency is also being probed over how it handled the handover of the prime property.

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PARLIAMENT | Anti-Homosexuality Bill before Justice and Legal Affairs committee

Draft bill proposes harsh penalties against gays

Republican Liberty party says proposed legislation seeks to protect the cherished tradition of the people of Kenya

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Whether or not Kenya will legislate against gay practice is now a subject under parliamentary consideration after a political party asked Parliament to do so.

The Republican Liberty Party has proposed stoning of gay people to death in public or life imprisonment.

The party has presented to the National Assembly a draft Bill prohibiting any form of sexual relations between people of the same sex.

The Anti-Homosexuality Bill is now before the Justice and Legal Affairs committee which will consider the proposal and report back to members on its decision.

The draft Bill presented alongside a petition by the party's legal secretary Edward Onwong'a Nyakeriga provides for the offence of sodomy which would earn life imprisonment.

They propose death by stoning in public for any foreigner who commits a homosexual act and a life imprisonment for Kenyan nationals found guilty.

Special cases

Anyone found guilty of aggravated homosexuality would also be stoned to death in public.

Aggravated homosexuality in this case would include committing the acts with people below 18 years, if the offender is a person living with HIV, if those persons committing the act are persons in authority over their victims, serial offenders and where a victim is a person with a disability.

The petitioner states that the Bill aims at strengthening the nation's capacity to deal with emerging internal and external threats to the traditional heterosexual family.

"There is need to protect children and youth who are vulnerable to sexual abuse and deviation as a result of cultural changes, uncensored information technology, parentless child developmental settings and increasing attempts by homosexuals to raise children in homosexual relationships through adoption, foster care or otherwise," the petitioner states.



Members of the gay and lesbian community at a past protest.

The latest move could be part of the push for anti-gay law started by the parliamentary caucus against gay practices in Kenya.

A group of MPs formed the caucus in February and declared an uncompromising onslaught on homosexuality in Kenya. The MPs said they would, through the caucus, rally their colleagues in Parliament to fully enforce current relevant parts of the law that prohibit gay practices.

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Petitioner

The Republican Liberty Party says that Kenya lacks a comprehensive provision catering for anti-homosexuality and that the proposed legislation is designed to fill the gaps in the current laws.

Further, the petitioner argues that the legislation recognises the fact that same sex attraction is not an inborn and unchal-

lengeable characteristic.

"The petition aims at providing a comprehensive and enhanced legislation to protect the cherished culture of the people of Kenya, legal, religious and traditional family values against the attempts of sexual rights activists seeking to impose their values of sexual promiscuity on the people of Kenya," it states.

Ugandan court

The latest move comes just a few days after the Ugandan Constitutional Court declared as null and void, the Anti-Homosexuality Act 2014 on a technicality. The Court ruled that Parliament did not have the required quorum when members passed it last December.

The Act had set a life imprisonment penalty. A death sentence had been initially proposed. President Yoweri Museveni signed it into law in February.

Brothels for homosexuality purposes are also marked in the draft Bill, which those running them risking life imprisonment.

The parliamentary anti-gay caucus consists of among others, MPs Irungu Kang'ata (Kiharu), Julius Ndegwa (Lamu West) John Njoroge (Kasarani), Clement Wambugu (Mathioya) Stephen Kinyanjui (Kinangop).

Mudavadi faults Uhuru on county laws

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Amani coalition leader Musalia Mudavadi has faulted President Uhuru Kenyatta's move to assent to an amendment to the County Government Act.

Mr Mudavadi said yesterday it was wrong for Mr Kenyatta to confirm a law allowing senators to chair County Development Boards. "This is killing devolution. We want separation of

powers between the Senate and county governments," said Mr Mudavadi.

The United Democratic Forum leader noted that the passing of the amendment Bill was a sign of the national government's failure to engage the governors.

"By signing the Bill into law, do we want to follow the policies of the senators or those of county governments?" he posed. Mr Mudavadi linked the problems facing the coun-

try to failure by the national government to fully implement the Constitution.

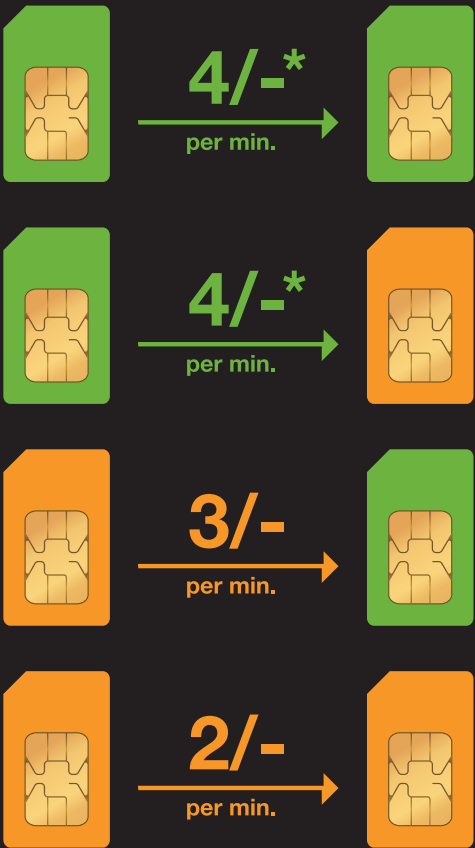
He, however, dismissed calls for referendum by Cord and governors, saying they would be expensive for the country.

"We held a referendum in 2005, a General Election in 2007, another referendum in 2010 and General Election in 2013. Why another poll?" he said. He wondered why calls for referendum were being made a year after countrywide polls.

"The electoral commission has estimated the cost for a referendum at Sh8 billion. This will burden the Kenyan taxpayer," said Mudavadi, who was speaking during the burial of literature scholar Kavetsa Adagala at Vohovole in Sabatia.

Ms Kavetsa, 67, was a lecturer at the University of Nairobi. She also served as a member of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission led by Prof Yash Pal Ghai.

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ANALYSIS | George Kegoro

Given his family's position on land, Uhuru was better off avoiding Lamu land circus

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in to investigate.

Further, an investigation of this nature requires subject-matter knowledge which the DCI are unlikely to possess. However, they have been preferred over the body legitimately mandated to exercise the investigative mandate.

Available information indicates that all the titles for all 22 companies said to have been allotted land in Lamu have been ordered cancelled. This raises the question of third party interests that may have been lodged against those titles. There were media reports about a bank that had issued a loan on the security of one of these titles, and now be deprived of its security. Again, the National Land Commission Act addresses this issue, stipulating that "no revocation of title shall be effected against a bona fide purchaser for value without notice of a defect in the title".

Land market

Other than affecting the interests of innocent third parties, the actions by the government have a destabilising effect on the land market. Land registration serves several socio-economic purposes including discouraging fraudulent dealings in land, making it possible to calculate



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President Uhuru Kenyatta addressing the nation on the Lamu land issue.

and apportion risks arising from possible defects in land titles, and guaranteeing the security of business relationships that are reliant on land. If it is possible for a person, even the President, to unilaterally cancel land titles, how can people have the courage to buy land, or to invest in land, whose titles may be taken away at the blink of an eye?

Not surprisingly, the President's

decision has already been challenged in court. The resulting delays, while the court case is sorted out, takes matters out of the control of everybody, and can only deepen the existing imbroglio in Lamu. The lesson is that the land answer must be provided within the institutional arrangements established to manage land in the country.

A remarkable feature of the Lamu

issue is the pre-meditated and sensational coverage it received from the media, starting with a live coverage of the President's announcement which, it turns out, was ill-advised on every possible point. The performances of the Lands minister at the Coast, and the Majority Leader in the National Assembly, were also remarkable. It now appears that everything was calculated to blow the opposition, Cord, into smithereens by pinning the Lamu problems on them.

While nothing here suggests that Cord may not have questions to answer about Lamu, the handling of the Lamu issue, together with the fact that another former opposition minister, Otieno Kajwang, now also faces a criminal probe of his own, suggests that McCarthyism is now a tool of choice by Jubilee.

Given the position of his family regarding land, the President has needlessly waded into an issue he would have been better off avoiding, unless he earnestly wants the country to talk about land. An inclusive criminal investigation on Lamu, of the kind he has ordered, would touch his own father, and not just the opposition figures on whom Jubilee has placed the problem. My prediction is that the Lamu issue has served its purpose, and will now quietly recede.

Rights body: Nullify police recruitment

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A human rights body and a police reforms group have demanded the immediate nullification of the recent police recruitment drive.

The call comes just two days after the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) moved to the High Court to nullify the recruitment.

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) and the Police Reforms Working Group-Kenya (PRWG-K)1 on Friday said the process was riddled with serious malpractices including corruption and discrimination.

"In this regard, we stand in support of the legal action commenced by IPOA and will be seeking to be enjoined in this matter should no corrective action be taken by close of business on Monday," they said.

The two bodies said the recruitment was irredeemably flawed and called on the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) to delink itself from the audit and give a chance to other agencies to carry out the exercise. "It is our considered view that the multi-agency working group convened by the NPSC to audit the recruitment complaints places the commission as a judge, jury and executioner in its own case," they said.

They said that the process had generated diverse views from different agencies on the transparency or lack of it with regard to the process. Other issues so

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TIES | Former MP says he's not aware

Will Jubilee give jobs to ex-ministers?

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Is former Foreign Minister Raphael Tuju being considered for a position in the Jubilee government?

Well, according to sources who spoke to the *Sunday Nation* on condition of anonymity, Mr Tuju is being considered for a role as a presidential advisor.

Mr Tuju has vast experience and network on matters of international trade.

When contacted, the former Rarieda MP, who has assumed a low-profile of late, said he was not aware of any impending appointment.

"I think people are just talking. And most importantly, I do not comment on presidential appointments," he said.

Mr Tuju was among prominent individuals who were at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to see off Mr Kenyatta before he left for the US-Africa Summit in Washington DC.

Should the appointment be confirmed, this would be the second time Mr Tuju would be working as a presidential advisor. In 2008, the then President Mwai Kibaki picked him as his special advisor on ethnic relations and media.

When Mr Kenyatta was drawing up his cabinet lineup last year, Mr Tuju's name was also floated as a possible nominee, but he was not considered for any position.

Despite coming from Nyanza, a region that solidly supports Cord leader Raila Odinga, Mr Tuju has been perceived to prefer going against the grain since he was first elected to Parliament in 2003—which is widely believed to be the reason why he lost the Rarieda seat in 2007.

The Jubilee administration has crafted a system that retains various experts

as advisors under the office of the Presidency. Cabinet Secretaries have also been allowed to hire specialists without going through the Public Service Commission.

As such the positions are filled quietly because they do not require the approval of other institutions beyond the National Intelligence Service vetting.

Meanwhile, former Justice Minister Eugene Wamalwa accompanied President Kenyatta to the US-Africa

CHRONOLOGY

Role in Kibaki government

Should the appointment be confirmed, this would be the second time Mr Tuju would be working as a presidential advisor. In 2008, then President Mwai Kibaki picked him as his special advisor on ethnic relations and media.

He was first elected to Parliament in 2003 but failed to defend the Rarieda seat in 2007.

Summit last week sparking speculations that he too could be headed for a role in the government.

Even though there was no official communication on his status in the delegation, Mr Wamalwa joined top officials in the high table in various meetings the President held with American investors and Kenyans in the diaspora.

Since last year's elections there has been speculation that the New Ford Kenya leader, who is part of the Amani Coalition that works closely with Jubilee, would be considered for a position in government.



Former Foreign Affairs minister Raphael Tuju.



Former Justice minister Eugene Wamalwa.

Deputy President in Kisii for funds-drive

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Deputy President William Ruto is set to visit Kisii County today as the Jubilee Government continues its charm offensive in a region that voted for Cord.

Mr Ruto is expected to attend a funds-drive in aid of a church in Nyaribari Chache

Constituency, represented by MP Richard Tongi.

This is the second time the Deputy President is visiting the region in as many months, with leaders saying the visit could also be used to solidify the support the Jubilee Government has enjoyed in the region of late.

The last time Mr Ruto visited the region was in June

in the company of President Kenyatta.

Yesterday, Kitutu Chache North MP Jimmy Angwenyi

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The number of by-elections held recently in Kisii region that were won by Jubilee.

said that support for the government in the region was on the rise, citing the outcome of the three by-elections that have so far been held in the region as an example.

The Jubilee coalition candidates trounced their Cord counterparts to win the by-elections that were held in Bonchari, Nyaribari Chache and Bomachoge Borabu.

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REFERENDUM | Governors are pushing for plebiscite to protect devolution and increase in funding

Cord MPs say creation of county boards is illegal

Opposition lawmakers want senators to work with governors to ensure devolution is a success

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Several Opposition MPs have broken ranks with their colleagues and declared they will not support the formation of the controversial County Development Boards in their counties because they are unconstitutional.

This could place the MPs at loggerheads with senators who have embraced the amended County Governments Act.

MPs Junet Mohamed (Suna East), Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja), Andrew Taboso (Butere), Abdikadir Aden (Balambala), Joyce Lay (Women Representative Taita Taveta) and Mishi Juma Mboko (Mombasa Women Representative) argued that the new law was meant to "kill" devolution.

They urged Cord senators and their colleagues in the Jubilee Coalition to disown the law which was assented to by President Uhuru Kenyatta last week.

"We are becoming participants in scheme whose intention in the end is to kill devolution. We ap-

peal to senators from across the political divide, to disown the new move that antagonises them with governors over development in counties," said Mr Mohamed.

Mr Wandayi instead urged senators to work with governors to push the government to hand over more functions to counties and increase the funding to the devolved units which are key to development.

"Senators should rally behind the governors and support their fight for the decentralisation of more government functions and for funding," he said.

Speaking separately, Ugenya MP David Ochieng also criticised the idea.

"The county governments are different governments. Forming the boards is like forming a board that will deal with President

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I don't get how a board fits into devolved governments. If there are issues with county governments, let the Senate carry out its oversight role"

Ugenya MP David Ochieng



FILE | NATION

Senators during a past session. President Uhuru Kenyatta assented to a law that approved the introduction of county development boards to be chaired by senators.

Uhuru Kenyatta to decide how he will govern the country," said Mr Ochieng.

He said the role of the senators is clear in the Constitution and it doesn't involve them "lording over governors."

"I don't get how a board fits into devolved governments. If there are issues with county governments, let the Senate carry out its oversight role," he added.

Mr Ochieng said the Intergovernmental Forum created under the County Governments Act is the right body to coordinate development projects in the country initiated by the Constituency Development Fund and or through county governments.

President Uhuru Kenyatta recently assented to the Bill

sponsored by Nandi Senator Stephen Sang.

On Thursday, Senate Speaker Ekwee Ethuro said the County Development Boards should be established and convened on or before September 18.

Governors reacted with fury over the new law and declared a war against the national government by embarking on a clamour for a referendum through which they intend to protect devolution.

Council of Governors chairman Isaac Ruto said they will push for a Bill during the referendum which will leave no room for future weakening of devolution.

"We will go for a Bill which will stop future moves to weaken devolution," he said.

Cord's referendum committee of experts chairman Mr Paul Mwangi also warned against implementation of the law.

Mr Mwangi said that the Constitution vested the sovereign power of the people at the county level in governors and the members of the executive committee.

At the county level, he said: "This committee consists of the governor, the deputy governor and members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Assembly."

By allowing governors to chair the development boards, he argued, it was tantamount to appointing "a body to decide on the development priorities of Kenya chaired by the speaker and where the President is a secretary."

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Bill proposes poor pregnant women get food rations from the government

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Senators are proposing that pregnant women from poor families be offered nutritious food by the national government during the entire nine months of pregnancy.

This is one of the radical proposals in a Bill before the Senate.

The proposals notes that expectant women should be provided with a balanced diet to ensure they are healthy and capable of maintaining their pregnancies until they give birth.

Should the law be passed, the government will be required to allocate millions of shillings each financial year to cater for all women in the country.

The proposed law says pregnant women are entitled to healthy and adequate food and the babies they carry deserve adequate care and to be brought up in a healthy way.

"Every woman has the right to adequate food during pregnancy and lactation," says the Bill read for the first time on Wednesday last week.

Once they give birth, the lactating mothers will be required to breast feed their babies and mandatory weaning at six months.

Health Cabinet Secretary will oversee the provision of the food and care if the proposed law is enacted.

It further proposes the formation of about 50 new institutions to boost national food supply.

The new public offices would be formed despite the existence of a full-fledged Ministry of Agriculture and at a time when taxpayers are sagging under the weight of a huge public wage bill.

The lawmakers want to form at least one food authority under the national government in addition to another 47 to be run by the counties in a bid to free the country from periodic food

shortages. The Bill is geared at ensuring the national and the county governments work together in food production and distribution.

A proposed Food Security Authority will be responsible for developing policies to tame food shortages nationally while each of county food security committees will develop policies in the devolved units.

Although the Bill proposes many authorities that would be expensive to maintain, Nominated Senator Beatrice Elachi defended it saying it

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Every woman has the right to adequate food during pregnancy and lactation,"

Food Security Bill, 2014, which is before the Senate.

was important to have them if hunger was to be dealt with once and for all.

"We want the national government and the counties to work closely. These bodies will help in coordination and distribution of food to areas facing hunger," said Ms Elachi, the Majority Whip in the Senate.

Meru Senator Kiraitu Murungi welcomed the Bill saying it was important to have a clear law to help in dealing with hunger.

Should the Bill pass into law, the authority would have a board and a secretariat.

The chair would be appointed by the President. Other members of the board include the Principal Secretaries for Agriculture, Devolution, Health, Finance, the chair of the National Social Assistance Authority and three people nominated by the Council of Governors.

The County Food Security Committee shall consist of seven people.

POLITICS | How will county leaders work together if they don't even talk to each other?

Can these rival senators and governors work together under the county boards?

The formation of the County Development Board has divided many leaders

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Senators and governors from Western and Rift Valley regions are divided on a number of issues, especially those regarding development.

It is only in Mount Kenya region, northern Kenya and Coast where the two county leaders are working as a team, save for Murang'a where Governor Mwangi wa Iria openly differed with Senator Kembi Gitura in public on Friday over various development issues in the county.

Mr Wa Iria hit out at Mr Gitura over the counties funding, stating that those senators who were behind the move to form the County Development Board are ill intentioned.

But in Nyeri, Kiambu, Kirinyaga and Nyandarua counties, senators and governors are known to relate well. It has been the same case in the northern counties of Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit and Isiolo counties. The Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale and Taita Taveta county leaders are also known to pull together on many issues.

In Western Kenya, however, the varied relationships manifest uniquely owing to the efforts employed by local leaders to handle their differences.

In Vihiga, a long standing misunderstanding between Governor Moses Akaranga and Senator George Khaniri ended two weeks ago following a meeting between the two leaders at the county headquarters.

The two had been embroiled in procurement wars pitting the management of the county where Mr Akaranga had been accused of condoning corruption in his administration.

"I have advised the county administration to set up procurement departments in each office to curb corruption," Mr Khaniri said at the end of their meeting.




In Kakamega, political differences between Governor Wycliffe Oparanya and Senator Boni Khalwale have fuelled an acrimonious relationship between the two.

Mr Oparanya has accused Dr Khalwale of using funerals to undermine his leadership by misleading the public on his development agenda.

The supremacy battle between Mr Oparanya and Dr Khalwale was triggered off by the political rivalry between the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) and the Amani Coalition in the last General Election.

And in Bungoma, Senator Moses Wetang'ula and Governor Ken Lusaka differed during campaigns for the Senate by-election, which Mr Wetang'ula went ahead to win. Mr Lusaka was supporting Mr Musikari Kombo.

Recently, the unveiling of the County Integrated Development Plan became the new bone of contention after Mr Wetang'ula criticised the project, saying he

<p>BUNGOMA</p>  <p>Governor Ken Lusaka</p>  <p>Senator Moses Wetang'ula</p>		<p>MACHAKOS</p>  <p>Governor Alfred Mutua</p>  <p>Senator Johnstone Muthama</p>
<p>NAIROBI</p>  <p>Governor Evans Kidero</p>  <p>Senator Mike Sonko</p>		<p>BOMET</p>  <p>Governor Isaac Ruto</p>  <p>Senator Wilfred Lesan</p>

wasn't involved in its formulation.

In Kisumu, Governor Jack Ranguma is opposed to the idea that senators chair county development boards.

In as much as there has not been any open altercation between him and Senator Anyang Nyong'o, Mr Ranguma said recently at the height of the enactment of the Act that he would not give up the seat of executing development projects.

"My county executive members report to me. I wonder whether the new development will let them report to senators and under what auspice it will be," Mr Ranguma said.

In Siaya, Governor Cornel Rasanga and Senator James Orenge have always enjoyed a cordial relationship since their election in 2013. This was strengthened after the High Court nullified Mr Rasanga's election and the two teamed up in a spirited campaign that saw the governor re-elected.

But the warm relationship is slowly turning cold after President Uhuru Kenyatta appended his signature to the County Government Amendment Act. Mr Rasanga has repeatedly said he will not attend any board meetings chaired by Mr Orenge.

"I will not allow the senator to boss me as chair of the county development meetings since I am mandated to do so. If [Mr] Orenge wants to chair the board he should first resign and vie for the governorship where he will be the chair," stated Mr Rasanga.

County leaders in Kisii have never differed in public but in Nyamira County, Governor John Nyagarama and Senator Kennedy

Mong'are Okong'o have a cold working relationship.

The senator accuses the governor of not consulting him in development issues.

In neighbouring Bomet County, Governor Isaac Ruto and Senator Wilfred Lesan have never been in good terms and have been engaged in supremacy battles.

During the recent failed impeachment proceedings against Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony, some quarters had blamed Senator Charles Keter of not having used his clout to convince Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) to drop the impeachment plan.

Prof Chepkwony accused senators of plotting to usurp powers accorded to governors by "crossing the boundary" to take up positions which will allow them to directly control funds at the county level.

In Nakuru, Governor Kinuthia Mbugua is embroiled in a fresh tussle with Senator James Mungai over funds. A week ago, the senator kicked off the row by delivering a hard-hitting statement against Mr Mbugua, accusing the governor of failing to initiate development projects despite availability of funds.

Mr Mungai claimed the execu-

tive in the county government was misappropriating funds meant for development thus paralyzing development. However, the governor has told the senator to keep off county affairs.

So is the case in Nandi County, where tracking of funds disbursed to counties from the national treasury has seen the senator, Mr Stephen Sang and Governor Cleophas Lagat trade accusations on overall spending.

Early this year, Mr Lagat and Mr Sang differed regarding Sh4.8 billion allocation from the Treasury. In a showdown that lasted for the better part of the last quarter, Mr Sang accused the governor of not being accountable on the spending of the funds.

In his rejoinder, Governor Lagat said the county had received Sh1.97 billion for the quarter and which was diligently used.

Over security

In Turkana Governor Josephat Nanok and Senator John Munyes have differed over security. The county is largely affected by a number of insecurity cases, especially cattle rustling. Early this month, Mr Munyes said the security issue can be tackled if the governor puts up workable frameworks.

"The governor should set aside funds for recruiting more police reservists in borders and in notorious areas. This will be a milestone in the bid to arrest this problem which has put our county behind for decades," said Mr Munyes.

Mr Nanok has since been accused by the senator of playing politics and has promised that his leadership would set aside funds to hire more reservists

and fuel vehicles which will be used in patrols.

In Baringo, Senator Gideon Moi and Governor Benjamin Cheboi have differed on the just assented to County Amendment Bill of 2014, which gives senators powers to chair County Development Boards.

Mr Cheboi has been against senators chairing the county board while Mr Moi has been traversing the county trying to justify why senators need to be close in county matters.

But there exists a mutual relationship between Uasin Gishu County Governor Jackson Mandago and Senator Isaac Melly. Narok Governor Samuel Tunai and Senator Stephen ole Ntutu also work well together.

It is the same case in Laikipia where the governor, Mr Joshua Irungu and Senator GG Kariuki work together.

Residents of the Eastern region have also been enjoying good times with their county leaders apart from Machakos where Governor Alfred Mutua and Senator Johnstone Muthama do not see eye-to-eye.

In Embu, Governor Nyaga Wambora and Senator Lenny Kivuti are not known to be friends. The former accuses the latter of having failed to save him when he was impeached by members of the county assembly.

In Tharaka Nithi, Governor Samuel Ragwa and senator Prof Kithure Kindiki's relationship is shaky after the former said as the CEO of the county it is him who should chair the local development committee.

In Nairobi, there is no love lost between Governor Evans Kidero and the senator Mike Sonko.

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I will not allow the senator to boss me as chair of the county development meetings since I am mandated to do so” **Mr Rasanga**

THE WEEK THAT WAS | Kwendo Opanga

Government isn't willing to sort out land mess



Ego battle: Leaders are playing politics with the matter and are keen to check each other and not to resolve the problem

We cannot solve the problem because we talk too much and act too little; no one wants it touched

Either we want to tackle and settle Kenya's land question starting with Lamu and then the Coast region or we don't.

We are either out to define the land problem and then spell how to solve it or we are not. We cannot, and will not, address and redress the land question if we do not know it and the road map.

So, the question now is very clear. Was President Uhuru Kenyatta out to solve the burning land issue in Lamu, which is the allocation of huge chunks of it to mainly upcountry people to the exclusion of locals, or was he playing politics when he recently announced the revocation of titles for a whopping 500,000 acres to some 22 companies?

This is for certain: In view of the insecurity that has plagued the county for two months and which has in part been attributed to the land question and given the fact that insecurity poses a significant threat to the multi-billion-dollar Lamu Port and South Sudan Transport (Lapsset) corridor, the President had to act and act quickly, firmly and decisively.

The revocation was seen as firmness. And that the President ordered immediate investigations by the respective instruments of government with a view to prosecuting the culpable appeared to suggest decisiveness and commitment.

But the events that followed would appear to paint a totally different picture. First, the opposition, Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD), dismissed the annulment of the titles, saying it was illegal. Since then the waters have been muddied, the discussion sullied and the environment poisoned.

Hot on the heels of the President's action, accusing fingers were pointed at Siaya Senator James Orengo, the immediate former Minister for Lands and a confidant of Cord leader, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. News bulletins that evening suggested Mr Orengo faced imminent arrest because it was he who presided over the fraudulent allocations.

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Mr Odinga must wonder who among his confidants will next be accused of corruption. Land or not, Cord has been put on notice”

As all were waiting for Mr Orengo to find his tongue and put his accusers to the sword as is his wont, Cord reacted rather strangely for a movement of law and order, accountability and champion of the downtrodden. The party threatened to expose the land ills of the governing Jubilee Alliance and their architects if the government indeed arrested Mr Orengo.

No, it was no longer about the government exposing land grabbers, arresting and arraigning them. Now Cord and Jubilee were squaring up to each other and, like kingpins of the underworld, telling each other: “I know who you have killed and what you killed for and where you kept it. So let's keep it like that — a draw — or this place will stink!”

When Mr Orengo eventually found his tongue, he was not his confident, eloquent brickbat-happy self. But he was determined to tell the government he knows where the bodies are buried. He went to his news conference armed with 1,000 names of people, he said, whose titles he had revoked because they had been irregularly acquired.

Holding himself forth as standing with the downtrodden, he said he had been fought by, among others, Labour Cabinet Secretary Kazungu Kambi for revoking titles. And, he said, among the people who featured on that list of 1,000 was Deputy President William

Ruto. Mr Kambi confirmed the revocation but added that he had gone to court and won back his title.

Mr Ruto, who had loudly weighed in on the matter soon after the President revoked the Lamu titles, calling Cord protectors of land thieves, suddenly went mum. He may have realised that he had tied himself in knots. A court recently found him guilty of grabbing 100 acres of land from a hapless Uasin Gishu resident in the wake of the 2007 post-election violence.

Little wonder Mr Ruto's sidekick, Majority Leader Aden Duale, suddenly, boldly and sensationally accused Mr Otieno Kajwang, another Odinga confidant, of selling some 500,000 work permits and identity cards to terrorists, drug traffickers and other criminals when he was the Minister for Immigration.

Mr Odinga must wonder who among his confidants will next be accused of corruption. Land or not, Cord has been put on notice: Don't throw stones; you live in glass houses. In the meantime, our all-knowing government, says Lands Cabinet Secretary Charity Ngilu, cannot tell the owners of Lamu's 500,000 acres from their proxies.

So, is government ready to tackle the land question? No.

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MY THOUGHTS |

Dominic Wamugunda

We behave as if we are not proud to be Kenyans



What makes people patriotic or otherwise? Why did those gallant freedom fighters give up all their comforts — and some their lives — and go into the forest to fight the colonialist? From my own experience, there are moments when one feels really proud to belong to a country like Kenya.

It is that pride of belonging to a particular nation that makes one do only those things that would bring honour to his own country. The way we live our national life should therefore be filled with more activities that we are proud of and not otherwise so that we build a strong value system of patriotism.

The time when Kenyans got together and kicked out the Kanu regime was a moment of pride. That was followed by a period of opening up of a political space that had been tightly locked up since independence.

This introduced in most of us a feeling of well being and a sense of pride in being Kenyans. Then came what I consider the most glorious moment of our political history when after more than two decades of negative political gymnastics we promulgated our own homegrown constitution.

There are many such events and moments that would make us proud and want to honour our motherland.

The freedom fighters were ready to give up their comforts and even lives because they were proud of their heritage. The land they were fighting for was a source of pride because it had been bequeathed them by their parents and grandparents.

Their sense of pride and attachment to what was their own as well as the fear of failing their ancestors overwhelmed them. I sometimes wonder if we have honoured this courage and sacrifice enough during our time as an independent nation.

Some of the activities that are going on today are things that would certainly not make one so proud of belonging to Kenya.

Take the noise about insecurity or the hullabaloo about who dished out what land and to who or even the talk about the issuance of immigration documents.

There are even other phenomena like the matter of representation of the people of Kenya. Our supreme law says that sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and that they can exercise it through representation. When a whole section of the people is denied representation as happened recently in Gatundu, one does not feel so proud.

It is neither noise about intended referendum nor the practice of raw power that will make Kenya a nation we can all be proud of and therefore protect patriotically. Only the rule of law will promote true patriotism.

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OPINION | Ahmednasir Abdullahi

We look East because getting a bribe is easy



Enemy: The real reason African leaders like doing business with China is rather obvious. China is too willing to bribe to strike business deals

The raging national and continental debate triggered by the cut-throat competition between the West and China over Africa is mostly seen through a false and self-serving prism.

It is too often and falsely characterised as a scramble for the resources of Africa. Some have argued persistently that China offers the better deal. This is an important debate that needs appreciation and analysis through proper perspectives.

The successful America-Africa summit hosted by President Barack Obama in the past week seems to take the competition a notch higher and in the right direction.

America and the West seem quite serious in re-engaging Africa and more robustly.

The summit has greatly succeeded in refocusing the debate both from a historical and value driven perspectives. The resource paradigm in the debate should thus be seen as a small factor in the wider picture of where the true interest of Africa lies. Is it with the West or is it with China?

History, shared values and who between the two offers a better and fairer deal to Africa are all popular narratives.

The real reason African

leaders like doing business with China is rather obvious. China is too willing to bribe in order to strike business deals in Africa.

The West, on the other hand, doesn't bribe. And African leaders see China as more attractive because the Chinese culturally, politically and economically see bribing African leaders as a legitimate business practice.

It does not mean Western business interests never used to bribe to get lucrative contracts. They used to. Big time! But things have changed in both America and Western Europe. Through a raft of anti-corruption legislations and a very robust enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by America, bribing foreign governments to win business contracts has become a very dangerous enterprise.

Let us see how America has contributed to promote Kenya Government business with the Chinese.

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The tilt to China is not informed by either doctrinal or economic rationalisation”

When the former Communications Commission of Kenya awarded the second GSM licence on or about January 28, 2000 to a local consortium involving two French companies, the American Justice Department conducted one of the most expansive and sweeping investigations.

It zeroed in on the French Company, Alcatel-Lucent SA. It investigated its activities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. In Africa, seven countries, including Kenya, became the focus for the Justice Department investigations.

After obtaining all the incriminating evidence in the three continents, the Justice Department filed a case against Alcatel-Lucent SA in Florida. The charges were explosive.

In Kenya, the investigators unearthed an intricate network of companies and middlemen that were used by the French company to bribe top officials of the Kenya Government in the second GSM licence scandal.

A cool \$20 million (Sh1.7 billion) was paid as bribe. The principals, the recipients and all middlemen in this bribe scandal were unearthed.

When the evidence was presented against top officials of Alcatel-Lucent SA, they buckled and surrendered. A fine from

\$92 million to \$173,160,000 was paid by Alcatel-Lucent SA to escape trial and conviction.

Top businessmen, Kanu leaders and their sidekicks escaped criminal prosecution by a whisker.

But the political elite learnt a valuable lesson and so did Western companies.

The lesson was that Western countries will investigate and prosecute robustly any corrupt deals involving their citizens and foreign companies.

Kenyan leaders, following their close shave, made a solemn promise never to do business with Western companies.

So when the Kibaki Administration pursued the “look East” policy as a new economic doctrine, it was not because China offered better business sense to Kenya. It was simply because of the risks involved in doing business with Western companies.

China, on the other hand, simply saw bribing African leaders, including Kenyans, as part of their business practice. So the tilt to China is not informed by either doctrinal or economic rationalisation.

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OPINION | George Kegoro

Scenarios in the event of a referendum being held



Options:
Jubilee can decide to oppose, to remain passive, to support or to kick off its own referendum

It looks increasingly likely that Kenya will have a referendum. A group of governors has now announced that they will stage a referendum to increase their share of the national revenue from the current minimum of 15 per cent to 45 per cent.

Already, the Okoa Kenya movement had announced plans for a referendum of their own which has the same aims and other reforms, including that of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

With the referendum a greater possibility now than before, the main political actors may need to make a number of strategic decisions in the coming days.

These include the Jubilee Government, the official opposition Cord, and the governors. At this stage, Jubilee is opposed to a referendum and has warned that any of its governors supporting a referendum will be deemed to be working for the Opposition.

The government has also moved to neutralise the possibility of a referendum by increasing the share of revenue for the counties from 15 per cent to 43 per cent of the audited accounts, as if to say that the increases sought can be achieved without resorting to a referendum.

If, notwithstanding its opposition, a referendum takes place, Jubilee must decide what position to take in that event. Jubilee can decide to oppose, to remain passive, to support, or to kick

off its own referendum. There are advantages and risks in any of these potential positions, and Jubilee must weigh each of them carefully.

Both Okoa Kenya and the governors also have decisions to make.

At the moment, each group is working on its own, even though they share the aspiration of increased revenue for counties to be achieved through a referendum. In the coming days, they must decide whether to continue working separately, or to join efforts.

There are slight differences in the issues they are interested in. For example, governors are also concerned about their own constitutional status which, in various forms, has come under attack from the National Assembly, and lately the Senate, and may seek to secure this through a constitutional amendment. On its part, Okoa Kenya is concerned about the reform of electoral arrangements and the Judiciary.

Decisions will need to be made on whether to work together and, if so, how this can be done.

It looks unwise for the two not to work together given the obvious boost that this would give to the referendum push. For one, working together would increase their appeal and the chances of success.

Second, an alliance would give the referendum the grassroots support that Cord has in its

strongholds, and which Jubilee governors who support the referendum will lack. Such support will be important in gathering signatures.

Other than these actors, some groups outside politics have constitutional grievances of their own, and which may have to decide whether a referendum can provide an opportunity to put their issues on the referendum ticket.

For example, the women's movement, unhappy about an unmet constitutional quota for gender representation in the Legislature, may decide that a referendum can offer them a chance for increased representation through a constitutional amendment.

The results of the 2013 elections missed the constitutional quota by a wide margin. It is now clear that nothing, other than a constitutional amendment, can

fulfil the requirement on gender equity. If the women's movement joined the referendum call, this would further widen its base and increase chances of success.

Nigeria offers good lessons about revenue sharing which might be useful for those considering the possibility of a referendum. Nigeria divides its national revenue into three: 52 per cent for the federal government, 26.7 per cent for the states and 20.6 per cent for the local governments.

While the principles for determining revenue sharing are in the constitution, the actual percentage share is left to the National Assembly. This means that Nigeria does not have to amend the constitution each time it seeks to change the portions for each tier of government.

Second, as Nigeria's case has shown, revenue sharing issues change very significantly with the

discovery of natural resources. While at independence revenue from oil, which was small, belonged to regions where it was produced, the need to change this position became more apparent with the increased share of oil as a source of financing the national budget.

Currently, 80 per cent of Nigeria's national budget derives from oil, making it the most important resource for both the federal and state governments. There are significant oil politics between all levels of government and, particularly, between the federal government and the oil producing states.

Kenya has discovered natural resources including oil and gas, which may become available for exploitation in the coming years. One possibility is to use the referendum to provide broad principles that address revenue sharing issues in such a manner that there will not need to be another referendum in future merely to address windfalls that may arise from Kenya's recent discoveries.

Groups which, in principle, oppose a referendum will also have to decide whether to suggest ideas to improve the referendum question since, if successful, the results will bind them, or sit back in the hope that they will have the numbers to defeat the referendum in a vote.

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OPINION | Peter Kagwanja

Summit proved Africa is rising from ashes of pessimism



Good move:
Obama finally cemented his legacy in the region with meeting

Two years to the end of his term, the clock has been ticking for the United States President Barack Obama to secure his legacy for Africa. Obama finally found his legacy moment in the United States-Africa Leaders' Summit this week.

The forum, billed as the first in US-Africa relations, focused on strengthening financial, trade and security ties between America and Africa.

Obviously, the trade and financial perks that Washington promised during the conference are a pale shadow of the Marshall Plan — when Washington gave \$13 billion in aid to post-World War II Europe to rebuild its economies and thwart the spread of Soviet Communism.

Obama's African legacy lies elsewhere — in robustly securing a new progressive image for Africa. On August 5, in a six-minute speech at the summit dinner hosted for African leaders, Obama toasted to "the new Africa" and to "the Africa that is rising and so full of promise".

With this terrific toast, Obama rendered his power as the leader of the world's most powerful nation and moral force as America's first-ever president of African descent to an unabashedly new image of Africa.

Arguably, August 5, 2014 may take on a similar redemptive aura as March 25, 1807, the day the Slave Trade Act received the Royal Assent from the British

monarch. In a momentous way, Obama's "new Africa" avowal struck a mortal blow at the old foreboding and ominous ideology of "afro-pessimism" — the pervading perception of Africa in the West as a hopeless continent with a bleak future.

For centuries, Afro-pessimism has defined relations between Africa and the West and undergirded slave trade and slavery, colonialism and neo-colonialism in our times.

Obama's "Africa rising" assertion reveals how far Africa has come since the 1980s — dubbed "the lost decades" — when Afro-pessimism was at its peak in the media, governments, creditors, business and the academy in the West.

In recent decades, Afro-pessimism has targeted African leaders, pointing to their weakness. It has also highlighted the horrors of a few African countries, ignoring the progress made by many others.

Both strands of Afro-pessimism peddled the doomsday scenario that Africa is incapable of self-rule, which reached a dangerous peak when some pundits and scholars began to cynically advocate Africa's recolonisation.

This blanket portrayal of Africa as hopeless profoundly undermined Africa's prospects of development as an attractive destination for foreign investments and technical assistance.

Riding on the optimism of South Africa's triumph over apartheid, a

new generation of leaders declared Africa's 21st century war on Afro-pessimism.

While sharing the assertiveness of earlier pan-Africanists like Kwame Nkrumah, the new leaders jettisoned socialism and embraced free market policies.

Former South African President Thabo Mbeki popularised the concept of "African Renaissance" — first articulated in 1946 by the Senegalese scholar, Cheikh Anta Diop, and monumentalised in his book: *Towards the African Renaissance* (January 1, 2000).

At the dawn of the new millennium, the continent established a new peace and security architecture within a reformed African Union to resolve festering conflicts and portray Africa as an attractive place to invest and trade.

Additionally, Africa became bolder and assertive in global affairs. This assertiveness was aptly articulated by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta during his inauguration speech on April 9, last year, which envisioned a world order founded on "the well-established

principles of mutual respect and reciprocity."

These efforts have started to bear fruit. According to the Africa Development Bank, six of the world's fastest growing economies are in Africa. And Africa has experienced a decade of steady growth, resulting in the emergence of a huge middle class.

Inversely, emerging economies especially Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (Brics) are rolling back the frontiers of Afro-pessimism, having moved in forcefully to tap into African resources and growing markets.

China surpassed America as Africa's largest trading partner in 2009. Its trade with Africa has shot up meteorically from \$10 billion in 2000 to \$200 billion last year, eclipsing the US with about \$85 billion and catching up with the European Union with slightly more than \$200 billion.

Beijing is matching its economic expansion with a robust diplomacy. Besides launching the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation — which Washington seems to have used as a model to fashion the recent Summit — China's senior officials are on a jet-set making countless trips to Africa to reiterate their cooperation.

Afro-pessimism has cost America its influence in Africa for "letting Europe and China go faster".

But America's power elite appears keen to catch up. "We ... realise we are having some

catching up to do," admitted former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. And Obama told the American business in the Summit that "We want to do business with these folks."

The Summit decidedly eschewed a main tenet of Afro-pessimism: The usual fixation with the weaknesses of the African leadership. Obama and the Washington policy wonks were effusive about a "new generation of African leaders".

Almost all leaders attending the summit received more than 50 per cent in a survey of presidential job approval conducted by Gallup, the prestigious International Polling company, in the build-up to the Summit.

President Kenyatta was ranked third (78 per cent), behind Mali's Ibrahim Keita (80 per cent) and Botswana's Ian Khama (81 per cent). And Kenya's diplomats are celebrating a report published in the *Washington Post* (3/8/2014) which ranked the country among the top democratic states in Africa.

Western media and wonks still cling to an obsolete image of Africa as hopeless, still carrying out of Africa depressing headlines. But Obama's embrace of the new progressive image of Africa marks a significant step in slaying the hydra of Afro-pessimism and opening up the continent for business.

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MATHARE | Each candidate promises to pull a surprise in the ballot



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Police officer provides security as Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission officers prepare polling equipment at St Teresa Girls School on Saturday ahead of tomorrow's by-election.

Parties make final pitch ahead of the by-election tomorrow

Tomorrow's polls in city to be a close contest between Cord and Jubilee

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Campaigners descended on Mathare Constituency yesterday in a final push for votes ahead of tomorrow's by-election.

Both Cord and Jubilee sent high powered delegations to drum up support for their candidates in a race expected to be closely contested.

Candidates from small parties and the Independents also wrapped their campaigns even as some kept off the public road shows of TNA candidate George Wanjohi and ODM flag bearer Steven Kariuki.

Cord leader Raila Odinga did not do a last-minute tour to the constituency as anticipated as he was in Mombasa attending to other matters. But he sent senators James Orengo, John-

stone Muthama and Mutula Kilonzo Jnr on his behalf.

Jubilee dispatched MPs Maina Kamanda (team leader), Naomi Shabaan, Jimmy Angwenyi, Dennis Waweru, Benson Mutura, John Njoroge, Gatundu South MP-elect Moses Kuria and former Embakasi MP Ferdinand Waititu, among others to push for Mr Wanjohi's re-election.

President Kenyatta pitched for a peaceful vote in a message sent through State House Director of External Communications Munyori Buku.

"I want peace so that the people of Mathare can choose the best leader. The TNA candidate is the best leader. He will hasten development," said the President.

Both candidates got a boost from some of the would-be competitors. Labour Party of Kenya (LPK) candidate Billian Okoth Ojiwa stepped down in favour of Mr Kariuki and joined his campaign trail yesterday. Mr Okoth said in Mabatini Ward: "I declare my support for the ODM candi-

date. He is better suited to develop this constituency."

Mr Wanjohi gained more support from Mr Gor Semelang'o who went to court to challenge his exclusion from running but failed to attain his wish because of time constraints.

Mr Semelang'o held meetings in Hospital and Mabatini wards and told his supporters, "Since they have locked me out, the MP elected in 2013 should be allowed to finish his term".

Maendeleo Party's Fwamba NC Fwamba said the truth about candidates will be known tomorrow. "We have the numbers. There is no two horse race. We are all horses and the smarter one will triumph. I am the smartest of all."

Independent candidate William Omondi also made his last campaigns and asserted he was the third horse in the race. "Cohesion of the communities here is crucial. Each resident has a stake. I will pull a surprise," he said.

Progressive Party of Kenya candidate Sammy Mudanya denied rumours that he had stepped down. "I am on the campaign trail. I am mobilising for a big turn out."

Nairobi Senator Mike Mbuvi Sonko and Governor Evans Kidero were also conspicuously missing from the 11-hour vote-hunt.

Dagoretti South MP Dennis Waweru has since Thursday been making door-to-door forays together with Machakos Town MP Victor Munyaka and his Mwala counterpart Vincent Musyoka.

Local leaders exuded confidence that their candidates would outsmart opponents. Ngei Ward MCA Dan Mutiso, a Kariuki supporter, said: "Some candidates thought they would spoil votes for Cord but the impact has been little. We shall win this."

Mr Mugo Njuhigu, a Kia-maiko civic politician summed it: "I believe there will be no change of MP. TNA will carry the day."

Pastoralists in camel ride to save drying river

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A group of pastoralists and volunteers are determined to save Ewaso Nyiro River from drying up.

More than 100 pastoralists and volunteers will for the next five days trek some 250km with 30 camels along the river banks in what they call the Camel Caravan.

Ewaso Nyiro is a central source of livelihood for the Samburu, Rendille, Borana, Somali, Turkana, and Maasai communities, among others, living in Isiolo, Samburu and Laikipia counties.

The group will use the opportunity to sensitise and educate local communities on the importance of protecting and conserving the natural resource that is estimated to benefit more than three million Kenyans.

The river is currently under threat and is drying up at an alarming rate due to upstream diversion to irrigate large horticultural farms, inorganic and industrial solid waste.

The effects of climatic change have also contributed to the adverse weather conditions, including frequent droughts in Northern Kenya.

This growing pressure on the natural resources affects peaceful co-existence, human and livestock health as well as agriculture, tourism, water and energy supplies.

"Degradation, pollution and abstraction is increasing on the river due to human activities and development projects," said Mohammed Dida, one of the event organisers.

That's not all. The proposed Sh10 billion dam as a Vision 2030 flagship project at Old-nyiro, Isiolo by the National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation aimed

at servicing Isiolo's new Resort City is also a major cause for potential conflict with the vulnerable communities.

The event expects to lobby the national and county governments to re-consider the negative environmental and social impacts of the mega dam construction towards depriving people living downstream of the Ewaso Nyiro River access to water.

The procession was flagged off yesterday at Merti township in Isiolo for communities living on the lower streams of Ewaso Nyiro and at Ol-Naboli Bandas in Laikipia North for those residents living upstream.

The irony is that while communities up-stream have plenty of water to irrigate their farms and give to their animals, those in the lower parts have to contend with

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The number of camels the over 100 pastoralists will trek with for 250km to help save the Ewaso Nyiro River. It is a key source of their livelihood

receding river banks.

Rashid Guyo, the chairman of Waso River Users, a community organisation based downstream, said they celebrate whenever the river floods.

"The communities upstream are being sensitised on sustainable use of the water like drip irrigation as well as not to bathe in the river or have their cattle pollute the water," said Mr Dida.

The final procession of the Camel Caravan will converge on August 14 at the Archers Post, Samburu County.

Why new funding method will fast track road construction

BY JOHN MOSONIK

Despite past attempts to address it, lack of sustained and bankable funding remains one of the most intractable problems facing Kenya's efforts to build a modern infrastructure.

Nowhere is this more evident than in road building. It is indeed telling that some 51 years after independence, only a paltry 14,100km of Kenya's road network is paved.

In this financial year, the allocation for ongoing commitments amounted to Sh41 billion. This is barely adequate. Away from new capital projects, funding road maintenance also remains a major challenge. The optimal budget for the routine and periodic maintenance of our roads stands at Sh40 billion, but the special fund created for this purpose (the Road Maintenance Levy Fund) nets Sh25 billion annu-

ally, leaving a deficit of Sh15 billion. As such, only 11pc of roads can be classified as being in "good" condition, with 33pc adjudged as "fair" and 56 pc "poor."

Evidently, Kenya needs to come up with a workable funding model to meet the Jubilee government's target of having 10,000km of new paved roads in the next five years.

On July 30, the country made a major, game-changing leap in this quest when President Uhuru Kenyatta launched a new initiative under which the country's roads would now be built: the Annuity Financing Mechanism for Roads Development. The main aim is to provide a sustainable means of funding for road projects, while ensuring faster turnaround in execution.

The other component under the new initiative is a review of design standards and construction methods.

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There is adequate appetite among local financiers and their partners for this kind of business opportunity.

The annuity model is being pursued for roads that may not be viable for conventional tolling through PPPs (Public Private Partnerships). The latter works best for roads with heavy traffic whose users can generate enough revenue to offset construction and maintenance costs.

This is how it works: the Government negotiates loans from banks; the contractor designs, builds and

maintains the road; banks pay the contractor upon certification of the works done by government; government reimburses banks over an agreed period through periodic payments known as annuities.

Under this mechanism, contractors are expected to complete works within the stipulated time (three years). They are also expected to guarantee construction quality and undertake post-commission maintenance.

The model presents several advantages. For starters, it takes the funding pressure from Government and puts it on the private sector. This goes also for money to be used in monitoring and supervision. Secondly, the contractor is incentivised to do a good job and finish the project on schedule. Money is only paid to the contractor based on the rate of turnaround and completion to certain pre-agreed specifications.

The fact that the road-building project has a short turnaround time also means that project costs can be nailed in advance and shielded from over-shoots.

Already, a framework for engagement between government and the private sector has been agreed upon. Designs for a majority of the roads to be put under this program are complete.

As Government, we believe there is adequate capacity and appetite among local financiers and their partners for this kind of business opportunity. Annuity concessions will increase the paved road network, with the attendant improvement in access to markets and boost rural production.

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RECOGNITION | Faith Osier is to be feted for her work in search for malaria vaccine

Yet another feather in researcher's cap

The Kemri scholar has made great strides in the search for a vaccine and becomes the second Kenyan to be celebrated in the field

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My work aims to understand how people become immune to malaria, so that we can use this knowledge to develop effective vaccines against malaria”

Dr Osier

Malaria kills a child every 30 seconds. That's two every minute, 120 every hour and 2,880 every day and 1,051,200 every year.

It is one of the diseases that scientists around the world have been scratching their heads over for a long time.

Thousands have dedicated their time, laboratories and billions of dollars to the search for a malaria vaccine. Many have aged and died trying.

More than a century later, though, the much sought-after vaccine remains elusive even as the disease, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), continues to claim a life every 30 seconds.

But, once found, the vaccine will undoubtedly herald a healthier lifestyle for the billions who are at risk of contracting the disease. Kenyan Faith Osier, a researcher with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) Well-

BACKGROUND TO SUCCESS

Solid academic record

Dr Osier has had stellar career path training in Kenya, the United Kingdom and Australia.

She specialised in General Paediatrics and obtained a Masters in Human Immunity from the University of Liverpool.

Later, she registered for a PhD at the Open University in the UK, and carried out her studies partly in London and in Kenya.

For her post-doctoral studies, the researcher worked in the Centre for Clinical Vaccinology and Tropi-

cal Medicine in Oxford, UK, and later at the Burnet Institute in Australia.

She is an alumnus of Kilimani Junior Academy and Highridge Primary School in Parklands as well as The Kenya High. She acquired her medical degree at the University of Nairobi.

Married with two children (the oldest is four years old while the youngest is six months), Dr Osier says her husband, Mr Julius Ziro, is very supportive.



“We hope we will be able to contribute to the development of a highly effective vaccine against malaria.”

Although there are effective preventive and curative treatments against malaria, several vaccine trials have been disappointing.

Earlier this year, though, UK-based giant pharmaceutical company, GlaxoSmithKline, announced their vaccine may be available next year.

“I welcome the arrival of the GSK vaccine and there is no doubt it will save lives. The vaccine is based on just one of thousands of malaria parasite proteins,” said Dr Osier.

The researcher was nominated for the Royal Society Pfizer award by her immediate line manager and “long-term mentor”, Prof Kevin Marsh.

She was required to propose an innovative research project that could be carried out with a pre-defined budget.

The nominations were then reviewed by the Biological Sciences Awards Committee of the Royal Society.

Besides the Royal Society Pfizer prize, Dr Osier is winner of the Merle A. Sande Health Leadership award which was created in 2010, in honour of the Accordia Global Health Foundation's founder, Dr Merle Sande.

come Trust Research Programme based in Kilifi, is already making headway in defeating malaria. And she is winning accolades for her ground-breaking work.

Last Tuesday, the 42-year-old scooped the Royal Society Pfizer prize, which was started in 2006 and is awarded annually to a young scientist based in Africa for making innovative contributions to the biological sciences, including basic medical science.

Dr Osier is the second Kenyan to scoop the award after Samuel Kariuki, who was feted in 2012 for

his research into invasive Non-Typhoidal Salmonella (NTS) infections in Kenya.

Dr Osier, who leads a team of young researchers at the Kemri programme, was recognised for her contribution to the search for an effective malaria vaccine.

“My work aims to understand how people become immune to malaria, so that we can use this knowledge to develop effective vaccines against malaria,” said Dr Osier. Working with colleagues at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge, UK, Dr Osier has demonstrated there were

potentially many more parasite proteins that could be included in a malaria vaccine than have been studied at present.

Their studies in the country also proved that children who made antibodies against specific combinations of parasite proteins had a very low risk of developing malaria.

Dr Osier is sure the world will soon have a malaria vaccine, albeit not as effective as desired.

“Don't get me wrong: any reduction in the numbers of children dying is a big boost and is hugely welcome,” she said.

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PERFORMANCES | State House event will be staged next Saturday

Teachers' deaths upset music fete

But students gave memorable performances despite the loss

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A sombre mood engulfed the Kenya Schools and Colleges National Music Festival following the death of Ms Risper Oduor, an executive member of the festival.

Ms Oduor, who died in hospital last week, was a teacher at Makongeni Primary School and one of the founders of the Muungano National Choir.

The event also suffered another setback following the death of a Booker Academy teacher in a bus accident. Three other teachers and several students were injured.

The Booker Academy students were expected to perform in the *Zilizopendwa* category which kicked off on Friday.

Secondary and teacher training college students started their performances on Friday after primary schools com-



Rongo University students present a Dholuo sacred folk dance during the Schools and Colleges National Music Festival at the Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa County last Friday. Left: Kitui Teachers' College students present a Kamba folk song *Kasilili*.

pleted their leg.

Zetech College carried the day with their Baganda dance *Njagala*. The dance is normally performed by Baganda women during happy occasions like entertaining the king and welcoming guests to the Buganda kingdom.

Their Teso dance titled *Aberu*, which celebrates the birth of twins, was also a hit with the audience.

Secondary school students also gave memorable performances in the choral verse category.

Erusui Girls, who were the first secondary school to

perform, carried the day with their *Care for Clare* verse on drug abuse. Muguru Girls came second while Kangubiri Girls took third position. They presented a verse talking about parents who neglect their children, who then easily turn to drugs.

The music festival, the biggest of its kind in East Africa, is going on in various venues across Mombasa. Seven universities also gave memorable performances at the Coast Girls' High School.

Students from teacher training colleges presented a solo verse entitled *Chaguo La Moyo*

Wangu.

Colleges that took part include Kaimosi, Garissa, Eregi, Kibabii, Kericho, Embu, St John Kilimambogo, Mosoriot, Presbyterian Teachers, Kenya Technical, Bondo TTC, Egoji, Murang'a TTC, Baraton, St Marks, Meru TTC, Tambach, Thogoto and Shanzu.

Winners in the primary, secondary, college and university categories will make their presentations on Wednesday and Thursday at the Aga Khan Academy.

The final concert will be held on Saturday at the State House, Mombasa.



Schools heads cautioned on night travel

BY SUNDAY NATION REPORTER
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The Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Transport has warned heads of education institutions that they risk prosecution for disregarding regulations on travel.

In a statement to newsrooms, Mr Nduva Muli (*above*) took issue with head teachers who continued to ferry pupils and students at night.

"It has come to our knowledge that several buses transporting students and school pupils have been arrested while making trips at night and I want to be clear this kind of impunity and blatant disregard of traffic regulations will not be tolerated," Mr Muli said.

While condoling with the family of a teacher who lost his life when a bus belonging to Booker Academy was involved in an accident on Friday, the principal secretary said it was wrong for drivers to feign ignorance of the rules governing night travel, warning that stern action will be taken against drivers who follow illegal orders from their superiors.

Meanwhile, public service vehicle operators have been asked to adhere to speed limits prescribed by law to avoid accidents and confrontation with traffic police officers.



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County by County

NAKURU: Legislator backs County Development Boards

Nominated MCA Margret Wanjiku has supported a move to establish County Development Boards, saying they will help safeguard devolution and ensure transparency. She stated that the formation of the units is timely and should be supported by governors. According to her, senators will in their new roles as chairmen of the boards assert oversight responsibility and ensure counties fully benefit from devolved funds. – **Francis Mureithi**

NYAMIRA: Decent send-offs for teaching fraternity

Officials of Teachers' Death and Benevolent Scheme in Nyamira County plan to buy a bus to supplement the work of a van as they strive to offer better services to their members. Speaking in Nyamira town after being re-elected into office, they said they intend to buy tents and chairs in each division for use at their members' funerals. – **Henry Nyarora**

KAKAMEGA: Sh3.5m from traffic offenders in one week

The government collected Sh3.5 million in the past week from a crackdown on traffic offenders in western Kenya. The fines were imposed by mobile courts set up by roadsides along all major highways in the region. Regional traffic boss Evans Gatembe said 200 defective vehicles were impounded in the operation. – **Benson Amadala**

KISUMU: Land grabbers put on notice

The county government has directed people who have grabbed public land and houses to vacate them or be evicted. The county executive member for planning, Mr Vincent Koderia, told the *Sunday Nation* that most illegal land acquisition was done under the now-defunct local authorities. He said the county plans to adopt recommendations by a commission of inquiry that looked into the area's land problem. – **Silas Apollo**



BARINGO: Residents call for dissolution of land task force

People living near Lake Kamnarok Game Reserve in Kerio Valley have demanded that a task force formed by Governor Benjamin Cheboi (above) to settle the perennial boundary problem over claims of political interference be disbanded. Led by Mr Geoffrey Kulei, they accuse the unit of playing politics with the issue. They say they fear the task force will not give correct findings. – **Florah Koech and Wycliff Kipsang**



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BUNGOMA: A boy (centre) takes part in a Bukusu rite of initiation into adulthood in Kamurumba village last Friday. As part of the tradition, every August, boys are circumcised at dawn after a night vigil.

BUSIA: Development Bills are on the way, Speaker says

The county assembly is developing a legal and legislative framework to accelerate progress in Busia. Speaker Bernard Wamalwa said a number of Bills geared towards improving the livelihood of people in the county will be debated in the Assembly. – **Linnet Wafula**

NAIROBI: County barred from redeveloping market

A plan to renovate the 79-year-old City Market has met opposition from traders, who have moved to court and obtained orders barring Nairobi City County from carrying out the work on what they call a national monument. Mrs Anne Othoro, a county executive committee member, said individuals who had been extorting the traders are behind the suit. – **Otiato Guguyu**

BOMET: More water will be distributed to town

The county government has set aside Sh120 million for increase of water supply in Bomet town. The County executive committee member for water, environment and natural resources, Dr Sigi Langat, said this at the launch of the Sh135 million Bomet sewerage system, a function also attended by his counterpart in the national government, Ms Judy Wakhungu. – **Geoffrey Rono**

EMBU: Woman's body found in maize plantation

A half-naked body of a 30-year old woman was on Friday spotted dumped in a maize plantation in Dallas, Embu West sub-county. Ms Catherine Wawira's corpse was found by a group of boda boda riders in a farm. Local police boss Mzuri Nyange said it had no physical injuries. – **Charles Wanyoro**

NAIROBI: Lawmakers want supermarket exit shut

Nairobi County Assembly wants Nakumatt Ridgeways supermarket to close one of its exits, which is blamed for creating traffic jams along Kiambu Road. The ward representative for Karura, Mr Stephen Thuo, presented the petition to the county assembly. – **Otiato Guguyu**

BUNGOMA: Millions of shillings for agriculture

The county government has launched a programme to revitalise agriculture and attain food security. It has also allocated Sh800 million this financial year to the sector to spur production, develop crop and livestock processing, and to purchase 52 greenhouses at a cost of Sh19.9 million to enhance horticulture production. – **Barnabas Bii**

KAKAMEGA: Five hospitals in the pipeline

The county government will spend Sh1.6 billion to construct a referral hospital and four sub-county hospitals. Governor Wycliffe Oparanya said the referral hospital, which will have 540 beds, will also be a teaching facility for students of medicine from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology; the others for students from Kenya Medical Training College. – **Benson Amadala**

BUNGOMA: Politicians seek answer on 'land grabber'

MCAs have asked the county government to reveal the identity of a private developer who allegedly wants to start construction on land that belongs to Kenya Railways Corporation near Khetia Supermarket in Bungoma town. They were led by the MCA for Nalondo West, Mr James Nyongesa. – **Kenya News Agency**

LAIKIPIA: Governor shares his plan to better lives

The county government has established the County Development Authority to uplift the standard of living. Governor Joshua Irungu said his government has focused on supporting cooperative societies in the county by starting a fund from which they can borrow money. – **Kenya News Agency**

HOMA BAY: New ward representative to be sworn in

The Kibiri ward representative-elect, Mr Kennedy Opiyo, will be sworn in this week as he officially inherits a seat that became vacant after the death of his brother, Mr Boas Odhiambo. The Speaker of Homa Bay County Assembly, Mr Samwel Ochilo, will lead the swearing-in event, assisted by the Clerk of the County Assembly, Mr Kephass Bob Otieno. – **Maurice Kaluoch**

MIGORI: Students receive free sanitary pads

1,300 pupils from five primary schools in Migori County will gain from one year's free distribution of sanitary towels. The national government, Proctor and Gamble, Heart Africa, and Oyani Healthnet will donate the sanitary pads to girls from Kolwal, Lwala, Ober, Osogo and Kanyakech primary schools in Uriri constituency. – **Elisha Otieno**

NAROK: More irrigation programmes for county

The national government and the county government will expand irrigation projects to tackle food insecurity. The Cabinet Secretary for agriculture, Mr Felix Koskei said moving from rain-fed agriculture to irrigation projects is a government policy. – **Kenya News Agency**

NYANDARUA: Work hard, bishop advises schoolgirls

A catholic bishop has challenged girls to aim high in their pursuit of education. "During the old days of our fathers, a girl just needed to be beautiful and the world was in her hands, but this is no longer the case," Nyahururu Catholic Bishop Joseph Mbatia said. His sentiment was echoed by Nyandarua Governor Daniel Mwangi. They were speaking at Gatimu Girls Secondary School of Excellence. – **Correspondent**

SIAYA: Rarieda beaches to be inspected

Health officials in Rarieda sub-county will conduct inspection along beaches in the area to ensure they meet sanitation standards. "A possible outbreak of diarrheal diseases will hit the area if drastic measures are not taken fast," a public health officer, Mr Samson Olilo, said. He explained that beaches in poor condition may be closed. – **Nelcon Odhiambo**

MERU: ODM Meru wants good governance in county

The Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) Meru branch has said it will push for accountability and public participation in county affairs. The party's officials said the Meru county government has not been kept in check because rivalry had bedevilled the ODM branch. ODM Meru's chairman, Mr Miriti Mwirigi, and secretary, Ms Catherine Kagwiria, said in a press conference that the party will guard against inefficiency and illegal practices. – **Kennedy Kimanthi**



KITUI: Share mining money from Chinese firm, govt told

County leaders, led by Senator David Musila, (above) have asked the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum to cede some of the USD3.5 million (Sh307.8 million) that China's Fenxi Mining Company paid the government as a concession fee for coal mining in Mui Basin. They want the money to be spent on county activities to accelerate preparations for the multi-billion coal mining project. – **Kitavi Mutua**

VIHIGA: Farmers to get tool for marketing their produce

Gidagadi Resource Centre will this week launch a marketing product, Mara Grow, at Gisambai, Hamisi sub-county. The managing director of Gidagadi Resource Centre, Mr Oliver Otieno, said Mara Grow will be used to market produce from Vihiga farmers for easier selling – after carrying out consolidation. – **Derick Luvega**

Governors' Lounge

FOCUS ON KERICHO COUNTY

ATHLETICS | County has injected Sh200 million into improving sports facilities to nurture talent of young people

Why we demand compensation from Britain



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Governor Chepkwony says many residents are now living in poverty because they lost land to Britons 100 years ago

Kericho County government is pushing for compensation for Talai and Kipsigis people for land lost to the British in a move similar to the Mau Mau case. While critics say the decision could open old wounds and destabilise the multi-billion tea sector in the county, Governor Paul Chepkwony strongly argues that justice delayed is justice denied.

Your administration is due to start a legal process against Britain for compensation of the Kipsigis and the Talai for their land, what is the justification?

We are procuring a lawyer who will argue our case in London. Nearly 100 years ago, our people were thrown into difficult circumstances when the British took away their land. The victims still exist. They are living in abject poverty while what used to be their land is now part of a huge tea estate. It is only fair that they must be compensated.

Are you not opening old wounds?

There is no limitation of time in seeking justice. These were serious human rights violations, which took place years ago. Justice delayed is justice denied. Mau Mau veterans were compensated for ills committed against them. We are not different.

Are you not afraid that the move could destabilise the tea sector, which is dominated by multinationals?

This is not targeting the tea estates and our investors should not worry. We are only addressing appalling events that occurred under the colonial British government. We are suing the British, not the tea estates.

Do you think the multinational tea companies operating in this county have done enough in giving back to the society?

The issue of corporate social responsibility has been used to mislead people that something is being done. Companies conduct activities for the media but they have no impact on the ground. What we really want to see is more being done in terms of public-private partnership.

You were a university professor, a highly trained pharmaceutical chemist. Why politics?

I wanted to be part of the change the people of Kericho wanted. I wanted to help them address issues relating to education, water, health, roads, agriculture and technology. I am an innovator with more than 30 patents. I wanted to apply my creativity to transform Kericho.

What is your plan for the Infor-

mation Communication Technology (ICT) sector?

Kericho County is the first one in the county to launch a modern ICT centre, which has up to 60 computers as one way of assisting young people to access jobs locally and internationally.

There has been concern over the calibre of Members of County Assemblies. Being a university professor, don't you feel a gap between yourself and MCAs?

A: The Constitution did set out the conditions to be met by every leader seeking election. I have no problem with the MCAs that I have. I am contented with their qualification and competencies. In fact, if you see the quality of the debates in the assembly, you will be amazed because they are of high standard. The county legislature and executive are engaged in entirely different responsibilities. While the executive members implement policies, the MCAs have the oversight function.

You recently survived an impeachment trial. What was the experience?

It was traumatising because after the motion of impeachment was passed, the information was immediately posted on social media. I was not taken through the required steps and there was no investigation by the relevant arms of government. I am glad that the Senate vindicated me when it ruled that none of the allegations were true. I have now put that unfortunate past behind me.

What did you learn from the impeachment process?

I learnt that it is very easy in Kenya to impeach the governor, while the

“Impeachment was a traumatising experience. I was not taken through the required steps and there was no investigation by the relevant arms of government”

process to remove other elected leaders is much longer and difficult. Better structures must be put in place to ensure that governors are protected from unnecessary impeachment threats. I also realised that Senate can be fair.

Why are you opposed to creation of a county development board to be chaired by your senator?

I think the President should never have signed the County Governments Amendment Act, which established the boards. The Constitution is very clear that there are two levels of government.

The people who provide oversight over the President are the MPs at the national Assembly and Senators are also at the national level. At the counties, we have the MCAs who check the county executive led by the governor.

Having senators come to provide oversight to us is a violation of the Constitution. Can you imagine a situation where at the national government there is someone else who sits as the chairman in a board in which the President is the secretary?

To what extent should the Senate be involved in county activities?

A: They should remain at the national level and allow the governors to run the counties. The Senators should fight for resources to get to the counties and debate impeachment of governors or the President in case of abuse of public office.

Q: An MP has a Bill seeking to revert the health sector back to the national government. He argues that you have no capacity to handle the sector.

A: The health sector in Kericho is well run. In the past year, we have constructed 70 health centres and dispensaries and bought drugs worth hundreds of millions of shillings. It is not true that governors have failed to perform in the management of the health sector. We will fight any attempts to have the sector reverted to the national government.

Q: What are you doing to revamp agriculture in Kericho?

A: We recently launched vaccination drive against the East Coast Fever, which will cover all the 300,000 heads of cattle. Once an animal is vaccinated, its market price shoots up immediately by between Sh10,000 and Sh30,000.

My government is also providing farmers with high quality semen

for artificial insemination, which is offered for free. Farmers used to pay Sh1,500 for the service. The aim here is to improve the overall quality of our herds and in the process raise the income of farmers.

What about cash crop production?

A: The county government has moved to seek international markets for locally produced crops like sweet potatoes, bananas and sorghum. Already, we have a tender to export five tonnes of sweet potatoes weekly to the European Union through a market in England under the Sahara Communities Abroad. We don't have that capacity, we will partner with neighbouring counties such as Kisumu. This year, I have allocated Sh2 million towards the completion of a sweet potato cleaning and packaging plant in Kiptere, Sigowet/Soin Constituency from which the products to be exported will be processed.

There has been a lot of complaints from farmers over the failure by the Kenya Tea Development Agency tea factories to give them their mini-bonuses. What is not being done right?

A: We are looking at the matter seriously since it contravenes the presidential order, and a similar order I gave as governor. Only farmers in Kericho and Bomet did not receive the bonuses while those in other parts of the country did.

We are conducting serious investigations into this matter with the County Assembly, which recently summoned the KTDA Directors from this county to explain the absence of this year's half-year bonus.

What progress have you made in the tourism sector?

A: My government has moved to set up the first ever wildlife conservancy called Chebulu, which we foresee will be a major source of tourist attraction. It will be located on a 600-acre piece of land in Sigowet/Soin Constituency and is due to be commissioned in six months. The Kenya Wildlife Service has agreed to give us a variety of wildlife to start off, including zebras and giraffes and a few caged animals.

Do you see sports as a possible area of job creation and economic growth?

A: I am placing a lot of focus on this sector as part of promoting the young people. We have injected Sh200 million into improving sports facilities. We are setting up the first high altitude training camp for athletes in Kericho. I am glad to note that in recent international athletics competitions, runners from Kericho have won several gold and other medals for this country. We will support them develop their talents. We are also working with the Nation Media Group to organize a major marathon that will take place next month.

NEXT WEEK: Kwale Governor Salim Mvurya. Have questions for the governor? Send them to: sundaynation@ke.nationmedia.com



LETTER FROM LONDON | Gerry Loughran

When millionaire footballers go astray



Double edge:

While footballers sign big contracts from clubs, often the money and fame lands them in trouble

Kevin Kyle works 12-hour shifts stacking cargo at the port of Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Islands, 100 miles off the north coast of Scotland. It's hard work and the pay is a modest £400 (Sh59,000) per week. So what's so special about that?

Well, a few short years ago, Kyle was earning £10,000 (Sh1.4 million) a week playing football in the English Premiership and later for Glasgow Rangers. He was also a Scottish international.

Kyle's downfall was gambling. He once admitted blowing £7,000 (Sh1 million) a week on bets. Eventually, mired in debt and unable to take the pressures any longer, Kyle quit football early. Workmates say he has now kicked his gambling addiction but he will not talk about his football career. He says simply, "I'm trying to provide for my family." He has three young sons.

The football season is in recess and the sports pages are full of stories of young players signing contracts for £100,000 (Sh14.7 million) per week and older ones leaving the game, millionaires several times over. But it is not always like that and players who go astray often find themselves in trouble with the law.

A former Newcastle United prospect, Andy Mogwo, has just been given a suspended prison sentence for knocking a man out in a city centre attack.

Mogwo, 21, was a youth and reserve team defender but was thought by the club to be "tem-

peramentally unsuitable" and was released. Said his defending counsel, Tony Hawks: "He is waiting to see what comes along. He is hoping to play for Bishops Cleeve," three divisions down from Newcastle.

Another casualty is Nile Ranger, a tall, powerful striker who played for England at under 19. Let go by Newcastle United after failing repeatedly to turn up on time, Ranger went on to pile up a long list of court appearances. His latest club, Reading, has indicated it intends to fire him.

Wayward ex-stars number alcoholism, depression and financial troubles among their problems. *The Guardian* newspaper reported that three in five former players will be declared bankrupt, often the victims of bad financial advice, that at least 150 ex-professionals are in prison and that hundreds of current players face mental health and suicide issues.

The England midfielder, Paul Gascoigne, an admitted alcoholic, has been in constant trouble since leaving football, and a former England full back, Kenny Sansom, homeless and battling alcohol, admitted to sleeping on a park bench. He gave an interview in which he said he would be "better off dead."

The Professional Footballers Association offers help to distressed ex-players, as do organisations such as the Sporting Chance Clinic. "There are systems and support mechanisms in place that we wouldn't have

dreamed of 20 or 30 years ago," said association chairman Clark Carlisle.

The key is to make proud, once brilliant, footballers admit they are in trouble and willing to accept help.

As I write, Europe is awash with ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war. So massive was the carnage, scarcely a family in Britain went untouched. Two of my own uncles were wounded. Professional footballer Jim lost an eye at the Battle of the Somme, which ended his career. His older brother, John, a carpenter, lost a leg shortly before the war ended.

Some two million British and empire troops were wounded in the conflict; 908,000 of their comrades lost their lives.

Sometimes forgotten in England is the contribution of African troops. Thirty million fought the Germans in East Africa, an estimated 9,000 of them being Kenyans. Estimates sug-

“Wayward ex-stars number alcoholism, depression and financial troubles among their problems”

gested 10,000 Africans died.

The total casualties of all combatants was 37 million, of whom 17 million died.

Young people stay at home until their early 20s, then they marry and occupy their own homes. Right? Not any more.

More than one in four working Britons aged 20 to 34 still live with their parents because of high house prices and low wages.

The average house price for first-time buyers rose by 113 per cent last year to £186,512 (Sh27.5 million) while wages for under-30s fell by 13 per cent since 2007.

The housing charity Shelter said crippling costs were creating a "clipped wing generation," like birds that cannot fly.

A priest died and was told by St Peter that he must undergo a period of penance before being allowed into heaven. He then found himself shackled to an old, ugly and argumentative lady.

Looking across the torture chamber, he spotted his bishop, who had died a few days earlier, shackled to a beautiful, smiling, seductive young lady.

Outraged, the priest protested at the unfairness of this to St Peter. The keeper of the keys simply said, "You do your penance and let the young lady do hers."

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OUTSIDE THE BOX |

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Jubilee, Cord leaders and the parable of the clever thief



Cord leader Raila Odinga's favourite *vitendawilis* (riddles) on the political platform are no doubt a big hit with his crowd of fans.

Going by the spontaneous outbreak of mass hysteria at his

rallies, you wonder if he even needs to do anything to get them chanting 'Baba' these days though.

Suffice to say the speech delivery is often very effective on his average audience.

But a dispassionate observer would find the riddles too personal, monotonous and predictable, if not occasionally flat.

Despite the relative glut of other targets on sight many times, you know the former Prime Minister is always going to do a spin and try to diss it at the President or the Deputy President.

How so choosy is Mr Odinga that in the last one month alone, the Duales, the Kindikis and the Murkomens have repeatedly sought to attract attention to themselves without getting as much as a swat of the fly.

Perhaps it is strict adherence to the political manual; the one that says when a dog is barking at you, you go for the master.

To be fair to Mr Odinga, the sharp personalised line of defence is often no less than such a pack of rabid attack dogs deserve.

And he occasionally unleashes some gems, too.

His parable of the clever thief particularly summarises the story of Kenya's so-called fight against corruption in a way that no official investigation report does.

In the parable, the thief is fleeing from the scene of crime with the victim on hot pursuit. On spotting a mob ahead, he turns and points to the victim, shouting "thief, thief..." to try to divert attention from himself.

This past week, Kenyans have watched the parable of the clever thief enacted in real life, with the Jubilee government accusing Cord leaders of having been behind a massive landgrab in Lamu between 2011-2012.

Former Lands minister James Orengo on whose watch the government says some 500,000 acres were allocated to 22 entities has since come out to deny culpability and produced his own list of alleged land grabbers, which include who is who in the ruling coalition.

Mr Orengo has offered to help in any investigations, and a lot of questions being asked about his role are legitimate.

But what makes the new turn of events interesting is that the names of the big shots in Jubilee have featured in nearly every investigation report on land grabbing, the latest one by the Truth and Justice Reconciliation Commission.

The land question was actually a fairly uncomfortable campaign issue for the ruling coalition in the run-up to the last General Election.

It is interesting to know that the political class think the ordinary Kenyan has no capacity to think and dissect issues, including those touching on land.

As the drama unfolds, the questions many Kenyans will be asking is: will the real thief please stand up?

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BAROMETER | Lukoye Atwoli

It's time the government focused on its mandate



Focus:

Perpetual fights make the leaders look like kindergarten children

There have been many spats between government and the opposition, the latest one being the matter of land allocations along the Kenyan coast.

Accusations and counter-accusations have been made, and the exchanges have reached ridiculous levels that are hard to find outside of kindergarten classrooms.

It has gotten so nasty that the two formations are trading accusations over who is more corrupt than the other, and service to Kenyans is suffering as a result.

The government side has shouted itself hoarse, asking the opposition to give them time and space to fulfill their campaign promises and constitutional mandates.

The opposition, on the other hand, accuses the government of leading the country in the wrong direction, and is supposedly organising the country for a referendum to address a multitude of issues.

To an observer, it would appear that if we are not already there, this country is headed for a dangerous impasse. Split down the middle, each half of

the country believes that their leaders are right and the other half of the country is dead wrong.

All statements are analysed for political angles based on the assumed ethnicity of the author, and dismissed or accepted unconditionally without due regard to the content.

There must be a way out of this quagmire that ensures the entire country emerges as the winner.

What we need to appreciate is that it is the opposition's role and responsibility to make it difficult for the ruling coalition to govern.

It is in their best interests to demonstrate that those in power are failures, and that the

opposition has better ideas on governance. They will use every trick in the book to convince the voters that they would be better off if they voted differently at an election.

On the other hand, it is the government's responsibility to ensure the country continues running as smoothly as possible.

The ruling coalition must ensure they deliver on their constitutional responsibilities at the minimum and implement their election manifesto as promised to the voters as well.

At the very least, the government must ensure all citizens enjoy the protection of the state, are well fed and educated, and are, to a large extent, as healthy as is possible under the circumstances.

Beyond these basic requirements, a responsible, growth-focused government will make it easy for the citizens to communicate and move goods and services without undue obstacles. With these minimum guarantees, it is often unnecessary for any further interventions to be carried out by the state. The

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people will take care of the rest, and the economy will grow of its own accord.

One would therefore advise both the opposition and the government to focus on their core mandates and the country will be just fine.

The opposition must begin to generate alternative governance ideas even as it keeps the government on toes, while the government should stop wasting our precious national resources fighting fires that will in the fullness of time burn out without much damage to the fabric of state.

Indeed, it can be observed that the inept attempts at fire-fighting only serve to further inflame the situation, giving the opposition more and more ammunition for escalating tensions.

That, in my view, is a good example of how not to run a government. Unless our political class changes tack, we will continue politicking endlessly beyond 2017.

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BUSINESS



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The reason many of us are selfish is because of our very narrow view of reality” **Pg32**

ANALYSIS | James Mbugua

Finally, light at end of the tunnel for 5,000mw, thanks to US deal

With so many projects to generate more electricity, the country can benefit immediately if funding is available

While the agenda at the recently concluded US-Africa Summit included such things as governance and education, the underlying motivation was business with Africa. But the first notion we must dismiss is that this was about America offering aid to Africa. The summit was more about aid to American companies to enable them get a foothold on the continent where Asian companies have entrenched themselves.

The so-called aid generally works like this: America provides funds towards certain projects. US firms implement those projects. Depending on the recipient country's due diligence and proper cost-benefit analysis, both nations benefit.

For Kenya, the most visible outcome of this summit is funding for power projects. Under the US Power Africa Initiative, six African countries -- Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia -- will benefit from a \$7 billion (Sh615bn) fund for power projects both on-grid and off-grid. The World Bank announced during the summit that it would provide an additional \$5 billion (Sh439bn) towards the initiative. Several other banks including Standard Bank of South Africa have also pledged funding for the same.

American companies such as General Electric, General Cables among others are gearing up to benefit from this funding to do business on the continent. This is particularly significant for Kenya which is in the process of scaling up the installed power capacity to over 5,000mw. Currently we produce about 2,000mw.

This is hardly enough. Aliko Dangote, the Nigerian cement tycoon, for instance, told government officials the last time he was here that he would need about 1,000mw for a cement plant he plans to put up in Kitui. The ministry of Transport, likewise, has indicated that it would need about 700mw for the standard gauge railway line service. These



US President Barack Obama with African leaders at the US-Africa Leaders' Summit in Washington last week. President Uhuru Kenyatta is standing behind him.

two ventures could thus gobble up what we produce currently.

Primary beneficiaries will be the big players in the energy sector -- KenGen and GDC in exploration and generation, Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (Ketraco) in transmission, and Kenya Power in distribution and retail. All these state players are in need of funding. KenGen, which recently added 140mw of geothermal power to the grid, and expects to add another 140mw by the end of the year, is looking to exploit a further 560mw in the same Ol Karia area. It needs funding and the Power Africa initiative could come in handy.

Ketraco, which was hived off from Kenya Power to focus on building power transmission lines, is fully-government owned unlike its siblings and, therefore, relies completely on

“Primary beneficiaries will be the big players in the energy sector KenGen, GDC, Ketraco and Kenya Power”

state funding.

It is in need of serious funding especially because the amount of new power expected to come on stream cannot be handled by our fragile grid. Some of the proposed power plants will generate much more power than the current lines can handle.

There is 300mw coming from Loiyangalani -- the Lake Turkana Wind Power project. We have 400mw coming via a high-voltage Direct Current line from Ethiopia to land at Suswa. There is a 900mw liquefied natural gas power plant to be put up at Dongo Kundu in Mombasa; a 900mw coal fired plant in Kitui and an expected 1,200mw to be generated from Menengai. There is also the 61mw expected from the Kinangop Wind Park project to be commissioned next year.

Kenya can benefit from the US initiative immediately because these projects are ready for implementation if funding is there.

But crucially, government will need to have an organised end-to-end approach from generation to consumption. It is one thing to generate the power but quite another to distribute it and to ensure it is taken up. Currently, 60 per cent of the power produced in

Kenya is consumed by industry. Households barely consume 30 per cent. Along the way about 18 per cent of this power is lost through system leakages and theft.

It will be in order then for some of this funding to go to strengthening Kenya Power's systems to reduce these losses. This will include removing bureaucratic barriers; for instance, power in Nairobi is unstable because Kenya Power cannot put up a ring around the region to stabilise it. This is a responsibility that Ketraco has adamantly held onto yet it has to wait to get funding to do it. Kenya Power, which could build the ring with its own funds, is left to fire-fight blackouts. A holistic approach can deal with this.

The ministry of Industrialisation will also have to develop the market for the uptake of the generated power. This will include wooing industries to set up shop in the country to ensure we don't have idle power plants. Government could, for instance, insist that much of the funding from the US goes towards geothermal generation in Ol Karia and Menengai. Then it can partner with KenGen to put up an industrial area in Naivasha where companies will be fed power directly from generation, making it both cheaper and more reliable.

Private sector companies interested in the power sector also stand to benefit if they have their projects planned. The US Development Fund with General Electric are running competitions for innovative clean energy projects. Opportunities exist especially in those areas that are not served by the national grid. Wind and solar initiatives in northern Kenya, for example, stand to benefit.

At the end of the day, the bottom line of these initiatives is business and Kenya must approach it as such and not as charity.

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Sh1.8tr moved via phones as use of e-cards down

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The effect of mobile money transfer on electronic card payment is slowly becoming clear with transactions conducted through debit and credit cards slumping by a third in the first half of 2014.

An almost equal percentage in growth was recorded in payment through mobile phones.

Latest statistics released by Central Bank of Kenya show transactions made through electronic payment cards in six months to June declined by 30 per cent to Sh628.6 billion compared to Sh818.6 billion recorded over a similar period in 2013.

In the mobile phone frontier, a total of Sh1.1 trillion was transacted representing a growth of 26 per cent from the Sh872 billion transacted in the same period in 2013.

Transactions via mobile phones surpassed those executed through payment cards in 2011, hardly five years after the onset of mobile banking. While mobile money moved Sh1.17 trillion in 2011 less than half -- Sh578 billion -- was transacted through payment cards in 2011.

In April, the Enhancing Growth of Plastic Cards in Kenya report released in April this year, TNS Kenya -- a research firm -- highlighted many reasons that have slowed down the uptake of payment cards usage in the country.

Some of these include fear of card fraud or system failures, unreliable network and constant down time challenges that affect bank operation and subsequent reputation, particularly for acquirers, association of plastic cards with the elite and foreigners and the understanding that swiping is expensive.

But according to Safaricom's CEO Bob Collymore, electronic payment cards and mobile banking services will continue operating side by

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SUNNY DAY | Sunny Bindra

Our differences come from incomplete vision



Horizon:

The reason many of us are selfish is because of our very narrow view of reality

Edgar Dean Mitchell is a NASA astronaut. He was the sixth man to set foot on the moon. As he stood on the lunar surface and gazed back at planet Earth, he was profoundly moved. Later, he wrote this about the experience: “You develop an instant global consciousness, a people orientation, an intense dissatisfaction with the state of the world, and a compulsion to do something about it. From out there on the moon, international politics look so petty. You want to grab a politician by the scruff of the neck and drag him a quarter of a million miles out and say, ‘Look at that, you son of a b****.’”

It is so very true: Your appreciation of a problem is only as large as your perspective of it. If all you can see is yourself, everything centres on you. If all you can see is your family, your every endeavour is to benefit that family. If all you can see is your community, you become narrowly ethnic in what you want to achieve.

If your organisation is all there is for you, maximising the returns to that organisation becomes all-consuming. If your nation is your everything, you become a blind nationalist who might see nothing wrong with killing the children of a neighbouring state. If your religion is your *raison d'être*, then all those who don't share your faith become suspect.

But if you could haul yourself a quarter of a million miles out



A space ship on its way to the moon.

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to the moon, and look back on this planet, you might see many more things. You might see that there is something called humanity; and something called nature; and something vast and mysterious called the universe. With those enhanced perspectives you might find yourself in



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the position of Mitchell, who began to appreciate a deeper meaning to existence.

I, too, wish we could haul every politician, every bigot, and every zealot out there, and make them gaze back upon their planet. And to every one of them, I would want to say: “Look at that, you son of a b****.”

This planet? It's all we have. We have nothing else, and we have it together. It's ours; it doesn't belong to some of us, it belongs to all of us. Our oceans, our atmosphere, our ecosystems — they're ours. We have drawn artificial lines all over this planet, and tried to pretend we own parts of it. But we own nothing.

We ourselves are transient visitors; we have an unpredictably

short tenure on earth. So how can we own anything on it?

And so I can't wait for mass space travel to become a reality, so that we can haul some people out there. All those who think they are here only to work for their families; their clans; their shareholders; their political parties; their nations; their religions — they all need space travel.

They need to look down on what they have, and see that there are no boundaries. Border controls, skin colours, prayer rituals — they are illusions. They are conceits we have constructed. What unites us is far greater than what divides us. We are humans, and this earth, Carl Sagan's “Pale Blue Dot”, is our home.

If we could think like that, we would stop our senseless wars over territory; we would stop being saints to our children and devils to our neighbours; we would not exhaust our years in the brainless pursuit of profits and bonuses; we would not pollute our oceans and lakes or uproot our trees or slaughter our elephants. We would not desecrate the only home we know.

Do you really need to travel out in a spacecraft to see this truth? Close your eyes to your immediate surroundings and expand your vision to see what's really there. And then say to yourself: look at that, you son of a b****.

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Small milk farmers use delivery slips to get bank loans

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Smallholder dairy farmers can now access unsecured loans thanks to financial institutions accepting milk supply slips as proof of ability to repay loans.

About 200,000 contracted dairy farmers who were hitherto side lined by financial institutions are now accessing loans without the traditional collateral of land title deeds or car log books. Interestingly, the lending institutions don't even want a proof of ownership of the animals but a simple delivery statement from the processors and a recommendation letter indicating that the farmers have been delivering milk to them.

Dairy farmers delivering milk to Brookside and New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (KCC) now have a reason to smile as banks including KCB, Equity Bank, Family Bank, Co-operative Bank, K-Rep, National Bank and a number of top cooperative societies are accepting the milk slips.

Speaking to the Sunday Nation recently, Brookside Dairy General Manager in-charge of milk procurement and extension services John Gethi confirmed that the processor was working with at least 15 financial institutions and Saccos who are now extending credit facilities to the farmers on the basis of their milk supply statements.

“We write letters to the lenders confirming that the farmers deliver milk to us and using our milk supply statements as their pay slips they are able to access credit facilities,” said Mr Gethi.

His New KCC counterpart Dominic Menjo said his firm has launched an ambitious project dubbed Agri-Life aimed at linking more than 50,000 contracted farmers with financial institutions, insurance, agro vet, transport and extension services agencies.

“This project is aimed at providing our contracted farmers with a one-stop shop that would enable them increase production,” said Mr Menjo. He added: “This new unique arrangement which we have pioneered would also help farmers start value addition ventures as they would be able to access more banking services,” said Mr Gethi.

A farmer contracted by Brookside in Miti Mingi area, in Nakuru County, Mr Edward Njuguna, said he had secured his third loan from Equity Bank using his milk supply statement.

“I had lost any hope of applying for a bank loan because I have no title deed but since Brookside came with this kind of arrangement I'm now able to access credit on the strength of my milk supply statement,” said Mr Njuguna.

However, some of the dairy farmers complained that some of the banks were still applying stringent measures before advancing them credit facilities.

“Some of the banks are insisting we look for more guarantors despite showing them milk supply statements and a recommendation letter from the processor,” said Ms Rose Mbae who delivers her milk to Brookside's Njoro cooling plant.

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How you can get yourself noticed — digitally



Job search: Networking is key in looking for a job; the secret lies in how you market yourself

With colleges and universities being opened in every corner of the country, thousands of students are graduating every year and start job hunting. The market is not keeping pace at creating enough jobs for these graduates and those who want to change jobs.

Recruiters on the other hand are looking for ways to cut the clutter and identify the best the market has without sifting through tones of CVs, some of which don't match the skills.

Many are turning to online tools to help identify candidates that fit their human resource needs.

If you are looking for a job therefore, you should cross the online path of a recruiter and be noticed. LinkedIn is one of the best online platforms for you and your professional friends and recruiters regularly come scouring for the best fit for their jobs.

The problem is that these people won't find you if all you do is create an account, fill in some of your details and then sit back and wait for the emails to come in.

Unless you complete all sections of the profile, you will

miss out on opportunities. Create a strong introduction, put as many keywords as you can into the specialties, list and write about every job you have held, and include all schools you attended, as well as any professional associations you belong to.

One way recruiters search for qualified talent on LinkedIn is by typing in keywords that are common in the skill sets they're looking for.

Profile picture

You therefore need to include the same keywords and phrases they're searching for that describes your competencies.

Take a look at job descriptions placed by advertisers and pull out common buzz words that describe your capabilities. Then, use them to create or update your LinkedIn profile.

The advantage of using good keywords is that they will be indexed by Google and increase your visibility. This gives your profile tons of potential and opportunity to be viewed by the right people.

Make sure you have an appropriate picture on your profile. Chances are very high that if your profile does not have an

image, it will get passed by. In many cases, we people see the picture first and then read the profile. Don't we all do that? An easy solution is to have a simple headshot, but that is boring these days. Be creative and really stand out.

Have a profile pic that paints a picture of what you do. If you're a computer tech, take a pic of yourself surrounded by machines to repair.

If you're a health worker, chef, teacher; get a pic of yourself in your working gear and possibly at work.

Don't be passive on LinkedIn. Keep in front of recruiters by posting relevant information, such as industry events, news and interesting articles.



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Recruiters in your network will see your regular status updates and this will help them remember you as opportunities emerge. If you participate regularly, you'll become a familiar name and boost your chances of being considered for a position.

Encourage your friends to recommend you. At the bottom of a LinkedIn profile, there is usually a place for that. Recommendations are a great way to get noticed.

Reach out to current and past colleagues and solicit a recommendation. One of the best ways to receive one is to send one to them yourself on their profile. They will likely reciprocate.

Bottom line is, you have to step out of the crowd and showcase your expertise. LinkedIn strategy has worked for me over and over again — and my profile still needs some more work. It has worked for some of my friends. It can work for you too. It's free. Make yourself seen by those who matter in your industry.

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ACHIEVEMENT | Mrs Wainaina joined the group in 1989 as an intern

Kenyan becomes first African woman chief executive for Citibank in region

She plans to focus on infrastructure, electricity, oil and gas besides first moving consumer goods in her growth strategy across the region

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In 1989, Joyce-Ann Muthoni Wainaina joined Citibank as an intern. Little did she know that a quarter century later she would head the bank's unit in Kenya and the East Africa region.

Before her appointment, the American multinational never had a female chief executive officer for the 40 years it has been present in Kenya. Equally, no Kenyan national had been appointed to the position.

But last month, Mrs Wainaina was appointed chief executive of Citibank Kenya and the East African region (Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia), opening a new chapter in the bank's history.

"It is the first time we have appointed a Kenyan in this role and the first time we have appointed a woman so I feel the burden of a pioneer on my shoulders. I need to succeed in this role," Mrs Wainaina told the *Sunday Nation* last week.

When she was formally absorbed in the bank as a full time employee – a relationship manager – there was only one other female holder of the position.

And the situation did not change much for more than two decades that followed. Then again in 2011, she became the first woman to head an African unit, when she was posted to run the Citibank Zambia.

Admitting that she feels the "pressure" to set a precedent as the first Kenyan holder of the position, Mrs Wainaina says that she has already identified four key focus areas, which she believes will contribute immensely towards expanding the bank's fortunes during her tenure.

Infrastructure, electricity, oil and gas and retail businesses deal-

ing with fast-moving consumer goods will be where she directs the business during her tenure.

"The best way to manage this role is not to think about it. Banking, especially in Africa, has been a male dominated career. We were only two relationship managers at Citi at the time I joined. I will use this as a unique opportunity to offer different kinds of ideas," she told the *Sunday Nation* in an interview.

So strategic is her choice of focus sectors that they match the current needs of the region.

For instance, Tanzania is already pumping its natural gas which creates the need for supporting infrastructure if the country is to fully benefit from the resource.

Uganda is soon expected to start pumping its crude oil which has been established to be in commercially viable quantities. Kenya, too, has discovered oil.

Both Uganda and Kenya are currently in talks to set up a crude oil pipeline that is meant to facilitate production of the resource in the two countries.

On its own, Kenya has lined up several other infrastructure projects including expansion of the port facility, building of roads, railways and airports, among others that will all require funding from financial institutions.

Being among the world's top 10 producers of copper, Zambia's economy is heavily dependent on the extractive sector in addition to agriculture, thus the need to set up infrastructure to service these sectors.

"Citi's vision for Africa now is to continue playing in the cor-

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Regional alignment is our first key focus because in the eyes of 'big' investors, individual countries are not as big as we imagine,"

Ms Wainaina



porate and investment banking space. My vision for East Africa is to look at it as more aligned in the way we approach business here. Regional alignment is our first key focus because in the eyes of 'big' investors, individual countries are not as big as we imagine," she said.

Citibank is among the financial institutions that have provided funding for both public and private investors in the local electricity sector.

According to Mrs Wainaina, the bank will be keen on growing its existing portfolio in the sector with the implementation of the plan that is currently under way to increase the capacity for power generation.

Mrs Wainaina has held several other positions within Citibank including being the bank's head of operation controls for Sub-Saharan Africa and managing transaction services for East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia) where she dealt with cash management, trade services and trade finance.

Use of mobile money grows even as e-cards record decline

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side regardless of the strong growth and huge potential the latter embodies.

"I think there's a place for both. I foresee them existing side by side," Mr Collymore told the *Sunday Nation*.

Since the launch of mobile money in 2007, Sh7.1 trillion has been transacted through mobile phones as more people and firms embrace it. Last year, the amount stood at Sh1.9 trillion, bigger than the Sh1.8 trillion national budget for the 2014/15 financial year. Analysts have attributed increased uptake of mobile phone financial services to its convenience, ease of use and security.

The mobile phone transactions range from bill payments, money transfer, and payment of insurance premiums, borrowing of money, account transfers, school fees payments and making savings.

On the other hand, transactions made through electronic payment cards stood at Sh1.5 trillion in 2013. According to Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) chief executive officer Habil Olaka, electronic payment cards offer a universally accepted mode of payment, particularly with regional and international reach, which may not be possible with the current mobile payment systems. So, he says their continued existence in the face of mobile phone transactions is guaranteed.

"To the extent that a person can make universal transactions using a mobile phone as opposed to a payment card, there would be a competition dimension arising from this new development. Until then, the market segmentation process will continue to evolve, with customers choosing the most convenient for their purposes," Mr Olaka said.

Uhuru assures US investors of a conducive environment



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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday sought to assure American investors that Kenya offers a good investment environment and asked them to come and compete for the various big infrastructure projects the government is undertaking.

He told the business leaders mainly from Texas at a luncheon hosted in his honour at the George W Bush Presidential Centre in Dallas their investments would be protected by the recently opened international arbitration centre.

The President said the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, whose board was inaugurated last year, will make investors comfortable when entering into business ventures.

"The international arbitration centre will make our investors know that

they are in an environment they are comfortable with," he said.

The board is headed by Mr Arthur Rigeria.

International arbitration has gained popularity over the last decades as investors got wary of the uncertainties and delays of dispute resolution processes all over the world.

Arbitration delivers quicker decisions, which are usually easier to enforce than court decisions.

The President told the business executives that Kenya's Judiciary was robust and has been undergoing reforms that are yielding positive results.

"Our Judiciary was recently voted the 5th best in Africa by a Gallup poll and more progress is being made to make it more efficient," he said.

President Kenyatta told the investors that security challenges that have faced the country over the recent past are being addressed.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohammed told the investors that Kenya is one of the best countries to invest in.

"Take your big bucks to Kenya and we assure you will not be disappointed," she said.

The Vice Chairman of the United States-East African Chamber of Commerce Edwin Karuga said US companies should view Kenya as a natural partner in business.

He said the mega infrastructure

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Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs Amina Mohammed

projects going on in Kenya were open to US investors and he assured them that they would find warm and skilled people to work with.

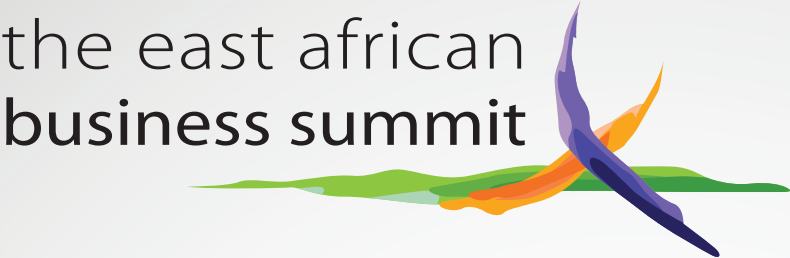
Mrs Elizabeth Plumlee, a Texas attorney and mediator who has experience working with Kenyans encouraged the American investors to venture more into Kenya.

She said she was amazed by the education and skills of Kenyans even in the diaspora.

"When I meet Kenyans in the diaspora especially in Dallas, I always find myself like the least educated. I don't know how Kenyans have achieved this but they are very educated with so many names followed by academic titles," she said.

The visit to the George W Bush Presidential Centre was one of the President's key engagements on what has been billed as a successful tour of the United States.

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President Uhuru Kenyatta receives a cowboy hat and boots from businessman Dan Plumle in Dallas, Texas, yesterday.



TOP CEOs
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Kenya Institute of Mass communication (KIMC)
Supply and fitting of curtains, draperies and blinds
Tender box at KIMC headquarters on Uhoho Road, South B, Nairobi; or addressed to Director, PO Box 42422, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 20/8/2014
Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply and will be given preference

Nyayo Tea Zones Development Corporation
Supply and delivery of printed stationery
Managing Director, PO Box 44552, Nairobi
Deadline: 19/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Kenya Urban Roads Authority
Periodic maintenance of Gogo Fall road/access to Giraffe Centre
Director General, c/o Regional Manager – Nairobi, Lower Eastern, South Rift, Coast or North Eastern
Deadline: 21/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Communications Authority of Kenya
Supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of numbering resource management system
Secretary, Tender Committee, PO Box 14448, Nairobi 00800
Deadline: 10/9/2014

National Treasury
Proposed replacement of four lifts at Bima House in Nairobi
Principal Secretary, PO Box 30007, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 20/8/2014

Rural Electrification Authority
Supply of cables, stay wires and binding wires
Chief Executive Officer, sixth floor, Chancery building, Valley Road, PO Box 34585, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 29/8/2014
Open to youths, women and persons with disabilities

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Digitisation of MOFA and IT records, development of website, along with automation of business and processes
Permanent Secretary, PO Box 30551, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 22/8/2014

National Oil Corporation of Kenya
Provision of liquefied petroleum gas cylinder control solution
Chief Executive Officer, seventh floor, AON Minet House, Mamlaka Road, off Nyerere Road, PO Box 58567, Nairobi 00200
Deadline: 25/8/2014

Kenya Power
Design, supply and installation of substation and lines (West Kenya Region Lot 2)
Deadline: 29/9/2014
More information: www.kplc.co.ke

Meru University of Science and Technology
Proposed street lighting installation at main campus
Vice-Chancellor, PO Box 972, Meru 60200
Deadline: 21/8/2014

Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
Emergency maintenance work on Mai Mahiu–Narok Road (B3)
Secretary/Tender Committee, PO Box 49712, Nairobi 00100; or put into tender box at head office, mezzanine floor, Blue Shield Towers
Deadline: 26/8/2014

Kenya Rural Roads Authority
Construction of Cotu Bridge and approach roads
Director General, PO Box 48151, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 16/9/2014

Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
Supply of mineral drinking water and dispensers
Registrar of Political Parties, PO Box 1131, Nairobi 00606 – tender box on first floor of Lion Place building, Westlands
Deadline: 21/8/2014
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Kenya Urban Roads Authority
Improvement of road junctions
Director General, PO Box 41721, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 15/8/2014

Sports Kenya
Supply, delivery and installation of synthetic track surface together with fixed athletics equipment for Mombasa Stadium
Tender box on first floor of main office at Moi International Sports Centre
Deadline: 15/8/2014

Rural Electrification Authority
Design and construction of containerised diesel power station at Kakuma town in Turkana County
Chief Executive Officer, sixth floor, The Chancery building, Valley Road, PO Box 34585, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 19/8/2014

Kenya Maritime Authority
Disposal of used motor vehicles
Deadline: 14/8/2014
More information: www.kma.go.ke

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology
Purchase of space (building) in Nairobi CBD
Vice Chancellor, PO Box 190, Kakamega 50100
Deadline: 11/8/2014

Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development (Nairobi Metropolitan Development)
Construction of access road leading to Limuru Railway Station
Principal Secretary, Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Nairobi Metropolitan Development, PO Box 30130, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 22/8/2014

Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA)
Consultancy for market survey on commonly used items in KeNHA
Secretary/Tender Committee, mezzanine floor, Blue Shield Towers, Hospital Road, Upper Hill, PO Box 49712, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Kenya Ports Authority
Supply of wire ropes
Secretary, Corporation Tender Committee, door Blk-3.4.3, fourth floor, Finance Block III, Kipevu headquarters, Kilindini, Mombasa
Deadline: 22/8/2014

National Treasury
Proposed replacement of four lifts
Principal Secretary, PO Box 30007, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 20/8/2014

Sports Stadia Management Board
Expression of interest – consultancy for feasibility study and development of detailed design for five national stadiums
Procurement Office, Sports Kenya, PO Private Bag, Kasarani, Nairobi
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice
Supply of computer accessories, toners and software
Solicitor-General, PO Box 40112, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 30/7/2014

Kenya Marine Fisheries Research Institute
Procurement of marine equipment
Director, Silos Road, English Point – Mkomani, Mombasa
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company

Consultancy for capacity building for 220kv Nairobi Ring Transmission Line Project
Company Secretary, second floor, Capitol Hill Square, Chyulu Road, Upper Hill, Nairobi
Deadline: 14/8/2014

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority
Supply of pharmaceuticals
Commercial Street, PO Box 47715, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 19/8/2014

Kenya Airports Authority
Development and operation of commercial important person and very important person terminal at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
Managing Director, Kenya Airports Authority headquarters, Airport North Road, PO Box 19001, Nairobi 00501
Deadline: 19/8/2014

Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development (Nairobi Metropolitan Development)
Supply and delivery of vehicles for Nairobi City County’s project management unit
Principal Secretary, 25th Floor, KICC Building, Room 2520, PO Box 30130, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 22/8/2014

Kenya Airports Authority
Development of airport shopping mall
Airport North Road, PO Box 19001, Nairobi 00501
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority
Supply and delivery of artemether-lumefantrine
13 Commercial Street, Industrial Area, PO Box 47715, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Kenya Power
Provision of security
General Manager, Legal and Corporate Affairs
Company Secretary, seventh floor, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands, PO Box 30099, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 21/8/2014

Central Bank of Kenya
Provision of IT infrastructure upgrade solutions
Green tender box (number 3) at the front entrance to CBK Building on Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi
Deadline: 11/8/2014

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Kemsa)
Provision of insurance brokerage service
Chief Executive Officer, Commercial Street, PO Box 47715, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 14/8/2014

Kenyatta National Hospital
Transaction advisory service for construction of 300-bed hospital
Deadline: 13/8/2014
More information: Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 20723, Nairobi 00202

Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company
Provision of catering services
Tender box at Procurement Department, head office; Managing Director, PO Box 8418, Eldoret 30100
Deadline: 15/8/2014
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Ministry of Devolution and Planning
Supply, delivery and installation of ICT equipment (desktop computers, printers, uninterrupted power supply unit, iPad and laptops) in 29 locations
Principal Secretary – tender box on ninth floor of Treasury Building, Harambee Avenue, Nairobi
Deadline: 28/8/2014
Youths and women are encouraged to apply

Kenya Electricity Generating Company
Supply of fuel using electronic fuel cards
Company Secretary, Legal and Corporate Affairs Director, seventh floor, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands, PO Box 30099, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 21/8/2014

COUNTY

Baringo County Assembly
Supply and delivery of bottled water, and beverages
Clerk, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400
Deadline: 12/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Murang’a County Government
Supply, installation and commissioning of fire fighting engine foam
County Secretary, PO Box 52, Murang’a 10200
Deadline: 11/8/2014

County Assembly of Kwale
Supply and delivery of paint
Clerk, PO Box 231, Kwale 80403 – tender Box at county assembly building
Deadline: 11/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Baringo County Assembly
Provision of services for the Internet, data communication, computer networks and structured cabling installations
Clerk, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400 – tender box at main entrance of county assembly building
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government (Meru County)
Supply and delivery of firewood and charcoal
County Commissioner, PO Box 703, Meru
Deadline: 21/8/2014

Nairobi City County (Governor’s Office)
Supply, delivery, installation and maintenance of refrigeration services
County Secretary and Head of Public Service – tender Box at Nairobi City County building
Deadline: 14/8/2014

Murang’a County Government (Office of the Governor)
Supply, installation and commissioning of e-revenue system
County Secretary, PO Box 52, Murang’a 10200; or deposit into tender box at ground floor of Murang’a County Government building
Deadline: 20/8/2014

County Government of Machakos (Department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing)
Supply and delivery of cement
County Secretary, PO Box 1996, Machakos 90100 – tender box at county headquarters
Deadline: 20/8/2014

Narok County Government
Prequalification of contractors for road works
Deadline: 14/8/2014
More information: www.narok.co.ke

County Government of Bungoma (Ministry of Health, Water and Sanitation)
Supply and delivery of meat and related products
County secretary, PO Box 437, Bungoma 50200 – tender Box at county headquarters
Deadline: 15/8/2014

Nairobi City County
Consultancy for citywide crime victimisation survey
Deadline: 1/9/2014
County Secretary, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100; or put into tender box outside Procurement Office, 1st Floor, Room 105, City Hall Annex

County Government of Bomet
Structural work and installation of overhead travelling crane
More information: www.bometcounty.go.ke
Deadline: 19/8/2014

County Government of Machakos
Supply and delivery of two pneumatic rollers
County Secretary, PO Box 1996, Machakos 90100
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Nairobi City County (Governor’s Office)
Consultancy for undertaking study and formulation of responsive development control policies to facilitate implementation of Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Masterplan
County Secretary – tender box at procurement office at city county building
Deadline: 19/8/2014

Murang’a County Government (Governor’s Office)
Supply, installation and commissioning of microbus ambulances
County Secretary, PO Box 52, Murang’a 10200
Deadline: 11/8/2014

County Government of Machakos
Supply and delivery of two bitumen distributors
County Secretary, PO Box 1996, Machakos 90100
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Baringo County Assembly
Provision of web development, hosting and maintenance services
Deadline: 12/8/2014
Clerk, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Narok County Government
Contractual service for roadworks
County Secretary, PO Box 898, Narok 20500
Deadline: 14/8/2014

County Assembly of Kwale
Supply and delivery of sanitary towels and sanitary handling, sanitary disposal, fumigation and pest control services
Clerk, PO Box 231, Kwale 80403
Deadline: 11/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Baringo County Assembly
Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and batteries
Tender box at main entrance to county assembly building; post to Clerk, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400
Deadline: 12/8/2014

Nairobi City County
Development of mixed use integrated commercial and multilevel parking infrastructure through public private partnership at Sunken Car Park, Taifa Road
County Secretary and Head of Public Service, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 3/10/2014

Baringo County Assembly
Supply and delivery of utensils, cutlery and water dispensers
Tender box at main entrance to county assembly building; post to Clerk, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400
Deadline: 12/8/2014
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Nandi County Assembly
Provision of architecture consultancy
Clerk, PO Box 673, Kapsabet 30300
Deadline: 21/8/2014

County Government of Nyandarua
Proposed construction of mortuary block
Executive Committee Member – Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 701, OI Kalou 20303
Deadline: 12/8/2014

County Government of Machakos
Supply and delivery of two chip spreaders
County Secretary, PO Box 1996, Machakos 90100
Deadline: 12/8/2014

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GLOBAL EMERGENCY | Virus has claimed more than 1,000 lives in West Africa

Guinea closes land borders with Liberia, S. Leone over Ebola fears



Lagos health commissioner Jide Idris (centre) flanked by the director of Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, Professor Abdulsalam Nasidi and special adviser to Lagos governor Yewande Adeshina, speaks about the Ebola outbreak during a briefing in Lagos. Nigeria yesterday appealed for volunteers to help halt the spread of Ebola.

HOPE FOR CURE

Trials of vaccine begin next month

Clinical trials of a preventative vaccine for the Ebola virus made by British company GlaxoSmithKline may begin next month and made available by 2015, WHO said on Saturday.

"We are targeting September for the start of clinical trials, first in the US and certainly in African countries, since that's where we have the cases," Jean-Marie Okwo Bele, WHO's head of vaccines and immunisation, said.

"And since this is an emergency, we can have a vaccine available by 2015."

In Sierra Leone, 1,500 troops will enforce quarantine areas

CONAKRY, Saturday

Guinea on Saturday said it was closing its land borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone in a bid to halt the spread of the deadly Ebola virus which has claimed hundreds of lives in the three west African countries.

"In order to better control contact" with people suspected of carrying the Ebola virus, "Guinea has decided to temporarily close its land borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone," government spokesman Albert Damantang Camara said.

In Sierra Leone, more than 1,500 police and soldiers have been mobilised to enforce quarantine measures in areas affected by the virus, the government said on Saturday.

Defence Minister Palo Conteh

said half the troops would be deployed in Kenema and Kailahun, two eastern districts that have been hardest hit by the outbreak, and which were placed under quarantine on Thursday.

The rest of the troops will focus on the western region, which includes the capital Freetown, and the north.

"The general public should adhere to the advice of health personnel — don't move around unnecessarily ... and cooperate with the security forces," Conteh told the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation.

"I have warned soldiers to show empathy as we are not going into combat. These are people who are stressed out, who have lost friends and relatives."

Health Minister Miatta Kargbo said the response to the quarantine measures "so far is

positive".

World Health Organisation chief Margaret Chan said in Geneva on Friday that the epidemic in west Africa which has killed nearly 1,000 people in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria was the worst of its kind in four decades.

In Nigeria's megacity Lagos, authorities appealed for volunteers to help fight the outbreak after admitting they lacked medical personnel.

"We have a shortage of personnel. I won't lie about that. And that is why we are asking for volunteers," Lagos state health commissioner, Jide Idris, said on television.

Lagos, home to some 20 million people, has recorded nine confirmed cases of Ebola, including two deaths.

In its fight against the spread

of the virus, the Lagos state government is offering incentives such as life insurance to medical volunteers, Idris said.

Public sector doctors suspended a pay strike on Thursday, but it was unclear whether they had resumed work across the country.

In Abuja, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan declared the Ebola crisis a national emergency and approved the release of 1.9 billion naira (\$11.6 million) to contain the spread of the virus.

A meeting of stakeholders will be held in Abuja tomorrow to discuss strategies to curb the spread of Ebola (AFP)

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Tunisia rescues 90 migrants

ZARZIS, Tunisia, Saturday

The Tunisian coastguard on Saturday intercepted 90 African migrants whose makeshift boat heading from Libya for the Italian island of Lampedusa broke down off Zarzis, the Red Crescent said.

"The Tunisian coastguard rescued 90 African illegal migrants from a makeshift vessel after it broke down off Zarzis" in southern Tunisia, Red Crescent official Mongi Slim told AFP.

The illegal migrants, who included four women and a child, left the Libyan port of Zwara two days ago bound for Italy.

Slim said those rescued were 31 Sudanese, 19 Somalis, 18 Eritreans, 10 Nigerians, six Moroccans and six Chadians.

He said the 90 were now being cared for at Zarzis where they will be housed temporarily by UNHCR refugee agency pending a decision on their fate.

In early June, more than 200 migrants trying to make an illegal crossing to Europe aboard a large fishing boat were also intercepted off Zarzis. (AFP)

Egypt outlaws Brotherhood political wing

CAIRO, Saturday

An Egyptian court on Saturday ordered the dissolution of the Freedom and Justice Party (FJP), the political wing of the banned Muslim Brotherhood movement.

The decision follows the designation of the Brotherhood as a "terrorist organisation" in December, after the military overthrew Islamist president Mohamed Morsi.

The FJP came out on top in every election in Egypt between its creation in the wake of the country's Arab Spring uprising in 2011 and Morsi's removal in July 2013.

Broke the law

The Supreme Administrative Court, in its ruling on Saturday, ordered "the dissolution of the Freedom and Justice Party because it broke the law regarding political parties".

"The party and the Muslim Brotherhood are the same thing" and "its members have committed deeds of violence and acts of terror against the nation," state news agency Mena quoted the prosecution case as stating.

According to media reports, the decision is final and not open to appeal.

Uganda appeals decision to overturn anti-gay law

KAMPALA, Saturday

Uganda's attorney-general has filed an appeal against the constitutional court's decision to overturn tough new anti-gay laws, his deputy said Saturday.

"We are unsatisfied with the court ruling and we have appealed," Deputy Attorney-General Fred Ruhinda told AFP, adding that the appeal has been lodged at the Supreme Court, the country's highest court.

"The law was not intended to victimise gay people, it was for the common good."

Branded draconian and "abominable" by rights groups but popular domestically, the six-month old law which ruled that homosexuals would be jailed for life was scrapped on a technicality on August 1.

The legislation, signed by Uganda's veteran President Yoweri Museveni in February, also outlawed the promotion of homosexuality and obliged

Ugandans to denounce gays to the authorities.

US Secretary of State John Kerry had likened the law to anti-Semitic legislation in Nazi Germany, and Western nations made a raft of aid cuts to Uganda's government.

Critics said President Museveni signed the law to win domestic support ahead of a presidential election scheduled for 2016, which will be his 30th year in power.

Analysts suggest the surprise court

hearing last week was encouraged by Museveni to quash the law without appearing to cave in to foreign pressure.

Yesterday, activists gathered for their first gay-pride march since the law was overturned, waving rainbow coloured flags in celebration.

"This event is to bring us together. Everyone was in hiding because of the anti-homosexuality law," organiser Sandra Ntebi told AFP. "It is a happy day for all of us" Ntebi said. (AFP)

Elation as africa gains leverage in global affairs

A black and white photograph of two men in suits. The man on the left is speaking, and the man on the right is listening and gesturing with his hand. They are both wearing suits and ties. The man on the right is also wearing glasses. The background is dark and out of focus.

She said countries like Botswana and Sierra Leone see their membership in the ICC as just one more measure of how far they have come in their own democratic journeys."

MIDEAST CRISIS | Month-long conflict flares after mediators fail to extend ceasefire

Israel presses on with Gaza raids

Hamas defies attempts to broker truce and declares there would be no concessions to Tel Aviv

GAZA CITY, Saturday

Israeli warplanes carried out 30 air strikes over Gaza on Saturday, killing five Palestinians, as militants fired six rockets into Israel, leaving international mediators scrambling to rescue ceasefire talks.

Gaza emergency services said two men were killed in a strike on a motorcycle in Al-Maghazi camp and that the bodies of three others were pulled from the rubble of the Al-Qassam mosque in the Nuseirat camp in the middle of the enclave.

The Palestinian interior ministry said Israeli jets destroyed three mosques. At least two of the mosques were considered close to Hamas.

"We heard a loud explosion and it was the beginning of the explosions and a warning to residents to evacuate the area," said Jood Irhaem, who lives close to one of the mosques. "Minutes later there were two powerful explosions."

Israel said Palestinian militants fired six rockets into Israel on Saturday, bringing to 44 the number launched into the Jewish state since the end of a 72-hour truce on Friday.

One civilian and a soldier were wounded on Friday, but no injuries or damage were reported on Saturday.

MEDIATION

Efforts to restore peace in progress

Acting US Middle East peace envoy Frank Lowenstein, in Cairo for some days, "is still trying to help the parties get a permanent ceasefire," a US embassy official said.

Egyptian mediators met a Palestinian delegation again on Friday and were waiting to hear back from the Israelis after Shabbat, the Jewish sabbath, ends at sundown Saturday.

Israel has said it would not negotiate under fire, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the military to retaliate "forcefully".

Israel said it had carried out around 100 strikes in Gaza since Friday.



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Women weep yesterday at the funeral of Mohammed Qatri, a 19-year-old Palestinian who was killed in clashes with Israeli security forces near the Israeli settlement of Psagot in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Palestinian medics say 10 people have been killed and more than 40 wounded since the truce expired.

The month-long conflict flared again after mediators failed to extend a ceasefire that expired on Friday morning as Palestinian militants shattered the quiet with pre-dawn rocket attacks.

The fighting has killed at least 1,900 Palestinians and 67 Israelis, almost all soldiers,

since July 8.

Hamas has vowed there would be no concessions to Israel, defying international attempts to broker a new ceasefire.

"There will be no going back, the resistance will continue," Hamas spokesman Fawzy Barhum said in a statement. "The occupier's intransigence will get it nowhere and we will make no concessions on the demands of our people." (AFP)

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

India stray dogs to form security squad

Stray canines roaming the Indian capital may soon find themselves attending police training school with civic authorities planning to turn the animals into security dogs, reports said Saturday. New Delhi residents have long informally adopted some strays as watchdogs for their homes and shops and fed them, but this marks the first formal plan to turn them into municipal security dogs. City authorities said they would enlist police animal trainers to work with the strays and press the canines into service as guard dogs. (AFP)

WASHINGTON

Obama says Iraqi air strikes to continue

US President Barack Obama on Saturday vowed to continue air strikes against Iraqi jihadists to protect US diplomats and military advisors. Obama said he had authorised the strikes to protect US personnel in the northern city of Arbil. "And, if necessary, that's what we will continue to do," he said. Obama also pledged to rescue thousands of civilians besieged by jihadists on an Iraqi mountain. The decision to send warplanes back to Iraq, three years after withdrawing, marked a potential turning point in the two-month-old conflict. (AFP)

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Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mrs. Harriet Wangui Kariuki who passed away at St. Mary's Mission Hospital - Langata on 6th August 2014.



Harriet Wangui
Kariuki

Beloved Wife of the late Stephen Kariuki. Mother of the late Harun Kariuki, the late Michael Kariuki, Regina Asiema, Peter Mbugua & Joseph Karanja.

Sister of the late Joseph Karanja, Samuel Ndungu, Lydia Njoki & David Wanyoike. Mother in-Law of Ann Wanja & Mary Eboso. Grandmother of Steve, Mbugua, Mathu & Derrick Kariuki, Sheila, Natalie & Brenda Asiema.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Our lives will never be the same without you.

Celebration of a Life Well Lived

We humbly accept God's will as we announce the promotion to glory of Mrs. Peris Wacuka Iregi (Wa Gatu) on 4th August, 2014, after a period of long illness.



Peris Wacuka Iregi
(Wa Gatu)

Loving wife of the late Iregi Ngunu. Loving mother of Francis Wanjohi, the late Julia Kariuki, Simon Gatu, Mary Kania Kariuki, Muriuki Iregi (JM), Lucy Muringo Njeru, late Mwangi Iregi, Ngatia Iregi, Eng. Gichuri Iregi (KPA, Msa) and Grace Wanjiru Maina. Grand-ma and great grand-ma of many.

The cortege leaves Jamii Hospital Mortuary, Karatina on Friday 15th August, 2014 at 9 am, for PCEA. Gathumbi Church for funeral service at 11.00 am, followed by burial at her Gathumbi home, Kiwarigi Village, Mathira West in Nyeri County.

"You have fought a good fight finished the race and have kept faith". 2nd Timothy 4:7

Promotion to Glory



Evangelist Peter Ndungu Ngae

It is with great humility and acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Evangelist Peter Ndungu Ngae of Kiamunyi, Nakuru who passed away on 6th August 2014 after a short illness.

Son of the late Elisaphanson Ngae Mbothu and the Late Monica Wagaki. Husband of Anna Waithera Ndungu. Father of Mary & Charles Chema; Grace & John Odhiambo; Monicah Ndungu; Anthony & Esther Ngae and Elizabeth & Lee Vantapool. Grandfather of Michael, Mark, Annalise, Kirsten, Brian, Victor, Claire, John Paul, Jordan, Isabella, Jason, Myriam, Martin, Melvin Jaylin, and Caleb among others.

The cortege leaves Umash funeral home Nakuru on Tuesday 12th August 2014 at 9.00am for a funeral service at St. Augustine Catholic Church Kiamunyi Nakuru. Burial will be at the Nakuru North Cemetery thereafter.

"Dad you have fought a good fight, You have finished the race, You have kept the faith"

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Death and Funeral Announcement



Ajit Singh Rana

It is with deep regret that we announce the sad demise of Mr Ajit Singh Rana on 8th August 2014.

He was son of Late Banta Singh Rana and Late Baksheesh Kaur Rana. Husband of Mrs. Kamaljit Kaur Rana. Father to Kulvinder, Tavinder and Dimple. Father in law to Anet and Nidhi. Loving grandfather to Kabir, Ameya, Simar and Nevaan.

The funeral will take place on Monday 11th August 2014. The cortege will leave Rana Residence on Brookside Drive, Elite Place, House no: 6 at 1pm. Cremation will take place thereafter at Hindu Crematorium Kariokor at 2.30pm.

Waheguru Waheguru Waheguru.

1st Anniversary



Nelson Gachihi Gichimu

On 10th August, 2013 exactly on the date of your golden jubilee of marriage you left this world for the heavenly Eternal home.

One year is gone and somehow you are increasingly present in all our lives and abundantly so.

Warmly remembered by your loving wife Sabina Wanjiru Gachihi, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

In God's hands you rest, in our hearts you live forever. Amen

1st Anniversary



Rasiklal Devchand Govindji Shah (Haria)
18/05/1953 - 10/08/2013

Today is 1 year since you left us. For us time has stood still, each hour seems like a day, each day seems like a week and each week seems like a month. The pain and sorrow of losing you is still as raw as on that dreadful day a year ago. People say that time is the best healer, but we are yet to see or feel any of that healing.

Life without you is so difficult, we remember the good times we had with you and this makes us smile everyday. You always looked after us and we know that you still are from above.

Memories of you still keep you near us.

Dearly missed by your mother, wife, children, grand children, brothers & sisters, extended family, friends and the entire staff of Suam Supermarket Ltd and Moi's Bridge Quarry Co. Ltd.

In our hearts you live forever.

Rest in Peace

Though nothing can bring back the hour of
splendor in the grass, or glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find strength in what
remains behind.



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CECAFA KAGAME CUP

Ugandan champs KCCA in action this afternoon seeking to take controll of Group B at the ongoing Cecafta Club Championships in Rwanda. P.50

RUGBY | Nakuru, Mwamba and Catholic University also seal places in the last eight

Form team KCB light up Dala Sevens tourney

Bankers break no sweat with three pool victories to book their place in the quarters

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National Sevens Series defending champions Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) easily booked their ticket to the quarter-finals of the Dala Sevens at Kisumu's Mamboleo Showgrounds yesterday.

The bankers beat Mwamba 12-5 through two tries from Fabian Olando and Jacob Ojee and a single conversion by Ken Moseti.

Teddy Salango scored Mwamba's only try. KCB started their title chase on a high note, humiliating Nondies 31-0 in their first match.

Ian Indumuli gave his team the first try which was converted by Edwin Salamba just five minutes into the game.

At half time the scores stood at 19-0 in favour of the bankers. Olando and

Salamba again gave the defending champions two quick tries with Ken Moseti making one conversion.

Two more tries by Peter Waitere and Dan Mosevi and Salamba's conversion completed the rout.

In their last match of the pool stages, KCB thrashed Technical University of Kenya (TUK) 51-0.

"We are optimistic of holding the title again. Competition is very stiff but we are taking each game at a time," KCB coach Curtis Olago said.

Also through to the quarters were Nakuru, Mwamba and Catholic University.

Nakuru trounced Kenya Harlequin 28-5 thanks to two tries from Philip Awuor and another from Edwin Makori. Nakuru had earlier defeated Egerton University 19-0 before wallowing Daystar University 32-7.

Silenced

Mwamba also silenced TUK 29-0 in their first game. Kulabu led 14-0 at half time with Dan Sikuta and Kevin Kiptui both claiming a hat trick of tries.

In their second game, Mwamba lost narrowly 10-7 to Nondies before hitting Impala 7-0.

Last year's champions Quins also started their title chase on a high note by beating Daystar University 36-5 and following it up with a 36-0 hammering of Egerton University.

Strathmore University Leos on the other hand began the hunt for the title with a 15-12 win over Kenyatta University's Blak Blad, before going on to beat Kabras 33-12 in their match of the pool games.



TOM OTIENO | NATION

Mike Liong of Western Bulls (left) is tackled by Alven Otieno of Homeboyz during their pool match of the Dala Sevens at Mamboleo Showground in Kisumu yesterday.

Woakes strikes for England in fourth Test

Manchester

Chris Woakes took his first wicket of the match as he helped England cope with losing Stuart Broad to injury in the fourth Test against India at Old Trafford on yesterday.

India were 33 for one in their second innings at tea on the third day, still 182 runs behind after England had made 367 in their first innings.

Woakes was given the new ball alongside James Anderson after Broad remained off the field having been hit on the nose by a Varun Aaron bouncer while batting earlier Saturday.

Warwickshire all-rounder Woakes had Murali Vijay lbw for 18 with a ball that cut back into the right-hander.

South African umpire Marais Erasmus took his time before raising his finger with Vijay, who believed he had hit the ball, lingering in the crease.

Replays, however, were inconclusive and, with India objections meaning the Decision Review System was not being used this series, ultimately irrelevant to the fact the tourists were now 26 for one.

367

India's first innings runs in their fourth Test against India at Old Trafford yesterday

Gautam Gambhir was 12 not out and Cheteshwar Pujara three not out at tea.

England's hopes of going 2-1 up in the five-match series, with one to play, appeared to have suffered a setback when fast-medium bowler Broad — who took six for 25 as India were skittled out for 152 in the first innings of this match — was forced to retire hurt when, after hooking two successive Aaron bouncers for six, he missed trying to make it three in a row.

The gap in class between the new-ball duo of Anderson and Broad and back-up seamers Woakes and Chris Jordan had been a concern for England.

But when England most needed him, Woakes stepped up to the mark. (AFP)

Taylor keeps Zimbabwe afloat against South Africa

Harare

Captain Brendan Taylor's unbeaten half-century kept Zimbabwe afloat as they reached tea on 165 for five on the first day of their one-off Test against South Africa at Harare Sports Club.

Taylor was more than equal to everything that South Africa's much-vaunted pace attack threw at him, and went into the break on 60 not out along with Richmond Mutumbami,

who was on 15.

No 1-ranked South Africa had been expected to rifle through ninth-ranked Zimbabwe after the hosts had won the toss and elected to bat, but Taylor and his teammates showed guts and determination to avoid the anticipated massacre.

Dale Steyn did do some damage, however, picking up his 376th and 377th wickets to move past West Indian great Malcolm Marshall on

the list of Test cricket's leading wicket-takers.

Meanwhile debutant Dane Piedt created his own piece of history as he became the 19th Test cricketer to

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Brendan Taylor's unbeaten runs against S Africa at tea break yesterday

pick up a wicket with his very first delivery, which trapped Mark Vermeulen lbw for 14.

Vermeulen's remarkable return to the Zimbabwe side had earlier been confirmed as he made a Test comeback almost eight years after burning down his country's cricket academy.

The offspinner Piedt went on to claim two wickets in three balls during the afternoon session on his way to figures of 3 for 61. (AFP)

BASKETBALL

LeBron James will play his first game against his former team Miami Heat when the Cleveland Cavaliers travel to Brazil in October for the NBA's second ever exhibition game in South America which will be NBA's Global Games series.

FOOTBALL

3-1
AFC Leopards' victory over KRA in a Kenyan Premier League match played at Mumias Sports Complex yesterday.

GOLF

McIlroy closes in on PGA crown

Rory McIlroy was chasing more golf history as the third round of the PGA Championship teed off yesterday with the world number one leading by a stroke at Valhalla. The 25-year-old Northern Irishman could become the fourth-youngest player to win a fourth career major after Young Tom Morris, Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus. McIlroy (right) would be the first man since Pádraig Harrington in 2008 to win two majors in the same year and two in a row.



CRICKET

Sangakkara hits double ton

Veteran Kumar Sangakkara hit a 200-plus score for the 10th time to light up the fourth day's play in the first Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan in Galle on yesterday. Sangakkara, second only behind Australian legend Don Bradman's tally of 12 scores of more than 200, took advantage of the easy-paced wicket to toy with the Pakistan attack for nearly 12 hours. He fell in the post-tea session, stumped off spinner Abdur Rehman.

TENNIS

Roger Federer marked his 33rd birthday by beating David Ferrer for the 15th straight time to reach the semis of the ATP Tour's Toronto Masters tournament on Friday. A sellout crowd sang Happy Birthday to the second seed early in the second set.

GOLD BECKONS ON THE TRACK | Oseso all primed for hammer throw honours tonight

Kenyans plot Kipsiro downfall

Bett, Kirui and Cheruiyot vow to return favour to the Ugandan who floored them at the Glasgow Games

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The Africa Championships in Athletics gets under way in Marrakech today with Kenyan runners eyeing glory in the men's 10,000m final. The country will be hoping to improve on their medal tally and reclaim the overall title they lost to Nigeria at the 2012 Championships in Benin.

Kenya hauled 27 medals; nine gold, nine silver and nine bronze as Nigeria got 10-6-5 from Benin. Kenya expects its first medals not only in men's 10,000m final but also women's hammer throw final.

Will the Commonwealth Games silver medallist Josphat Bett Kipkoech and company stop Uganda's Moses Kipsiro when men's 10,000m final his held in the Moroccan city today?

That is the question Bett, Peter Kirui and Charles Cheruiyot will answer when they line up against Kipsiro in an event where Kenya swept the podium during the previous championships held 2012 in Port Novo, Benin.

The final starts at 9.25pm (Kenyan time).

Championship record time

Kenneth Kipkemoi clocked a championship record time of 27:19.74 to triumph as he guided Mark Kiptoo (27:20.77) and Lewis Mosoti (27:22.54) to a podium sweep.

It's Kipsiro, who broke Kenyan hearts at the line when he sneaked in on the inside to put his chest forward to win in 27:56.11 at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

Bett got silver in a personal best time of 27:56.14. Kirui and Cheruiyot came home fourth and fifth in 27:58.24 (season best) and 27:59.91 (personal best) respectively. Levins Cameroon from Canada, who kicked early to puncture Kenya's strategy in the race, snatched bronze. "It will be a different game in Morocco," vowed Kirui upon leaving for Marrakesh. "Cameroon ruined our strategy in Glasgow when he kicked early forcing us to follow him and he looked strong. We also didn't see Kipsiro sneaking in at the far end."

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Peter Kirui



Uganda's Moses Kipsiro (centre) races ahead of Kenya's Daniel Salel (left) and Titus Mbishei (right) in the 2010 Commonwealth Games 10,000m men final. He won the race and repeated the feat at this year's Glasgow Games. He will be the man to beat today when Kenyans face him in the African Championships 10,000 final in Marrakech. Below: Hammer thrower Linda Oseso.

Kirui said his reaction wasn't good since he should have reduced the pace at the front when Cheruiyot failed to take queue. "We have talked about it and we shall rectify the mistake heading to Morocco for the Africa Championships," Kirui.

Focus on Oseso

The focus will be on Linda Oseso, who reached women's hammer throw finals at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Oseso has her eyes fixed on reaching the medal bracket in women's finals at 9.40pm.

With the 2010 champion David Rudisha missing action, the onus is now on Ferguson Rotich and Evans Kipkorir to erase their poor show in Glasgow with a good show in men's 800m first round. Rudisha settled for silver, losing the battle to Nijel Amos at the Commonwealth Games. Amos will also be in action.

Tera Lagat, who reached the fi-

nals in Glasgow to settle for 11th, Elijah Kimitei and Kiplangat Ruto will be in action in men's long jump qualification.

Kenyan athletes will also feature in both men and women's 100m, and 400m first round and men's 400m hurdles first round.

The 2012 Africa 400m hurdles bronze medallist Boniface Mucheru will also feature.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

(Kenyan time)
11am: 100m first round (women)
12pm: 100m first round (women)
7.45pm: 400m hurdles first round (men)
8.05pm : Long jump Group A and b qualification (men)
8.10pm: 400m first round (women)
8.30pm: 400m first round (men)
9.25pm: 10,000m final (men)
9.40pm: Hammer final (women)



Fury-Chisora grudge fight on in London

London

British heavyweight arch-rivals Tyson Fury and Dereck Chisora have had their grudge match rescheduled for November 22 at London's ExCeL arena, it was announced yesterday.

The two Britons had been due to meet in a rematch in Manchester last month, but that was postponed after Chisora fractured his hand.

"It's been a roller-coaster few weeks, but I'm delighted to say that the fight is definitely on with Chisora and Fury ready to clash on Saturday 22nd November at the ExCeL London," said Promoter Frank Warren.

"It was an extremely unfortunate set of circumstances that caused Chisora to pull out with a fractured hand.

"Despite the setbacks, they were both determined to fight each other and I believe that we could see a genuine old fashioned ring war between them."

Warren had been hoping to set the world title eliminator for October but was troubled by a lack of suitable dates and venues, while also mindful of giving Chisora's hand enough time to recover.

European champion Chisora, who lost on points to Fury when they met in 2011, said: "The important thing is we have a new date for the fight, it's on, and Fury and I will finally give the fans what they want to see, a fight. "What happened with my hand has happened and the timing of the injury was terrible, it couldn't have happened at a worse time and of course Fury had personal issues going on with him.

"I just want to fight Fury, get revenge, beat him good and proper, and move on to fight Wladimir Klitschko for the world title."

Unbeaten Fury, who had been scheduled to fight Alexander Ustinov in Manchester last month following Chisora's withdrawal but pulled out due to his uncle Hughie being taken ill, said: "Chisora is now going to get a beating twice as bad than the one that he was going to get for pulling out.

"All Chisora is to me is an obstacle and I've got to smash through him to get where I want to be and that's fighting for the world title. He's messed me around and now I'm going to make him pay. I'm happy for the fans who will get to see me crush Chisora for the second and final time and send him into retirement." (AFP)

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SWEET VICTORY | Butere ecstatic after beating St John's Kaloleni in girls' final

Green Commandos strike at the death to claim 11th national title

Cool as cucumber Nzuli slots home penalty in stoppage time to down battling Kisumu High

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A stoppage time penalty by Alphonse Nzuli handed hosts Kakamega High School a 1-0 win against battling Kisumu Boys in the football final to secure their 11th title in the sport as the curtains fell on the Airtel Rising Stars Term 2B national games yesterday at a fully packed Bukhungu Stadium.

Kisumu Day had stretched Kakamega's defensive line to breaking point throughout the match with Mohammed Swaleh and Douglas Nyabuto twice coming close but Kakamega goalkeeper Timothy Ojwang, outstanding between the sticks, denied them.

The goalless draw at the end of regular time saw the match proceed to the extra time and appeared destined for a penalty shoot-out before Kisumu Day defender Victor Dianga handled a goa- bound shot from Kakamega captain Harun Nyakha just after the 120th minute.

Nzuli, who has scored in all Green Commandos' five matches in the national competitions, stepped forward and sent the ball to the far left corner of the net with the 'keeper Gad Mathew clearly beaten.

At the final whistle an aggrieved Kisumu Day head coach Dan Otieno blamed the referee for poor judgment, claiming the penalty was not valid.

'Ball found his arm'

"Fifa rules have it that you cannot award a penalty if someone has handled the ball unintentionally. The player was only trying to defend when the ball found his arm," he said. The ball was, however, clearly handled by the Kisumu player.

In the boys' third-place play-offs staged at the Kakamega High School grounds, Aberdare regional champions Passenga walloped Kathungi from Northern region 5-0. Despite their loss, Passenga, who also feature in the Rift Valley Provincial League, will accompany Kisumu Day and Kakamega High School in the East Africa Secondary School Games to be held in Dar es Salaam Tanzania later this month.

In the girls' final match played at the same venue, Mombasa regional champions St John's Kaloleni were left in tears after they lost 2-1 to new national champions Butere Girls. Valentine Ayidi notched a brace in the second half while Jereko Adam, who ended up the tournament's top scorer with 11 goals, scored Kaloleni's consolation goal seven minutes to time. "We have been seeking to lift this trophy for the past seven years and it feels very good to have finally gotten it," said an elated Butere Girls coach George Nasitsi.

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ISAAC WALE | NATION

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale presents the National Secondary Schools Games football trophy to Kakamega High captain Haron Nyakha at Bukhungu Stadium yesterday. Below: Kakamega High players before the final against Kisumu Day. Bottom Left: Butere Girls celebrate their win. Bottom right: Kakamega fans.



Malava volleyball kings, Kwanthanza claim girls' crown

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Malava of Nzoia notched their fourth national volleyball title after toppling last year's runners up Cheptil of Nakuru 3-1 in a tough final in Kakamega yesterday.

In the girls' category, defending champions Kwanthanza of Metropolitan retained their crown after thrashing former multiple title holders Malava of Nzoia 3-2 in a fiercely contested final at the same venue.

In the boys' final, Malava, who have won the East African title four times, secured the first set 25-23 but Cheptil hit back 25-23 in the second set.

Malava walked away with the third set 25-21 and kept their moment to secure the fourth 25-21 and the match.

Malava, sparked through attackers Timon Kimutai and Elphas Makuto, who were time and again set up by booster Kelvin Maiyo, while Cheptil attackers Elvis Lagat and Simon Kipkorir converted vital points with setter Elisha Kipgosgei frequently setting up the spiking duo.

The rivalry between the two volleyball powerhouses dates back to 2007 when Cheptil beat Malava in the national final. Both sides met again in 2009 national final with Cheptil again prevailing.

Malava, coached by Shadrack Tovoko, again met Cheptil in the 2010 final with the former delivering the title.

"It was a very tough national event. Teams played their hearts out and it was difficult to gauge which team would win the final match.

"We shall immediately go for intensive training as we prepare for the regional games," said Malava coach Tovoko.

Cheptil tactician Bitok Kiplagat conceded defeat but promised to deliver the East African title.

"We have lost the national crown but be assured that we shall improve on our weak areas and hope to clinch the regional title," added the visibly disappointed Kiplagat.

3-1

Malava's sets victory over Cheptil in the boys' volleyball final yesterday

During the boys' play-off, title holders Hospital Hill of Metropolitan hammered Githiga from Aberdare 3-0. Hospital Hill, who secured a bronze medal in 2013 regional championships held in Lira, Uganda, beat Githiga in straight sets of 25-20, 25-22 and 26-24.

The victor's Kennedy Limo and Tony Boit were outstanding with their hot spikes, as Githiga's Dennis Ngaruiya Kelvin Mbai prevailed in attacks against their bitter opponents.

"We shall work on our weak areas and hope to perform well in the nationals," said Hospital Hill coach Francis Mwangi.

In the girl's final, Kwanthanza, who defeated 19-times national queens Lugulu of Nzoia in the 2013 final, raced to a two-set lead (25-17, 25-18).

Malava staged a fight back to take the third and fourth sets 25-23 and 25-13 respectively to set up the decisive fourth set. Malava showed the stronger nerves to win 15-13.

Kwanthanza, coached by Justin Gikwari, had Teresa Ewet and Mica Kimwele instrumental in delivering vital points through ruthless attacks, while Malava's Penina Wanyonyi and Angela Chelimo made constant raids against their opponents.

"The girls played to my satisfaction in the final match," said Gikwari.

Posta Rangers rally from behind to floor KAA in Kecoso opening tie

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The 35th edition of the Kenya Communications Sports Organisations (Kecoso) Games began at Kipchoge Stadium in Eldoret yesterday.

In football, Posta Rangers rallied from a goal down to beat Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) 2-1 in the opening match played on a wet pitch.

KAA got an early goal through Nelson Marita in the fourth minute.

Rangers pulled level through Joseph Nyaga in the 10th minute before Edwin Mwaura grabbed the winner in the 38th.

An elated Rangers coach, George Maina, said: "Winning the first match means good things are on the way. We hope to do even better as we play other teams."

In athletics, former Baringo half Marathon champion Hosea Nailail leads a cast of big names lined up



JARED NYATAYA | NATION
Kenya Airports Authority's Samuel Muche (left) battles for the ball with Peter Mwachi of Posta Rangers during their Kecoso match at Kipchoge Stadium in Eldoret yesterday. Posta won 2-1.

for today's 21Km race.

Nailail will battle it out for the title with Hosea Mwok Macharinyang, an athlete who has a wealth of experience in cross country and road racing.

Representing Posta Kenya, Nailail says he is set for a win.

Basketball, volleyball, scrabble and lawn tennis will be staged in various venues across the town.

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George Maina, Posta Rangers coach

KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE | AFC turn on the style to move up to down opponents

Prowling Leopards corner taxmen

Resurgent Ingwe make light work of KRA in Mumias as Western Stima pip City Stars

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AFC Leopards thrashed Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) 3-1 in an entertaining Kenyan Premier League match at the Mumias Sports Complex yesterday.

Jacob Keli opened Ingwe's account when he dribbled past Douglas Okumu and Davies Ochieng before beating KRA goalkeeper Phillip Odhiambo in the 20th minute.

Playing before a capacity crowd, Noah Wafula capitalised on a defensive lapse to tap in a Martin Imbalambala cross to double the lead in the 37th minute.

After the break, KRA's Mohamed Hassan and Evans Anguyo raided the Ingwe half and were rewarded in the 69th minute when they pulled a goal back.

But a quick counter attack resulted in defender Douglas Okumu fouling Keli, leading to a penalty.

Bernard Mangoli easily converted in the 77th minute for a 3-1 lead.

3-1

AFC Leopards' victory over KRA in a KPL match at the Mumias Sports Complex

The tax men however fought back gallantly as strikers Mohammed Hassan, Roosevelt Blaty and Philemon Otieno created numerous scoring chances but were denied by hawk-eyed goalkeeper Martin Musalia.

Leopards could have added a fourth when winger Musa Mudde delivered a superb cross but Humphrey Mieno headed straight to the hands of goalkeeper Phillip Odhiambo.

Lethal striker

The boys played well and we will try to maintain this form going forward. We are still in contention for the title and the journey has just started," said a happy Leopards coach Pieter De Jongh in a post match interview. On his part, KRA tactician Kenneth Kenyatta said the team



MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION
From left: AFC Leopards' Humphrey Mieno, Noah Wafula and Austine Ikenna celebrate a goal, against City Stars during their Kenyan Premier League match at Nyayo stadium on July 23. Leopards beat KRA 3-1 in a league match at the Mumias Sports Complex yesterday.

would have won the match had the strikers converted the numerous scoring chances that came their way. "We created chances but converting them into goals was a big problem," he further noted.

In an earlier match, Western Stima registered a 1-0 victory over City Stars at the

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Pieter De Jongh, AFC Leopards coach

same venue. The victors' lethal striker Job Omuse was on target in the 26th minute after he headed home a cross from Wesley Kemboi, beating Michael Juma on goal.

Stima had a golden opportunity in the 15th minute when Francis Ocholla's defense-splitting pass found unmarked Paul Odhiambo but his weak shot was saved by Juma. After the breather, both coaches made substitutions to revamp their sides that saw City tactician Robinson Ndumbuisi rest striker Simon Ogutu and brought in Levi Muaka, while Stima coach Henry Omino brought in Ahmed Ali for Kevin Okoth in the 70th and 79th minutes respectively.

Stars could have equalised in the 88th minute when Nelson Marasowe challenged George Wesa for the ball in the box only to shoot straight into the hands of advancing custodian Gabriel Andika.

Sony Sugar suffer as AFC bag three points

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Sony Sugar FC and various stakeholders from the sugarcane region are crying foul over Kenyan Premier League's decision to award AFC Leopards three points at their expense.

"Everything about this match wasn't done fairly, including informing us of the venue less than 48 hours to the match. We not only feel hard done by but aggrieved as well," Sony coach Zedekiah Otieno told *Sunday Nation Sport*.

Leopards were awarded the points and a 2-0 win after the Awendo based outfit failed to show up for a league match at the Afraha Stadium in Nakuru last week.

KPL clarified this match was shifted to Nakuru County owing to earlier findings by its Stadium Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) indicating the Green Stadium in Awendo - which is Sony's home ground - is unable to host 'high risk matches', which are any league matches involving Gor Mahia and Leopards.

"The (Sony's) second home ground, Moi Stadium Kisumu, has been given a clean bill of health by SSSC to host only low risk KPL matches and was therefore not an option," a statement by KPL CEO Jack Oguda reads in part.

This decision enabled Leopards to jump two places on the table standings into eighth position, a place ahead of Sony.

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Jack Oguda, KPL CEO



Vital 'O', APR win, favourites El Merreikh fall to shock defeat



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Holders Vital 'O' of Burundi and home team APR both got off their respective title campaigns to a flying start at the ongoing Cecafta Kagame Cup yesterday in Kigali.

Vital 'O' sounded a warning to title rivals with a 5-1 mauling of Somalia's Banadir in a one-sided contest at Amahoro Stadium while a last gasp goal by captain Ismael Nshutinamagara gave APR a hard fought 1-0 win over Burundi's Atletico later on at the same venue. In the second match of the day, Allan Wanga's El Merreikh fell to a shock 0-1 loss to Police of Rwanda.

A disciplined Police side played with bodies behind the ball giving little room

for the Sudanese giants to exploit. Police deservedly grabbed the lead in the 17th minute through Kipson Atuheire's glancing header from Jacques Tuyisenge free kick.

Shot on target

Wanga (left), formerly of AFC Leopards, had a bad day in office failing to fire a single shot on target in the 78 minutes he was on the pitch.

His strike partner Troire Moahedhad had a similarly frustrating afternoon. El Merreikh's Ayman Said earned himself a booking for a heated verbal exchange with Sina Jerome of Police.

"It was the first match and it was important that we win. The victory gives us momentum going forward and we now have to build on this win," Police

coach Casa Mbungu said. Against Banadir, Vital 'O' took the lead in the 15th minute through midfield anchorman Hamad Ndikumana who struck from close range. Banadir managed to restrict Vital 'O' to a 2-0 lead at half time, the second goal having been converted by Mousa Mossi from the spot on the stroke of half time after Pekeyake Tuyisenge had been hacked down in the box.

Vital 'O' would shift gears in the second period with substitute Laudit Mavugo and Shaban Hussein stretching the lead before Leopold Nkurikiye put the icing on the cake in stoppage time.

Banadir's consolation goal came in the 84th minute when Abdi Rizak pounced on a loose ball in the 18 yard area and danced his way past three men to calmly plant the ball into the net.

CECAFA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS | Rayon Sport, Azam also play their second respective matches

KCCA fired up for Telecom clash

Uganda champions out to take control of group following opening day victory over K'Ogalo



BY ISAAC SWILA
in Kigali

After seeing off Gor Mahia in their opening match on Friday, Ugandan champions KCCA will be back in action this afternoon seeking to command of Group B in the Cecafta Club Championships when they tackle Djibouti's Telecom in a 2pm kick off match at Amahoro Stadium.

The Ugandans coached by George 'Best' Nsimbe showed character by rallying from a goal down to subdue Gor Mahia.

Victory over Telecom will greatly enhance KCCA's chances of reaching the quarter finals of the tournament.

Nsimbe is likely to start this match with the destructive forward pairing of Brian Majwega and international Brian Umony. The two strikers came off the bench to score against Gor.

In a post-match interview after Friday's match Nsimbe said his team will not get carried away with that victory over Gor Mahia.

Difficult game

"It was a difficult game against Gor Mahia. They are a big side with a respected coach and to rally from a one goal down and win was remarkable. We now have to stay focused ahead of the match against Telecom. There are no small or big in this competition," said Nsimbe.

Although the Djibouti side is an unknown entity, they cannot be underrated going by the quality of football so far exhibited by South Sudanese debutants Atlabara who held Zanzibar's KMKM to



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Emmad Abdallah of El Merreikh El Fashir (left) contests for the ball with Maxime Sekamana of APR during last year's edition of the Cecafta Kagame Cup. Below: David Nwosou of El Merreikh El Fasher dribbles past Yusuf Ndikumana of Vital 'O' during the same tournament.

a one-all draw in the opening match. Another explosive showdown is expected at 4pm when Tanzanian moneybags Azam clash with KMKM.

Azam, who produced a scintillating performance against host club Rayon Sports a thrilling match that however ended scoreless on Friday, will start as favourites against KMKM.

The Zanzibari side will be wary of Khimis Mcha Khamis and roving defender Mwantika David who were a constant threat against Rayon Sport.

The last match of the evening in the 30,000-seater stadium featuring home team Rayon Sport against Ethiopia's Adamma will definitely attract a huge crowd.

"The mood in the first match against Azam was fantastic. It is the kind of support you need and luckily for us the fans have never disappointed. I hope that on Sunday (today) we will give them reason to be louder after the match," Rayon Sport Belgian coach Jean Francois said.

Today's fixtures: Telecom (Djibouti) v KCCA (Uganda) - 2pm, KMKM (Zanzibar) v Azam (Tanzania) - 4pm, Adamma (Ethiopia) v Rayon Sports (Rwanda) - 6pm



NOTEBOOK

WORLDS APART

A tale of two cities, two different cultures

Life here in Rwanda is so organized. For instance, the transport system is almost faultless unlike the chaos that is Nairobi's public transport system.

Motorcycles (*boda boda*) are the most popular means of transport and are not viewed as a poor man's way of commuting.

But unlike their unruly counterparts in Nairobi, the *Boda Boda* riders of Kigali obey traffic lights even in the dead of the night. Besides, each motorcyclist has his telephone contacts boldly inscribed at the back of his helmet for ease of tracking.

Talk of two cities being worlds apart.

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

English is the lingua franca in Rwanda

Although until recently French and Kinyarwanda were the official languages of Rwanda, I am yet to meet any native or a group of locals conversing in their local dialects.

Even with French gaining popularity in other parts of the world perhaps for the romance and swag that come with its pronunciation, Rwandese have shunned the language former colonial masters. Within their household though, Kinyarwanda is the preferred language of communication. English - a Johnny come lately in this part of the world - is widely used, so communication here has not been a problem.

TONGUE-TWISTER

Ever heard of country called 'Chenya'?

One thing you will notice in Kigali is the long names of places. From Nyamirambo to Akanaririmbo.

That aside, the Kinyarwanda accent is so heavy even among those with a fairly good mastery of the Queen's English. A taxi driver, Anthony Hajenimana, tickled my funny bones when he muttered: "We can't use this *roadi* because of *jamboh*."

Apparently, what my taxi driver friend was alluding to was the traffic snarl-up. So to him jam is *jamboh*. Still in the course of our conversation, he kept referring to Kenya as *Chenya*. The most important thing though was that we could communicate.

GLOBAL VILLAGE

Kigali feels like home away from home

Kenyan companies or institutions associated with the Kenyan market are fast establishing themselves here in Kigali. For instance, Mount Kenya University, one of the newest institutions of higher learning in Kenya, is already making its presence felt here, same as Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

Other companies with a strong presence here are giant chain supermarket Nakumatt as well as Safaricom's money transfer service M-Pesa.

Compiled by Isaac Swila

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KCCA's victory over Gor Mahia in a Group B match of the 2014 Cecafta Club Championship in Rwanda



Eventful night for Ibra as PSG start with draw

Paris Zlatan Ibrahimovic (left) took centre stage as reigning Ligue 1 champions Paris Saint-Germain had to come from behind to claim a 2-2 draw with Reims in the opening game of the new season on Friday.

The Swede, France's leading scorer and standout performer in each of the last two campaigns, scored one goal, was credited with another, and missed a penalty that he had won in a remarkable encounter at the Stade

Auguste-Delaune.

After Ibrahimovic opened the scoring, goals from Prince Oniangue and Antoine Devaux had unfancied Reims in front at half-time in Champagne country, but Ibrahimovic saw parity restored in the second period when his cross was palmed across the line by home 'keeper Johnny Placide.

It was not the ideal start to the season for the capital club, but coach Laurent Blanc had warned that PSG would need time to find their feet with a host of leading players only recently beginning

their preparations after taking holidays in the wake of the World Cup. And starting slowly is nothing new for PSG, who have now failed to win their opening match in any of the four seasons since Qatar Sports Investments began their revolution at the club in 2011.

"I thought my team played well. My only reproach is that they didn't kill the game off inside the first 20 minutes," Blanc told beIN Sports television.

"We expected it to be difficult and we didn't get the result we wanted but it is encouraging for the future." (AFP)

WEMBLEY SHOWDOWN | Wenger's men tackle champions Man City in season's curtain raiser

Arsenal harness Community spirit

Gunners believe they are now 'credible title challengers' after strengthening squad

London

Indicated by their FA Cup triumph, Arsenal approach today's Community Shield face-off with Manchester City buoyed by the belief that they are now credible challengers for the Premier League title.

May's 3-2 win over Hull City ended a long and painful nine-year trophy drought for the North London club, and as they return to Wembley Stadium, Arsenal are setting their sights on even bigger prizes.

Manchester City's 6-3 win over Arsenal last term exposed the big-game frailties that were to fatally undermine Arsene Wenger's side's title pursuit, but with a trophy under their belts at last, there is renewed belief at the Emirates Stadium this season.

ARSENAL VS MAN CITY
Wembley Stadium (5pm)



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Arsenal's Jack Wilshire during their Emirates Cup clash with AS Monaco on August 3. Gunners face Manchester City at Wembley this afternoon.

"There's been a little bit of negative media (coverage) regarding Arsenal not winning things over the years, but the whole way through that, since I've been at the club, we've always believed that it will happen soon," midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain told journalists this week.

"So the fact it did happen (winning the FA Cup), I don't know if it was a relief, but it was just a really nice reward for the hard work and the togetherness that we've had to show for a little while.

"It does start winning momentum and once you know you can win a competition like that, it gives you confidence to go into games and into competitions thinking you can win and expecting to go far."

Sunday's encounter in the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season has been given an edge by Wenger's decision to publicly query City's conduct during the close-season transfer window.

The Arsenal manager wondered aloud if Frank Lampard's arrival on loan from City's sister club New York City was an attempt by the Premier League champions to contravene Uefa's Financial Fair Play rules.

He then appeared to suggest that City had illegally opened talks with new signing Bacary Sagna, the French right-back, while he was still an Arsenal player.

His comments were dismissed by City manager Manuel Pellegrini, who said: "I think as managers, we have enough problems with our own teams to be talking about other teams."

In any case, neither Lampard nor Sagna will be involved on Sunday, as they are among eight City players who are still working their way back to full fitness ahead of the start of the league season on August 16.

Sergio Aguero, Pablo Zabaleta, Martin Demichelis, Fernandinho and captain Vincent Kompany are unavailable due to their involvement in the latter stages of the World Cup.

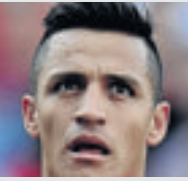
Spanish striker Alvaro Negredo is sidelined with an injury. (AFP)

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Here are 5 questions to ponder this afternoon

FA Cup holders Arsenal face Premier League champions Manchester City in the Community Shield today. Here are five talking points heading into the traditional curtain raiser to the top-flight season in England.

■ **Will Sanchez make a good first impression?:** Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger splashed out £35 million on Chile forward Alexis Sanchez in the hope the former Barcelona star can provide the kind of game-changing brilliance that can turn a team from title pretenders into serious contenders for the English crown.



In the absence of the injured Theo Walcott, the 25-year-old is likely to start on the right wing, where he has been deployed for much of his career.



■ **Can Toure have his cake and eat it?:** Yaya Toure was the colossus at the heart of City's surge to the title last

season, but the Ivory Coast midfielder heads into the new campaign with concerns over his commitment to the champions after a series of disputes. Despite suggestions he was trying to engineer a move back to his old club Barcelona, Toure is adamant he wants to stay, but actions will speak louder than words at Wembley.

■ **'New Adams' Chambers must justify Wenger's faith:**

Wenger continued to plunder Southampton for young English talent when he paid £16 million deal to sign Calum Chambers in pre-season, then immediately added to the weight of expectations on the teenage defender's shoulders by hailing his new acquisition as the next Tony Adams. Wenger sees Chambers as a heir to Adams, whose defensive acumen and passion made him an Arsenal legend, and has already moved the youngster to centre-back in pre-season matches.



■ **Fernando aims to be a City slicker:** City fans should get their first glimpse of the man nicknamed

'the Octopus' as Fernando prepares for his debut in the midfield holding role. Signed from Porto, Fernando earned his memorable label after he continually dispossessed Cristiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney during a Champions League match against Manchester United in 2009. More of the same in a City shirt this weekend would quickly endear the Brazilian to his new team.

■ **Jovetic back in the firing line:** Plagued by injury last season, Stevan Jovetic endured a frustrating first campaign in the Premier League, but the striker is back to full fitness. Given the chance to start while Sergio Aguero and Alvaro Negredo recover from injuries, Jovetic has already scored four times in City's warm-up matches, prompting Pellegrini to say: "If he's fit all year, he will be a very important player for us."



Mourinho admits Lamps impossible to replace

London

Jose Mourinho (left) admits it will be impossible to find a replacement for Chelsea legend Frank Lampard.

Lampard was released by the Blues at the end of last season and has since signed for new MLS franchise New York FC, while also agreeing to play for Manchester City on loan until his new club start training in January.

The 36-year-old established himself as one of Chelsea's all-time greats dur-

ing his 13-year stay at Stamford Bridge, becoming the club's record goalscorer and winning the Champions League, Europa League, Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup.

Mourinho knows Lampard's departure has left a significant hole in his squad, and the Blues manager claims even new signing Cesc Fabregas won't be able to replace the England international on his own.

Speaking to Rio Ferdinand for BT Sport, Mourinho said: "Frank is Frank, he is irreplaceable. No chance.

"Fabregas is the player we need to modify a little bit the profile of our game. We want to give the next dimension to our game in midfield.

"But I think we can never say - in spite of Cesc, who is a fantastic player as you know - that, 'This guy is coming to replace Frank', because Frank is Frank. "One day he will be alongside Peter Osgood in terms of a statue being built for him, because he's fantastic." (AFP)

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THE LAW | The law allows private pension funds to opt out and run their own schemes

Teachers push for their own pension scheme

Knut sec-gen Wilson Sossion says teachers are determined to have a scheme where their money will be safe

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Teachers are pushing the government to allow them have their own pension scheme as opposed to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF).

Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) secretary-general Wilson Sossion said teachers are determined to have an improved pension scheme that will cater for their interests.

"We have already made it clear that we will not join NSSF because we do not want to put our money where we are not sure it is safe," Mr Sossion told

the *Sunday Nation*. He maintained that the NSSF Act was rushed and stakeholders were not consulted before it was passed into law.

"We do not even know who generated that Bill and we are not part of the Act and will not support it," said Mr Sossion. Knut now joins universities that have also opposed the new scheme saying they want to remain in their own, which they describe as better.

According to Universities Academic Staff Union (Uasu) deputy secretary-general Jacob Musembi, Kenyans have a right to choose a pension scheme of their choice.

"The government should not force us as to join NSSF just because the scheme belongs to it. We are in a scheme where we cumulatively contribute 30 per cent; now you are forcing us to join a scheme involving 12 per cent. We want to be exempted from this NSSF scheme," said Mr Musembi.

However, Retirement Benefits Authority supervision manager Charles Machira said that it will be hard for teachers to opt out of the NSSF scheme, noting that they are under



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Knut secretary-general Wilson Sossion (left) at a recent press conference. He says teachers will not be party to the State pension scheme.

the civil servants' pension scheme which is non-contributory.

The Act allows private pension funds to opt out and continue receiving members' contributions above the statutory minimum of Sh360 a month.

However, NSSF chairman Adan Mohamed has maintained that it is mandatory for public servants to join NSSF but will be allowed to run their own schemes.

Mr Mohamed said that NSSF was not opposed to any amendment of the Act, noting that stakeholders can petition the board, Cabinet Secretary or Parliament. Knut chairman Mudzo Nzili said that the government rushed the passing of the law without proper consultations. Several unions have opposed the requirement that all

public servants contribute to the NSSF scheme. "We have about 10 million Kenyans who work while it is only about 300,000 that are in the pension scheme. We have come in to ensure that the rest of Kenyans also benefit," said Mr Mohamed.

Already, more than 120 employers have applied to retain a larger proportion of their employees' retirement contributions in private pension schemes, away from the State-run fund. NSSF's investment portfolio now stands at Sh135 billion compared to Sh110 billion in 2012.

Meanwhile, Mr Sossion, speaking in Bomet, urged the government to implement the return-to-work formula it signed with teachers in July last year.

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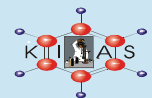
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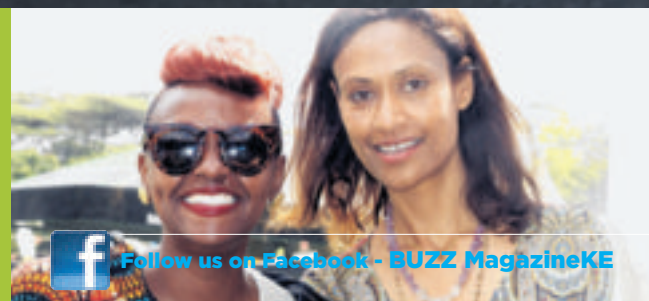


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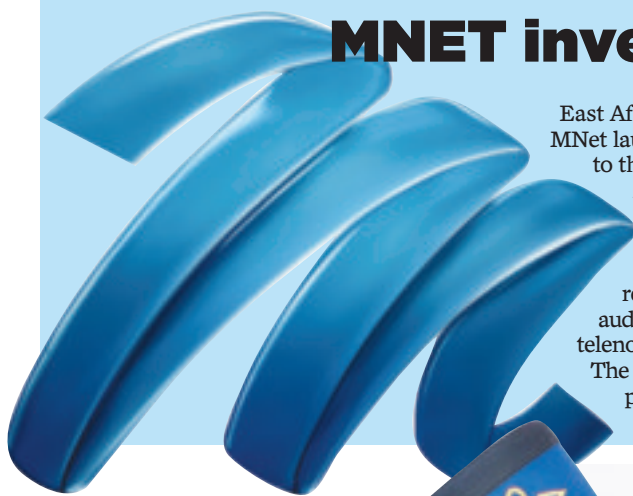
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Jaguar in South Africa to shoot video

Singer Jaguar has travelled to South Africa to shoot the video for his new song, "One centimeter". This is in an effort to take his music career to the next level. Jaguar left Nairobi for Capetown on Thursday morning to shoot the video with Godfather Productions, one of the most sought-after video production houses. Some of the top African acts like P'Square, Flavour, Mafikozolo, Bracket and Davido have worked with Godfather Productions. The company also directed Jimmy Gait's video, "Makekes".

MNET invests Sh1.5 billion in the region



East Africa has a reason to smile as MNet launched a channel dedicated to the region on Monday. "Maisha Magic" will predominantly feature East African content, with some international programming that have resonance with East African audiences, such as Latin American telenovelas. The programming will encompass multiple genres including

sitcom, reality, drama and music. At the launch, MNet announced it has pumped in millions of dollars in establishing major production studios that will help boost the country's film and TV industry.

Mnet has already funded the production of 56 local films and they are expecting to produce 56 more.

The project has seen nine production houses tapped to shoot the films which in turn, according to Mnet, has created over 600 jobs.

The movies will be screened on the Maisha Magic channel.

AY and Victoria at the White House

East Africa's music industry was well represented at the US-Africa Summit by singers Victoria Kimani from Kenya and Ambwene Yessayah, 'AY', from Tanzania. The two joined other African musicians at the White House when the summit started last week. The rest of the musicians included D'Banj, Femi Kuti and Omawumi from Nigeria, Buffalo Souljah from Zimbabwe, Fally Ipupa from Democratic Republic of Congo, Judith Septhuma from South Africa, and Wax Dey from Cameroon. The artistes held advocacy meetings with high level US officials, Washington Fellows from the Obama administration's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) and members of Congress. They also performed during the event at the Newseum, including the collaboration song "Cocoa Na Chocolate", which promotes agriculture across Africa. Manchester City's soccer star, Yaya Toure, was also in the team attending the historic summit.



J Blessing in the us to graduate from film school

Music video director J Blessing is currently in the US for his graduation from film school. Blessing will be in Washington until the end of the month when the graduation will be held. "After registering in film school two years ago, I have been studying online and I'm just here to finish what I started," he told Showbuzz. Blessing owns one of the most sought-after video production houses in Kenya, Link Videos, which has produced some of the best music videos in East Africa.

Mejja leaves Calif Records

Top Genge artiste, Mejja, has left Calif Records. Speaking to Showbuzz, Mejja said he had no differences with the Genge home's boss, Clemmo, and would be happy to work with him in future. "The only problem is that music is no longer a priority for Clemmo and I felt that it was time for me to move on and work with other people," he told Showbuzz. Mejja has been spotted at Red Republik studios owned by DJ Stylez and his brother Madtraxx a number of times. "I'm working on a few projects with Madtraxx, and my music will now be released from his stable," said Mejja.

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Wizkid wants beef with Davido

Looks like the beef between Nigeria's top artistes Wizkid and Davido is far from over. The two have been exchanging venom on social media over who attracts the largest crowd during their concerts. The two are currently in the US doing shows in different states. On Thursday, Wizkid dismissed Davido on social media, saying that he is trying to seek attention instead of making Nigeria's name shine. Davido, has however said that he still supports and follows Wizkid's music, and is not interested in beef.

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BUZZ: This isn't your first time in Kenya is it?
No, I'm running out of space in my passport, I have to get a new one.

Why are you in Kenya?

I'm here because the Human Needs Project Town Centre is opening, there is also the P&G Wash Centre but the main project is really about water for Kibera. It's completely clean water and we can serve about 10,000 people a week and that will be a big change for a lot of people in Kibera. One woman from our focus group in Kibera was quoted as saying water is life but in Kibera water is also death, I thought that was a very fitting description. We are also providing sanitation, connection to the internet and any information about public health issues, so it becomes a one stop centre.

How do you like Kenya so far?

I love Kenya, I always have. I came here for the first time 20 years ago; it has a special place in my heart.

Have you watched any Kenyan movies?

You know what? I literally work from early morning till late at night. I haven't had time because I'm always working when I'm here.

You starred alongside Kevin Costner in *3 Days to Kill*, how was it working with him?

Wonderful! Kevin Costner is a real gentleman; he's a very old fashioned guy in a good way. He's kind hearted, incredibly smart, and a consummate professional. I cannot say enough wonderful things about him, he's a wonderful family man and he loves his kids.

You have starred in so many movies, which one stands out?

That would be unfair, that would not be kind. But I had a really wonderful experience going back home to Denmark and shooting the movie *Brothers*. It was a special experience for me. Every movie is an incredible journey, you discover and explore parts of yourself through the character every time and you get to do it with incredible artists.

You are the lead actress in *The Following* season two, were you a fan of the show before you joined the cast?

I had never seen it, when they called me I had no idea what it was. I cannot watch anything scary, every time I read the script and came to the scary parts I jumped over them.

How did you prepare for that dark role?

I think one of the things that is really scary about scary people is that they are more charming, nice and sort of fetching than normal people. I've met my share of psychopaths so I was able to source it directly to my life.

How long have you been acting?

Since I was 15: I just turned 50 so it's a long time.

Is there anything that you know now that if you had known then you would have done differently?

I think that acting is everything I thought it is a way of empathising with human beings, so I use my heart and my soul to treat a character with love whether it's a good or bad person. I really think my approach to acting is pretty much the same as it was then, it's always been the same quest, trying to be cou-

rageous, honest, truthful and filled with joy.

There is no commonality in the roles that you have played in television and movies, why is that?

I love to explore, I'm not here to be famous, to figure out a successful character and play that character again and again. I truly like to disappear into my world; I like it when people say I didn't realise that was you. That's my biggest compliment.

Hollywood is leaning towards making roles for actors and actresses in their 20's and 30's, do you think there are any interesting roles left for more seasoned actors in their 40's and 50's?

Yes. I think that it has been like that for a long time but I think it's definitely changing. Television is dominated by women and that is, women who are of advanced age but it's doing even more interesting things than movies are. The fact is women buy more theatre tickets and they are the biggest viewers of television therefore we are the market and must cater to it.

Have you done any roles that you were a little hesitant to let your children watch?

Absolutely. I always say to my kids, do not watch my movies either because I do whatever I need to do for my characters and they go like, no problem. My oldest son is 24 and when he was a teenager his friends would ask, that's your mum? She's hot! He was mortified when he was a teenager, but he quickly learned that it's not his life it's mine. He really respects that, all my kids are great supporters of my work.

You did a movie called *Nymphomaniacs*, let's talk about that.

I haven't watched it. But people tell me it was very good.

Why?

I never watch my movies because I'm afraid I will start censoring myself, and I want to come at something with honesty, I don't want to come at it and be scared. Fear is a good thing if you want to be smart about a lot of things but not when it comes to creativity.

Being a Hollywood star, is it easy for you to be swallowed up by the glitz and glamour?

No, I don't live there. I live both in New York and San Francisco. I live completely away from the business. Like every mother, I take my kids to school, I make play dates and I cook for them. I'm very much a mum. One of the richest experiences of my life has been motherhood.

Between television and the big screen, which is your greatest love?

Alright, I love movies. (Laughs) You know what I do like about television? That you really get the time to explore a character, sometimes the writers drive you nuts and you are like, wait, I thought my character was this last week and now all of a sudden she's doing that? Then you're struggling to keep up but then again that really makes it exciting.

Are you doing any movie now?

Yes, I just wrapped up *The Runner* with Nicholas Cage last week. Cage's

character is somebody who deals with stress by running. I play Cage's wife, he's the politician but she is the mastermind. He is a very flawed person but also has some really great ideas. You get to understand how difficult it is to be a politician, you can't please everybody and you have to create a compromise between serving your constituents and also moving different agendas forward.

Have you ever had a role that affected you even after wrapping it up?

For a couple of weeks after I finish shooting there's that moment of devolution where I am letting go of a character. Sometimes it's been more difficult than others. My family has to live with whatever accent I'm carrying for that time, so they are just happy when I make the transition.

You speak seven languages; will you be making Swahili your eighth?

I've been trying because I really want to speak Swahili. My sister-in-law came with a friend who is a photographer and in two days he got like 20-30 words and he knows when to use them. When I'm here my brain is so focused on getting this centre up and running there is no space for learning a new language.

What was the most significant step in your career?

Moving to America, it made that difference in my career. In Europe each country makes maybe one or two good movies a year so the volume of film is very small. It's really hard to maintain yourself at a certain level of work.

Who are the most incredible people you have worked with?

When I knew I was going to work with Joaquin Phoenix in *Gladiator* I was really excited to meet him and you look back over this guy's career, he is truly an extraordinary actor. I'm so proud of him and I'm really happy to call him my friend.

Do you know of any Kenyan actors?

Yes, Lupita Nyong'o and the artist Teto Tutuma. He is an amazing musician, he's very cool.

With a career spanning over three decades, Hollywood actress Connie Nielsen has played eclectic roles from *Gladiator*, *Boss* and *The Following* and still be humble. She spoke to JOSEPHINE MOSONGO



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TOP 5 RNB 1. FANCY - IGGY AZALEA FEATURING CHARLIE XCX
2. ALL OF ME - JOHN LEGEND 3. WIGGLE - JASON DERULO FEAT
SNOOP DOGG 4. HAPPY - PHARELL WILLIAMS 5. TALK DIRTY
- JASON DARULO FEAT 2 CHAINS



Securing the party

As more and more people flock to the growing number of outdoor concerts on offer, **BONIFACE MWALII** takes a look at the security measures at these events.

When Mick Jagger and The Rolling Stones rolled into California for the final leg of their highly successful 1969 United States tour, they intended only to share their good times with the 300,000 people who attended the free concert. Instead, that August, they left California with the unflattering label of hosting one of the most poorly secured concert events in American history.

Their mistake? The rock n' roll legends assigned the crucial task of security management to a local vigilante-type outfit, The Hells Angels. The result was a chaotic episode of violence and lawlessness that culminated with one of the enforcers stabbing a concert attendee to death.

The investigations and court trial would later determine that the incident was a case of "justifiable homicide" and that the "Angel" had every reason to believe his life was in danger. Footage from the audience showed the victim, Meredith Hunter,

who was reportedly high on illegal drugs, approaching the stage and brandishing a pistol.

To this day, the Altamont Concert altercation remains a classic example of the importance of having appropriate security measures at concert events. The incident bears all the markers of a poorly thought out security management strategy; from unqualified personnel to poor crowd control mechanisms, drugs, weapons and the inevitable outcome of an unmitigated tragedy.

Rather fortunately, such devastating incidences are few and (very) far between in the Kenyan concert space. In fact with the exception of the 2004 stampede that left three people dead at a concert in Nairobi and a select reggae events, there have hardly been any major security related occurrences at local music events.

But in the absence of disaster, it would appear that even the most basic security concerns are at worst ignored but mostly

unknown to most event organisers. The result is that pick-pocketing, violence, drug abuse, thuggery and car break-ins have become an almost permanent feature of the many concerts and social events that have become increasingly popular among the Kenyan youth.

Last weekend's Hakuna Matata Festival in Kiambu started off well but when the numbers started growing, so too did the number of incidences of people having their handbags, watches and other valuables snatched from them. It was obvious the private security agents deployed were overwhelmed by the numbers and could not secure the place.

The car park area was pitch black, which gave the thugs an opportunity to carry out heinous acts unabated and the rugged terrain was fantastic for them when it came to disappearing after they attacked.

While many concert planners direct most of their attention to securing their

entrances in the interest of safeguarding anticipated revenues, few are keen to address the numerous other potent causes of concern within and around the event venue.

According to Willis Ojal, Executive Services Manager at KK Security Group, security planning for events begins and ends with numbers. "The biggest mistake most event organisers make is failing to account for the numbers anticipated." He adds, "With most events, organisers are eager to get as many people walking through the door without taking into consideration the corresponding logistical and infrastructural requirements."

Choice of venue for instance is directly determined by attendance projections. While a venue might be suitable for a certain type of event, the eventual selection is ultimately determined by the size of crowd expected.

"Without proper consideration, choice of venue can prove to be a risk in itself," explains Willis. "The decision to move the Safaricom Sevens from the Kenya Rugby Football Union grounds to the Nyayo National Stadium for example was because the venue could no longer handle the growing numbers."



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At the same time, growth in numbers exponentially alters the level of scrutiny required at a particular event. And the more crowded an event, the higher the security risks involved. "Pick-pockets, muggers and all other kinds of petty criminals thrive in congested spaces so it's based on this criteria that security deployments are normally done."

with the organisers to do a risk assessment of the event where we put all these factors into consideration before giving a recommendation on the necessary measures that ought to be put in place," he explains.

In these times of terror, the need to guarantee the safety of party goers be they in Machakos, Nairobi or Kiambu is one that demands specific attention and the surging numbers of young people in search of the next big party experience only underscores this even further. Going by this trend, sooner or later we will get to that 300,000 attendance mark and we can only hope security will be a top priority.

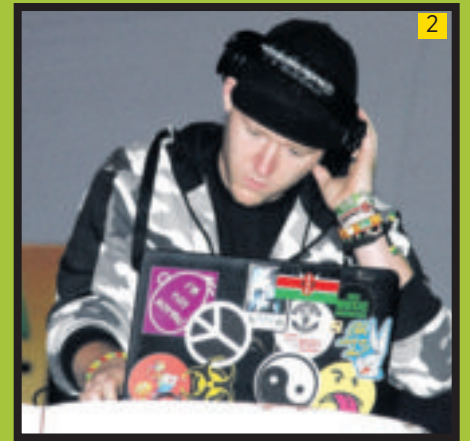
And as with most other things, event security is not only based on the quantities of people or space involved. Intangible attributes such as location also come into play. "There are different things to consider when thinking about an event at the Carnivore Gardens vis-a-vis another at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre." In this case, one would need to consider whether the event is open air or an indoor activity, night vs day and so on. But when it comes down to it, ensuring the security of an event eventually boils down to how effectively the parties involved are able to put in place the necessary buffers to safeguard against all potential risks. "What we normally do is have a discussion



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1. Singer Muthoni the Drummer Queen on stage at the Blankets and Wine monthly event held at the Carnivore.
2. DJ. Case at the Hakuna Matata Festival.
3. Singer Wendy Kimani on stage
4. DJ Stylez on set at the Hakuna Matata Festival held last week at Migaa, Kiambu County.
5. DJ Creme joins the fans at the Hakuna Matata Festival.



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With an increase in fashion bloggers, make-up artists, professional stylists, fashion photographers, a multitude of fashion designers paired with a fast growing consumer market that now appreciates and understands the importance of tailored garments, the fashion industry in Africa has been rapidly growing for the past few years. Add to this the easily accessible information on trends, luxury goods, new innovations and the result is what has commonly been referred to as fashion's final frontier.

Africa, however, still has a long way to go in setting up systems that work well for us such as general sizes, mass production, marketing and sales both locally and internationally. Enter "FA254", a company that describes itself as "the entrance door to the finest beauty of Africa". On a journey to embrace the elegance and exquisite taste of African Luxury, FA254 discovers and promotes new talents in order to rebrand Africa through young and creative minds to help celebrate contemporary African richness and creativity.

The company was started by Kenyan born, Waridi Schrobsdorff who has built herself a thriving career in the international fashion business. She has been working as a model and involved in the fashion world since she was 24 years. She moved to Berlin in 1993 and has been living there since.

By developing and running a bag label, she has also experienced the challenges on the creative side. One of her goals is to question how progress can be made and to encourage a positive attitude of believing in the possibility of change.

In that regard, FA254 launched "African Designers for Tomorrow" in July, which is the first international platform to give emerging African designers a door to European Market. The competition will shine a spotlight on some of Africa's brightest young talent at a time when the African luxury goods are becoming increasingly popular and marketable on the world stage.

Young African apparel, accessories and home decoration designers based in Kenya are encouraged to submit a portfolio of their work to FA254's website (www.fa254.com) by August 20, 2014 to have the chance to take their work to the next level.

"I'm very excited to call upon young Africans to share their talent with the world, we have so many talented young people who deserve the recognition," says Waridi Schrobsdorff. The competition features an international jury chaired by Vogue Germany chief editor Christiane Arp. The winner will have the chance to present their collection at the Berlin Fashion Week 2015 and an opportunity to produce their product with internationally renowned fashion companies.

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Pupils from Little Rock Inclusive ECD Kibera, Nairobi County, pose for a photo during the opening of the Kenya Schools and Colleges National Music Festival at Coast Girls High School, Mombasa.

Fun and talent at the music festivals

By ANTHONY NJAGI
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The performance of nursery schools at the Kenya Music Festivals in Mombasa County was eye-catching. The children, who performed in the first two days of the event, overwhelmed the audience with their colourful singing games and poetry. Their performances preceded those of

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birthday wishes



BARAKA GITONGA MWONGERA
Happy ninth birthday Baraka. May you continue to grow in the love of Christ Jesus just like you have shown to be. May God's favour, peace, joy and wisdom be your portion all the days of your life.

Much love from dad Mwongera, mum Kendi, baby bro Tush, grandparents, aunties, uncles, relatives and all our friends.

MARY NJAMBI MWANGI

You are now eight years old. May you bloom to be a gracious girl. Above all, may you grow into a woman of unshakable faith in God. Happy wishes from your loving mom and dad, grandma Mary Njambe and auntie Irene.



BAKHITA AGIZA

Lady, how times flies. Today, as we thank God for the 10 years He has granted you, we pray that may He still keep watching over you and guide your every single step. Best

wishes from Pash, Gigi, Forti, Mexi, Chelli, Kris, Eubi, Leo, Angie, Venni, Helena, Jack and grandma Eunice.

LEONA NYAWIRA MAINA

Happy Birthday you are now eight years old. May you grow to be a God fearing girl. Best wishes from dad Anderson, mum Njeri, sister Diana, and all friends from Peace Junior Academy.



STACY WAMBUI GICHUKI

Happy birthday Stacy. Your smile and happiness has always brought joy to us. As you turn three years old may you live to be a God fearing girl and have a great future.

Send your birthday messages and photos to Birthday Wishes, Young Nation, P.O. Box 49010, 00100 Nairobi, or email to yn@ke.nationmedia.com



letters

KEEP THE RIGHT FRIENDS THIS HOLIDAY

Friends are there to build or destroy us. The decision lies in our hands. Good company will help us achieve positive results in whatever we take part in while bad friends will lead us to bad behaviours. This at the end leads to getting into trouble with our teachers and parents.

There is also a saying that show

me your friend and I will tell you the kind of person you are. In order to be successful in life keep good friends who can guide and motivate you to be the best you can. So, this holiday let's keep company with good friends.

**GEORGINA AJUMA,
LUGULU GIRLS, WEBUYE**

Quotes...

1))When one door of happiness closes, another opens; But often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

-Helen Keller

2))Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

-Herman Cain

3))The only man who never

makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.

-Theodore Roosevelt

4))For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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It's August holidays again...What are your plans for the holiday and which school do you represent?

Sammy Kenya Mnyama: i will be visiting my grand father and spending my time in reading novels. From Shiners Boys,Nakuru.

Clive Symplagades Branda: My plans are to work on my weaknesses and I rep Menengai High School,Nakuru

Fedality Mukiss: My plans as a candidate is to do thorough revision and

spend more time studying than before to raise my grades higher and higher.I represent Naromoru Boys High School.

Dee Becky Dee: I spend more time reading and travelling. I rep Murray Girls' Gigh School.

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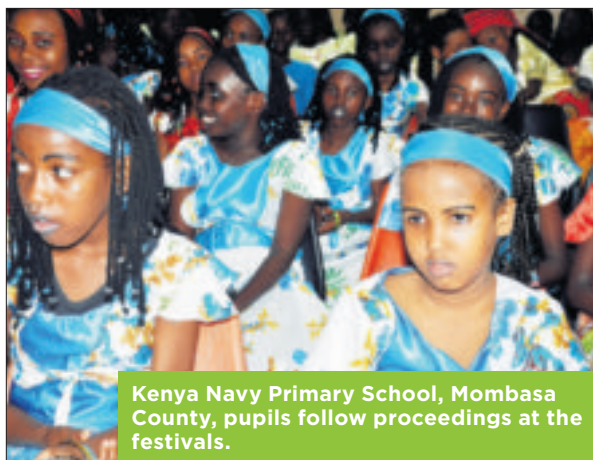




Fun and talent at the music festivals



Vitale HGM, Makueni county, rehearsing at the venue.



Kenya Navy Primary School, Mombasa County, pupils follow proceedings at the festivals.



Pupils from Aga Khan Primary School, Nairobi county, do their thing.

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primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities.

The children presented singing games from Western countries and from Africa. The games are a representation of childhood, and the gaiety and vigour that goes with it.

Participants are having a good time visiting the world famous beaches of Mombasa after performances. Security is not an issue as the government has provided enough officers to guard the venues and the visitors.

As usual, Gilgil Nursery from Nakuru county dominated in the Western dance category. The pupils have been doing it for the last five years, and they do not seem to be stopping soon. They wore a splendourous costumes with the theme of the Kenyan flag, which was very appropriate.

Little Rock of Nairobi Metropolitan also impressed, singing *King and Queen*, which was the theme song of the category, while Damacrest Academy from the Aberedare Region also did well.

The winners

Gilgil Academy, Epen Academy, and St Pauls from the lake region, were the winners in this category. Their performances were well choreographed and their costumes and presence were up-to-par. Their voices were also melodious and their sets were detailed.

There was an interesting set poem entitled Grandmother's Pussycat. The nursery rhyme talks about the story of a girl who meets a cat in a shop. The cat has been given money by grandmother to buy milk, but it intends to steal the milk and use the money for other purposes.

Emily Wanjiru, the golden girl of the festival,

impressed with her performances, this time reciting a choral in praise of teachers, titled Mwalimu.

Emily is the girl who touched President Uhuru's heart last year with her choral verse, *Mvua Hii*, in which she highlighted the plight of children who live in slums. For her performance last year, the president awarded her and her family with a three bed-roomed house.

Preparations

Schools have invested a lot in this festival. The buses were colourful and spacious.

Meanwhile, the categories, by primary schools, that attracted sponsors from the corporates were very well represented. This is probably due to the incentives involved. The categories attracted many participants. The sponsors included Nacada, on own compositions about drug abuse, Kenya Tourism Board. Brand Kenya, Amnesty International (about human rights) Ethics and Anticorruption Commission, among others.

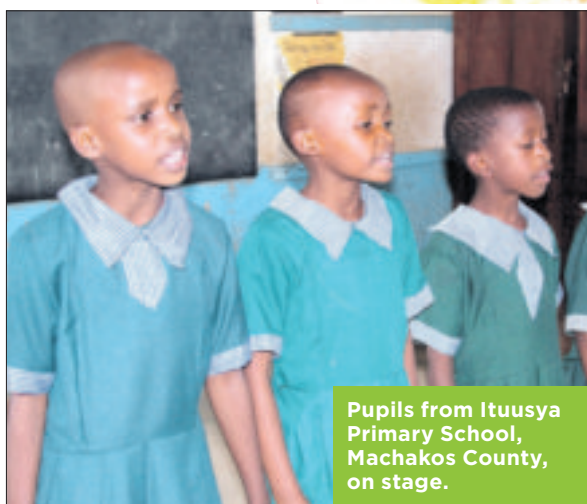
Brookfield Academy from Nyeri county won in the Own Composition song category sponsored by Unilever.

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Kenya Navy Primary School, Mombasa County, presents a folk dance.



Pupils from Carol Academy, Nakuru county, display their trophy.



Pupils from Ituusya Primary School, Machakos County, on stage.





it's story time

ONE GOOD DEED ATTRACTS ANOTHER



Long long time ago, the vulture and the ant lived together. They owned a small piece of land which they tilled together.

Their children played together too.

There was a problem, however. Vulture was becoming lazy and wicked by the day. He preferred to fly around and eat from other people's sweat.

Ant noticed this behaviour and he was not happy about it. He kept quiet because he did not want to hurt his friend's feelings.

Got tired

It wasn't long before ant got tired of his friend's act and decided to disassociate

himself from vulture.

Watching this troubled relationship from a distance was the snake.

She knew of vulture's character and his wickedness. She remembered vividly how vulture had once tried to eat her children and it's ant who had alerted her.

It wasn't long before vulture's sources of food were exhausted. Ant could hear none of vulture's plea for food.

Vulture came up with a plan to break into ant's granary and steal his food. Snake overheard him mumbling to himself thinking no one was hearing him. She knew this was the day to repay ant's good deed.

He went and hid under ant's granary.

When darkness fell, vulture attacked the granary. Plenty of food everywhere. Just when he had started picking his share, snake jumped on him. A huge fight ensued and as expected snake won. Ant watched in shock wondering why snake was fighting for him.

Ant thanked snake and asked why he had decided to save his granary. Snake answered: "Ant, one good deed attracts another. You helped me, now it's my turn to help you."

Vulture ran away in embarrassment to a far away place never to be seen hovering around.

By Moraa C Mogire



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.

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did you know?

THE LARGEST KNOWN DESERT LOCUST SWARM

The desert locust (*Schistocerca gregaria*) is a species of locust which has threatened agricultural production in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia for centuries.

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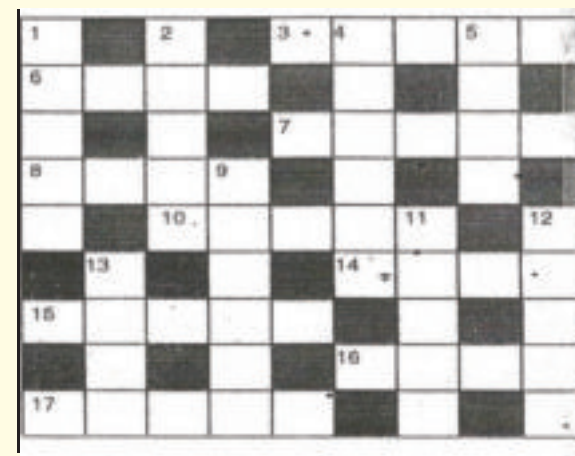
They can cover from 100 to 200 kilometers in a day, and will fly up to about 2,000 meters above sea level. In 1954, a swarm flew from northwest Africa to Great Britain. In 1988, another made the lengthy trek from West Africa to the Caribbean.

A single swarm can cover up to 1200 square kilometers and can contain between 40 and 80 million locusts per square kilometer. The largest known swarm covered 1,036 km, and comprised approximately 40 billion insects. Each locust can eat its weight in plants each day, so a swarm of such size would eat 192 million kilograms of plants every day. Owing to the destructive habits of these locusts, they have been a representation of famine in many cultures and movies such as, *The Mummy* and *The Bible*.

The locust can live between three to six months.



crossword



ACROSS

3. Often preceding a date; approximately
6. An assistant to a senior military officer
7. Another term for "potassium Nitrate"
8. A curved structure supporting bridge, floor etc.
10. The inner and larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle
14. Turn or cause to turn or whirl around quickly
15. A person who has no religious beliefs
16. A shrub of rose family with grey green leaves and pinkish-white
17. Birds' horny projecting jaws;

DOWN

1. A term used to address or refer a woman in a polite or respectful way
2. An official order or proclamation
4. Inflammation of the iris of the eye
5. A small, painful area of thickened skin of the foot
9. Steal goods by seizing them in transit
11. The round fruit of a tree of the rose family, has thin red or green skin
12. Move in a furtive or stealthy manner
13. One of a matched pair

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EMPLOYING MORE TEACHERS

Pupils from Hospital Hill Primary School in Westlands Sub County, Nairobi, spoke to SAMMY KIMATU about their views on the government's move to employ more teachers.

BRANSON KAYI, 8

The teachers will relieve the others the burden of teaching many subjects as well as classes. They will also make a living through teaching.



THOMAS JONAH, 9

It is a very good to be appreciated by us since we know the number of teachers in the country is very low therefore more teachers are urgently needed.



CLAUDIA WANJIRU, 9

It's a good idea which should be welcomed by all for if there are not enough teachers in school, then pupils will not achieve their goals of getting education.



MAYA AKINYI, 8

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TOP COACH TO NURTURE YOUNG TENNIS TALENT IN NAIROBI

BY MWORIA MUCHINA
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Nation Media Group will be one of the main sponsors during this year's 11th edition of the East Africa Safari Junior Championship set to be held in Nairobi.

During the event and the camp, budding tennis players shall also be trained by the renowned world former players and coaches Bill Murray, Cisco Limbago and Liz Odera. Coach Murray has trained Venus and Serena Williams while Cisco is the head of coach at the College of Idaho.

Speaking during the launch at Nation's offices, Dr Liz Odera of Sadili Oval Sports Academy said: "We are happy to continue investing in young players and train them to succeed in the tennis courts. The coaches will help the young talents get necessary skills for them to compete in the world stage."

Develop young talent

NMG acting marketing manager Andrew Endowo said the company would endeavour to develop young talent in various sports through more coverage. NMG shall offer media coverage through NTV



PHOTO/CHRIS OMOLLO
Tennis high performance coach from Florida, USA, Bill Murray conducts a tennis training session at Sadili Oval Club.

for the entire tournament. Other sponsors include Collingham Gardens, GSK (Ribena and Horlicks brands), Nairobi Sports House, BIC, Carnivore and Cadburys.

The week-long event will end on August 16 and will feature top junior players in the region.

During the two weeks, the players divided into categories of Under-19, Under-17, Under-15, Under-12 and below 10 years for both boys and girls, will take part in two competitions. One of the tournaments is dubbed, Smashers Challenge Cup, will be played at the Karen County Club on the 9th

and 10th of August. The second competition being the main tournament, is slated for August 13, 14 and 15 at the Sadili Oval Tennis Academy.

So far, five countries have confirmed participation. Sixty youngsters, drawn from Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Sudan and hosts Kenya, will battle for top tennis honours.

"Having two tournaments in the week provides both the coaches and students a platform to test the acquired lessons, the players skills and also help identify emerging talents," Dr Odera added.

Murray, who currently works for the US Tennis Association, noted that Kenya had many talented tennis players but for them to become better players and excel in the international tennis courts needed good training.

As wrap up to the two weeks tournament, Sadili Oval Sports Academy shall host a fun day on August 16. This event shall be open to public and will provide a platform to all present to learn more about sports and its benefits. The winners during both tournaments shall also be feted on this day.

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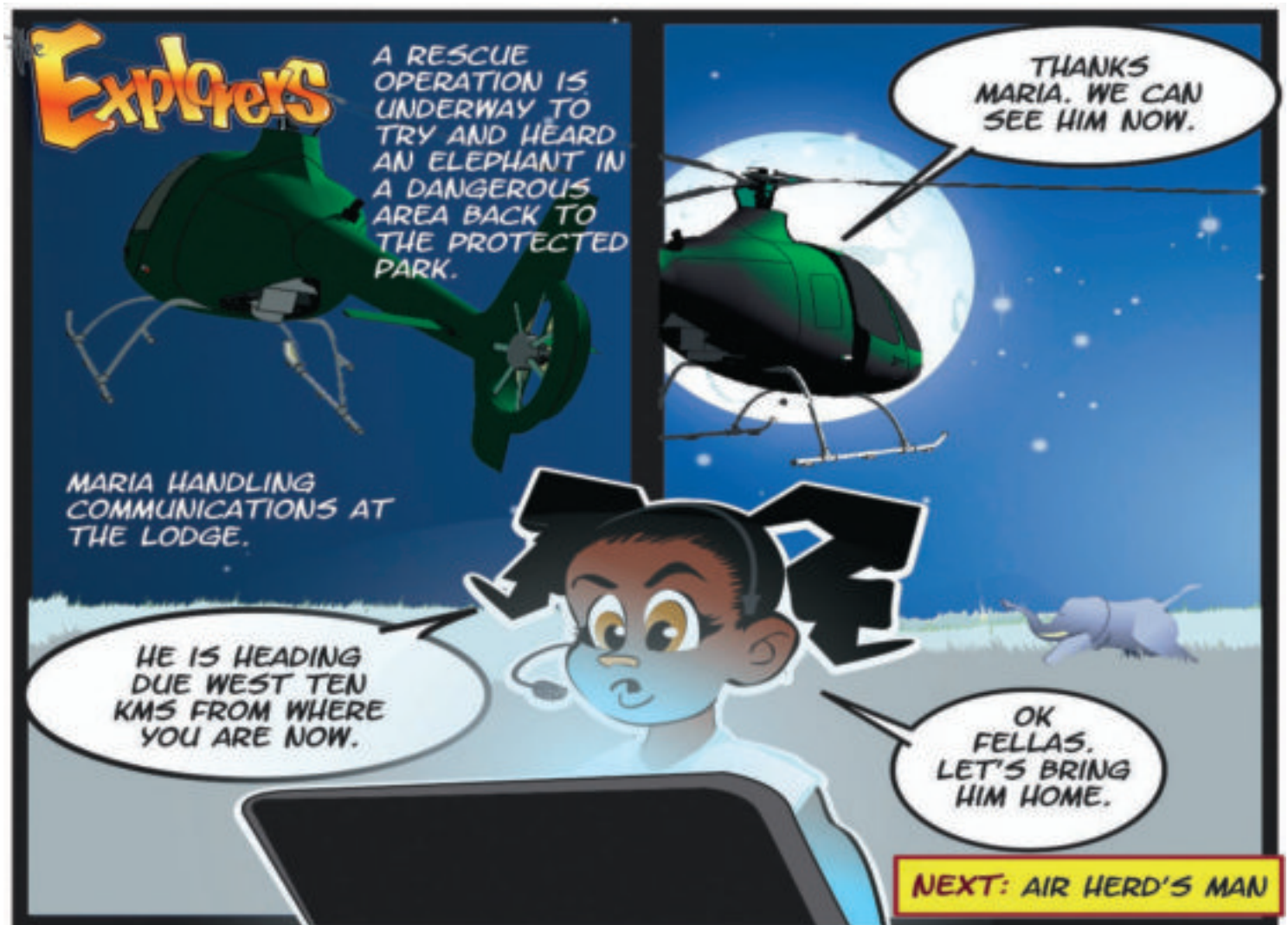
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ORIGIN OF WORDS/ THINGS/NAMES

THUG

A thug is a criminal who is brutal and violent. The name 'thug' has its origins in 'thagi' the Hindi name for a thief, cheat or swindler. Between the 13th and 19th centuries, bands of robbers who were worshipers of the goddess Kali who were known as 'thagi', roamed the countryside in Northern India. The 'thagi' befriended travelers before robbing and strangling

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Man uses acid to look like the King of Pop



A Michael Jackson impersonator had acid poured over his skin so he could look “lighter” – like the King of Pop. *Daily Mirror* reports that Antonio Rodrigues from Brazil has spent around £2,000 (Sh295,000) on a series of cosmetic procedures and has even had a nose job to imitate his idol. Gleidson Jackson, as he likes to be known, spends about four hours each day rehearsing his dance moves and one-and-a-half hours applying make-up to make sure fellow fans in his hometown of Fortalenza city continue to scream for a selfie or an autograph. After his first surgery, the self-proclaimed number one Michael Jackson impersonator had hyaluronic acid injected into his face for a whitening effect. The former drama teacher also had surgery to close the gaps in his teeth and had his eyebrows tattooed. “There will never be another one like him – but I can try my best,” he says.

jumbo itch



picture story



Scarlet Akinyi, James Oscar Omondi and Jaffrey Mbadi roller skating at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground in Kisumu. With schools closed, parents are signing up for such activities to keep their children engaged. PHOTO | TOM OTIENO

Elephant rubs itself against car roof

An elephant in a South African park used a car to relieve an itch, terrifying two people who were inside the vehicle. The occupants of the Volkswagen Polo found themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time as the giant animal stooped down to rub itself against the vehicle’s roof and bonnet, Britain’s *Daily Mirror* reported. The incredible scene at Pilanesburg National Park was captured by field guide and lodge manager Armand Grobler. He said: “The two passengers in the car, male and female, both in late 20s or early 30s, were not harmed, only badly shaken up. They were both in shock but happy to be alive. “The car was not so lucky. From what we could see and hear, all the windows were smashed, the roof was badly dented and the entire top part of the car smashed. “All four tyres had been blown and the chassis broken.” The animal later left. Elephants frequently use logs, small trees and rocks to relieve itches or to remove parasites.

bombshell find

Woman finds out she married her brother

A Brazilian woman searching for her long-lost mother got an incredible surprise by finding out she is married to her own brother. According to Britain’s *Daily Mirror*, 39-year-old Adriana and her husband Leonardo, 37, have been together for seven years and have a daughter. The couple spent their lives trying to find their respective mothers, who were both called Maria, and had both abandoned their babies. Adriana contacted a radio station in Sao Paulo city to ask for help. The two were reunited live on air. But at the end of the interview on Radio Globo’s *The Time Is Now* programme, which specialises in finding lost relatives, the mother revealed she also had a son who did not know her called Leandro. The couple told the station that they would stay together, despite the bombshell.

unusual suspect

Police chase tortoise

A large runaway tortoise detained by police on an American street has been reunited with his owners, Britain’s *Sky News* reports. And the police joked they “almost had a pursuit” after finding the pet strolling in Los Angeles state. Clark, who weighs an estimated 68 kg, was found in Alhambra city. Officers appealed for information on their Facebook page and posted pictures of the reptile. “The tortoise did try to make a run for it; but our officers are pretty fast. Almost had a pursuit!” said the police. “It took two officers to take this guy into custody because it weighs about 150 pounds.” Happily, after an enthusiastic public response, Clark was delivered back to his human family.

cat-astrophe



Cat in bonnet uses one of its nine lives

A motorist was shocked to find a cat in his car engine after hearing a noise coming from under his car bonnet. According to Britain’s *Macclesfield Express*, Steven Goldstraw from the UK was driving home after walking his dog when he heard a strange sound coming from his car. And after pulling over to investigate the unusual wailing noise, he discovered a tiny kitten nestled in the engine, Britain’s *Daily Mirror* reports. Fifty-five-year-old Goldstraw said he has no idea how the cat had managed to find its way into his motor, or how it avoided injury. He stated: “I must have driven for about two-and-a-half miles. “They say cats have nine lives, well I think he has definitely used one of them.”

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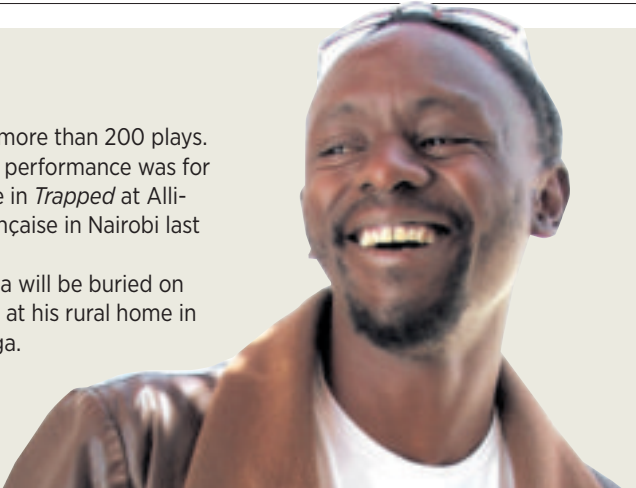
Derrick Amunga

1972-2014

Derrick Amunga, the actor popularly known as Master Sugu, has died. Amunga had been missing since July 25. His body was found at the Kenyatta National Hospital mortuary on August 3. The cause of his death has not

been established. He was 42. Amunga was mostly known for his role as the street urchin Master Sugu in *Tausi*, a television show that aired on Kenya Broadcasting Corporation in the late 1990s. He also played a part in Citizen TV’s *Tahidi High*. Besides television, Amunga worked in theatre, where he

acted in more than 200 plays. His last performance was for the stage in *Trapped* at Alliance Française in Nairobi last month. Amunga will be buried on Saturday at his rural home in Kakamega.



Ever gone through a rebellious phase in life?

After listening to people share their experiences at a seminar, I concluded that I didn't pass through that stage



A drunk man is carried in a trolley. It is said that most people go through a rebellious phase at least once in their life.

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A weekend ago, I accompanied a friend to a "wellness" seminar, the kind that promises you a "better you" by the time the motivational talk comes to an end.

The event was to take the entire day, so I was somewhat sceptical, given my very short attention span. Fortunately, it turned out to be an interactive session, one I found quite interesting, especially because I learnt something I didn't know about myself. I have no controversial bone in my body.

At one point, the speaker asked each one of us to talk about the most outrageous thing we have ever done. I must confess that even though I methodically went through all the 30-something years of my life, bit by bit, I did not come up with something that could be described as outrageous.

The woman I was seated next to got a huge, not-too-artistic tattoo of a fire-breathing dragon on her back when she got an identity card, another one got a tongue piercing and (would you believe it!) a nipple piercing to celebrate her 20th birthday. As you can imagine, we all winced in imagined pain at this one. Then there was



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the elegant-looking woman in the next table who confessed that during her high school days, she often sneaked out of school at night to attend the local disco. She and her daring friends would then make their way back to school in the wee hours of the morning. Lo and behold, they were never caught! I won't tell which school this is, but no child of mine is going there!

Another ran away from home when she was 16 to live with a "working class" boyfriend – mercifully, her parents dragged her back home three days later, and had the police arrest her "working class" boyfriend. The stuff that a parent's nightmare is made of, isn't it?

Compared to these women's stories, I concluded that I have had a pretty tame and uneventful life. The closest thing to preposterous I have ever done is dare take a long and lonely walk home after midnight, feeling invincible and on top of the world, thanks to an evening of boozing with my

college mates. The next day, my mother threatened to kick me out, effectively putting a stop to any rebellious streak that may have been threatening to show its head.

When I shared this anecdote, no one raised their eyebrows in shock, in fact, quite a number looked bored, which more than told me that my one-off curfew break cannot be classified anywhere near exciting.

While in my teens, I admired women who had dreadlocks, and often toyed with the idea of getting them. However, I knew that my dad would never approve, especially since they were not the norm then, and no one employed a dreadlocked person anyway. I was right about my dad's disapproval.

The other day, my younger sister, who has been daydreaming about getting locks for some time, gathered enough courage and asked my dad, hoping that he would smile indulgently and tell her to go ahead – she is in university, and still lives at home.

Unfortunately, the passing years haven't mellowed him – he told her that she could get them once she graduated and got a job. Grin and bear it small sister, another few years of combing your hair will not kill you. It is said that everyone goes through a rebellious phase at least once in their life – is this really the case or am I just a boring person?

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COMPARED TO THESE WOMEN'S STORIES, I CONCLUDED THAT I HAVE HAD A PRETTY TAME AND UNEVENTFUL LIFE

FEEDBACK

Your piece in last Sunday's paper about the anxiety parents face on finding out gender of the baby was outstanding. I am a young parent to a daughter – Princess. My wife and I have had more or less similar problems. Only that, I predicted puzzlingly, that we shall have a daughter as our first born, a year before conception. According to my culture, the first born daughter is named after the father's mother. Together with my wife, in the absence of my mother, we named our daughter after my wife's mother. My reasoning was, after all, sooner than we know,

our daughter will drop her names and assume that of her husband. I am happy, even though, I know my elders may not be satisfied. **Karera**

Your personal confession reminds me that being yourself is the greatest accomplishment in this life. We need to get to a level where we do not put unnecessary pressure to ourselves and allow peoples' beliefs and problems to become our problems. Parents should thank God for whatever sex they conceive. Let us leave nature to take its course. We bring God's wrath

on ourselves without knowing due to selfish desires. **Muchere**

It's unfortunate the troubles people put themselves through to get a child of a certain gender. My neighbour was advised by a witchdoctor to be taking his bath outside the house when his wife was pregnant so that she could give birth to a boy but ended up with twin girls. A cousin of mine has kids are so many but they are still "searching for that girl". Children are a blessing from above and we should always appreciate what we are given. **Ngong'u**

WORLD OF FIGURES» MUNGAI KIHANYA

Why NASA may have stopped moon missions

AFTER READING MY article last week about the prediction I made in 2013 on the date of Idd-ul-Fitr 2014, some readers were quick to ask about the 2015 date. Without going into the detailed calculations (I did that last year), I can confidently say that it will be on July 18, 2015.

Now, while I appreciate that the end of the Ramadhan fast must wait for the actual sighting of the moon, I think that the public holiday can be gazetted this early so that workers and employers can make their annual plans conveniently. There shouldn't be a problem if the moon isn't sighted on the night of July 17, 2015 (perhaps because of cloud cover). After all, even this year (2014) the public holiday didn't coincide with the ending of the fast!

As mentioned last week, the moon is probably the most studied heavenly body. Indeed, it is the only place that man has travelled to outside our home planet earth ... or hasn't he?

There is a small group of non-scientists who believe that the whole moon landing event was a hoax staged by the Americans. Richard Mwenda has come across one of these sceptical writings and he notes that "if they ever did (go to the moon), they should explain why they haven't been there since 1969".

Richard goes on to quote some of the "evidence" advanced to support the hoax theory: "The distance from the earth to the moon (384,400 km) is so much, and it would require much in terms of foodstuffs, fuel for the

space shuttles and other necessities".

Well, the Apollo missions used to take only three days to get to the moon and another three on the return journey. The total round trip would last about a week; in fact the longest one lasted 12 days. Now that isn't "too long" a period to carry enough supplies, is it?

On why they haven't been there again, my guess is that the project proved too expensive. In addition, a 70kg machine in an unmanned spacecraft can collect a lot more data than a 70kg human being! In fact, the level of telescope technology today is such that we can get more information about the moon sitting right here on earth than what the Apollo astronauts got.

In a related question, J. Kameru asked why the European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft took 10 years to rendezvous with Comet 67P / Churyumov-Gerasimenko. The answer is that the distance in this mission is very long – the craft is now over 400 million kilometres away.

Furthermore, the spacecraft did not travel in a straight line; it followed a complex spiral trajectory that included three separate "gravity-assist" manoeuvres with earth and one with mars. At one point in mid-2012, the craft reached almost 800 million kilometres away – near the orbit of jupiter. So, it is no wonder the journey took such a long time.

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Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin hoisting the US flag on the lunar surface in this July 20, 1969 photo.

SOCIETY

Yes, you can retire before you hit 40

What if you didn't have to wait until you were in your mid-sixties to retire? What about 50, or even just as you hit your 40th birthday? Don't laugh — with enough dedication, you could say goodbye to your full-time job years sooner than you think.

Here is some advice on making it happen:

What it will take:

Dropping out of the workforce years before everyone else, means you have to be completely debt free, with savings equal to about 25 times the income you wish to achieve in retirement, taking any government pensions or payments into account.

How long do you need to prepare:

It depends on how dedicated you are to your cause, and how quickly you can pay off any outstanding debts (including paying off your mortgage) and accrue the required savings. For Pete, a US blogger who writes at MrMoneyMustache.com (and prefers not to give his last name to protect his family's privacy), he and his wife were able to retire at about age 30 after nine years of serious savings and low lifestyle expenses.

Darrow Kirkpatrick, an engineer in New Mexico in the US who writes at CanIRetireYet.com, decided to focus on retirement while still working in his mid-30s and was able to retire at age 50. A financial professional can help you determine what kind of timeline is realistic.

Do it now:

Start immediately. Early retirement becomes an impossible dream for many people purely because they didn't plan for it early enough.

"People don't really start thinking about retirement until their 40s," said Helen Hogan, an investment adviser with Sunset Financial Services in Missouri in the US. "The earlier you start, the better."

Downsize your lifestyle:

The mantra for early retirement should be save more and spend less. The less you spend now on housing, cars, and holidays, the more disposable income you have for debt and savings. Consider whether you really need the fourth bedroom, the luxury car, the deluxe TV package and dinner out twice a week.

"It is definitely all about reducing your living expenses, or as I like to put it, 'living slightly less ridiculous-than-average lifestyles,'" said Pete of MrMoneyMustache.com.

Do it later:

Work a little. For many early retirees, "retirement" doesn't mean the total absence of employment. It's common for people to quit a full-time position but maintain a small business on the side or work part-time at something they love for supplemental income.

Don't forget about family:

If you have a spreadsheet of expected retirement expenses, make sure family expenses are included. "I remind people that grandchildren and children take a lot of retirees' money," Hogan said. "I have told clients, 'You need to stop giving the kids money because you can't afford it.'"

Do it smarter:

Make sure you're ready. Do you have a plan for your retirement? And are you really prepared to say goodbye to your working life? "Some people get depressed after retiring because they miss the office," Hogan said. "They really need to think about what they're going to do with their time."

Give it a test drive:

Live on your proposed retirement "salary" for 12 months to make sure it's manageable—before you make the leap. You'll be able to tell if your numbers are realistic, and you can push even more cash into savings while you're doing so. "Make it a game," Hogan said. "Save as much as you can." (BBC)

Good marriages are never between perfect people

Happy unions are between the couples who can cope with each other's oddities

We all want to be happily married, but lots of people don't make it. Why's that?

Actually, until recently no-one really cared whether couples were happy or not. Marriage was all about making a living, children, land, inheritance and so on. So people were only really interested in your family, community and culture. Does that sound familiar? Your parents are probably still asking!

But nowadays, we expect marriages to be happy. So people only ask whether you're in love. And we rarely think seriously about why marriages fail. We just assume the couple's did something wrong, with each thinking we're somehow special, and won't make the same mistakes.

But we do. So if there was a course on how marriage really works, what would it tell you?

It would encourage you to make the most of being single. Currently, society makes being single feel really awkward, especially as you get older. Couples stop inviting you round. You feel a freak on your own. Finding sex is hard. It's all easier in college, but once that's over, lots of people marry just to escape being alone.

Or maybe you're getting on well with someone, and imag-



ine that marriage will make that last forever. But marriage instantly moves your relationship on to somewhere very different: new responsibilities, expectations, children... Getting on well might not be enough.

You'll only be happy in marriage if you fall in love with the right person. That's what being single is really all about. It's when you learn to understand your personality. Warts and all. And how your personality works out with the people you date.

We first experience love as children. But maybe that love was all mixed up with other feelings. Like being controlled, belittled or neglected. So we're attracted to the wrong people because we go for what we knew in childhood. Rejecting kind and reliable partners because their behaviour feels unfamiliar.



And we're all just a little bit crazy. Like maybe you get angry? Controlling? A wee bit insecure? A bit weird about sex? Or you're no good at explaining your feelings? Issues like that cause a lot of problems between couples. So you must marry someone who can cope with your craziness.

Good marriages are never between perfect people — there

aren't many of those anyway. They're between couples who can cope with each other's oddities.

Understanding yourself isn't easy though. Like when a relationship goes wrong, you'll tend to blame your partner and ignore your own faults. Your anger, insecurities and so on. When you're single it's easy to believe you're really quite a nice person to live with.

So it's no wonder no one knows what they should be looking out for.

Naturally, we try hard to get to know one another. But that's rarely enough. It sounds unromantic, but you also need to understand your faults really well. And to go looking for someone who can cope with them. And you with theirs...

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Getting back to full fellowship with God

JESUS "DID NOT come to call the virtuous but sinners". Parables like the one about the prodigal son tell us that God is a Father who forgives. And yet, Jesus also insisted on living a holy life: "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

St Paul provides the same contrast between God's mercy and God's call to live holy lives.

In his first letter to Timothy, St Paul wrote: "Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the leading example

of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people."

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul wrote: "God's solid foundation-stone stands firm, and this is the inscription on it: 'The Lord knows those who are his own', and 'All who call on the name of the Lord must avoid sin.'"

St John repeats the paradox. He says, "If we say, we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves." In the same letter, he states: "My dear friends, we are already God's children ... We know that anyone who has been begotten by God does not sin, because the Son of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him."

St Peter urged Christians to

trust God's mercy: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." He also wrote one of the most damning phrases in the Bible. It describes the fate of Christians who rebel and refuse to repent: "It would have been better for them never to have learnt the way of righteousness, than to learn it and then desert the holy commandment that was entrusted to them." For this reason, St Peter urges us: "Turn away from evil and do good. For the eyes of the Lord are turned towards the virtuous ... but the Lord's face frowns on those who do evil."

Who better than St Peter knows how willing God is to forgive us? He was the one who denied knowing Jesus when

our Lord before the High Priest. After rising from the dead, Christ appeared to him and gave him a chance to repent. Peter showed sorrow for his sin by saying, "Lord, you know all things, but you know that I love you."

When we have wandered away from God, we can use those words to turn back and begin again. Then we will understand why St John insisted: "My children, I am writing this to prevent you from sinning. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

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I want to change lives of Kilifi women

Agnes Zani came into limelight as the nominated senator who went for the powerful ODM party secretary seat

Q: What motivated you to go for the ODM secretary general post, a fairly masculine position?

A: I didn't actually think of it as a masculine position. Kenyan gender roles allocation has been constructed along a male-female dichotomy but in the last years more critical assessment has gone into the rationale for this gender role reconstruction and the space for women keeps opening up. Certain mobilisation and communication skills that have been known to be inherent in women. Restriction of roles that women can play is actually a function of the society itself. There is nothing inherently that restricts what women can bring in the political field.

What drives you?

Passion in the things that I want to achieve. I then try to understand what the outcomes are, how they can be achieved, what the bottlenecks would be and finally how the challenges can be surmounted. It thus keeps me focused on the end product and the benefits that will be accrued. It is amazing what the power of self-will can do. I was the least expected to perform well at Certificate of Primary Education (now KCPE) back in the late 1970s, but I made a turnaround and came up with shocking results. Again, my results plummeted when I was transferred to Nairobi Girls in the early 1980s,

but by the end of the fourth year exams I had attained a first division. When society says that a woman cannot be a national leader, I say, 'Oh yes she can', society has already experienced great leadership in our mothers, our sisters and our heroines like Mekatilili wa Menza.

Where did you meet your husband? It was at the university (of Nairobi). We walked up along Stella Awinja hostels road and chatted and chatted. At the first formal date at Westlands he waited for me at the bus stop seats for one hour. When I arrived, he did not complain.

What is this thing that you love most about him?

He's considerate. We are both conscious of our responsibilities.

You once left your young family to study abroad, how did you cope?

I looked at my daughter who was then 9 as I left for Oxford University for both an MSc (sociology) and D.Phil (sociology) and I knew I would not be able to leave her behind. I looked at my son, who was four and my heart was ripped out as I left home (I did not allow them to escort me to the airport).

But I also looked ahead, at this fantastic opportunity that had come my way as a result of a fellowship from Ford Foundation. I had gone through a rigorous selection. I had a chance to



go and study gender, social and regional inequalities and how these can be changed in Kenya. I also knew my children needed me and I was back within 3 months. Not a single day passed by without me thinking and talking about them.

Do you find time to cook for your family and what is your favourite dish?

Pilau, the coastal dish. Women may not be able to balance all the balls, all the time but we remain mothers, providers, supporters in our various networks. Not only should we seek a life balance but a satisfaction from what we do, this makes the busy life meaningful. Appreciating also the small joys in life is important, old friendships, sharing, and working hard complete our life cycles.

What don't people know

about you? That I have trained in taekwondo...

What is the biggest lesson you learnt from your parents?

Fortitude and speaking up for myself. My father was a great maths, swahili and drama teacher and he did not mince his words and one would not be left in doubt about what was important.

My father stayed up nights up writing the famous 'Masomo ya Mzingi' Books and 'Kiswahili kwa Shule za Sekondari' course book. He instilled in me the value of hard work and consistency. In him I had a friend and my last words to him were that I was soon proceeding to Oxford University for my PhD. He died two weeks before my going for studies. My mother's dignified pursuit for her dreams left a permanent mark in my mind

about the need to achieve set goals. She actually made it to Hull University for her Masters when I was in university myself. She was so happy and proud of this and motivated many women to multitask and seek self improvement.

Which is your favourite book?

I like the theme of liberation from bondage and thus find *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg one of my favourite reads.

Your agenda for the women of Kwale?

Empowerment for all women in Kenya. Studies have shown direct positive correlations between women in development and improved GNP (Gross National Product) in countries. Again the educational health and social protection agenda is driven further by women's participation in policy.

For the youth in Kwale, last month in June, I graduated the first set of 20 girls and boys from a driving course that I sponsored. Education and skills will help develop Kwale and Coast counties.

For the women, I have mobilised and done needs assessment. They have told me of brilliant projects that I had not thought about and I am partnering with NGOs and international organisations to implement them.



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Kagame's girl and African First

From elegant clothes, designer bags and shoes to some memorable hair dos, they stole the limelight from the largely serious discussions on security, trade and big money deals involving at least 50 African heads of state in Washington DC last week

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Any extraordinarily tall woman with a sense of style attracts instant attention even without trying. But when that woman is the daughter of a prominent African head of state and poses for a photograph with her father, US President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle in the iconic Blue Room at the White House, the interest is certain to increase tenfold.

That is what happened when a picture featuring Ange Ingabire Kagame, the daughter of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, was released to the world during the first-ever US-Africa Summit that ended on Wednesday. The photo went viral.

Kenya joined in the global admiration of Ange, who seemed to have briefly stolen the limelight from the largely serious discussions on security, trade and big money deals involving at least 50 African leaders in Washington DC.

The first daughter had largely stayed away from the limelight before she was gloriously unveiled when she accompanied her father to the gala dinner. Dressed in a figure hugging ivory sleeveless evening gown that was subtly draped at the waist, the "tallest first daughter" — as sections of the media branded her — displayed a confident, graceful stance on the red carpet. She towered over her relatively tall father who is 6'2".

The White House photograph of the father-daughter duo sandwiched between the Obamas spread like wildfire with Ange (@AngeKagame) gaining more new followers on Twitter.

Ange spent most of her childhood shielded away from the public having studied and completed her education abroad. However, in 2010 she started engaging in charity in Rwanda, mostly by involvement in the activities led by her mother, Jeanette. She has been involved in immunisation campaigns, women's empowerment, education and poverty eradication.

Ange is the second child and only daughter of President Kagame and she has three brothers: Ivan, Ian and Brian. There has been some confusion over her age with some Internet sources indicating she's 25. However on Friday she tweeted; "I'm not 25 guys. That's an extra four years y'all are adding to my life. Lol. I really appreciate all the love though."

Quite the daddy's girl, Ange often tweets about her presidential father and posts various photographs.

On August 5, prior to the White House dinner, Ange posted on Twitter, "White House Dinner with Daddy" followed by the now famous photograph with the Obamas.

Ange's tweets also let the world in on the Rwanda President's softer side as

MY DAD JUST SPENT THE LAST 5-10 MINUTES HELPING ME DETANGLE AND BRUSH OUT MY POST WEDDING HAIR...VERY OUT OF HIS ELEMENT #AFATHERSLOVE.."

- Ange Kagame's tweet



Cameroon President Paul Biya arrives with his wife Chantal at the White House for a group dinner in Washington, DC.

a doting father. On July 27, for example, she posted: "My dad just spent the last 5-10 minutes helping me detangle and brush out my post wedding hair ... very out of his element #afatherslove"

Of her mother, she says: "My mother is a walking survival kit/superwoman ... Literally has the answer to EVERYTHING."

She is an ardent soccer fan; and constantly tweeted about the highs and lows during the World Cup that ended in Brazil last month. From her tweets, it looks like she supported Ghana and Germany.

Ange, like any other young woman her age, loves music and teases her girlfriends on Twitter. Some of her favourite artistes are American musicians Trey Songz and Beyonce. She is also a fan of Nigerian musician Davido. Her iPod is also blaring with Trey Songz new album *Trigga*.

She constantly posts selfies and updates her whereabouts on social media. Ange's ties with the US did not begin and end at last week's summit because she studied abroad "due to security reasons".

From her Tweets, Ange is a frequent flier to the US where she has several friends. A photo of Ange and her brother wearing military uniform alongside their father was taken when she was attending a national civic education training programme which focuses on teaching and introducing young people — and sometimes older people from the diaspora — about Rwanda, patriotism and culture.

But it was not just Ange that added a touch of glamour to the summit. Here is how a headline in the *Washington Post* captured the arrival of Chantal Biya: "The First Lady of Cameroon and her hair have touched down in DC".

The newspaper went ahead to describe

Ladies steal show at US summit



Chantal Biya of Cameroon, Hinda Deby Itno of Chad, Hadidja Abubajar Ikililou Dhoinine of Comoros, Constanica Mangue De Obiang of Equatorial Guinea, former US First Lady Laura Bush, Sylvia Bongo Ondimna of Gabon and US First Lady Michelle Obama listen during a first lady and spouses symposium. PHOTOS | AFP



President Uhuru Kenyatta with rapper Akon. LEFT: US First Lady Michelle Obama sits with Salma Kikwete (l) of Tanzania, Gertrude Hendrina Mutharika of Malawi (r) and others during lunch at the first lady and spouses symposium in Washington. PHOTOS | AFP, PCSU



**THE
FIRST LADY
OF CAMEROON
AND HER
HAIR HAVE
TOUCHED
DOWN IN DC,”**

- *Washington Post* headline

her famous hair as “beauty school master’s thesis in contradictions. Somehow her hair manages to be short and long, rebellious yet elegant, unruly but controlled”.

Chantal stood out in her signature devil-may-care mane; the glorious coffee-brown mullet that would put country singer Dolly Parton’s famous wigs to shame.

Christened the “Lady Gaga of First Ladies”, Chantal is the lady of fierce fashion whose eclectic style and grandiose fashion sense has put her country on the map.

Her hair deserves a paragraph of its

own. It is a magnificent crown of waves and curls, wild and seemingly with a mind of its own. Chantal disregards the lyrics of India Arie’s song *I am not my hair* because she is every inch her hair: head-turning, eccentric, showy and elegant.

She is a trendsetter in every sense of the word, with an aura of diva-fierce, outshining other First Ladies.

Chantal is so stylish, you can’t keep up with her, let alone try to catch up. In previous interviews with international media, she has been quoted as saying that her favourite European designers are Dior and Chanel, and many of the pieces in her wardrobe are custom-made.

The traditional African outfits kitenges she wears are custom-made, designed, and sewn by Cameroonian tailors. In her country, she is not only the First Lady, but also the “First Fashionista” and her wardrobe has made her so popular she routinely launches trends and has a hair-style named after her.

And she has never said no to platform heels that make her tower over her husband Paul Biya, or bright colours that make other First Ladies’ choice of

demure colours look pale. She likes to play with bright colours; irrespective of the event. From bright orange to audacious shades of pink and fuchsia to bold and beautiful red and occasional monochromes, there is never a dull moment in the life of charming Chantal.

The Cameroonian First Lady is also a socialite in her own right, having met (and outshone) the likes of Paris Hilton, Michelle Obama and supermodels like Naomi Campbell. Even Pope Benedict XVI has not been spared her splendour.

At the US gala dinner, Chantal wore a head-to-toe pink outfit. But she was not the only one who stood out at the dinner. It was beauty re-defined as the continent’s leaders and their wives ignored Western fashion trends, with most of them opting for authentic African wear. The First Lady of Chad, Hinda Deby Itno, dazzled with a deep violet gown and a head wrap, all decorated in golden sequins.

The President of Gambia, Yahya Jammeh, disregarded the mundane black suit and tie, opting for a white African ensemble and carried a big wooden sceptre, flanked by his wife Zineb Jammeh who wore a black sequined dress and a

white scarf.

Lady Tekber Mint Melainine Ould Ahmed of Mauritania was oozing class and sophistication with her stunner shades and her designer bag, flanked by her husband, President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz

Michelle Obama ditched the contemporary full-length evening gown for a canary-yellow silk-chiffon party dress just a few inches below the knee. The dress was designed by Prabal Gurung, a Nepalese designer.

Kenyans also took time off the usual political bickering to share amusing messages on the summit.

On social media, for example, President Uhuru Kenyatta’s photograph with the Obamas was captioned as “Kenyans in the diaspora with their President”, alluding to the US leader’s roots in Siaya County. Tools like Photoshop were also at hand to include in the picture Nairobi Senator Mike Sonko in a red suit and Cord leader Raila Odinga running to join the Obamas and President Kenyatta.

The President was also in a good mood when he met Kenyans living and working in the US. Away from the serious discussions, he danced with children and cracked jokes about how much he enjoyed Michelle’s soup and and his view on a return visit.

“Tukialikwa tena tutarudi, tusipalika tuko kwa Facebook (If we’re invited, we’ll return, if not, we are on Facebook)”, he said. The President was also photographed recording a video of the children dancing and told the crowd that he had enjoyed dancing to Lionel Richie’s music.

The visit was also an opportunity for President Kenyatta to meet Senegalese-born US artiste Akon, who is popular in Kenya. In the end, the US-Africa Summit created the chance for colourful scenes beyond talks on trade, security, investment.

Additional information from Wikipedia and Washington Post



Practical breastfeeding clothing for stylish mums

Fashion should not go out the window after child birth

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He's butt naked, tiny feet curled as he breastfeeds. Mum wears Roberto Cavalli and Prada shoes. It's a beautiful loving portrait, a bared breast on the cover of a highly styled fashion magazine.

Fashion magazines are not exactly legendary for grasping day-to-day practicalities of nursing. But as more and more celebrities became mothers, so has breastfeeding and need for mothers to stay stylish.

The month of August celebrates the National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. In light of that, a paper, "Do celebrity ambassadors help the ordinary woman?" was published July 30. It says, "Breasts are the strongest symbol of female sexuality and are abundant in the media, on magazines, in adverts and in film.

Celebrity breasts are depicted as objects of sexual desire and as a model for everyday women to aspire to. Broadcast images of breastfeeding however are scarce and elicit controversy and even revulsion."

Kenya is fortunate. Breastfeeding doesn't attract fits of panic like it does in the West. However, finding the right clothes to wear during this period is not as easy as models make it appear.

J, 27, a mother to a two-year-old girl and expecting her second child later this year says "I used to wear something that I could pull down easily, and it can cover my baby when she breastfed. You don't want something that exposes you and leaves you feeling embarrassed. So I wore a lot of stretch fabric. It allows me to lift without pulling."

My mum says, "Women are lucky. They are taught these things these days. In my time you had to learn on your own. Your mother was far, there were no mobile phones."

Nevertheless, wardrobe doesn't have to be tricky. There are a variety of breastfeeding clothes available for wear. Here are some handy tips for nursing mothers.

- Shirts and blouses buttons are great options as you can get to the nursing bra with ease. Tuck into pants and skirts and they double up as formal and casual.

- Active wear is grossly underestimated yet it dramatically increases options. Active wear comes inbuilt with stretch fabric. With soft cotton, jersey, a touch of spandex and blended knits, it's very soft against the skin, comfortable and easy to layer. It fits without being tight and stretches without being constricting.

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- Most nursing mothers still have the weight they put on when pregnant. Be smart in your choices and pick long term outfits when shopping. Go for two-piece, top and bottom. Tanks, shirts, tee shirts and stretch tops can be lounge wear or worn outside the home.

- Find a tailor. They will adjust clothes as per your changing body. And, if they make it, they can mend it just as easily, taking seams in our out, shortening hemlines.

- Don't rule out dresses. Opt for shifts, wrap and maxi dresses with an easy fit you can navigate and still feel comfortable.

- Nursing wear, if you look closely, is like a lot of typical wear women favour. Mostly because of a consciousness around the midsection. They are loose around the tummy and draw attention to the bust line without displaying cleavage. The result, it works for any social platform from church, chama meetings to lounging. You are certainly not limited to tee shirts and leggings.

- Dresses with zippers need to be stretchy either sleeveless or with cap sleeves to allow you to pull it down easily. Shirtdresses are a treat as well, paired with skinny jeans or jeggings and flat riding

boots. Nursing mothers don't just think how the dress looks, but how any fabric feels against the baby's skin.

- Nursing bras are critical with their pads, but you can still find pretty, seamless bras for practicality.

For cover ups, shop for shawls made from soft fabric like cashmere because they are multifaceted. You can wear shawls/wraps for years, hand them down to family or repurpose as a cape or scarf. You want to buy something that's just like you – versatile, dynamic and interesting.

- Fur shoes, go for rubber soles. They offer support to your arch in a way ballet flats don't. And to make it easier to walk around with the baby, consider a back pack instead of the typical shoulder bag that throws your body out of alignment.

Surf the net to see what options are out there, designs that tickle your fancy. Look up blogs written by mums who break down the practicalities of yummy mummy style. Do a little celebrity watching and explore celebrity maternity brands. Don't feel pressured to conform. It makes your style contrived. You can also work with what you already have.



YOUR SKIN

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Must-have skin care product

If you were to go to a deserted island with just one skin care product, it should be a moisturiser. Your skin cannot do without it.

Moisturising is essential for all types of skin, including oily and dry skin. If you are much stretched finance wise, cut out all other products and retain your moisturiser. The reason why it is so important is your skin cells need water to stay healthy. Moisturisers work by locking water in the upper skin layers.

This is why it should always be applied onto damp skin. It also deposits a layer of emollient to keep your skin plumped up. Some moisturisers contain an ingredient known as a humectant, whose purpose is to attract moisture from the atmosphere onto your skin.

The most widely used humectant is glycerine.

A moisturiser can be in the form of a cream, lotion, or oil. An effective one will keep your skin from drying out for at least six hours. Natural oils work well.

To make the most of your moisturiser, follow this one-minute routine every morning and evening:

1. Wash your skin thoroughly with soap and water. Pat dry.
2. Apply moisturiser on the damp skin and massage in circular motions.

Apart from keeping your skin healthy and supple, daily moisturising protects skin from premature ageing.

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Try not to expose yourself to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Protect your face, neck and arms with sunscreen lotion to avoid flaky skin. Wear a full-sleeved shirt or a hat. Wear sunglasses as they will keep you from squinting in the glare of the sun

DELAY WRINKLES

COOKERY

Braised goat with tomato and onion

One of the simplest ways to bring out the flavour of less tender cuts of meat is to use the braising method, also known as dry frying. The meat browning, as well as the natural juices that flow from the meat produce the delicious taste that results. Try this recipe for dry fried goat meat as an alternative to goat stew.

Preparation time: 40 minutes
Serves 4.

Ingredients:

½ kg goat meat, cubed
2 tbsps cooking oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, crushed
3 tomatoes, diced
1 small bunch dhania, chopped
1 small pili pili (optional)
1 beef stock cube
Salt to taste.

Method:

1. In a large pan, heat the oil and add the goat meat. Allow it to fry until the meat browns and the meat juices bubble and sizzle.
2. Add the onion, garlic, tomatoes and dhania. Cook over low to medium heat while covered until the tomatoes and onions become tender. Stir the mixture.
3. Add the pili pili, beef cube and 1/8-cup water if needed. Stir well to prevent it from

sticking. Cover and simmer until the meat tenderises. Add a pinch of salt two minutes before removing from the heat, if needed.
4. Serve hot accompanied with ugali and sukuma wiki.

Cooking tips:

- Do not add water at the start of cooking the dry fry goat. Doing so will interfere with the release of the naturally tasty meat juices.
- Use as little water as possible in order to lock in the fried taste.
- To keep the meat tender, add salt at the end of the cooking.

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HEALTH » LINA NJORGE

Fighting poverty through nutrition

MALNUTRITION IS one of the leading causes of death of children worldwide. During pregnancy, undernutrition can have a devastating impact on the growth of a child.

If a pregnant mother is not getting adequate nutrients from the food she eats, the baby is likely to suffer from a weak immune system making it more likely to die from common illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhea or malaria.

To ensure the health of the baby, focus should be on improving nutrition for the mothers and then the child after they are born. This is referred to the 1,000-day window, which is most critical for child survival.

The 1,000 days is actually the period between a woman's pregnancy and the child's second birthday. This is critical in a child's growth because the right nutrition will have a positive impact on a child's ability to grow, learn, and even rise out of poverty.

And while stay-at-home mothers are able to focus more on their little ones, the same cannot be said for working mothers. At the work place, both pregnant and lactating mothers need to be supported by their employer especially during the

1,000 day period. Assistance given at the workplace can improve the health and wellbeing of female workers and their families. This also improves their productivity and morale.

This support can be given by improving maternity leave policies, providing an opportunity for a mother to exclusively breastfeed her child by allowing flexible arrival and leaving times and by ensuring the pregnant or lactating mother has adequate rest.

Investing in better nutrition in the 1,000-day window can also help families, communities and countries break the cycle of poverty. Government can adopt various solutions to improve nutrition in the 1,000 day window through:

- Administration of the necessary vitamins and minerals needed by the mothers and children.
- Promoting good nutritional practices, including breastfeeding and provision of appropriate, healthy foods for infants.
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‘P’eople who stay here must love animals,” Nani said. We were sitting for coffee and a chat in a grotto outside her Kitengela house, shaded by overhanging trees and attended by numerous animals. There were many dogs, especially black and tan dachshunds with shiny coats and wistful eyes, cuddling up to have their silky ears stroked.

A grey parrot eyed us from its spacious cage; a couple of love birds were keeping their own company on a tree’s high branch; and somewhere in the same tree a robin chat was softly calling.

I have sat there a few times before and, usually, Vultchi, Nani’s tame pet Egyptian vulture is the main attraction, coming close enough to have his head scratched. But this time he was skulking in a corner. The newest orphan, Castro, a young crowned crane was already bold enough to be bossing the place – strutting round the table and pecking at any food within reach of his eager beak. Suddenly, all the dogs shot off through the trees, barking excitedly.

“Leave the pigs alone!” Nani called after them. I had seen two black pigs crossing in front of the car as I drove through Nani’s gate. The barking of the dogs set off the gaggle of geese I had seen foraging in the car park. And there are other animals in the spacious and wild grounds: cows, donkeys, baboons, impalas, giraffes, hyraxes – and, at night, even leopards.

On my previous visits, I had gone, often with holidaying guests, to see Nani’s workshops and galleries for her stained glass – there are examples of her windows and sculptures in many places in Nairobi and well beyond.

And her own place at Kitengela is a very special and unique work of art. Everywhere there are mosaics of coloured glass: on pathways, floors, walls and ceilings. It seems she can’t stop building and sculpting – and she has created a world where fairies and wizards and Hobbits would feel happily at home. But this time I had gone to see her cottages that are for



The Masai Guest House with a view over the Nairobi National Park
PHOTO | JOHN FOX

Kitengela Glass Art is a ‘weird yet wonderful’ place to visit

rent – for short or long stays.

We looked first at the Pool House, which Nani’s brochure describes as “weird and wonderful” – but that

description would fit most things in her estate. This is the house that has been featured in the television series, *World’s Most Extreme Homes*.

It has an upstairs double bedroom with a king-size bed and an en-suite bathroom. There is a sun-downer terrace, from where you can see over the Sitole Sanctuary and into the Nairobi National Park. Downstairs, the living room is spacious, with an adjoining kitchen. The large bathroom is shared with those occupying the adjacent basement flat.

The prices are reasonable: For the main Pool House, Sh9,000 for two persons in low season (plus Sh1,250 for every other person); Sh11,000 for two persons in the high season (plus Sh1,500 for every other person). Children (8 – 14 years) are charged half price. And for self-catering,

there is an extra charge of Sh200 per day for the use of gas.

The Lengai Basement Flat, with a large double bed, a veranda and a hammock, is charged at Sh6,000 for two persons in the low season and Sh7,000 in the high season. There are four other cottages, each distinctively “weird and wonderful”, with prices ranging from Sh3,000 to Sh8,500, bed and breakfast. All the cottages have access to an eccentric but efficient pool – and to a sauna.

Nani’s Kitengela Glass Art really is a magical place. There are two ways to get there. The adventurous way is to park at the Masai Lodge and walk across a rope bridge over a very scenic gorge. The longer way is via the Nazarene University.

For both ways, you approach via the Magadi Road, which runs off the Langata Road at the Galleria

IF YOU WANT TO GO

Helpful contacts

Want more information?: The website is www.kitengelaglassart.com, which has a map you can download; Nani’s numbers are 0722-522246 and 0736-761533.

Prices: Main Pool House, Sh9,000 for two persons in low season; Sh11,000 in high season

MOTORING » GAVIN BENNETT

Keeping car paintwork in tip-top condition

THE MECHANICAL CONDITION of a car is important than the cosmetics, but that does not disqualify the merits of a good wash and polish.

To keep your car looking as good as new, always rinse and wipe using cold water every day; and a more thorough wash with a mild detergent once a week, to stop a gradual build-up of stubborn road grime. The weekly wash (or immediately after a dusty or muddy safari) might include vacuum cleaning of seats and carpets, a wash of floor mats, a damp-cloth wipe over the dashboard and other smooth surfaces, and a more thorough hosing on the inside of the wheel arches.

Depending on operating conditions, the paint should also be polished about after four months. Even though most modern cars come with a “clear

coat” over the base colour paint, this semi-permanent polish layer is not indestructible and the paint will be better protected with regular waxing, using any of many good quality cream polishes that are easy to apply and rub to a sheen.

Further, at least once a year (or more often if necessary) a full valet service is recommended with high-pressure washing of the underpan and engine compartment and shampooing of the seats. This also pays much more attention to detail, especially to seams and crevices that regular washing might miss and where hairline stains might build up.

If your car has not been kept clean in these ways since it was new, the paint may have ingrained stains and the surface layer dulled by oxidation.

Drastic action may be warranted to restore the paint to super clean and shiny.

For this, the cream polishes will not do. You need to use one of the “paste” polishes (the best known is turtle wax original) which are hard work to apply – every square centimetre of the body-work needs to be rubbed thoroughly with the pressure of a single finger, working in a circular motions with the radius of a tennis ball...or less. But the results are worth it.

Because paste polishes contain a very fine rubbing compound, they should not be used more than once or twice a year. In the interim, wax should be maintained using one of the less aggressive creams.

If paint work is severely jaded, there is the option of using the so-called

“T-cut” compounds which, true to their name, act more like a scouring powder. They are unrivalled at removing stains and restoring original colour brightness, but they leave a matt finish (as though the paint has scrubbed with super-fine sandpaper). Extreme cleanliness is achieved, but thorough and regular wax polishing is needed to restore shine and to maintain protective layer.

If even that extreme remedy does not give you the result you want, then the next level of restoration is a refinishing job: a full body respray. If that’s done badly, it can look as ugly as an overdose of botox. Done well, it can transform the vehicle’s appearance... and value.

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ASIAN SCENE >> BY ALLAUDIN QURESHI

Kamini dancers to take to the stage

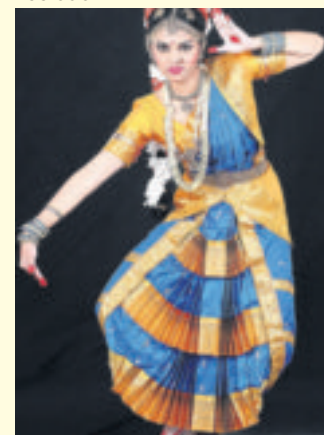
KAMINI GIRLS WILL on Saturday host a dance exposition titled *Zodiac Yatra*.

The former students of the Kamini’s School of Dancing will be performing at the Oshwal Academy Junior High.

Zodiac Yatra will certainly be a unique challenge for dancers. *Yatra* means pilgrimage, and the dancers will be required to select a Zodiac star sign and dance to the special trait of that particular star. From her previous shows, Kamini is creative and innovative in her executions. She encourages her protégés to venture into the out-of-ordinary creative dance subjects.

A true guru, she gives her students a free hand in selecting their subjects and *Zodiac Yatra* is sure to set new standards in creative dancing.

Advance booking is strongly recommended as Kamini patrons and dance show lovers are already exited and looking forward to watch this creative experiment from our own dancers. For tickets and more information you may call 0722 755 330.



Elsewhere it was a big day and a dream come true for the charming little lady Diti Harshes Patel (*above*) a disciple of Guru Rashmita Shah. She ascended the stage at Oshwal High theatre last Saturday for her maiden performance the Kuchipudi style of Indian classical dance.

Diti, as she is known, was indoctrinated into the art of classical dancing by Rashmita Shah. She has managed to conquer Uhuru and Lenana Peaks of Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Kenya respectively. She is the recipient of the Silver Presidential Award for her trekking achievements.

Diti’s maiden performance was highlighted by her execution of a myriad of soulful and sensuous expressions.

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Justin: It was posted ages ago.
Greg: Our postman's got a limp.

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Jenny: We've had the decorators in.
Penny: What did they do, specifically?
Jenny: Fitted concealed lighting. Although, after their departure, none of us could find the switch.

Howie: Did you enjoy the World Cup Finals?
Micky: Imagine, I didn't even have a ticket. Luckily, I gave a fellow \$90, and he let me in for nothing.

Simon: Fred has finally got himself a second-hand car.
Chris: After all those months trying. Good for him.
Simon: Yes, but he refuses to insure it.
Chris: Why?
Simon: The Broker wanted a full cover for fire and theft.
Chris: Then he's right. Who would want to steal a burning car?

Pat: Please help me. My Mercedes has been broken into.
Constable: Don't panic, lady. An Officer will be with you in five minutes.
Pat: They've taken the stereo, steering wheel, brake pedal, and, accelerator.
Officer: Just relax now. You got in the back seat by mistake.

Martha: Why is your baby always crying?
Nonny: She's practicing to be in the choir.

Lenny: The bars are open all day, except from 2.30-3.30 pm.
Tourist: Will they let us sit inside until they open again?
Lenny: Yes indeed. And, you can have a drink while you're waiting.

With Bensouda away, I finally got my golden chance to shine

As you may already be aware, Bensouda left for Mombasa to join her colleagues for a head teachers' conference last Sunday, leaving me in charge of the school.

I must, however, mention that I am always in charge because Bensouda only comes to the school when she needs to have a staff meeting.

I recently heard that some teachers are now calling her Madam Staff Meeting. But this time, she told me she was leaving me fully in charge and would not call me and did not expect to be called by anyone over any matter.

Knowing that I have not been a very likeable Deputy HM since my well-deserved but belated promotion, I decided to use this time to make amends. We finished the school end term exams the previous week and we planned to spend the last week revising, marking exams, and preparing report forms in readiness for school closure, whose official date was last Friday, August 8.

On Sunday, I wrote an SMS to all teachers inviting them for a staff meeting on Monday at 8.30 a.m. For obvious reasons, the meeting did not start until around 10 – but without teachers like Sapphire and Lutta. Those who know Sapphire will tell you that he and me have never seen eye to eye. As for Lutta, he never believes I should be his boss and that is why he doesn't respect me.

"Where are we with exam marking and reports," I asked as soon as the meeting started.

"Me I am finished with marking and entering the marks in report forms," said Tito, the Standard Four class teacher. "I am only being delayed by some teachers who are yet to give me their marks."

"I am also almost done," said Madam Anita. "If only Mrs Atika and Lutta could give me their marks I will finish by tomorrow."

"Tito, who is yet to give you marks?" I asked. He told me it was Sapphire and Lutta. This was not the first time the two were delaying other teachers in making their reports forms. I told the teachers to make use of Monday afternoon and Tuesday to clear with the reports. "The earlier we finish the earlier we will close," I said.

"What about revision, how do we prepare reports quickly and yet we have to revise?"

"We will do that next term," I said. "If you check the pupils mood they just want to be home."

"What about the pupils? They will be very noisy," asked Madam Mary.

"I will deal with that," I said. So as to relieve teachers of more work, I called all the prefects and told them to form teams that would play against each other for the whole day. "Any misbehaviour and you will all go back to class."



With such an incentive, all the pupils went to the field to play from 10:30 a.m., leaving the teachers to concentrate on marking and preparing report forms. I sat in Bensouda's office that day, waiting for the first teacher to complete the report forms so that I could sign them.

As I waited, I took a dictionary to try and come up with some creative phrases that I would use when commenting in the reports.

"Deepen your camaraderie with academic fraternity", "you will soar higher", "a performance worth of extolment", "kudos lad for a fantabulous showing"... are some of the comments I planned to write for the good students.

For those who did not perform well, I had statements like: "Obviate from being chicky to better your execution", "here lies the bitter fruits of your acute malingering", "the road to a wretched future is paved with such calamitous results"...

I wanted to be different from Bensouda who last term wrote in all reports: Pull up your socks!

I joined the teachers for lunch to find out the progress made. There was good progress. Lutta and Mrs Atika, who had by that morning not provided their marks now had them and were entering the marks in the report forms. The only issue was that none of them could show any actual marked papers but that was not the time for such questions. Sapphire had not turned up and so some class teachers were stuck.

Darling of the school

That afternoon, I started signing and entering my remarks on the reports forms. It was an enjoyable exercise, something I had dreamt of for long. Although we usually end the day at 4.30 p.m., that day I dismissed the pupils at 3 p.m. and told them not to carry books the next day because it would be play-day again. They were happy to hear this.

By Tuesday morning all reports were ready except for four classes which Sapphire taught. We met at 11 a.m. and agreed that we would use the test marks and where these were missing, we would use last term's marks for Sapphire's subjects. Teachers worked together to do this when I told them that if they finished early, we would close school on Wednesday morning. At midday, I got the remaining report

forms.

"Reports for the other remaining two classes will be ready by 4 p.m.," said Madam Anita, who had taken charge of the project as she wanted to travel to Nairobi with her husband on Wednesday.

"Good," I said, "Please call for parade at 12.30."

"Good afternoon school?" I greeted the pupils when they assembled. "Good afternoon Mwalimu Andrew!" they roared back. I informed them that they did not have to come back to school after lunch. "But tomorrow come early ready to close school." The students cheered as they went home.

I went to the staffroom and told the teachers who had completed their reports that they could also go home, and only join us the next day during closing. "If we can all be here for a staff meeting at 8 a.m., then we can close by 9 a.m."

Within 20-minutes, even the reports for the two remaining classes were ready, and all the teachers left school immediately after lunch. I was left behind signing more report forms, an exercise that took me well up to 8 p.m. I ensured that I was neat and clear, with care taken to ensure that I did not spoil my international-standard handwriting.

Come Wednesday and for the first time, all teachers were punctual for a staff meeting. Only Lutta arrived late – at 8.17 a.m. I thanked all the teachers for their co-operation and promised that if I will be in charge next term, we will close a week earlier! We prepared the list of the top three students per class and called for parade at exactly 8.40 a.m. I thanked the pupils, wished them a great holiday and then called the top three student per class to take their report forms.

"For the rest please get them from your class teachers," I announced and declared Second Term officially over.

Word spread fast and I have since been the talk of the county. From what I gather, many teachers and students from neighbouring schools are now considering coming to Mwisho wa Lami – especially after I promised to close school a week earlier next term. Should there be a vacancy for MCA or MP position here at Mwisho wa Lami, you can be sure I will sail through unopposed!

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STAFF ROOM
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THE ROAD TO
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WITH SUCH
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— Dre

A place of honour for historical picture

Picture taken in 1971 serves as a reminder of a special occasion when my children attended a birthday party at State House

The other day, as I was tidying up my study – where I spend more time since my retirement from surgery – I came across an important photograph which has adorned the mantelpiece for many years.

It has been given a place of honour because it serves as a reminder of a special occasion when our two children were invited to attend a birthday party at State House. The discovery was also timely because in the centre of the picture is our founding father, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, whose memorial service will be held on August 22.

In the photograph, the star of the day is Catherine, Mzee's grand-daughter, from his son Peter, by his English wife, Edna. It was Catherine's birthday and, in the historical picture, she is holding the hand of her proud grandfather. Her mother Carol is standing next to her. On the other side of Mzee is Peter, and Mama Ngina is standing next to him.

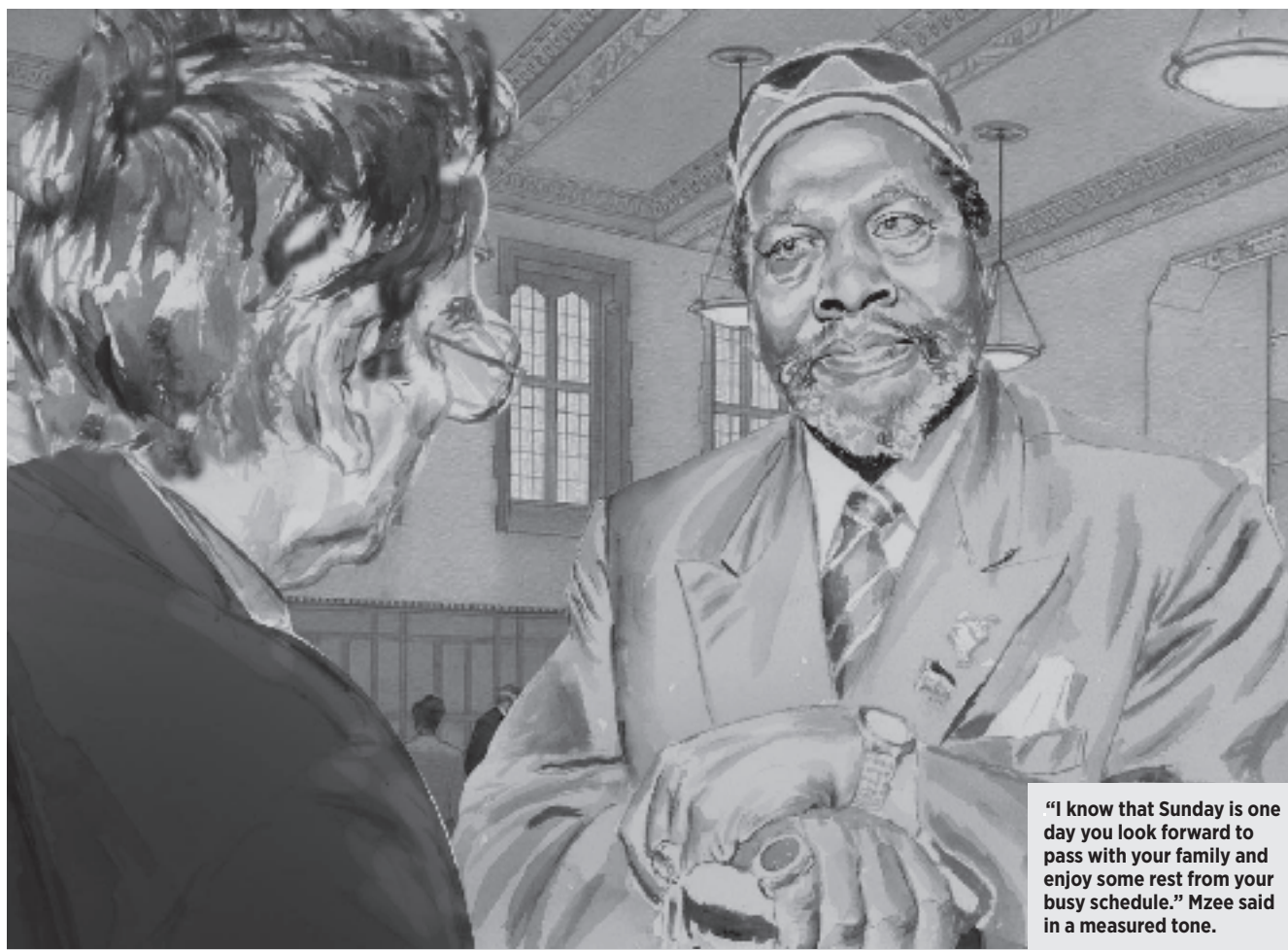
Our son Jan is in the front row, clasping his hands and our camera-shy daughter Jenny is in the back row behind Carol. To complete the family, on the right edge of the photograph is Marie, while immediately behind her could be Uhuru, our current President. Looking at Jan, I think the photograph was taken in 1971, in which case Uhuru was only 10.

The photograph proved very nostalgic because it brought back memories of my association with Mzee. It started in India long before I met him. I was a medical student and, having just obtained our independence from the British in 1947, we the students were very politically conscious and highly interested in the freedom struggle raging in Africa.

Kapenguria Six

In 1952, when the Kapenguria Six including Kenyatta were arrested, I read in the *Times of India* that Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian prime minister, had sent a prominent lawyer to defend him along with Denis Pritt.

It was almost a decade later that I came face to face with the legendary figure. The date, October 5, 1961, is clearly etched in my mind. I had been appointed a resident surgeon at the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi and, in that



"I know that Sunday is one day you look forward to pass with your family and enjoy some rest from your busy schedule," Mzee said in a measured tone.

you look forward to pass with your family and enjoy some rest from your busy schedule," he said in a measured tone, making me feel that he meant every word. "So why don't you bring your wife with you? She can have coffee with me while you tend to the sick."

Mzee Kenyatta

That is exactly what happened. While I examined the patient, the Head of State entertained Marie to a cup of coffee. When I came down, I found them walking in the rose garden and Mzee proudly showing Marie the roses he had planted with his own hands, blooming now!

Mzee loved the Coast and I found him very relaxed and happy when, courtesy of Eliud Mahi, his trusted provincial commissioner, Marie and I were invited to State House in Mombasa where we saw Mzee enjoying his favourite hobby of watching ngomas.

Sadly the last time I saw Mzee was at the garden party in Nairobi on Madaraka Day on June 1, 1978. In the same year, on August 22, we lost him in Mombasa. Marie and I were at the funeral. From where we sat, we saw world leaders, heads of state and representatives of 85 countries gathered to pay their last respects.

Just a few yards from us sat President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, holding his famous white handkerchief. Next to him was Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, donning his special suit which he had adopted after his trip to China. A few chairs away from them sat Prince Charles in his white naval uniform with medals of his rank displayed on his chest. A few minutes later, the big, burly, bluff, Idi Amin Dada arrived, resplendent in a field marshal's uniform. As he proffered his hand, I noticed the two great sons of Africa, Nyerere and Kaunda, ignoring it. Like the rest of the world, they knew that it had blood of his people on it.

At 11 a.m. sharp, the funeral service started. The casket was drawn into Parliament Square on a two gun carriage, heralded by a 21 gun salute. A rank of troops in saluting red tunics stood in attendance.

Four thousand invited dignitaries stood in silence mourning the loss of this great leader. In addition, roughly half a million watched from every conceivable venue which overlooked the Square. As the casket was lowered, the band played the fanfare.

The National Anthem was played as pallbearers lifted the casket draped in our national flag and placed it on a table in front of the mausoleum. Precisely at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 1978, Mzee was finally laid to rest as the coffin made of African oak and lined with silver was lowered into the marble tomb.

It was the end of a glorious era.

prospect, I was also a shade nervous.

His beaded cap, well trimmed beard, the ubiquitous fly whisk, a metal bracelet on one wrist and a large ring on the finger and, above all, his penetrating eyes completed the charisma. As usual, he walked very briskly and the retinue behind him were having difficulty keeping pace with us. He said very little but asked many questions. I formed an impression that he was absorbing everything, verbal and visual, and his sharp mind was searching and assimilating.

He seemed every inch an astute politician, who had in his grasp the fulfillment of his cherished dream but was still taking his own sweet time before plucking the fruit which was ripe for picking.

On that visit, as usual, Mzee was accompanied by many dignitaries; one of them Dr Munyua Waiyaki.

To see Mzee, there were also many official visitors in the hospital, including Marie. I saw Dr Waiyaki seeking her out and whispering something in her ear. That gives me a reason to digress and provide my readers with a light interlude and tell them what it was that Dr Waiyaki was saying to Marie. It took us back four years.

In 1957, I was working as a surgical registrar at Dewsbury General Hospital in Yorkshire. It was my penultimate year before appearing for my final FRCS examination and the post in Dewsbury was designed to give me a lot of experience in operative surgery.

A couple of surgeons came

from Leeds and after doing one major operation left me to finish the list, which finished at about 6p.m. Then I started dealing with emergencies which had piled up. Dr Munyua Waiyaki, then a medical student at St Andrew's in Scotland, was doing his elective term.

My experience

He was attached to Dewsbury Hospital for a few weeks to gain experience in how a district hospital works as part of his undergraduate training. Marie was working as a theatre nurse at an adjacent hospital and we were courting at the time. When she finished at her hospital at about 5 p.m., she came to visit me. Invariably, not finding me, Marie would wait for me in the doctors' lounge.

To her first anguished cry, "Are you coming?" I would reply, "starting to close a perforated ulcer. Have tea with the doctors and I will join you for dinner."

To her second agonised call, my answer was: "A strangulated hernia has just come in and it will be a couple of hours before I finish. Have dinner with the doctors and I will escort you to your digs when I finish."

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO MARRY THIS GUY? IF THIS IS HOW HE TREATS YOU WHEN YOU ARE COURTING, WHAT WILL HE BE LIKE WHEN YOU ARE MARRIED?"

— Munyua Waiyaki



SURGEON'S DIARY, IN ITS 35TH YEAR

yusuf k. dawood

capacity, had arrived in Kenya on March 20 of that year.

The drums of uhuru were beating loud and, soon after our arrival, Marie and I were taken to a meeting in Machakos by Jan Mohammed, an Asian politician, to celebrate the release of Paul Ngei. There we also met Tom Mboya – the young, dynamic leader who was the main speaker of the day.

Soon Kenyatta was released from detention and, in an attempt to familiarise himself with developments that had taken place in the country during his detention, he visited the Aga Khan Hospital. As a full time surgeon, I was given the privilege of taking him round. I must admit that although I was excited at the

Like the resurgent endovo plant, Kavetsa Adagala's spirit will live on

It is this spirit of renewal and perpetuity that sustains this nerve centre. Let us celebrate. Kavetsa is not dead, after all

BY EGARA KABAJI
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It was in the early 1980's. I was then a mere enthusiastic high school student full of desire to make something out of my life. I looked at those who had made significant academic contribution with owe.

Many things were happening in the country especially on the political front. Kanu's hegemonic onslaught had taken a dangerous trend. I had been introduced to African writers by Mr Cassianus Ijait Aluko to whom I attribute my early passion for literature. Through his insistence, my class had read Wole Soyinka's *The Lion and the Jewel* and I had visualised myself and stupidly so, as Lakunle, one of the characters in the play.

Mr Aluko had taken us through Elechi Amadi's *The Concubine* and William Shakespeare *Julius Caesar* which were set books then. He told us about the tribulations that Ngugi wa Thiong'o was going through and his decision to change his name. I started entertaining the thought of expunging my European name. This I did later by consigning it to oblivion. These moments of youthful excitement availed the circumstances within which I met Kavetsa Adagala at the famous Maragoli Cultural Festival.

The festival grew out of an ancient ritual that started in the 16th century. Ngugi wa Thiong'o was, therefore, not quite accurate to think of it as a new initiative in his *Decolonising the Mind*. The ancient ritual brought together all the clans of the Maragoli to the foot of Maragoli Hills to pay tribute to their ancestors and



offer sacrifices to their gods annually. The ritual is said to have been first presided over by Murogoli himself and later on by his last born son Maavi and his progeny Nondi. To date, it is the Nondi clansmen who have powers to pour libation on behalf of the Maragoli in such a ritual.

With the coming of the missionaries, things fell apart and the onslaught on all that was African by missionaries followed. Maragoli land was no exception. The 80s marked a re-awakening. Leaders including Dr Henry Chakava and Moses Budamba Mudavadi decided to revive the ancient ritual albeit in a modern sense. It was decided that the festival should also include a celebration of artistic expressions from the land.

Meeting point

Kavetsa and the late Francis Imbuga were tasked with the responsibility of writing and performing a play as part of the festival. I first met the two on stage at Mbale town. Kavetsa acted the role of a stubborn inquisitive old woman who wanted changes to traditional beliefs while Imbuga acted the

role of a conservative elder who espoused misogynistic views. Kavetsa impressed me as an artist. She was just the kind of character that feeds the stereotype around Maragoli women: tough, firm, boisterous and obstinate. I later came to realise that what I saw on stage reflected what she was in real life.

I was called upon to teach a course at the Department of Literature of the University of Nairobi when she adamantly told the chair of the department that she was not ready to do it. One of my students in that class is Dr Kimingich Wabende, now a lecturer in the same department now. Together with Wanjiku Kabira, she published *Kenyan Oral Narratives*. Kavetsa was a highly enthusiastic oral literature researcher though she may not have published much, but she was loud enough in seminars and conferences. In this sense, she is like the late Owour Anyumba, also a member of the same department. It may be necessary for someone to rummage through her library and retrieve her many manuscripts for posterity.

What may interest many in

the creative industry is that Kavetsa Adagala was part of a great tradition. She was born in what we may call the nerve centre of the creative energy of Maragoli land. This nerve centre just covers about 5km radius and is significant for producing some of the finest artists Kenya has ever produced. Stanley Gazemba of the *Stone Hills of Maragoli* fame was born in this watershed. Francis Imbuga's home and that of Arthur Kemoli are a stone throw away from Kavetsa's home. Bernard Chahilu, he who gave us *The Herdsman's Daughter* and Khadambi Asalache are sons of this watershed. Prof Arthur Luvai the renowned poet, Dr Benard Misigo and Prof Laban Ayiro originate from here. Interestingly, Florence Mbayi the new entrant published *The Journey Within* recently and Kichamu Akiyaga also claim this watershed as home.

Pamela Muhadia Ngugi and Erick Ngoda Livumbazi the blazing children's book writers originate from there. Henry Indangasi's home is 10 minutes walk from Kavetsa's. She also happens to be a neighbour to Kibisu Kabatesi of the University of Nairobi and Dr Miriam Kenyani of Kenyatta University. Before all of them was Andrew Mukulu who wrote mainly in Maragoli language. The Almighty, in his wisdom, also made sure that my umbilical cord was buried in these fertile ridges.

The Maragoli have a popular proverb that says: *Aha endovo yihiywi iyindi emera ho*. This proverb draws from a stubborn female medicinal plant called *endovo*. If you uproot it, another one sprouts from the same spot a few days after. It is this spirit of renewal and perpetuity that sustains this nerve centre. Let us celebrate. Kavetsa is not dead, after all.

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REVIEW

Fresh poetry book fills the heart with love

BY MAGUNGA WILLIAMS

I HAVE NOTHING but high regard for the fine art of African poetry, ranging from the epic sensations of Uganda's Okot p'Bitek and his ilk of sages, to the new age Kenyan voices of Wanjiku Mwaurah, Tony Mochama and Michael Onsando — who recently launched his latest book, *Something Quite Unlike Myself*.

And now there is a new voice in town, that of Abigail Arunga, whose collection of poems has been released this week.

Entitled *Akello*, this brilliant collection is largely about something and somewhere we have all been in: love. The poems do not have titles. I do not know why, but I do know that some of the most beautiful pieces of art cannot be embodied in one or two words.

This book is punctuated with metaphors and vivid imagery that arouse a full spectrum of emotions, ranging from passion and rage to admiration.

Abigail's diction will cut you to the quick, make you bleed, and then patch you up again. She tells stories of love with unflagging vitality, and she does not shy from using swear words when the occasion demands.

She gets away with such audacity in Poem No 56, the only way a heartbroken or angry girl can. And when you think of it, is that not what love is all about? Love is not always rose petals, sunshine and chocolates. Sometimes love makes you jealous. Sometimes it raises your hackles.

Notable too, is that upcoming poet Kylie Kiunguyu has been featured in this book. I am impressed that Abigail shared her space. Kylie is equally talented, and shows great promise.

I tried picking out my favourite poems in *Akello*. I couldn't, but a few stood out. There is Poem No 26 about her mother's skin, Poem No 38 about Nairobi, and finally Poem No 81 that was featured on the Storymoja Hay Festival blog titled as *The Pomegranate Sun*. Consider this:

*To sit on sandy beaches
and watch the tide come in
to feel the juice of exotic fruit
and sea breeze on my skin
to have someone to dance with
when the day is done
and then to watch the rising of
the pomegranate sun.*

It's encouraging to see contemporary poetry anthologies take centre stage in Kenya's literary scene. I am impressed by what Abigail has done with *Akello*. In fact, I feel inadequate trying to bring out the true essence of this book in this review. Getting a copy is worth the while.

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KAVETSA AND LATE FRANCIS IMBUGA WERE TASKED WITH THE ROLE OF WRITING AND PERFORMING A PLAY AS PART OF THE FESTIVAL"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Today at the Alliance Francaise

"City Dads and the Women who Love Them", a play directed by Lucy Wache, will be performed at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Nairobi's Alliance Francaise today.

The theatrical work shows city fathers and their journey through parenthood. Its themes include financial obligations, challenges brought about by wrong choices made earlier in life, and absentee fatherhood.

City Dads and the Women who

Love Them features the actors Benjamin Webi, Michael Oyier and Steve Katingima.

It is written by Seth Busolo, produced by Charity Nyambura and has music by Benjamin Webi.

Girl chases dream at Italian Institute

The Italian Institute of Culture in Nairobi will today host the staging of the play *Githaa - Validating Dreams*.

The production is about a passionate girl who is determined to

make in the art industry. She comes to Nairobi, where she encounters a group of amateur artists who use their talent to survive.

Christine Savane, Lydia Gitachu, Bilal Mwaura, Helena Waitera, Willy Rama, Maryanne Nungo, Melvin Alusa, Iddi Achien'g and Rogers Otieno have roles in it.

Githaa - Validating Dreams, which is a production by Interacteam Media and Spielworks Media, will be presented at 7 p.m.

Computer that writes own stories

A researcher in Australia has developed a computer programme that can write its own fables, complete with morals. Britain's *The Guardian* reports that Margaret Sarlej from the University of New South Wales, devised the Moral Storytelling System, which generates simple stories with one of six morals identified in Aesop's fables.

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TELEVISION



5:00 AL-JAZEERA
6:00 Worker's Prayer
6:20 Tumsifu
7:45 Vision Of Glory
8.15 Melodia Mix
9:00 Qusifu

12:00 VIPASHO
12:05 Gozomo
1:00 Toleo La Mchana
1:30 Bunge la Wazalendo
2:05 Maximum Miracles
2:30 Movie: Honourable Gateman
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4:00 VIPASHO
4:05 Sakata Rumba
5:00 Majisha Bure - Marudio
6:00 MOTO-RPT
7:10 Joboz
7:30 Karibu Customer
8:00 Mwisho Juma Na Walibora
8:30 Mkulima Ni Ujuzi - marudio
9:30 Movie: Love And Tears - RPT
11:30 AL-JAZEERA

CITIZEN TV

5:00 Pambazuka 8:00 Gospel Sunday Live 13:00 Live At 1 13:30 Shamba Shape Up 14:00 Inspekta Mwala - Classics 14:30 Tahidi High - Classics 15:00 Machachari - Classics 15:30 Papa Shirandula - Classics 16:00 Mother In Law - Classics 16:30 Mashtaka 17:00 Naswa 17:30 Don't Mess with Kansiime - Rpt 18:00 The Wedding Show 19:00 Nipashe Wikendi 19:30 Mother In-law 20:15 Sakata Season 5 21:00 Sunday Live 22:00 The Tempest 23:00 Afrosinema 00:00 Citizen Late Night News 1:00 Afrosinema

KTN TV

6:00 Tukuza Live Gospel Show 9:00 Voice of Jubilee 1:00 Lunch Time News 1:30 Sunday Animated Classics: 3:00 Roses and Throns 4:00 Mbiu Ya KTN 4:10 Roses and Throns 5:00 Samantha Bridal Show 6:00 Property Show

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KBC TV

5:00 BBC 5:30 Turning Point 6:00 In Touch Ministries 7:00 Salvation Healing 7:30 Kuna Nuru Gizani 8:00 God's Power Church 8:30 Melodia Mix 9:00 Celebration Times 9:30 Jijenge Imani Yako 10:00 Worship Experience 11:00 Homegrown 1:00 KBC Lunchtime News 1:30 Classmates 2:00 Daytime Movie 3:30 Mela's Place 4:00 Kwa Raha Zangu 5:00 Moving The Masses 6:00 Sema Kenya 7:00 Taarifa 7:30 Makavazi 8:00 Ultimate Choir 9:00 Channel 1 News 10:00 Turning Point 10:30 CCTV 11:30 Worship Experience 12:30 BBC



TODAY

5:00 One Cubed
6:00 One Voice
6:30 Mamlaka Hill Chapel
7:30 Kingdom Seekers
8:00 One Voice
8:30 Murugu Herbal
9:00 Tabibu
9:30 Refreshing Times
10:00 Crossover 101
1:00 NTV at 1
1:30 #the Trend - RPT
3:00 OffSide - RPT
3:30 Churchill Raw - RPT
4:30 Woman Without Limits
5:30 N- Soko Property Show
6:00 Mali - RPT
6:30 Autovault
7:00 NTV Jioni
7:30 Churchill Show
9:00 NTV Weekend Edition
10:00 Movie: Slappy And The Stinkers
12:00 CNN



N-SOKO PROPERTY SHOW @ 5:30PM

Thika Superhighway has been a major boost to the real estate sector. Today we look at the critical role that infrastructure plays in guiding real estate activity and economic development as a whole.

CINEMA GUIDE

NAIROBI

FOX CINEPLEX-SARIT CENTRE

SCREEN I

"IT'S ENTERTAINMENT" (TBA)
11AM, 2.30PM, 9PM
PRIVATE SHOW
6.30PM

SCREEN II

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY" (3D)
(P/G) 11AM, 4PM
"HERCULES IN 3D" (TBA)
2PM, 8.50PM
"PRIVATE SHOW"
6.30PM

CENTURY CINEMAX JUNCTION, NGONG ROAD

SCREEN I

"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2" (2D) (G/E)
10.20AM, 12.20PM, 5PM
"DAWN OF THE PLANET APES" (2D) (16)
2.20PM, 7PM, 9.30PM

SCREEN II

"HERCULES" (3D) (16)
10.20AM, 5.20PM, 7.30PM, 9.40PM
"STEP UP ALL" (3D) (P/G)
12.30PM, 2.50PM

SCREEN III

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY" (2D) (16)
11.20AM, 2PM, 4.30PM, 7PM, 9.30PM

SCREEN IV

"TRANSFORMERS" AGE OF DISTINCTION" 2D (PG)
10AM, 9.40PM
"THINK LIKE A MAN 2" (2D) (18)
3.10PM, 7.30PM
"22 JUMP STREET 2D" (18)
1PM, 5.10PM

IMAX CINEMA, 20TH CENTURY PLAZA, NAIROBI

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY"
7.00AM, 9.20AM, 11.40AM, 2PM, 4.20PM, 9PM, 11.20PM

PLANET MEDIA, PRESTIGE PLAZA, NGONG ROAD

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY" (3D) (TBA)
1.30PM, 6.30PM, 9PM
"DAWN OF THE PLANET APES" (3D) (16) 11AM
"HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2" (3D) (G/E) 4PM
"THINK LIKE A MAN TOO" (18) 9PM
"22 JUMP STREET" (18) 10.45AM
"KICK" (TBA) 3.10PM, 6.05PM
"STEP UP ALL" (TBA) 1PM

KISUMU

PLANET MEDIA CINEMAS, NAKUMATT MEGA CITY MALL

SCREEN I

"X-MEN- DAYS OF FUTURE PAST" (16)
6.20PM, 8.45PM

SCREEN II

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY" (TBA) 8.40PM
"DAWN OF THE PLANET APES" (3D) (16) 1.30PM
"STEP UP ALL" (P/G)
11.20AM

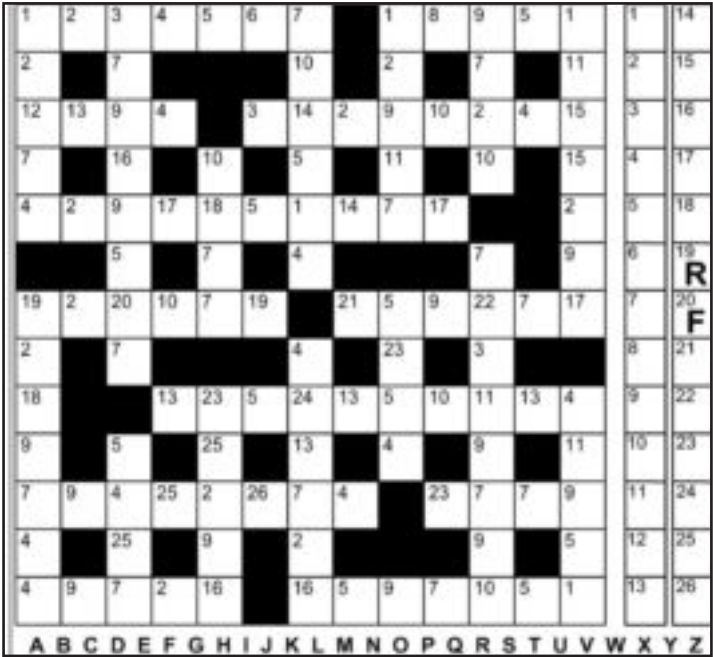
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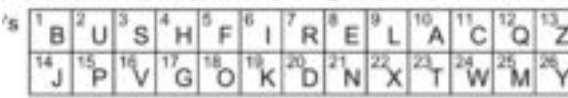
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CODEWORD

Each number in our codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 20 represents F so fill in F every time the figure 20 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, and then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Solution in next week's paper.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



SUDOKU

You solve the puzzle by filling in the empty cells with a single number (from all the possible candidates) There is only one correct number per cell. Complete the Sudoku puzzle so that each and every row, column, and region contains the numbers one through nine only once. The SMS contest has taken a break until further notice.

Yesterday's solution



SENIOR CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Belittled a duke touring HQ (6)
5 Don, perhaps, has fed FBI agent (8)
9 Additional clothing fielder required (5,5)
10 Member meeting unknown host (4)
11 Couple hired band (8)
12 Say no to litter (6)
13 One makes notes in Oxford Book of Essays, initially (4)
15 Former wife's erotic dancing is popular (8)
18 Crab tea, I suspect, could be the cause of food poisoning (8)
19 Sugar source for preserve, ultimate in marmalade (4)
21 A stubborn type beginning to trust a lucky charm (6)
23 Say about the old girl's monocle (8)
25 Shore bird in difficulty (4)
26 Fresh landlord brought round special bulletin (10)
27 Picking up on insurance policy, at last (8)
28 Messenger carried on about artist (6)

DOWN

2 Sportsman in short shorts (5)
3 Most rigorous examination following poor crits (9)
4 Willing to learn from medical man, the Italian head of embryology (6)
5 Concede one must have let the cat out of the bag? (4,3,4,4)
6 Tie up tie over in officers' mess (8)
7 Hebridean island without a workforce (5)
8 Notice over embassy entrance (9)
14 Nash, say — name in fashion with high society (4,5)
16 Clear as to changes in a financial clause (9)
17 Repent, possibly, before church reveals sham (8)
20 A lot of money got from breaking the law (6)
22 Game, extremely tight once opener's removed (5)
24 Man of high social standing also blowing top (5)

Last Week's Solution

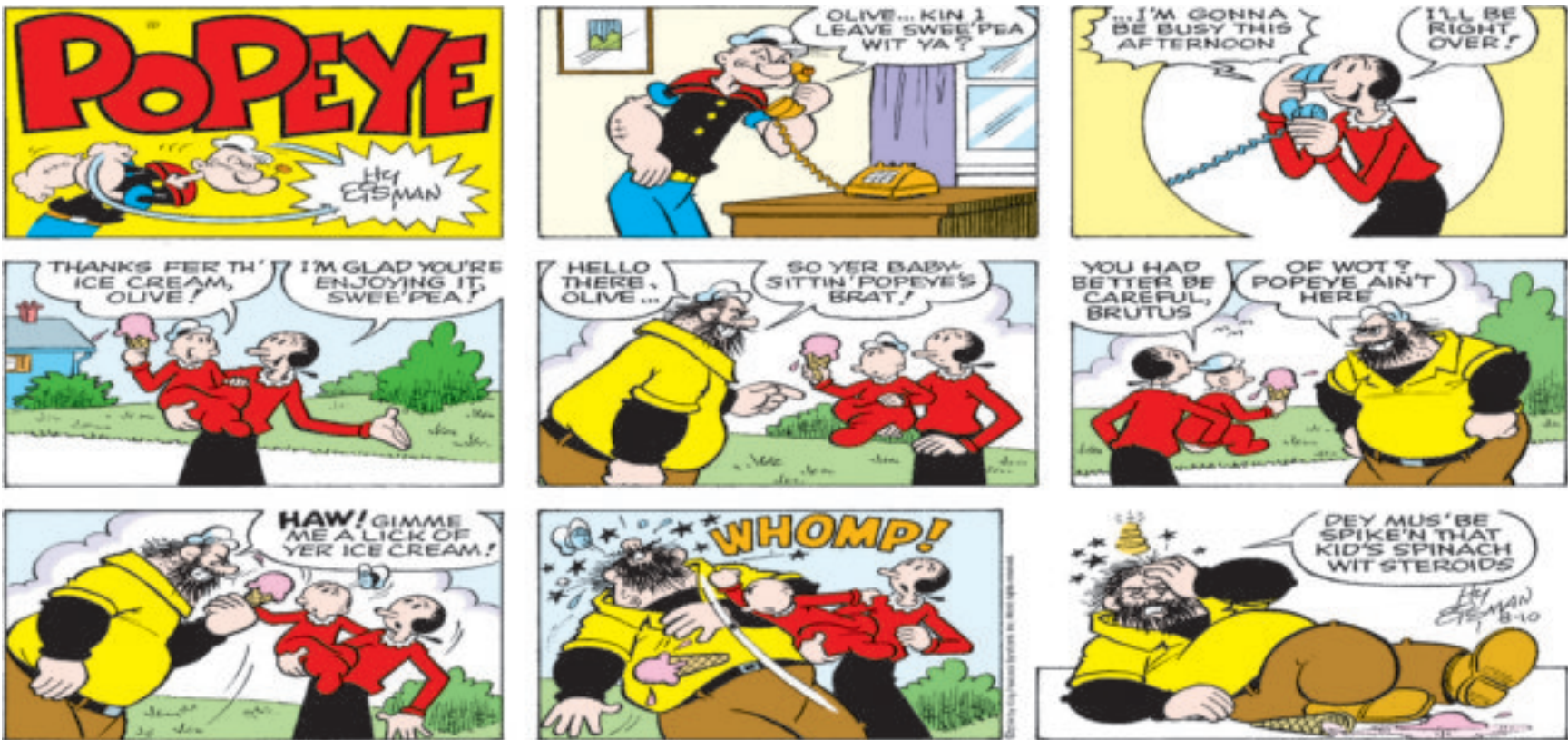
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1 Chartreuse
10 Firstnight
11 Regain
12 Suspend
13 Campari
17 Exit
18 Skua
19 Liberal
20 Seattle
24 Audit
25 Autopsies
27 Atoned
28 Meditate
29 Theism
30 Vehement

Down

2 Hair
3 Raiseup
4 Running
5 Urge
6 Entreat
7 Fleamarket
8 Emancipate
13 Midastouch
16 Gasshell
17 Taster
19 Pottery
20 Rumpus
23 Liar

POPEYE



FLASH GORDON



PHANTOM

