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Jubilee Party's credibility as a democratic institution is at stake unless its leadership opens up about alliance negotiations and candidacy processes it has so far kept from its own members, former Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu has warned. **Page 18**

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## ODPP Moves To Standardize Graft Charges



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**Joseph Riungu, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions**

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# Nation Pays Tribute To Late Emurua Dikirr MP Johana Ng'eno

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*Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures*

Political leaders, clergy, and family members gathered at the Africa Gospel Church (AGC) in Karen, Nairobi yesterday to honour the late Emurua Dikirr MP, Johana Ng'eno, and five others who tragically perished in the helicopter crash last Saturday.

The memorial was attended by Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, Senate Speaker Amason Kingi, MPs, governors, and other dignitaries. Speaker Wetang'ula described Ng'eno as "a man full of life... a good man with a clean heart," urging Kenyans to accept God's will and avoid assigning blame for the accident.

Buuri MP Rindikiri Mugambi who is the Vice Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, lauded Ng'eno's empathy, firm leadership, and the Committee's achievements under his guidance. Tinderet MP Julius Melly remembered him as "a tribe-less leader who fought for worthy causes and spoke his mind."

Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja highlighted Ng'eno's contributions to affordable housing and the creative economy, while Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu noted his dedication to serving his constituents until the very end. Senator Aaron Cheruiyot and National Assembly Clerk Samuel Njoroge also paid tribute, recognising the six men as committed professionals and family breadwinners.

The late MP and his colleagues will be taken to Emurua Dikirr Primary School for a joint service and vigil today, followed by a State-led funeral tomorrow, with Ng'eno laid to rest alongside his staff in a scheduled interment over today and Saturday.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi yesterday made an extensive tour of Witeithie ward where he launched the much awaited solar street lights as well as commissioning various projects in the area. He was by area MCA Mwibiri, County Officials and leaders led by MCA Micheke, Assembly Majority leader. He said more solar lights would be installed. He ordered the immediate commencement of rehabilitation of streets/roads and drainage in the area and vowed to continue fighting for the welfare of the Kiambu electorate.



Nyeri Woman Representative Rahab Mukami has called for an increase in funding to the Office of the County Woman Representative, citing growing demands from vulnerable groups. She said the current allocation under the National Government Affirmative Action Fund is inadequate to address the rising needs of constituents, particularly persons with disabilities. Speaking at her Nyeri office while distributing bursaries, sanitary pads, potato peelers and water tanks to schools and individuals, Mukami emphasized that her office is overwhelmed by requests for assistance. She highlighted the case of a family in Gakanga with nine disabled children living without shelter, saying she plans to build them a house. Mukami expressed confidence that the government will consider increasing funding to better support vulnerable communities.



Residents of Gatuanyaga in Thika East Sub-County held a security meeting to address rising cases of illicit brew and bhang peddling. During the meeting, they presented Thika East Deputy County Commissioner Margaret Mwaniki with a list of individuals allegedly involved in the illegal trade, calling for immediate action. The residents accused the suspects of destroying families and leading youth into addiction. They also claimed that some traders operate under the protection of rogue police officers, enabling the unlawful activities to continue despite repeated complaints.



Baringo County Commissioner Stephen Kutwa (second from right) and other officials hold a copy of the Agenda Kenya newspaper during a two-day sensitization forum on the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) at a Kabarnet Resort last month. The county is set to launch grassroots campaigns to accelerate registration for the Social Health Authority (SHA). The decision was made during the forum, which brought together National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) and county departments. The meeting revealed that the county has so far registered 316,000 residents out of 666,000, representing 47.45 percent.

Members of the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) Homa Bay branch have elected Thomas Odhiambo as the new Executive Secretary in a repeat election held in Rachuonyo North. The polls were rescheduled after the initial exercise in January was disrupted by goons. Odhiambo won with 1,260 votes, defeating the incumbent Steven Yogo, who received 773 votes.



Principal Secretary for Broadcasting Steve Isaboke said he was honoured to represent Kenya at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, noting that global discussions have shifted from basic connectivity to Agentic AI and 6G-ready infrastructure. He expressed admiration for the Future Railway Mobile Communication System showcased at the exhibition, terming it a critical innovation for modern rail networks. Isaboke emphasized that transitioning to 5G-enabled railway communication will enhance safety, efficiency and support an integrated digital logistics corridor. He was joined by representatives from the Communications Authority of Kenya and Huawei during the event.



Nyaribari Chache MP Zaheer Jhanda joined students of Kiamabundu Comprehensive School in Kisii Central Sub-County on March 4, 2026, where he interacted with learners during a lively visit to the institution. During the event, he commissioned eight newly constructed classrooms funded through the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF). The modern storey building is designed to ease classroom congestion and provide a more conducive learning environment. The project forms part of the MP's wider initiative to strengthen education infrastructure across the constituency by expanding facilities and improving access to quality learning spaces for students.



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**Agriculture** The eight-year program targets 10 counties, with Uasin Gishu County as a key focus area

## KSh34.1 Billion INReMP Launched To Promote Climate-Smart Agriculture In Western Kenya

The initiative promotes regenerative agriculture, climate-smart solutions, and the greening...

BY MKT REPORTER

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The Government of Kenya, in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), has launched the Integrated Natural Resources Management Programme (INReMP), a KSh34.1 billion initiative aimed at boosting climate-smart agriculture and strengthening food security in western Kenya.

The eight-year program targets 10 counties, with Uasin Gishu County as a key focus area.

The launch, held in Eldoret, saw the Principal Secretary for Agriculture, Paul Ronoh and PS Festus K. Ng'eno from the State Department for Environment and Climate Change highlight INReMP's transformative potential.

Accompanied by IFAD Country Director Mariatu Kamara and other officials, the PS emphasized that the program integrates climate-resilient agricultural practices, sustainable natural resource management, and rural livelihood improvement.

INReMP comprises three main components. The first focuses on natural resource management, including soil conservation, forest protection, water resource preservation, and improved farming mechanisms.

The second component targets livelihoods and value



PS Paul Ronoh briefing the media in the company of other officials. | Photo: Courtesy.

chain development, supporting cooperatives with machinery for value addition across key agricultural sectors, including coffee, dairy, and other high-value crops. The third component emphasizes governance and administrative capacity to ensure effective program implementation.

The initiative promotes regenerative agriculture, climate-smart solutions, and the greening and commercialization of nature-based value chains, aiming to strengthen farmers' resilience and adaptive capacity.

The program also facilitates infrastructure development, capacity building, and coop-

erative support to improve farm-level productivity and market access.

Governor Jonathan Chelilim reaffirmed the county's commitment to supporting the program, noting Uasin Gishu's status as a key food basket region. The county will provide necessary infrastructure to enhance natural resource management, boost food security, and ensure successful project implementation.

For Uasin Gishu, INReMP will prioritize the dairy sector, improving livestock genetics, expanding Artificial Insemination (AI) services, and strengthening dairy cooperatives. The program also

supports crop diversification beyond maize and wheat, promoting high-value crops such as coffee, avocado, and macadamia. By integrating climate-smart practices with value chain enhancement, INReMP aims to increase incomes for smallholder farmers, women, and youth while fostering long-term rural transformation.

The program represents a significant investment in sustainable agriculture, combining climate resilience, resource conservation, and market-oriented interventions to transform rural livelihoods, improve productivity, and support Kenya's broader food security goals.

## MPs Clash Over National Infrastructure Fund Amid Oversight Concerns



Mukurweini MP John Kaguchia | Photo: Courtesy.

BY MKT REPORTER

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Kenya's National Assembly erupted into heated debate yesterday as Members of Parliament clashed over the proposed National Infrastructure Fund Bill, a flagship initiative touted by President William Ruto as central to his "Singapore dream" of financing development without excessive borrowing. The bill, however, has sharply divided lawmakers, with critics warning of sweeping executive control and inadequate parliamentary oversight.

The legislation seeks to establish a nine member board to manage trillions of shillings earmarked for infrastructure projects. The board would include the Treasury

Cabinet Secretary or their representative, four independent directors, two senior experts in development banking, and a chief executive officer. Crucially, the Treasury CS would oversee recruitment, remuneration, and performance contracts — a provision that triggered alarm among MPs.

"This board has been given sweeping powers... even if it prioritises projects... why is the CS sitting at the centre of control? That is not oversight, that is control. Consolidation precedes abuse," warned Mukurweini MP John Kaguchia. Kathiani MP Robert Mbui added: "With this fund, there's no way of fair distribution. We are passing

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## National Assembly

## MPs Clash Over National Infrastructure Fund Amid Oversight Concerns



Suba South MP Caroli Omondi | Photo: Courtesy.

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for the next election. Kenyans will stop us.”

Majority Leader Kimani Ichung’wah defended the bill, insisting it was the only viable path to sustainable development. “The President said we cannot continue funding development through borrowing and he said we cannot continue overburdening Kenyans with borrowing,” Ichung’wah told the House. He argued that oversight would remain intact through reports submitted by the Auditor General.

Yet sceptics remained unconvinced. Suba South MP Caroli Omondi cautioned: “I forewarn, if we pass it, the court will declare it unconstitutional.” Funyula MP Wilberforce Oundo accused the government of misleading the public: “What has been sold to the country — that this was going to be the panacea that we are not going to borrow at all to finance infrastructure projects — any discerning person would have taken it for Gospel truth.”

Kiharu MP Ndingi Nyoro went further, branding the proposal “the national illegal borrowing fund bill.” He argued: “Our Ksh.4 trillion budget is overseen by Parliament and counties. Now we want to hand over Ksh.5 trillion to be

oversighted by an individual. You cannot be patriotic and support.”

The debate also exposed regional tensions, with MPs from arid counties backing the bill as a lifeline for neglected areas. “In Marsabit, we need water; this is the only way we will get water,” said Marsabit Woman Representative Naomi Waqo. Dadaab MP Farah Maalim added: “The most viable areas are arid areas. They have minerals... These are not the days of coffee and tea.”

Others stressed the fund’s commercial focus. Kitui Central MP Makali Mulu noted: “The fund is to undertake feasibility studies to check commercial viability of projects. The word is commercial.” Omondi cautioned colleagues against expecting the fund to finance small constituency roads: “It’s like members are waiting for this fund to finance their 30km roads. This is not for that. Go for the budget.”

The bill will undergo amendments at the committee of the whole House stage before subsequent approval. But the clash has already underscored the delicate balance between innovation in financing and the constitutional imperative of oversight.

Kenya has been promised a bold new path to development — but unless Parliament secures its role, the road to prosperity may well lead to unchecked power.



## Embu Coffee Farmers Rejoice As KSh171.5 Million Loan Waiver Boosts Milling And Marketing

### The debt originated from a KSh90 million loan obtained in 2014

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Coffee farmers in Embu County have received a major boost following the National Government’s waiver of KSh171.5 million owed by the Embu County Coffee Mill to the commodities fund.

The debt originated from a KSh90 million loan obtained in 2014 to construct a joint milling and marketing plant for the county’s coffee, but it ballooned over time due to penalties and accrued interest, creating fears among cooperative societies that their produce could be seized.

The mill was established to consolidate coffee production across the county, reduce exploitation by middlemen and cartels, and ensure farmers could collectively mill and

market their coffee to increase earnings. However, the high debt had discouraged many societies from participating, limiting the plant’s impact.

Mill Chair Wilfensio Njeru said the loan waiver has revived confidence among cooperative societies, with increasing numbers now willing to bring their coffee to the mill.

“We have seen growing interest from cooperative societies who are willing to mill and market their coffee with us, and we are optimistic that soon all the societies will come on board,” he said.

The waiver has allowed the mill to operate at full capacity, focusing on value addition and marketing without the fear of asset seizure. Joint milling and marketing are expected to deliver several benefits, including volume consolidation, direct market access, and significant reductions in individual milling and marketing costs.

Njeru highlighted plans to further add value by roasting, grinding, and packaging

Embu coffee under a single brand to attract premium prices instead of selling raw coffee.

Mill Production Manager David Bundi noted that the plant features an efficient processing machine capable of milling 2.5 tons per hour, alongside a high-standard grading system. The mill has already attracted coffee supplies from surrounding counties, including Meru, Murang’a, and Kirinyaga, thanks to its capacity and grading efficiency.

To support expanded operations, the County Government has invested KSh25 million in constructing a new parchment coffee warehouse, increasing the mill’s storage capacity to 40,000 bags.

With the loan waiver and infrastructure investments, Embu County Coffee Mill is poised to strengthen farmers’ bargaining power, enhance earnings, and create a robust, value-added coffee industry that can compete in both local and international markets.

**Corruption** The initiative seeks to enhance the quality, precision and consistency of charges presented before court

# ODPP Launches Nationwide Drive To Standardize Corruption Charges

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Kenya's war on graft took a decisive turn this week as the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) unveiled a nationwide initiative to standardize corruption charges. The move, announced at a two day forum in Nairobi, is designed to eliminate inconsistencies in prosecutorial practice, strengthen the administration of justice, and entrench integrity within the country's criminal justice system.

The forum, led by Joseph Riungu, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, brought together prosecutors from across the country to draft uniform charge sheets for corruption and economic crime cases. Participants collaborated on a standardized sample charge sheet supported by practical model templates tailored specifically for corruption related offences.

"The initiative seeks to enhance the quality, precision and consistency of charges presented before court in line with existing prosecutorial guidelines," the ODPP said in a statement on Wednesday. Riungu underscored the need for a coordinated and harmonized approach in the fight against corruption, noting that a standardized framework would promote equality before the law and equip prosecutors with practical tools to handle complex economic crime matters effectively.

The programme has received backing from international partners, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the European Union through the Programme for Legal Empowerment and Aid Delivery in Kenya (PLEADYetu). Once finalized, the proposed sample charge sheets will undergo internal validation within the ODPP before being subjected to external review ahead of full implementation.

Riungu told participants: "We cannot afford to have corruption cases collapsing because of technicalities in charge sheets. A harmonized approach will ensure that justice is not only done but seen to be done." His remarks were echoed by UNODC's regional representative, who

emphasized that Kenya's efforts to standardize prosecutorial practice could serve as a model for other jurisdictions grappling with systemic corruption.

The initiative comes at a time when Kenya's leadership has faced mounting pressure to deliver tangible results in the fight against graft. President William Ruto has repeatedly pledged to strengthen institutions rather than rely on ad hoc measures. Analysts say the ODPP's move dovetails with this broader agenda, signaling a shift toward institutional reforms that can outlast political cycles.

Legal experts argue that inconsistencies in charge sheets have historically undermined corruption cases, allowing defendants to exploit loopholes and procedural errors. By introducing standardized templates, the ODPP aims to close these gaps and improve conviction rates. "Uniformity in charges is not a bureaucratic exercise; it is a safeguard against impunity," said Dr. Mercy Wanjiku, a governance scholar at the University of Nairobi.

The Nairobi County leadership has also weighed in on the implications of the initiative. Governor Johnson Sakaja, speaking at a separate event, noted that corruption in procurement and service delivery remains one of the biggest challenges facing the capital. "Nairobi cannot achieve its development goals if corruption continues to siphon resources meant for infrastructure, housing, and healthcare. The ODPP's initiative will strengthen accountability and give counties confidence that justice will be applied fairly," Sakaja said.

Members of the Nairobi County Assembly echoed this sentiment, with Speaker Ken Ng'ondi stressing that standardized charges would enhance public trust in the justice system. "Citizens often lose faith when corruption cases drag on or collapse due to technicalities. This initiative restores confidence that the law is applied consistently, regardless of who is in the dock," he remarked.

Civil society groups have cautiously welcomed the move but warned that standardization alone will not solve Kenya's corruption problem. Transparency International Kenya issued a statement urging the ODPP



Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) at a two day forum in Nairobi | Photo: ODPP

to complement the initiative with robust enforcement and public participation. "Standardized charges are a step forward, but they must be matched with political will, adequate resources, and protection for whistleblowers," the organization said.

The European Union's ambassador to Kenya praised the ODPP's efforts, noting that corruption undermines investment and economic growth.



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"Kenya's credibility in the eyes of investors depends on the predictability and fairness of its justice system. This initiative is a signal that Kenya is serious about tackling graft," the envoy said.

For Nairobi's leadership, the impact of the initiative could be transformative. The capital has long been viewed as the epicenter of corruption scandals, from inflated procurement contracts to irregular land allocations. Analysts argue that standardized charges will empower prosecutors to pursue cases more effectively, thereby deterring corrupt practices within county leadership. "The ripple effect of this initiative will be felt most in Nairobi, where the stakes are highest and the scrutiny most intense," observed Dr. Kamau.

The ODPP's move also reflects a broader trend of aligning Kenya's justice system with international best practices. Countries such as South Africa and Nigeria have introduced similar reforms to strengthen anti corruption prosecutions. By adopting standardized templates, Kenya positions itself as a regional leader in prosecutorial reform.

Still, challenges remain. Prosecutors will require continuous training to adapt to the new framework, and

courts must be prepared to handle an influx of cases presented under standardized charges. Moreover, political interference remains a persistent threat. Without insulation from political pressure, even the most well designed reforms risk being undermined.

As the initiative moves toward implementation, the ODPP has pledged to engage stakeholders, including the judiciary, civil society, and county governments. Riungu emphasized that the success of the programme depends on collective ownership. "This is not just an ODPP project; it is a national project. We must all commit to ensuring that corruption cases are prosecuted with consistency, fairness, and integrity," he said.

The launch of the initiative marks a significant milestone in Kenya's anti corruption journey. For Nairobi, where corruption has often eroded public trust and stalled development, the impact could be particularly profound. If successful, the standardized framework will not only strengthen prosecutions but also reinforce the credibility of Nairobi's leadership in delivering services transparently.

Kenya has been promised justice without loopholes — now its leaders must ensure that promise is kept.

**Security** Sifuna warned that repeated security lapses could compromise the airport's compliance with the ICAO standards

# Senator Sifuna Demand Answers Over Kisumu International Airport Security Breach

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Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna has requested a formal statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation, and Housing regarding serious security concerns at Kisumu International Airport. The call follows an alarming incident on Saturday, February 21, 2026, when the airport was reportedly "besieged by goons," raising questions about the adequacy of existing safety measures. Sifuna warned that repeated

security lapses could compromise the airport's compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards, which require robust safeguards to protect civil aviation from unlawful interference. He emphasized that Kisumu International Airport, with its potential to evolve into a major cargo and passenger hub for East Africa, faces significant reputational and operational risks if incidents like those of February 2025 recur.

The legislator urged the Committee to conduct a thorough review of current safety pro-

cedures, focusing on how unauthorized individuals were able to access and operate within the airport premises.

He called for a comprehensive investigation to identify lapses in security enforcement and provide clarity on the vulnerabilities that allowed the breach to occur.

In addition to examining the immediate incident, Sifuna requested that the Committee outline specific corrective actions and long-term remedial measures aimed at preventing similar breaches in the future. This includes strengthening governance structures and



Senator Edwin Sifuna

operational procedures to enhance overall airport security. The Senator stressed that addressing these lapses is essential to protect passengers, staff, and cargo operations, as well as to maintain the airport's credibility with ICAO and international aviation

partners. He concluded that proactive interventions and transparent reporting are critical to ensuring that Kisumu International Airport can safely fulfill its role as a strategic transport hub in the region, while mitigating potential security threats.

The Committee is now expected to provide a detailed report on identified security gaps, proposed solutions, and the timeline for implementing robust measures to safeguard the airport against future incidents.




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**Theft** Arraigned at Courts over allegations of stealing KSh6 million

# Public Alert Issued As Suspect In Multi-Million Shilling Employee Theft Cases Remains At Large

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The public and the business community have been cautioned about a middle-aged man alleged to be behind a string of “stealing by servant” incidents that have reportedly cost employers millions of shillings across the region.

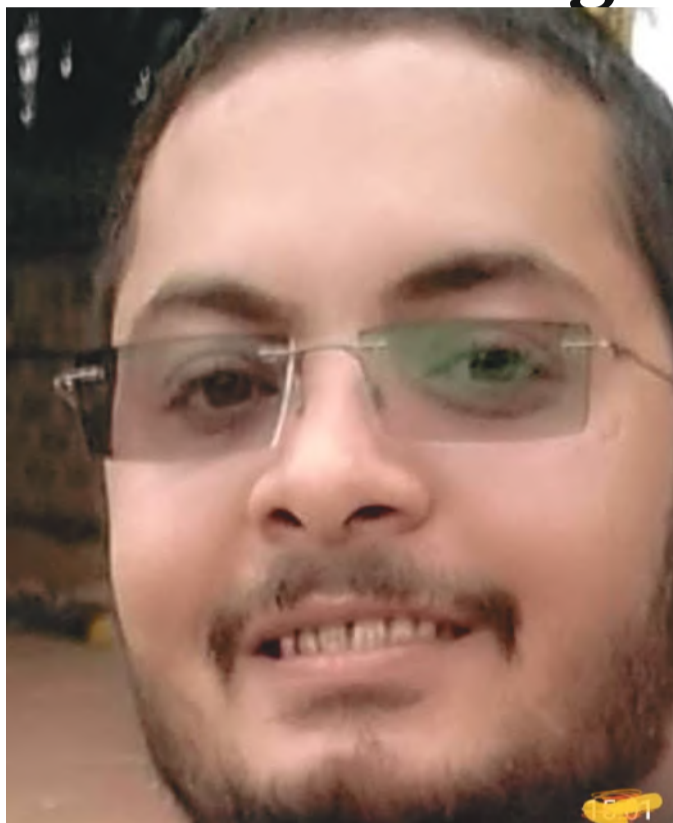
The suspect, identified as Mohammed Hassan Jan Mohammed, alias “Butch,” is accused of exploiting the trust of his employers before allegedly orchestrating thefts within the businesses where he worked.

Court records indicate that in 2023, Jan Mohammed was arraigned at the Kiambu Law Courts over allegations of stealing KSh6 million from a shop where he was employed. He denied the charges, and the matter is still pending before the court.

Despite the ongoing case, fresh claims have emerged from several business owners who allege they have fallen victim to similar schemes. The new accusations have sparked concern among members of the local business community, who say the pattern of alleged misconduct has caused significant financial losses.

Some of the affected employers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described how the suspect allegedly presented himself as a disciplined and trustworthy employee, only to later be implicated in financial discrepancies. One former employer in the tours and travel sector claimed to have lost KSh1.2 million.

“He came across as hard-working and devout. We entrusted him with responsibilities, only to realize later that funds were missing,” the employer said.



**Mohammed Hassan Jan Mohammed in Kiambu law courts where he denied stealing KSh 6 million from his employer.**

Another complainant alleged a loss of KSh300,000, describing the situation as distressing and calling for greater vigilance among employers. The victim emphasized the need for background checks and due diligence before hiring staff entrusted with financial responsibilities.

The suspect is also said to have previously worked for a security firm contracted to guard a major shopping mall in Nairobi, where his employment reportedly ended following internal concerns that could have affected operations.

Separately, an official from the Saaj Mosque, speaking anonymously, clarified that the institution does not condone criminal behavior and has distanced itself from the suspect. The source indicated that the mosque had initially supported him under the belief that he was innocent, in-

cluding assisting with bond arrangements, but later withdrew support after learning of repeated allegations.

“We do not shield wrongdoing. Anyone with a grievance should pursue justice through the proper legal channels,” the source stated, adding that the mosque has advised aggrieved parties to report their complaints to law enforcement authorities.

As the 2023 case proceeds before the Kiambu court, members of the public and business owners have been urged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the nearest police station. Authorities have not yet issued an official statement regarding the latest claims.

The case continues to draw attention within the business community as stakeholders call for transparency, accountability, and adherence to due process under the law.

# Kenya Adopts WHO Child Development Tool In Landmark National Health Survey



Kenya has taken a historic step in safeguarding the future of its youngest citizens by incorporating the World Health Organization’s (WHO) child development assessment tool into a national health survey for the very first time. The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) confirmed that data collection, covering 30,000 households across 1,000 communities nationwide, was completed earlier this year.

The survey, officially known as the Kenya Mini Demographic and Health Survey 2025/26, goes beyond traditional health indicators to include the WHO Global Scales for Early Development (GSED). This tool evaluates holistic child development from birth to three years old, tracking not only physical health but also cognitive, social, and communication skills. Complementing this, UNICEF’s Early Childhood Development Index (ECDI) 2030 assessed children aged three to five, ensuring comprehensive coverage of early childhood from birth through age five.

Dr. Makeba, WHO Kenya’s technical lead for child health, explained the importance of adapting the tool to local contexts. “Feedback from data collectors confirmed that mothers responded positively to the picture cards, creating

a welcoming environment that supported effective data collection,” she said. The KNBS translated the tool into multiple local languages and used simple, engaging picture cards to ensure cultural relevance and accessibility for Kenyan families.

Capacity building was a critical component of the initiative. WHO trained KNBS, the Ministry of Health, and partner organizations to administer the tools effectively, equipping 150 data collectors deployed across all 47 counties. These teams gathered data not only on child development but also on maternal and child health, family planning, reproductive health, health insurance coverage, and domestic violence among women aged 15 to 49.

Dr. Neema Rusibamayila Kimambo, WHO’s representative to Kenya, praised the initiative: “WHO is proud to be part of this journey, and we look forward to seeing the final results and the opportunities they will create to improve the health and well-being of children across Kenya.”

Policymakers anticipate that the findings will provide unprecedented insights into whether Kenyan children are thriving, highlight areas where they may be falling behind, and reveal underlying causes. The data is expected to guide national

strategies, direct resources to communities most in need, and shape future investments in early childhood programs. UNICEF officials noted that the integration of both GSED and ECDI tools places Kenya at the forefront of global efforts to measure and improve child development outcomes.

Analysts say the move could have far-reaching implications for Nairobi’s leadership and national policy. By grounding decisions in robust data, the government can prioritize interventions that directly address developmental gaps. For Nairobi, where rapid urbanization has strained health and education systems, the survey’s findings could inform targeted investments in early childhood centers, maternal health facilities, and community-based support programs.

The adoption of WHO’s child development tool signals Kenya’s commitment to aligning with international best practices while tailoring them to local realities. It also underscores the government’s recognition that early childhood development is not merely a health issue but a cornerstone of national development.

Kenya has promised to give every child a fair start in life — now its leaders must ensure that promise translates into action.

**KALRO** The event was officially opened by Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe

# KALRO's Open Mkulima Week Showcases Climate-Smart Solutions To Boost Farmer Productivity

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The 4th Annual Open Mkulima Week, hosted by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) at the National Agricultural Research Laboratories in Kabete, attracted over 5,000 farmers, primarily from Kiambu County. The two-day exhibition transformed the research institute into a hands-on learning hub, connecting farmers with scientists, policymakers, and agribusiness players to explore emerging technologies aimed at improving yields, incomes, and

sustainability.

The event was officially opened by Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe, who highlighted the Government's commitment to bridging the gap between agricultural research and on-farm implementation. Central to the exhibition was the demonstration of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) technologies, precision farming tools, and improved seed varieties designed to enhance productivity while reducing costs.

KALRO Director General Eliud Kireger emphasized that research must yield tangible benefits for farmers.



## New Year. Same Chai.



“From drought-tolerant seed varieties to digital pest surveillance systems, our goal is to ensure innovations move from the laboratory to the field. Through digital call centres, farmers can now access real-time advisory services,” he said.

Development partners, including the Food Security Consortium, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and the World Bank, reaffirmed their support for agricultural transformation, particularly for youth-led agribusiness initiatives. A representative of the Food Security Consortium stressed the need for adoption of high-yielding crop varieties at farm level.

Private sector stakeholders encouraged farmers to move beyond primary production. James Mwaura, President of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), urged farmers to embrace value addition by processing and packaging their produce, and for research institutions to serve as trade hubs showcasing high-value products.

The exhibition also addressed local challenges, including shrinking land sizes, soil fer-

tility decline, and unpredictable rainfall. Farmers were advised on vertical farming, hydroponics, organic bio-fertilizers, and drought-resistant seed varieties such as the new SC maize series. Ward-based demonstrations offered practical, hands-on guidance across multiple agricultural value chains, with 180 specialized trainers supporting 716 demonstrations in dairy, poultry, and crop management.

Farmers left the event with practical solutions to improve productivity and profitability. Mary Njeri, a dairy farmer from Kikuyu Ward, said she learned to grow high-protein fodder at home, reducing dependence on commercial feeds.

By the end of the two-day event, optimism was high. Participants expressed renewed confidence that the technologies and partnerships showcased at KALRO provide actionable pathways to increased agricultural productivity, sustainable practices, enhanced incomes, and strengthened food security, despite challenges posed by climate change and urban expansion.

# Francis Meja Sworn In As Public Service Commission Chairperson

BY MKT Correspondent

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Francis Meja was sworn in as the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Wednesday, in a ceremony presided over by Chief Justice Martha Koome, who also administered the oaths to members of the Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC) and the National Heroes Council.

Joining Meja, Emmanuel Mumia, Catherine Ochanda, and Walter Ochieng Khobe were sworn in as members of the Kenya Law Reform Commission, while Charfano Guyo Mokku took office as a member of the National Heroes Council.

During the ceremony, CJ Koome urged the PSC to ensure that the government becomes a model employer, setting the benchmark for merit,

transparency, fairness, and integrity in employer–employee relations.

“The Commission shoulders the duty of actualising Article 234 of the Constitution — embedding constitutional values across the public service, strengthening institutional efficiency, and advancing professional excellence,” CJ Koome said.

On the Kenya Law Reform Commission, the Chief Justice acknowledged the body’s role in translating constitutional values into legislative reality — reviewing outdated statutes, proposing reforms, and aligning sectoral laws with constitutional imperatives.

“Your responsibility now is to consolidate and deepen these gains. Law reform must remain proactive, evidence-based, and responsive to emerging social, economic, technological, and governance challenges,” she said.

CJ Koome emphasized that the Commission should prioritize reviewing statutory provisions declared unconstitutional by courts, as identified annually in the State of the Judiciary and Administration of Justice Report.

“Prompt legislative action to amend or repeal them is imperative. Fidelity to the Constitution demands no less,” she added.

The Chief Justice also encouraged the National Heroes Council to celebrate not only prominent figures but also ordinary Kenyans doing extraordinary work — unsung heroes whose quiet service strengthens communities.

“By identifying, recognising, and honouring our heroes, you shape our collective memory and affirm the values that define us,” CJ Koome said.



Francis Meja was sworn in as the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Wednesday in a ceremony presided over by Chief Justice Martha Koome Photo: PSC

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## I'm Proud Of Myself



I began to think of me  
Wondering what I am  
In the morning light I stare  
As I rise new  
Facing every obstacle, both old and new  
Hoping some day  
The heavy will be soft  
For i keep showing up  
For I'm proud of me

I am proud of myself  
Happy with the way I look  
I care not how people say  
Or even hate me for what happened years ago  
I'm grateful for myself  
I am proud of me

I can't shame myself  
For every effort I give  
To me each day is different  
Is it selfish to you  
That I am proud of myself  
Oooh! No!  
But still  
I'm proud of myself

I'm lucky to have friends  
I don't care if you judge me  
But them  
I treasure every inch of them  
And I can defend them anywhere  
So, be still  
I'm proud of myself

I am proud of my smile  
And yes it hides a lot of my pain  
I'm happy of my achievements  
I don't give a damn about the bad things I did  
Life is short  
I accept what it is  
I no longer fight loosing battles  
I get hurt and stand  
And for the future  
I let it know  
I'm proud of myself

I'm proud to be me  
I have achieved so much  
A teacher, a writer, a lecturer, a doctor  
I will do what I have to  
This is my life  
I won't lat down and die  
I will fight to live  
For I am and sure I will always be  
Proud! No proud of myself

Wanjohi. P. Mugambi  
The Weeping Onion  
Kenya

## You Think You Have A Lot Of Time...



You think you have enough time,  
but time's slipping away like sand,  
In reality, it's fleeting fast,  
don't waste a day or a second.

Understand time is gold, don't let it slip away  
You can't master time, it won't stop for anyone  
If you waste time, it won't come back to you,

Each moment is passing,

Once time is gone, it is gone forever,  
Future is uncertain, so don't delay the start,  
Never waste a second, keep this in your heart.  
"I have time" - this thought is wrong, be alert

Don't regret lost time, make the most, by  
utilising  
Leaders achieved greatness by using time  
All have the same time, use it,  
and you will achieve greatness

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## Small Size Big Deeds



A tiny mouse he once freed,  
Came running at his loud plea.  
With little teeth and courage so stout,  
It gnawed open the net throughout.

Strength is not in size alone,  
Nor in a mighty roaring tone.  
Never mock anyone so weak,  
Or judge them by their size.

Those who may seem small,  
May rise the highest above all,  
And when you are in danger,  
They may become your savior.

A lion roared in the forest so wide,  
Proud of his strength and mighty stride.  
Until he was tied tight with a hunter's net,  
And his powerful frame was in a fret.

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India

## Unsung Heroes Around Us



Family members, community helpers and  
Essential workers are few unsung heroes.  
The acts of their dedication, service and courage  
Received benefits from them.

They work to build strong communities .  
Their tireless efforts and dedication  
Builds good communities.

Make everyone lead their life happily.

During the crisis and pandemic period.  
Healthcare workers and frontline workers did a  
tremendous job.  
We salute for their excellence.

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## Happy Birthday Wish To Dear And Near



Dear to my heart, forever true,  
Today brings sweetest wishes to you.  
Like a candle's tender gleam,  
May your life fulfill each dream.  
To my cherished ones so bright.  
May your path be filled with light.  
Like petals dancing in the air,

May joy surround you everywhere.  
In life's garden you softly stay,  
May the blooms of joy fill your day.  
Like a sweet and endless song,  
May your joy keep flowing strong.  
In every prayer my heart has known,  
Your happiness is gently sown.

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## Happy Birthday Dear Super Souls



Happy Birthday Dear Super Souls,  
God's uniqueness seen in us  
Every soul in earth has big goals,  
Imitating and innovating new techniques without  
fuss  
Spreading kindness and positivity  
Appreciable and be attractive people  
Jealousy and gossip are the negativity

Haunting the soul feeble  
The greatness of the Almighty  
Within each and every living creature  
Accept and feel the omnipresent is the reality  
Donour and our real guide is the nature  
Destroying it, we don't have better future  
Let the pessimism dominate us  
Togetherness and trust is the survival booster  
Have Happy journey in the life bus

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**Mineral Wealth** Tana River also hosts iron, industrial, and construction minerals, as well as sedimentary basin resources

# Kenya Moves To Harness Tana River's Mineral Wealth For Economic Growth

**CS Joho assured that artisanal miners would have a central role in the sector, and that investors would establish value-addition facilities to process locally extracted minerals. He challenged the county leadership to embrace mining as a driver of industrial and economic transformation**

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The Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs has intensified efforts to unlock the mineral potential of Tana River County, with the aim of boosting the local economy and contributing to Kenya's Sovereign Wealth Fund. The government has identified significant manganese deposits in the Mid-Galana geological zone, with geological mapping and

field investigations confirming structurally controlled mineralisation around fault systems in the Lali Hill area.

Tana River also hosts iron, industrial, and construction minerals, as well as sedimentary basin resources, positioning the county as an emerging metallic mineral hub. Further exploration will establish the full size and economic value of the manganese deposits, which are key for steel production and lithium-ion batteries.

Speaking at a sensitisation

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**The government has identified significant manganese deposits in the Mid-Galana geological zone, with geological mapping and field investigations confirming structurally controlled mineralisation around fault systems in the Lali Hill area.**

meeting in Mombasa, Mining Cabinet Secretary Hassan Joho noted that the country's mineral wealth remains largely untapped. He called for collaboration between local communities, the County Government, and the Ministry to ensure sustainable and inclusive development. “We have earmarked Tana River as a great county with immense potential. If we unlock mining, you will not complain about energy and water. If we fail to take certain steps today, we will blame ourselves tomorrow. If we start right, we will get it right,” CS Joho said.

He urged Coastal residents to discard myths surrounding mining, including fears about infertility, low libido, and witchcraft, highlighting the transformative economic benefits of capital investment in the sector. Drawing from



Mining Cabinet Secretary Hassan Joho addressing stakeholders in Mombasa | Photo: Courtesy

past successes, he cited Mlima Hill, noting that despite previous controversies, the area has generated trillions in revenue and serves as a model for sustainable mining.

CS Joho assured that artisanal miners would have a central role in the sector, and that investors would establish value-addition facilities to process locally extracted minerals. He challenged the county leadership to embrace mining as a driver of industrial and economic transformation, emphasising the need for unity of purpose to ensure benefits reach both locals and the nation.

The initiative received back-

ing from Governor Dhadho Godhana and Speaker Osman Galole, who called for investor mobilisation and broad stakeholder engagement. CS Joho further directed officers to ensure proper land restoration in Tana North Sub-County following environmental concerns over gypsum mining impacts.

The government's push to unlock Tana River's mineral resources signals a strategic move to leverage the county's natural wealth for inclusive economic growth, industrialisation, and local development.

## Israeli Embassy Defends Joint Strikes On Iran As Global Rift Widens

By: MKT Reporter

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The Israeli embassy in Nairobi has defended its country's joint military action with the United States against Iran, insisting the strikes were necessary to counter Tehran's advancing nuclear programme and its financing of global terror networks. In a statement issued Wednesday, the embassy described the operation not merely as a military manoeuvre but “an act of survival.”

The announcement has deepened divisions across the international community. While Washington framed the strikes as a “unique window of opportunity” to cripple Iran's missile buildup, critics argue the action represents a dangerous departure from global norms. Canadian Prime

Minister Mark Carney was blunt: “It appears that the actions are inconsistent with international law.”

In Washington, the debate has spilled into Congress. House Speaker Mike Johnson defended the strikes as a response to Iranian intimidation, but dissenting voices questioned the legality of the administration's decision. “The US Constitution is clear that the power to declare war completely sits with Congress... this administration has not put forward a viable argument why the US should be going to war with Iran,” said Representative Melanie Stansbury.

Across Europe, condemnation has been sharper. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez declared: “We will not be complicit in something that is bad for the world and contrary to our values and interests, just because we might fear reprisals... we feel prouder than ever to be Spanish.” France

joined Spain in denouncing the strikes, warning of destabilisation across the Middle East.

Former US President Donald Trump lashed out at Spain's defiance, threatening economic retaliation. “I could stop tomorrow, or today, even better — stop everything having to do with Spain. All businesses having to do with Spain... embargoes, do anything I want with it. And we may do that... I'm not happy with the UK either. This is not Winston Churchill that we're dealing with,” Trump said.

Russia has seized the moment to accuse the US and Israel of manufacturing a crisis. “There is no doubt that the so called Iranian threat... was merely a pretext for carrying out a long planned scheme to forcibly overthrow the constitutional government of a sovereign state,” said Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman



Israeli embassy in Nairobi

Maria Zakharova.

With missiles still flying and allies drifting apart, the strikes may have achieved short term military objectives, but the diplomatic fallout is widening. For Israel, the embassy insists survival is non negotiable. For

the rest of the world, the question is whether this path leads to security or to a deeper fracture in the global order.

The bombs may have landed in Tehran, but the shockwaves are shaking capitals across the world.

**Kirinyaga** The project involves laying underground high-density water pipes and extending key bulk water pipelines to improve access in eight wards

# Waiguru Launches KSh100 Million Mwea Bulk Water Project To Benefit Over 30,000 Households



Officials inspecting the works



Governor Anne Waiguru

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The County Government of Kirinyaga has commenced construction works on the KSh100 million Mwea Bulk Water Extension Project aimed at supplying clean, reticulated water to more than 30,000 households across Mwea Sub-County.

The project involves laying underground high-density water pipes and extending key bulk water pipelines to improve access in eight wards.

Works are already underway to extend the Kandongu–Mutithi bulk water pipeline to villages in Mutithi and Wamumu wards. Rehabilitation of the Nyamindi intake is also ongoing to boost supply to parts of Nyangati, Gathigiriri, Tebere and Thiba wards.

Governor Anne Waiguru said the investment marks Phase One of a flagship initiative designed to bridge long-standing water access gaps in the region.

The project includes exten-

sion of main pipelines and feeder lines, rehabilitation of water intakes, and supply of pipes and fittings to expand clean water coverage.

Additional works will include extension of the Kutus–Kimbimbi bulk water main pipeline and feeder lines to serve residents of Gathigiriri, Tebere and Thiba wards. Murinduko ward will benefit through completion of the Mugaru Water Project, while Kangai ward will be connected through extension of existing lines to Kombuini, Kangai and Karii areas.

Governor Waiguru noted that once completed, the project is expected to raise clean water access in the county to 78 percent. She emphasized that improved water supply will significantly reduce waterborne diseases caused by unsafe sources while enhancing public health, economic stability and climate resilience.

“This investment is not just about infrastructure, but about dignity, health and opportunity for our people,” Waiguru said, adding that expanding access to clean water forms part of her broader strategy

to promote equity and environmental sustainability in Kirinyaga.

County Executive Committee Member for Environment, Energy, Climate Change, Natural Resources, Water and Irrigation, James Mutugi, described the initiative as transformative. He said the rehabilitation of Nyamindi intake will increase water volumes along the Mwea-Makima system, ensuring adequate supply once distribution works are complete.

Mutugi added that in the long term, the initiative aims to benefit over 100,000 households. Residents have welcomed the development, saying it will end years of reliance on contaminated canal and well water, which has contributed to diseases such as cholera, typhoid and bilharzia.

The project is expected to improve health outcomes, ease the disease burden and free up household income previously spent on medical treatment.



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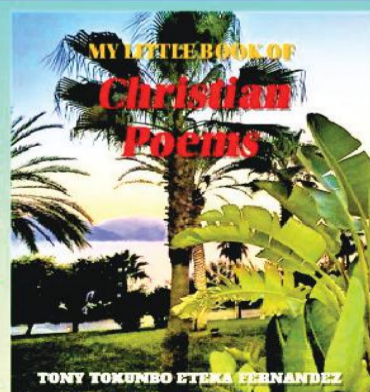
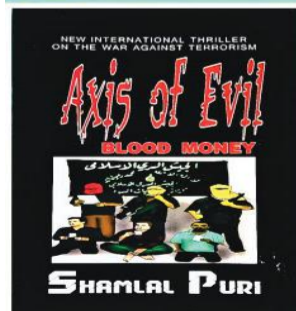
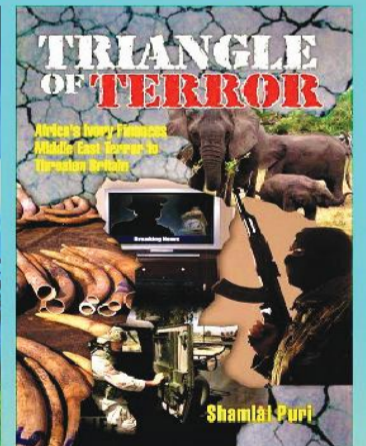
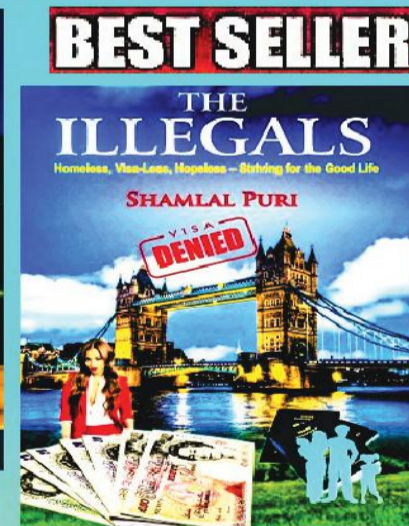
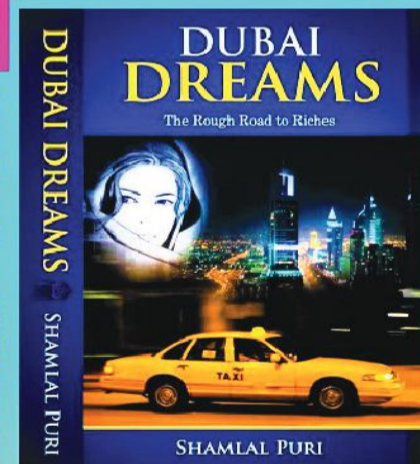
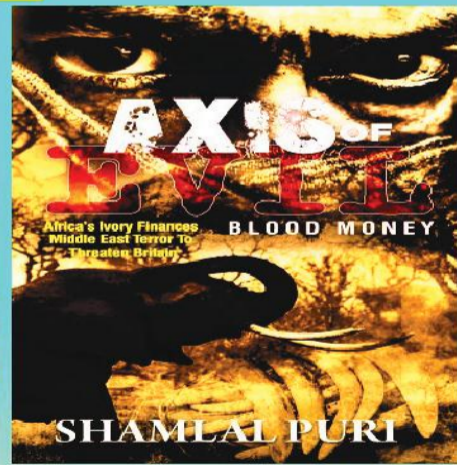
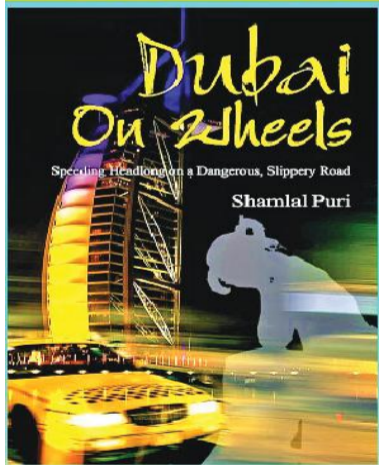
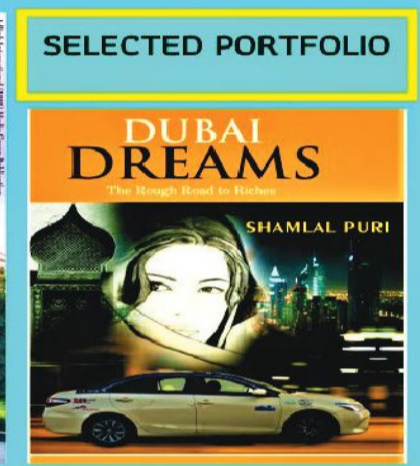
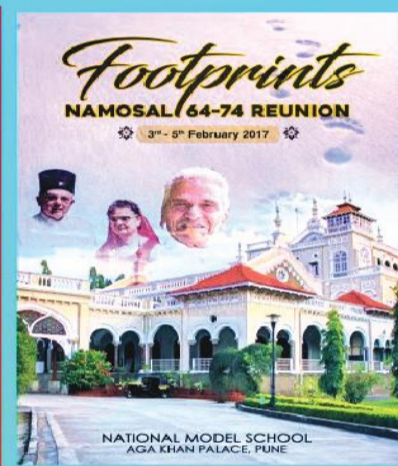
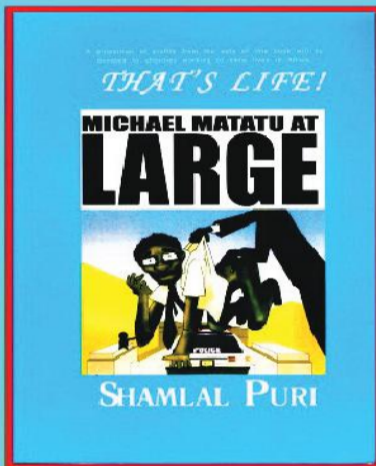
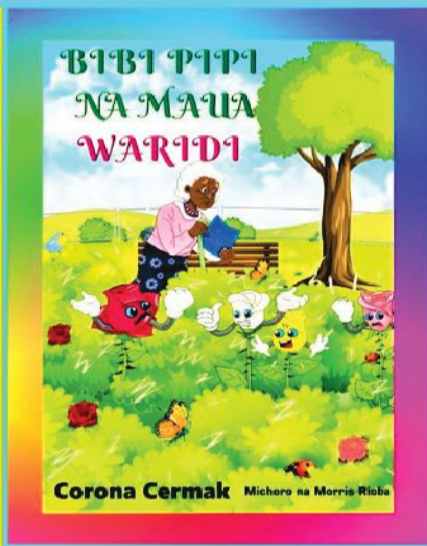
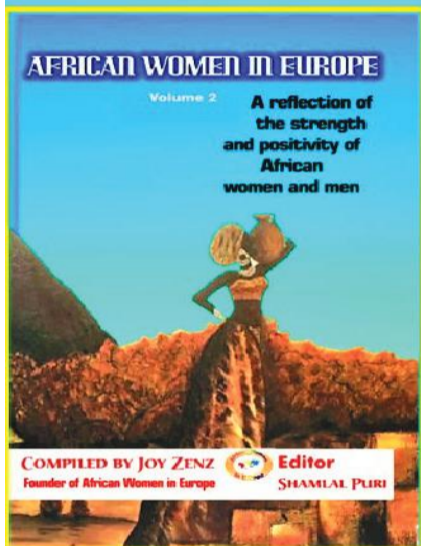
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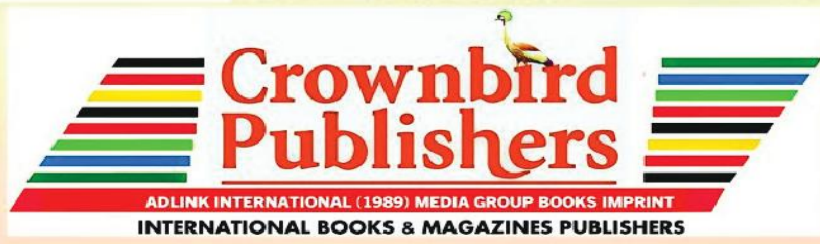
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# Jubilee Aspirants Demand Answers On Alliances, Matiang'i Presidential Ticket

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Ngunjiri Wambugu

Jubilee Party's credibility as a democratic institution is at stake unless its leadership opens up about alliance negotiations and candidacy processes it has so far kept from its own members, former Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu has warned. Yesterday, Wambugu, who served as MP for Nyeri Town between 2017 and 2022 and is eyeing a comeback in 2027, fired off a strongly worded letter to former President Uhuru Kenyatta in his capacity as party leader.

In the letter, copied to Secretary General Moitalel Ole Kenta, Wambugu raised concerns on inadequate party branding at public events, undisclosed inter-party zoning deals, and the opaque manner in which Dr Fred Matiang'i's presidential candidacy was fronted.

"It is critical for aspirants and grass-root organisers planning to run for elective positions to know whether there have been negotiated arrangements with other parties, to avoid a situation where an aspirant invests time and resources campaigning in an area already ceded to another party," Wambugu wrote.

He highlighted a growing anxiety among Jubilee aspirants who say they cannot plan their 2027 campaigns without knowing whether the party has quietly surrendered certain constituencies or counties to political allies.

Wambugu specifically flagged the absence of Jubilee-branded merchandise; T-shirts and caps at recent political gatherings, arguing the omission created a damaging perception that the party was either financially struggling or had informally conceded those regions to other formations.

On the presidential ticket, Wambugu pressed party leadership to confirm whether Dr Matiang'i is Jubilee's sole and exclusive presidential candidate and, if so, through what internal process that decision was reached.

He questioned whether the party constitution permits other qualified members to challenge for the presidential ticket, and whether members who harbour reservations about Dr Matiang'i's leadership style and capacity can, within party rules, support an alternative.

"Jubilee must remain a democratic institution guided by its constitution and internal processes. No individual should be perceived as being beyond challenge, and no decision should be deemed unquestionable, if we are to uphold our national and party democratic principles," he stated.

The former legislator warned that deep frustration was simmering among long-serving members who felt the party's institutional strength was being undermined by decisions perceived as supporting individuals or formations that may be weakening Jubilee's electoral base.

Those members, Wambugu argued, recall the difficult sacrifices made in building and defending Jubilee and expect the party leadership to safe-

guard both the party and its members with equal commitment and fidelity to the founding principles.

Separately, Wambugu announced the formation of the Jubilee Aspirants Forum 2027, a structured platform through which individuals seeking elective positions on the Jubilee ticket will coordinate, exchange ideas and lobby the party ahead of nominations.

He said the forum's core objective is to strengthen internal democracy and ensure that the party's nomination processes are fair, transparent and reflective of the will of ordinary members rather than the preferences of a powerful few at the top.

"The forum will also provide the party leadership with regular updates on its activities to ensure transparency, coordination and alignment with the broader objectives of the party," Wambugu said, stating he was the Acting Convenor of the forum.

He underscored that internal debate and the pursuit of accountability within Jubilee are not acts of rebellion but rather healthy signs of a functioning democratic political organisation heading into a fiercely contested election cycle.



Dr Fred Matiang'i at rally in Nyandarua

**Pollution** Water pollution is one of the most pressing environmental challenges globally, and Uganda is no exception

# Water Pollution Is Threatening Uganda's Water Bodies



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Water pollution is one of the most pressing environmental challenges globally, and Uganda is no exception. It occurs when harmful substances—often chemicals or microorganisms—contaminate streams, rivers, lakes, oceans, aquifers, or other water bodies. This contamination degrades water quality, rendering it toxic to humans and the environment. The major drivers of water pollution are human activities such as agriculture, industrial production, urban runoff, and improper waste disposal.

The consequences are severe. Water pollution threatens public health by compromising the safety and availability of drinking water. It limits recreational activities and harms both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife in freshwater and marine ecosystems. Alarmingly, around 80 percent of wastewater worldwide enters the environment untreated, with the figure rising to over 95

percent in some low-income countries. Untreated wastewater encourages the growth of bacteria, viruses, and parasites that cause waterborne diseases. Pharmaceuticals also seep into wastewater, posing risks to aquatic life and human health. Factories contribute point-source pollution, discharging waste such as oil into waterways. Oil spills in oceans, for instance,

have devastating long-term impacts on ecosystems, human health, and economies. Industrialization has significantly worsened water quality, releasing harmful pollutants such as heavy metals, organic compounds, oils, and chemicals into water bodies. These accumulate in aquatic ecosystems, causing detrimental effects on biodiversity, human health, and the



environment. A striking example is Buikwe District in Njeru Municipality along the River Nile, where residents have reported contamination from over 50 factories. These industries release untreated industrial waste, chemical effluents, and foul-smelling discharge into streams like Naava, which flow into the Nile. The pollution has killed aquatic life, destroyed crops, and led to biodiversity loss.

Other causes of water pollution include soil erosion, sedimentation, and agricultural runoff carrying sediments, fertilizers, and pesticides into rivers and lakes. Since most water pollution stems from human activity, solutions must rely on government pol-

icy, regulation, and changes in consumer behavior. Preventing water pollution requires a multi-pronged approach involving individual responsibility, industrial regulation, and governmental action.

Governments play a central role in prevention. Regulatory frameworks can restrict the release of pollutants into waterways. For instance, laws similar to the Clean Water Act in the United States could be enacted and enforced to protect Uganda's water bodies. Local governments also have a crucial role in managing water quality. They can identify threats, implement mitigation techniques, educate citizens about legal requirements, and establish zoning laws to pro-

tect vulnerable ecosystems such as wetlands.

Public education is equally important. Citizens must understand the impact of pollution on water resources and the importance of proper waste disposal and conservation practices. Governments can also promote sustainable farming by offering incentives such as tax breaks or subsidies to farmers who adopt eco-friendly techniques. Practices like crop rotation, cover cropping, and reduced pesticide use can significantly reduce agricultural runoff.

Ultimately, preventing water pollution requires a multifaceted approach. Governments, industries, communities, and individuals must work together to safeguard water resources. Clean water is not just a scientific or technical issue—it is a shared responsibility. Ensuring safe and sustainable water for future generations demands collective action, strong regulation, and public awareness.

An advertisement for the MAJISAFI app and MUWASCO water supply. It features the logos for MAJISAFI and MUWASCO (MURANGI WATER &amp; SANITATION CO. LTD.) with the slogan "DRINK . CLEAN . SANITIZE". The main headline reads "GET STARTED WITH MAJISAFI IN 4 STEPS". The steps are: 1. Download the App from Google PlayStore; 2. Sign up &amp; verify your phone number; 3. Go to services and click "Add account"; 4. Link the account associated to your number. The ad shows a smartphone displaying the app interface with a list of water and sanitation companies, and a white truck with a blue MUWASCO logo. At the bottom, there is a "GET STARTED NOW!" button, a QR code, and contact information: "Download Majisafi app today!", "GET IT ON Google Play", and a phone number "0701 038 226".

**Energy** The 18th edition of the event is being held from Tuesday to today

## Africa Energy Indaba 2026 Opens In Cape Town With Focus On Industrial Transformation



South Africa's Minister of Electricity and Energy Kgosientsho Ramokgopa delivers the opening address at the Africa Energy Indaba 2026 in Cape Town, South Africa on Tuesday. | Photo: Xabisa Mkhabela.

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The Africa Energy Indaba 2026 opened in Cape Town with a focus on advancing Africa's industrial transformation through energy reform, infrastructure expansion, and regional integration.

The 18th edition of the event is being held from Tuesday to today at the Cape Town International Convention Center under the theme "Igniting the Power Revolution," bringing together government leaders, utilities, regulators, investors, and industry executives to accelerate implementation, infrastructure alignment, and investment mobilization. In his opening address, South Africa's Minister of Electricity and Energy Kgosientsho Ramokgopa said the global energy system is being reshaped by geopolitical competition and industrial policy. "We assemble here at a moment of profound historical consequence," he said, adding that "energy has become the silent architecture of

global power."

Ramokgopa argued that while Africa is structurally central to the global energy transition because of its critical mineral resources, it must avoid repeating a pattern of exporting raw materials without building domestic value chains. "If minerals are the inheritance of our geology, electricity is the instrument through which we convert that inheritance into enduring industrial strength," he said, stressing the need for reliable, affordable, and regionally integrated power systems. The program of the three-day event includes a ministerial roundtable and an energy leaders dialogue, alongside specialized forums and side events covering key segments of the power and energy value chain. Closed-door investment matchmaking sessions aim to connect project sponsors with financiers, while exhibition and networking events -- including workshops, seminars, and exclusive receptions -- facilitate strategic engagement. The 2026 agenda focuses on

strengthening regional power markets and cross-border trade, unlocking gas-to-power and domestic gas development, accelerating transmission and grid expansion, mobilizing blended finance and private capital, and advancing regulatory certainty and investment readiness.

According to the organizer, the Indaba has drawn 1,662 conference delegates from 37 African countries, including 15 African energy ministers and 173 expert speakers. More than 4,300 visitors are expected to visit the Africa Energy Indaba Exhibition held along with the main conference. The exhibition features over 100 exhibition stands showcasing cutting-edge technologies spanning gas, renewables, nuclear, transmission, and electric mobility, as well as solutions beneficial to Africa, including services for energy projects, rural energy access, urbanization-related demand, and the renewable and sustainable energy industry.

## Europe Weighs Expanded Nuclear Deterrence Role Amid Middle East Tensions



Protesters holding banners and placards are pictured in The Hague, the Netherlands, June 22, 2025. |

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Europe is intensifying discussions on strengthening its nuclear deterrence framework as escalating U.S.-Israel strikes on Iran and broader Middle East instability reshape global security dynamics.

France and Germany have announced the creation of a high-ranking nuclear steering group, signaling a shift in European defense policy toward a more autonomous and coordinated approach to deterrence.

The newly established body will serve as a platform for dialogue on the "appropriate mix" of conventional forces, missile defense systems, and French nuclear capabilities. The initiative reflects growing concern in Europe over the reliability of long-standing security arrangements, particularly amid uncertainty surrounding U.S. commitments to NATO and European defense.

French President Emmanuel Macron underscored the shift during remarks from the Île Longue naval base, home to France's nuclear ballistic missile submarines. He revealed plans to increase France's nuclear warheads and expand deterrence cooperation with European partners. Macron stressed the need to adapt to evolving threats and introduced the idea of adding

a "European dimension" to France's nuclear posture, while maintaining that ultimate decision-making authority would remain under national control. nuclear "umbrella" for Europe carries significant political symbolism, even if its arsenal is smaller than that of the United States.

The proposal has generated mixed but generally supportive reactions across Europe. Poland has expressed interest in deeper engagement, with Prime Minister Donald Tusk calling for "maximum autonomy" in nuclear deterrence. Belgium has confirmed participation in preliminary discussions, while the Netherlands and Sweden have also responded positively, though formal structures are still in early stages.

The debate over France's expanded deterrent role gained momentum following the Ukraine crisis in 2022 and has intensified amid concerns about shifting U.S. foreign policy priorities. Analysts argue that doubts about the durability of U.S. extended deterrence — especially under former President Donald Trump's administration — have prompted European leaders to explore alternative safeguards.

Currently, the United States remains central to NATO's nuclear posture, with roughly 100 nuclear warheads stationed across Europe. France, the European Union's only nuclear-armed member state, possesses more than 250 warheads. However, observers note that France's potential

Rising Middle East tensions have further heightened Europe's sense of vulnerability. Drone activity near Britain's base in Cyprus and France's deployment of the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle to the Mediterranean underscore the region's security challenges. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has warned that instability could disrupt energy markets and affect transport and defense systems.

Despite the renewed focus on deterrence, France and Germany have emphasized that their initiative is intended to complement, not replace, NATO's existing nuclear arrangements. Macron has clarified that he is not proposing a unified European nuclear force or transferring authority to the European Union.

The long-term impact of the initiative will depend on political consensus among European governments and the development of institutional mechanisms to support cooperation. For now, Europe's push for greater nuclear autonomy reflects a broader effort to adapt to a rapidly changing geopolitical landscape and to assert greater responsibility for its own security.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Addressing Gender Inequality In Education: The Silent Struggle Of Female Teachers

Education is hailed as the cornerstone of progress, yet the very architects of this foundation—teachers—often face inequities that undermine their mission. For female educators, the classroom is not only a place of instruction but also a battleground against entrenched gender bias.

Despite their critical role in shaping future generations, female teachers frequently encounter disrespect, stereotyping, and exclusion. Remarks dismissing women's competence or belittling their authority reflect a stubborn societal perception that continues to erode professional dignity. These challenges manifest subtly, through exclusion from decision-making, and overtly, in harassment or public disparagement.

The consequences ripple far beyond the teachers themselves. When female educators are marginalized, classroom discipline suffers, innovation stalls, and mentorship weakens. Their presence is vital as role models for young girls, proving that women can lead, excel, and



inspire. Undermining them diminishes not only morale but also the quality of education.

Addressing this inequity demands systemic reforms and cultural shifts. School administrations must enforce policies against harassment, ensure accountability, and provide equal access to leadership opportunities. Sensitization programs can challenge stereotypes among staff, students, and parents, while mentorship networks can empower female teachers to navigate professional hurdles with confidence.

Communities, too, must play

their part—celebrating women's achievements and dismantling harmful narratives that question their authority.

The struggle of female teachers is not just about fairness; it is about the future. Respecting and empowering them strengthens classrooms, inspires students, and builds a more equitable society. The lesson is clear: when women teach with dignity, nations learn to thrive.

*By Doreen Mueni, Laikipia University*

## Is The World On The Brink Of World War III?

Global anxiety is mounting as conflicts and rivalries intensify across continents. From Russia's war in Ukraine to instability in the Middle East and the strategic competition between the United States and China, the specter of a large-scale international war looms. Yet experts caution: tension alone does not equal world war.

History defines world wars as sustained, multi-regional conflicts involving major powers locked in formal alliances, mass mobilization, and global economic disruption. While today's crises are serious, they remain largely regional, lacking the coordinated military confrontations that marked the two previous world wars.

International institutions such as the United Nations continue to mediate disputes, while global economic interdependence acts as a brake on escalation. Trade networks, energy markets, and financial systems are so intertwined that a full-scale war would devastate all parties. Nuclear deterrence further complicates the calculus—"mutually assured destruction" has long discouraged direct confrontation between nuclear-armed states.



Still, risks persist. Proxy wars, cyberattacks, and arms buildups fuel instability. Miscalculation or political misjudgment could ignite a chain reaction. Analysts stress that diplomacy, cooperation, and conflict-prevention mechanisms remain critical to averting catastrophe.

At present, despite rising tensions, there is no formal declaration or alliance structure signaling the onset of World War III. The world is nav-

igating geopolitical competition and regional instability—not yet global war.

The warning is clear: peace is fragile, and the margin for error is thin. Avoiding a third world war demands vigilance, restraint, and bold diplomacy.

*By Beatrice Chepkemol, Laikipia University*

## Rising Rape Cases In Kenya Raise Alarm

Kenya is staring at a disturbing crisis: rape and sexual assault cases are rising at an alarming rate, exposing deep cracks in the country's social and justice systems. Official statistics capture thousands of incidents annually, but experts warn the true scale is far greater, hidden behind stigma, fear of retaliation, and mistrust in law enforcement.

Sexual violence cuts across age, gender, and geography. Women, men, and children in both urban and rural areas are affected. Advocacy groups point to entrenched gender norms, economic pressures, weak policing, and limited survivor support as key drivers. In many communities, victims remain silent to avoid shame or rejection, perpetuating a cycle of silence and impunity.

The government has strengthened legal frameworks, including the Sexual Offences Act, and established specialized police units to handle gender-based violence. Civil society organizations provide counselling, medical care, and legal aid. Yet challenges persist: delayed court proceedings, underreporting, and inadequate resources continue to deny survivors justice.



Experts argue that lasting change requires more than laws. Stronger enforcement, expanded survivor services, and sustained public education on consent and gender equality are critical. Communities must confront harmful stereotypes and support victims rather than silence them.

The rising tide of sexual violence is not just a women's issue—it is a national emergency. Protecting vulnerable individuals and restoring

public confidence demands urgent, coordinated action.

Kenya must act decisively: silence is complicity, and justice delayed is justice denied.

*By Mercy Maina, Laikipia University*

## How Iranian Counterattack Jeopardizes Kenya's Financial System And Security

Global conflicts rarely remain confined to their battlefields. Iran's counterattacks and the escalating geopolitical tensions they trigger reverberate far beyond the Middle East, threatening economies and security systems worldwide. For Kenya, a nation deeply reliant on international trade and investment, these ripple effects pose serious risks to financial stability and national security.

Retaliatory actions often unsettle global markets, disrupt trade networks, and erode investor confidence. Sanctions and uncertainty can slow cross-border transactions, while cyber threats linked to geopolitical disputes increasingly target financial institutions. For Kenya, such volatility could translate into currency fluctuations, reduced foreign investment, and strained public finances. Sectors dependent on international partnerships—such as energy, manufacturing, and technology—are particularly vulnerable. Security risks compound the



challenge. Cyberattacks on banks or critical infrastructure could undermine public trust in digital systems, destabilizing both the economy and national security. These vulnerabilities highlight the urgent need for resilience in Kenya's financial and security frameworks.

Mitigation requires decisive action. Strengthening cybersecurity defenses, diversifying trade relationships, and promoting domestic investment are essential. International cooperation in financial security and diplomatic engagement can reduce exposure to external shocks. Robust regulatory frame-

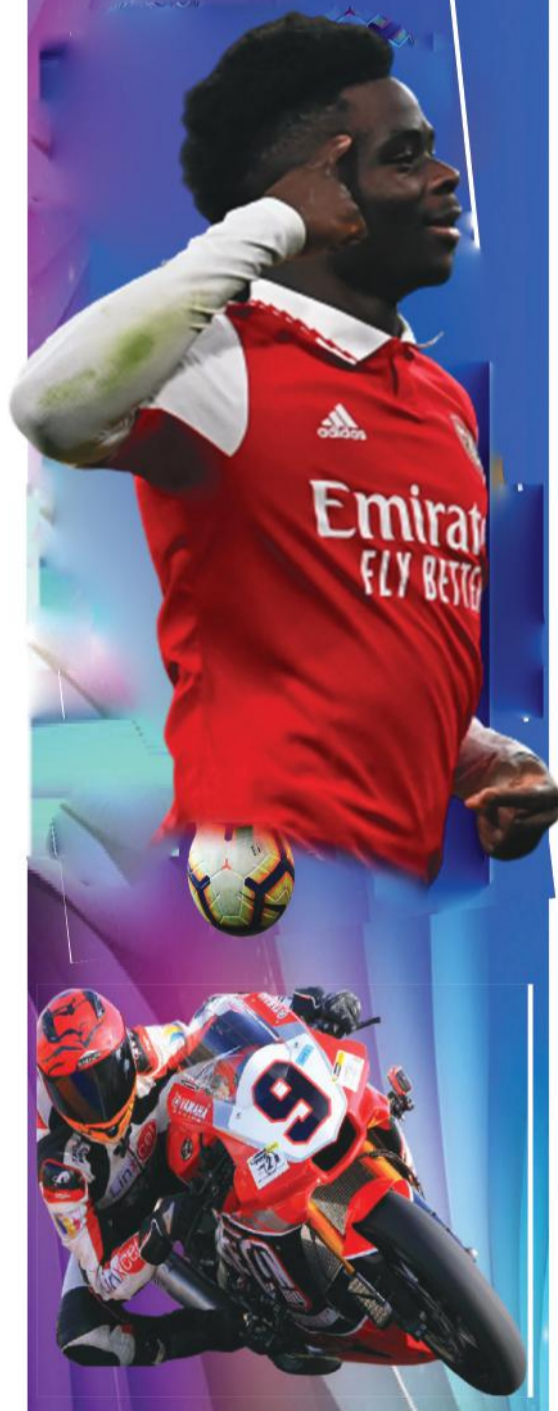
works and economic diversification will help Kenya withstand global turbulence.

Iran's counterattacks remind us that geopolitical conflicts are never distant. Their economic and security consequences ripple across borders, testing the resilience of nations like Kenya. The lesson is clear: in an interconnected world, safeguarding financial stability demands vigilance, foresight, and bold action.

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**Sports >>** \*AFC Leopards head coach Fred Ambani says playing at Nyayo Stadium has enhanced their chase for this season's Kenya Premier League title.

## Why AFC Leopards Have Become Unbeatable At Nyayo Stadium



AFC Leopards players celebrate after their win over APS Bomet. PHOTO/AFC LEOPARDS SC

AFC Leopards' resurgence in the Kenya Premier League has found its heartbeat at Nyayo Stadium. Head coach Fred Ambani believes the venue's pristine playing surface and symbolic home advantage are powering Ingwe's pursuit of the title this season.

"The surface is good, and the players themselves believe this is their home ground," Ambani said. "Of course, of late, there have been instances where there have been a bit of challenges with it. Nyayo is our home ground and Kasarani belongs to Gor...so let everyone stick to their home ground."

The statistics back his conviction. Out of 12 matches played at Nyayo in the 2025/26 cam-

paign, Leopards have secured seven victories. Among them was the morale-boosting 1-0 triumph over arch-rivals Gor Mahia in the Mashemeji Derby on December 7, a win that rekindled belief in their title credentials. Their latest statement came on Sunday evening, when they dismantled Shabana 5-1 at the 35,000-seater stadium, pushing their tally to 43 points—just six shy of Gor at the summit.

Nyayo Stadium has long been synonymous with AFC Leopards, the 12-time league champions. Yet the club has often been forced into nomadic existence due to renovations and closures. Ambani insists that stability at Nyayo is crucial, not just for results but for identity. "This is our home, and the players feel

it. That belief translates into performance," he emphasized.

The coach now turns his focus to their next home fixture against a resurgent Tusker on March 22. Victory there would not only extend their winning streak but also keep pressure on Gor Mahia, who remain the benchmark in the title race.

Beyond the numbers, Ambani's remarks underscore a deeper truth: football thrives on belonging. For Leopards, Nyayo is more than a stadium—it is a fortress, a rallying point for fans, and a stage where history and ambition collide.

As the season enters its decisive phase, Ingwe's challenge is clear: harness the momen-

tum of Nyayo, maintain consistency, and keep their eyes fixed on the prize. The turf may be perfect, but the battle for supremacy will demand grit, discipline, and belief.

For AFC Leopards, the roar at Nyayo is growing louder. And if Ambani's men can sustain it, the chase for the crown may well end where it began—on the hallowed ground of Nyayo Stadium.

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**Sports >>** \*Harambee Stars head coach Benni McCarthy has dismissed rumours linking him with a move to South African giants Kaizer Chiefs.

## A Come-and-Get-Me plea? Harambee Stars Coach McCarthy Responds To Links To Kaizer Chiefs Job



Harambee Stars head coach Benni McCarthy arrives for the match against Madagascar. PHOTO/RAYMOND MAKHAYA.

Harambee Stars head coach Benni McCarthy has dismissed rumours linking him with a move to South African giants Kaizer Chiefs.

McCarthy says Chiefs have not approached him, adding that they know where to find him — if they want him.

“What-ifs to me don’t exist no more because I’ve been in plenty of situations, even with Orlando Pirates. I was very close to managing Pirates after my playing career and then nothing materialised. If they (Kaizer Chiefs) want, they know where I am. They know where to find me. They know how to contact me, to make it happen. But if not, it’s just a rumour,” the former South African striker said.

Chiefs are currently under the tutelage of an interim technical

bench led by Cedric Kaze and Khalil Ben Youssef, following the departure of Nasreddine Nabi in October last year.

The former Porto striker has previously expressed a desire to return to coaching at club level, having previously worked at Cape Town City FC, AmaZulu as well as Manchester United — as a forwards coach.

During the interview with decorated sportscaster Robert Marawa — on the latter’s Marawa Sports Worldwide — on Tuesday, McCarthy once again reiterated this desire.

“I want to go back into club football, you know, I want to manage because I feel like I miss the day-to-day and making players better, working closely with them and yeah, and just upsetting other coaches in other

clubs. I love doing that. I thrive on that,” he said.

McCarthy joined Harambee Stars in March last year after departing Manchester United where he was part of Dutchman Erik Ten Hag’s technical bench.

The South African has been credited with injecting new life into the national team, particularly at last year’s Africa Nations Championships (CHAN) on home soil.

Making their maiden appearance at the continental competition, Harambee Stars went all the way to the quarterfinals, while beating eventual champions Morocco as well as Zambia along the way.

However, one of his lowest points in charge of the national team was last November’s 8-0 drubbing by Senegal in an inter-

national friendly in Turkey.

Overall, McCarthy’s time at the helm of the team has been a mixed bag of results consisting of six wins, six losses and three draws.

Nonetheless, the South African has been credited for handing debuts to a number of exciting youngsters, including France-based Manzur Okwaro, Real Sociedad’s Job Ochieng’, Nairobi United’s Kelvin Otiende and Gor Mahia’s Bryton Onyona, among others.

The South African is expected to remain in charge for next year’s Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania and has gone about building a formidable squad in time for the competition.

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# SPORTS AS THEY HAPPEN



# Forgiveness In The Savannah: How Kenya's Spirit Of Ubuntu Can Shape A Nation's Future



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## Worth Noting:

- Ubuntu, a Swahili term meaning “humanity towards others,” encapsulates Kenya’s traditional ethos of forgiveness and reconciliation. In Kenyan communities, forgiveness is not merely an individual act but a communal imperative, vital for maintaining social cohesion and collective well-being. When conflicts arise, elders often facilitate dialogues, encouraging parties to reconcile, forgive, and restore relationships.

- This Ubuntu-driven approach to forgiveness has been instrumental in resolving local disputes, from land conflicts to inter-ethnic tensions. For instance, in the Teso region, traditional leaders have used Ubuntu principles to mediate cattle-rustling disputes, fostering peace between communities.

In the heart of East Africa, Kenya stands as a beacon of resilience, diversity, and growth, its landscape mirroring the complexities and triumphs of the human experience. From the sweeping savannahs of Maasai Mara to the bustling streets of Nairobi, Kenya’s narrative is one of profound transformation, where forgiveness has played a pivotal role in shaping its social, economic, and political landscapes. This essay embarks on an exploration of how Kenya’s indigenous philosophy of Ubuntu – a concept that emphasizes interconnectedness, empathy, and communal harmony – can inform and enhance the nation’s approach to forgiveness, reconciliation, and collective progress.

### Ubuntu: Kenya’s Indigenous Currency of Forgiveness

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The philosophical underpinnings of Ubuntu find resonance in Kenya’s diverse cultural tapestry. Among the Luo, the concept of “Ruo” emphasizes shared humanity, while the Kikuyu’s “Githaka” system underscores communal land ownership and reconciliation. These indigenous frameworks collectively underscore forgiveness as a cornerstone of Kenyan identity, transcending individual grievances for the greater good.

### Post-Independence Reconcilia-

### tion: A Testament to Forgiveness

Kenya’s post-independence history offers poignant examples of forgiveness shaping national discourse. After the tumultuous 2007 - 2008 post-election violence, which claimed over 1,000 lives and displaced hundreds of thousands, Kenyans embarked on a remarkable journey of healing and reconciliation. The Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) was established to address historical injustices, and many Kenyans chose forgiveness, opting for national healing over retributive justice. This spirit of forgiveness enabled the nation to move forward, laying the groundwork for stability and growth.

The TJRC’s work, though imperfect, highlighted Kenya’s capacity for self-reflection and forgiveness. Former President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga’s collaboration post-2008 exemplified how forgiveness can transcend political rivalries, fostering unity for national development. As noted by Kenyan scholar Mahmood Mamdani, “The challenge for Kenya is not just to punish the perpetrators but to create a society that is more inclusive, more just.”

### Forgiveness in Kenya’s Socio-Economic Development

Forgiveness in Kenya extends beyond individual relationships to impact socio-economic development. In business, entrepreneurs who practice forgiveness in their dealings often build stronger networks, access new opportunities, and foster innovation. Nairobi’s Silicon Savannah, a burgeoning tech hub, exemplifies how forgiveness-driven collaboration can drive economic growth, with startups and corporations alike prioritizing partnerships over rivalry.

In politics, leaders who prioritize forgiveness can bridge ethnic and ideological divides, creating inclusive governance that drives national progress. Kenya’s devolution process, initiated in 2010, reflects a broader commitment to addressing historical grievances and fostering reconciliation through equitable resource allocation. By acknowledg-



ing past injustices and promoting forgiveness, Kenya’s leaders can unlock development potential, enhancing stability and attracting investments.

Kenya’s youthful population, with their increasing focus on social entrepreneurship and community service, exemplifies how forgiveness can fuel initiatives that address pressing challenges like unemployment, climate change, and inequality. Organizations like the Kenyan Red Cross and local peacebuilders demonstrate forgiveness in action, addressing conflicts while empowering communities.

### Challenges and Opportunities

Despite its potential, forgiveness in Kenya faces challenges, including entrenched grievances, inequality, and political polarization. Historical injustices, such as land dispossession and marginalization, remain unresolved, fueling cycles of mistrust. However, these challenges also present opportunities. By integrating Ubuntu into national policies and educational curricula, Kenya can cultivate a culture of forgiveness that strengthens social cohesion, attracts investments, and enhances global partnerships.

Initiatives like the “Harambee” spirit of collective upliftment and grassroots peacebuilding efforts underscore Kenya’s capacity to leverage forgiveness for sustainable development. For instance, in Nak-

uru County, community-led peace dialogues have reduced electoral violence, showcasing forgiveness’s power in preventing conflict.

### Conclusion: Forgiveness as Kenya’s Path to Flourishing

As Kenya continues to navigate its development journey, the currency of forgiveness remains a vital, yet often underutilized resource. By embracing Ubuntu and prioritizing forgiveness, Kenyans can unlock new avenues for reconciliation, innovation, and growth. In a world grappling with divisions, Kenya’s example offers a hopeful blueprint: that forgiveness, rooted in indigenous wisdom, can shape a brighter, more harmonious future.

Kenya’s path forward requires a multifaceted approach: institutionalizing forgiveness in governance, investing in community peace initiatives, and fostering intergenerational dialogues on Ubuntu. As Kenyan writer Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o once said, “The biggest weapon we have is the power of reconciliation.” By harnessing this weapon, Kenya can transform challenges into opportunities, forging a nation where forgiveness paves the way for prosperity and unity.

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