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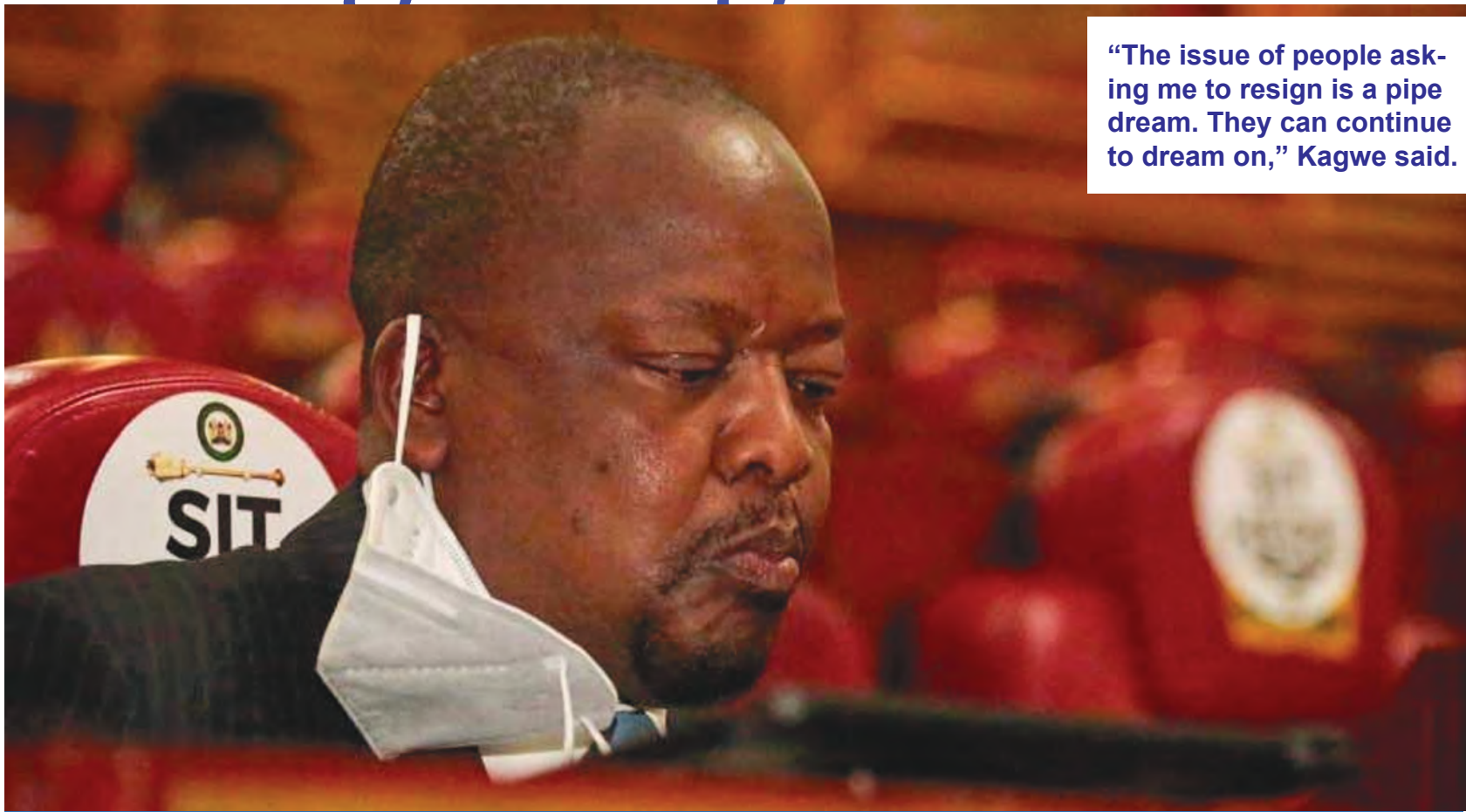
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Health CS Mutahi Kagwe when he appeared before the National Assembly Health Committee on Sept 2, 2020 | Photo Courtesy

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SENATORS DISTANCES THEMSELVES FROM LACK OF FUNDS IN COUNTIES

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The Senate leadership has defended the House over reports of failure to approve the county

allocation of revenue Bill that has caused a cash crisis currently being experienced in the counties.

The Bill splits the national cake among the 47 counties and has

stagnated in the Senate after senators failed to agree on the revenue sharing formula among counties.

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TRANSPORT MINISTRY CONFIRMS SOME JACK MA COVID DONATIONS ARE MISSING

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Transport Chief Administrative Secretary Chris Obure on Wednesday confirmed that some COVID-19 donations to Kenya from Chinese billionaire Jack Ma through his Alibaba Foundation are missing.

Speaking before the National Assembly health committee, Transport CAS Chris Obure said the packages never arrived in the country from Ethiopia.

Obure, who was representing Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia, stated that the consignment was not in the Ethiopian Airlines flight that delivered the other packages, adding that the ministry is unaware of their whereabouts to date.

“What we were supposed to receive were 697 packages, but when that consignment arrived in the country it had 21 packages less... the 21 packages never arrived in Kenya so that shortfall



Transport Ministry confirms some Jack Ma Covid donations are missing

was in Ethiopia, not here,” he said.

The donations were shipped to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which houses the African Union headquarters, before being distributed to the 54 African countries, Kenya among them.

The CAS also stated that the Ministry of Health has since written to Ethiopia and the Jack Ma Foundation seeking to know the

whereabouts of the 21 packages, hoping to recover the commodities.

However, the transport ministry distanced itself from the donations saga and insisted that its role was solely clearing and forwarding of the equipment to the Ministry of Health through the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA).

The CAS said they received the packages in three stages with the

first consignment arriving on March 24 and being forwarded to KEMSA on the same day.

He said the second consignment arrived on April 15 and was moved to KEMSA on the same day while the third and final consignment arrived on May 22 and was released three days later.

Government Clearing Agency Director Felix Aten told the committee that he immediately raised the issue with the ministry after realising part of the consignment was missing.

“We took the matter up with the ministry and they promised to follow up. I guess they are in the process of doing the same,” Aten said.

There have been allegations that some of the Covid-19 donations were either sold to private companies while others were diverted, claims that have been dismissed by Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe Wednesday before the same committee.

Kagwe told the committee that his

job to put people under pressure so that they can deliver results.

“...It is, however, not my job to tell anybody to commit any crime..... And in the event that I told a CEO to do something that is against the law, the normal thing to do in government is to say – give me what you’re telling me in writing,” he said.

But he noted that part of his job was to coordinate with other agencies to ensure that they serve Kenyans better.

Kagwe’s statement came after suspended Kemsco CEO Jonah Manjari claimed that he was pressured by top Health ministry officials to procure Covid-19 supplies.

Manjari last week alleged Kagwe and PS Susan Mochache made direct contact with him to influence procurement of the items.

NYANDARUA COUNTY CONDUCTS FREE ORTHOPEDIC CAMP’S

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Nyandarua County First Lady Ann Kimemia has assured residents of governor’s commitment to demystify diseases facing vulnerable segments of the County population.

Mrs Kimemia who spoke during a free orthopedic camp at the J.M Kariukai Memorial County Referral Hospital in Ol’Kalou, said that understanding disability may help end stigma against affected patients.

According to the 2009 census, Nyandarua has over 16,000 PLWDs, out of these, 5,303 have physical disabilities.

Thursday’s camp, targeting children aged below 18 years, provided care for 120 patients suffering from such orthopedic conditions as clubfoot, burn contractures, osteomyelitis and other acquired or congenital conditions.

It was carried out in conjunction with doctors from the AIC-CURE



Governor Kimemia reshuffles Cabinet but did not fire any members

International Hospital in Kijabe, Africa’s first orthopedic pediatric teaching hospital for children with disabilities.

The hospital conducts mobile

clinics to identify children in remote areas who can be treated in Kijabe and to provide follow-up care for those who have received surgery.

Mrs Kimemia assured

residents through the interaction of Nyandarua’s healthcare professionals with CURE Kenya and other partners, the governor is working to improve the County’s overall capacity to treat children born and living with disability.

In addition to an occupational therapist and two orthopedic trauma clinical officers at J.M Kariukai Memorial County Referral Hospital, the devolved unit has recruited a physiotherapist each for J.M Kariukai Memorial County Referral Hospital and Njabini Health Center.

Governor Kimemia has further acquired physiotherapy and orthopedic equipment worth over KShs. 7 million.

Camps, including one on Friday at Njabini Health Center and others planned countywide, are therefore expected to enhance the Governor’s agenda for universal healthcare by bringing vital health services closer to residents.

“This is important, because the number of people living with disabilities will continue growing

as a result of population increase, aging, and medical advances that preserve and prolong life,” said the Mrs Kimemia.

The First Lady, who is matron of PLWDs in Nyandarua, has been a champion for a wide range of causes, including healthcare for the aged, women, orphans and other vulnerable children.

Patients also received food donations from the Department of Education, Culture and the Arts.

The first lady thanked all who had brought their loved ones for screening and treatment and called on parents and guardians not to hide anyone who is physically challenged.

“Parents should not hide children with physical challenges at home because we have remedial measures,” she said.

Senate >> * he Council of Governors said they will shut down operations if the stalemate is not solved urgently.

WE CAN'T BREATHE, DECRIES COG AS THEY THREATEN TO SPONSOR MOTION TO DISSOLVE SENATE

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Governors have issued a two weeks notice to close down all county services unless the Senate agrees on the Revenue Formula stalemate.

In a statement on Thursday, the Council of Governors said they will shut down operations if the stalemate is not solved urgently.

"If the prevailing situation persists, effective Thursday, September 17, Counties will have no choice but to shut down," read statement.

Governors said County Governments are unable to pay salaries and allowances of health workers and other county staff due to lack of funds.

"Consequently, we shall release all county employees to proceed on leave until an amicable solution on the issue is reached," they said.

The governors urged the National treasury to urgently release half of the County equitable share of rev-



Members of the Council of Governors led by their Chairman Wycliffe Oparanya (C), Vice Chairman Mwangi wa Iria (L) and Kivutha Kibwana (R) during a past press briefing. Photo Courtesy.

enue to facilitate operations in the devolved units.

The argued the money is urgently needed to facilitate payment of salaries and health insurance for frontline workers and other County employees.

"Despite our call to Senate to expeditiously conclude this matter, we note with concern that the 12-member Senate Committee is yet to build consensus on the formula. This has significantly affected service delivery by County Governments and delay in staff salaries,"

"We are optimistic that this will soon be resolved, however we note that services in all Counties are slowly grinding to a halt. We are aware that National Government is operating, but County services are slowly collapsing we need to pull together as two levels of government," the statement read.

The 12 member special Senate Committee formed to hammer out a deal on the controversial formula was rocked by divisions a day after

announcing a breakthrough.

The committee was formed two weeks ago after a protracted stand-off in the House on the formula that will determine how the counties share the Sh 316.5 billion allocated to them in the 2020-21 budget.

For a record nine times the Senate has failed to approve the formula after lawmakers whose counties will lose money in the proposal rejected it.

The county bosses also threatened to sponsor motion to dissolve Senate for failing to safeguard the interests of County Governments by stalling on the 3rd generation formula debate.

"To this end, we hereby forewarn the Senate that a Petition for its dissolution can be initiated by any member of the public through the High Court as provided for under Article 258 of the Constitution," the statement said.

Civil society groups want respect for human rights in Mau forest conservation dive



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Civil society organizations in Nakuru County have called on government agencies tasked with the responsibility of reclaiming and conserving parts of the Mau forest complex to ensure that they uphold human rights and the interests of the public.

The Kenya Human Rights Commission, Mid Rift Human Rights network, Center for enhancing democracy and good governance, Freedom for information network together with affected communities said that there are unresolved gaps in the quest by the government to arrive at a lasting solution to the persistent clashes that keep on rocking the affected areas.

To realize a lasting solution, the rights groups are calling on the communities within affected areas

in Njoro, Molo and Kuresoi South to commit to cessation of violence, peaceful and mutual co-existence while pushing the government to set up joint justice and peace committees and forums to foster honest conservation and durable solutions among the affected communities.

The groups want the peace committees be put up through the provincial administration, National Cohesion and Integration Commission and civil society groups.

They further want the immediate release of the report by the Task force on the Mau which was established to look into the issue.

"The government should set cut lines to isolate the land for settlement and forest through a consultative process and in consideration of all the legitimate claims of the affected communities," said the groups in a statement.

The rights crusaders also want the government to ensure that those affected by the ongoing evictions and conflicts related to the forest have access to basic services including health, water, education and housing in respect to Article 43 of the Kenyan constitution.

To further restore peace and trust among the communities, the civil



Nakuru Human rights defenders and community members from warring communities when they addressed the media in Nakuru. Photo/Ambole Okata

society groups are calling on the Director of Public Prosecutions to drop all charges perceived to be politically motivated and preferred against the affected communities.

"The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) and the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights should consider investigations into the atrocities allegedly committed by the state security, administration and forest

apparatus during the evictions and other operations".

The rights defenders further want the Director of Criminal Investigations to investigate and charge politicians allegedly inciting and diving communities engaged in the conflict.

They are also pushing for the repossession of public land grabbed by the elite as one way of ending the culture of grabbing land set aside

for public use.

Inter-ethnic clashes have over time rocked Neissuit, Marioshoni, Ndoshua, oloposimoru among other areas which form part of human settlements either within or bordering the Mau forest complex.

The clashes have been attributed to Cattle rustling, land ownership and scramble for grazing fields and water as well as political competition.

Signs & Symptoms of A Poor Financial Health



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Summary
Financial health is no different, it is subject to change. You could be doing well today then a tragedy that wipes your income strikes. It could happen suddenly through a tragedy or it could be gradual like a slow puncture; a situation that slowly eats into your finances without your knowledge. To shield yourself from these occurrences, you need to have regular financial health checkups.

No figures – You are not in a position to tell how much money you earn. If you are on a salary, you can't tell how much extra cash you earn during the month.

Never enough - Your money is never enough to meet all your expenses. It seems as if the harder you work the more the expenses. In this case, you may be suffering from lifestyle inflation.

No assets - You have no notable assets that can be used to make you extra money.

Financial Clatter – You buy a lot of things that you don't need or rarely use

Single Income - All your income comes from one channel (E.g. A salary). What would happen if you lost your job?



In the same way that we protect our self from illness either by setting up some emergency funds or getting an insurance cover, we need to prepare for financial emergencies. The most effective way of tackling a serious disease is preventive care. This is where you preempt what could happen to you and take measures to avoid it. You detect the problem before it strikes in its fullness.

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Allow me to be your financial doctor today and share with you some signs and symptoms of a poor financial health. If your situation is critical, contact a financial advisor. You could also reach me through my email indicated under my picture above.

Signs & Symptoms of poor finan-

- cial health
- No figures – You are not in a position to tell how much money you earn. If you are on a salary, you can't tell how much extra cash you earn during the month.
 - Expenses – You don't know how much money you spend per month. Your expenses are more than your income.
 - Never enough - Your money is never enough to meet all your expenses. It seems as if the harder you work the more the expenses. In this case, you may be suffering from lifestyle inflation.
 - Money Never Stay - Your money goes as soon as it comes. Your money goes away almost as soon as it comes.
 - Credit Reference Bureau – You are negatively listed on the CRB. CRB is not life and death, its only that the poor rating affects your chances of getting funded by financial institutions.
 - Nothing to spare - You spend all you have; nothing is left over. You consume all your money leaving no room for savings and investment.

- Late bills Payment – You never pay your bills on time and most of the time you struggle to do so.
- No assets - You have no notable assets that can be used to make you extra money.
- Betting - You consider lottery & gambling as a valid way to achieve your financial freedom.
- Debt burden – You are overwhelmed by debt.
- Comfortable – In this case, you are satisfied with what you have. This is a mild financial illness that has the potential to become serious all of a sudden.
- No budget – You don't follow a budget or any form of financial planning.
- No savings - You have no savings or emergency fund.
- Spendthrift – In this case, you buy things for fun. Most of the time to impress others.
- Impulse Buyer – In this case, you buy things just because you have seen them, liked them and have the money to buy them. No consideration is made as to the necessity of the item is made before

- you commit to buying it.
 - Financial Clatter – You buy a lot of things that you don't need or rarely use
 - Single Income - All your income comes from one channel (E.g. A salary). What would happen if you lost your job?
 - Financial Crisis - You are always in a financial crisis.
 - Never enough – It seems like you never have enough money to meet all your needs at all times.
 - You are bankrupt - You have accumulated so much debt that you are not able to pay it within your current means.
 - Hand to mouth – You live on hand to mouth basis; you must work to live. That is, if you failed to work for a day, your money runs out.
- Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of the symptoms of financial illness, there are many other factors unique to each person's situation. The important thing is to note that if you ignore them, they will become chronic and at times a fatal financial diseases.

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Graft >> * "The issue of people asking me to resign is a pipe dream. They can continue to dream on," Kagwe said.

Kagwe's resignation calls getting louder



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Summary

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- Speaking last Sunday at AIC church Pipeline in Nairobi, Kikuyu members of parliament Kimani Ichung'wa hit out at CS Kagwe calling for his resignation. The vocal legislator had accompanied the Deputy President William Ruto for a church service.
- The same Sunday, Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu came to Kagwe's defense saying that the cabinet Secretary who hails from Nyeri has been in office for only six months and was unlikely to have put in place his own system to steal.



Health CS Mutahi Kagwe when he appeared before the National Assembly Health Committee.

Mutahi Kagwe the Cabinet Secretary for Health is a man under constance pressure to step aside pending investigations of alleged loss of billions at the Kenya Medical Supplies (KEMSA) which were meant for Covid-19 mitigation measures.

Former Kakamega senator Boni Khalwale was among the first team of leaders that called on Kagwe to resign to allow independent investigations in his Health docket, he spoke in Kimilili on August 22.

The Vocal politician who vied for gubernatorial seat in 2017 for Kakamega County but was outwitted by the incumbent governor Wycliffe Oparanya is known for his Kimunya must go! Sensational censor motion that sent Amos Kimunya parking from the cabinet. Khalwale was then the Member of Parliament for Ikolomani Constituency.

"To stop corruption at the Treasury, Kimunya must go! To end impunity in this country, Kimunya must go! To repossess the Hotel Grand Regency, Kimunya must go!" Khalwale thundered as he moved the motion.

The Kipipiri Member of Parliament could not contemplate how he could leave the lucrative Ministry of finance

"I would rather die than resign," Kimunya said.

But the bullfighter from Ikolomani did not settle until the then bully Kimunya could vacate his seat, eventually Kimunya stay at the treasury died off. However the corruption at the treasury did not die and until the

recent past Henry Kosgei the Cabinet Secretary in charge of treasury was shown the door for allegations of graft.

Khalwale's calls were echoed by MP Ayub Savula who called for the resignation of CS Mutahi Kagwe and PS Mochache over loss of Covid funds.

Rift Valley leader added their voice to calls for resignation of Mutahi Kagwe, his PS Mochache and KEMSA officials, led by Kuresoi South MP Joseph Tanui, the leaders condemned the act saying theft of funds set aside to fight a pandemic was unacceptable and that persons linked with the theft must be prosecuted.

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"You can't steal the money belonging to the sick and still call us fellow Kenyans, we are not with you, you cannot be called like that with a thief," Ichungwa said.

"I want to make a passionate appeal to President Kenyatta to ensure the COVID billionaires led by CS Mutahi Kagwe to resign from office," he said before the congregation.

The Kikuyu legislature ceased the moment to hit hardest the Cabinet Secretary for what pundits say was the best time for Tanga tanga affiliated MP to demonstrate to the public that it is the Kieleweke side of Jubilee that has been stealing and

alleging its Ruto and his followers.

This time Ruto was sidelined in the management of Covid fund thus, the common scapegoat culprit could not be blamed yet billions of money has gone down the drain.

The same Sunday, Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu came to Kagwe's defense saying that the cabinet Secretary who hails from Nyeri has been in office for only six months and was unlikely to have put in place his own system to steal.

"He has not had time to install his own system to help him steal that kind of money. Whoever has stolen this money has been in the Afya House system for a long time," Wambugu said.

The first time legislature further said for such corruption to take place an entire system has to be in place.

"It takes an entire system, from procurement to finance to steal the kind of money involved in the Covid-19 heist," Ngunjiri added.

Yesterday Nandi Senator Samson Cheragei joined other leaders in calling Kagwe to take responsibility and resign. He vowed to petition Parliament at the National Assembly level to table a censure motion against the CS should he fail to resign.

The young vibrant lawyer said the Principal Secretary for the ministry of Health Susan Mochache should join Kagwe as the two were implicated in the saga by suspended KEMSA CEO Dr. Jonah Manjari.

Manjari implicated the two when he appeared before the National As-

sembly Health Committee. When Kagwe's turn to be grilled by the same committee he admitted he put pressure on Manjari but denied giving him instructions or advise whatsoever.

"It's my job to put people under pressure so that they can produce the results we are looking for, its however not my job to tell anybody to commit a crime... it's not my job to advise anybody against anything they are not supposed to do, and in the event that I told a CEO to do something that is against the law or something they are not comfortable with, he should have said give me that in writing," Kagwe said.

Yesterday Kirinyaga Women Rep. Wangui Ngirichi added her voice calling on Kagwe and others mentioned in the scandal to step aside.

"By next week or even tomorrow if possible, people be taken to court. DPP we have been saying it's malice but we don't want to say it is malice, we want action," Ngirichi said.

Ndia MP George Kariuki said if you have been mentioned even if it has happened in my office here, you step aside, investigations are carried out if you are clean you are reinstated. The two were speaking in Ndia Constituency in Kirinyaga County.

Kagwe had downplayed the calls for his resignation in Kisumu a couple of weeks ago during daily covid-19 press briefing, Kagwe pointed out that the issue of people asking him to resign is a pipe dream.

"The issue of people asking me to resign is a pipe dream. They can continue to dream on," he said.



GOD IS NOT ANGRY WITH YOU



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You may not feel like you're amazing or awesome, but God says that you are. Psalm 139 says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Studying how the human body functions reveals that we are truly an amazing creation. When you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, something happens to you on the inside. Paul writes of it this way: "Therefore if any

person is [ingrafted] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). You may not notice any difference when you look in the mirror; your behavior may not change overnight; and your struggles may not suddenly disappear, but when you are "in Christ" a gradual and patient work of transformation is under way in your life. God sees the end of things from beginning, and He sees you complete in Him. He sees you, through Jesus Christ, as new and completely righteous. Also, when you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you become part of the family of God. You are a child of God. Think again about our children who we are blessed with. They always have right standing with us as true loving parents, even though they don't always do everything right. We still go through times when we are displeased with their behaviour

in various areas. But, our children are always in the family; they never cease being our children. We don't like all their choices; we don't like everything they do, but we love them and we don't withhold our love because they make mistakes. We still help them if they need help. God loves us even more than we love our children. He does not reject us when we make mistakes. He knows our hearts. He knows we are on a journey and that we need time to renew our minds. Read and meditate on Isaiah 49:15-16 "[And the Lord answered] Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me." We have a High Priest (Jesus) Who understands our weaknesses and infirmities because He was tempted just as we are and yet He never

sinned (see Hebrews 4:15). I love the fact that Jesus understands me! He also understands you, so why not relax and be yourself, know that you are loved unconditionally, and do your best each day? Feeling guilty about every mistake that you make and comparing yourself with others only impedes your progress; it doesn't help it. Admit your faults, mistakes, and sins; ask God to forgive you and to help you change. Don't compare yourself with anyone else. God has created you unique and wants you to be all you can be. God will never help you be someone else so give yourself a big hug right now and rejoice in who you are! HALELUJAH, HALELUJAH.

(With special dedication to and inspiration from a true brother Mbithi Mike; much love as you celebrate your birthday.)

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Environment>>* Ultimately, a successful trade agreement between the U.S. and Kenya will depend on mutual understanding

American plastic firm decries misreporting of its position in US-Kenya Trade Negotiations

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Summary

- In a press statement on Tuesday dubbed, “Chemicals and Plastics Industry Corrects Record on Its Position Regarding US-Kenya Trade Negotiations” ACC said they do not whatsoever wish to erode the gains already achieved by Kenya in environment management.
- “Ultimately, a successful trade agreement between the U.S. and Kenya will depend on mutual understanding and a deep respect for the sovereignty of each nation to decide what is best for its people. ACC will continue to strongly encourage both sides to reach a clear agreement that advances and supports one another’s goals while maintaining sovereignty over their respective regulatory programs,” the statement ended.



American Chemistry Council (ACC) has refuted claims that it’s proposing the reversal of the strict plastic bag usage limit in Kenya that were put in by the government in its effort to ensure clean health environment.

In a press statement on Tuesday dubbed, “Chemicals and Plastics Industry Corrects Record on Its Position Regarding US-Kenya Trade Negotiations” ACC said they do not whatsoever wish to erode the gains already achieved by Kenya in environment management.

“It is well understood that a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and Kenya will

not override Kenya’s domestic approach to managing plastic waste or undermine its international commitments under the Basel Convention. In fact, ACC never mentioned Kenya’s approach to single use plastic bags even once in our comments. Reports that Kenya could be forced to rescind its domestic ban on plastic bags, or make any other regulatory decisions, are grossly inaccurate. Misreporting such facts is a disservice especially to Kenya, which is making strides toward becoming a wealthier, cleaner, healthier and more sustainable country with the support of all stakeholders, including industry,” read the statement made on Tuesday.

The US plastic recycling company said they are committed in recovering used plastics from the environment thereby a new era of excitement and hope to the challenge of managing plastic waste.

“America’s plastic makers are committed to recovering used plastics from the environment – both in the United States and in developing countries around the globe. Emerging technologies together with better recycling and new product designs are changing business models and bringing a new era of excitement and hope to the challenge of managing plastic waste,” read the

statement in part

The U.S. chemical industry said they have made their recommendations public of what they believe are approaches to help Kenya reach its social, economic, and environmental goals. These recommendations the firm says were made to both U.S. and Kenya governments.

To illustrate further ACC said they has publicly supported calls to help Kenya more effectively address marine debris by developing infrastructure to collect and sort used plastics, which have been recognized as a valuable feedstock resource. With the support of better waste management infrastructure, countries can recycle and reuse valuable materials and trade them across borders.

The US chemical firm was responding to an article published by New York Times newspaper accusing ACC for lobbying to influence US negotiations with Kenya, to reverse its strict limits on plastics — including a tough plastic-bag ban.

In the said online article Ed Brzytwa, the director of international trade for the American Chemistry Council is quoted to have said plastics makers are looking well beyond Kenya’s borders.

“We anticipate that Kenya could serve in the future as a hub for supplying U.S.-made chemicals and

plastics to other markets in Africa through this trade agreement,” Brzytwa is said to have written in an April 28 letter to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

In concluding their statement ACC said any bilateral trade made between US and Kenya is based on mutual understanding and a deep respect for the sovereignty of each nation.

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When the reports of return of plastics bags in Kenya emerged Kenyans took online to condemn the move and petitioned President Uhuru Kenyatta to desist such advances as they could greatly erode the gains made so far in environmental management.



Young Leaders Corner

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Summary

- I started my leadership from as low as primary school at St. Teresa Primary School Gutto where I was the class prefect and almost became the headboy before I transferred to Langas Primary for my end of primary exams. I also led several clubs and positions in Secondary School which gave me confidence to pursue leadership in College where I currently hold the position of Ass. Minister of Education.
- My kind of leadership style that has stood out is that I am a person who listens more than talk. This helps me get a clue and knowledge about the problems or ideas people have. When you mix your personal ideas and get other people's thoughts it now widens your prospective. I also believe that being a leader you are a servant to the people and not like many who make themselves the "Bosses". The greatest aspect is that one must be God fearing, humble and not quick to judge.



Michael Karanja Njoroge

Name: Michael Karanja Njoroge (Mr. Bean/ Mike)

Place of Birth: I was born and raised in Eldoret town Kapseret Constituency, Uasin Gishu County. **School Life:** I attended my primary school in several schools but did my KCPE at Langas Primary School. I later joined Wareng High School(former Deputy Presidents lower Secondary school) where I did my KCSE exams and attained an average score that led me to joining

The Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology where am currently pursuing my Diploma in Business and Entrepreneurship-(Sales and Marketing). I am also a former student at Alliance Française where I did my French International Exams gaining an Level 4 professional certificate known as (B2) **Leadership:** I started my leadership from as low as primary school at St. Teresa Primary School Gutto where I was the class prefect and almost became the headboy before

I transferred to Langas Primary for my end of primary exams. I also led several clubs and positions in Secondary School which gave me confidence to pursue leadership in College where I currently hold the position of Ass. Minister of Education.

Leadership style: My kind of leadership style that has stood out is that I am a person who listens more than talk. This helps me get a clue and knowledge about the problems or ideas people have. When you mix your personal ideas and get other people's thoughts it now widens your prospective. I also believe that being a leader you are a servant to the people and not like many who make themselves the "Bosses". The greatest aspect is that one must be God fearing, humble and not quick to judge.

Leadership positions / Aspiring Positions: Currently am the (KISA) Kiambu Institute Students Association - Assistant Minister Education. I am aspiring to be the next KISA president and a KUSO member then maybe Godwilling vie for one of the local seats available in the government

Roles and responsibilities: As a leader incharge of educational matters which are affected by all aspects that are in the institution. My work is to air out the comrades voices and fight for their demands concerning education matters .most of all ensure that an ample relationship is formed between the administration and the comrades. I act as part of the administration too where we ensure that the students welfare is kept and that a good development supporting the comrades is achieved since without development nothing much can be achieved. I also work as a guide to the students whenever they have questions and can't get responses or need clarity. I work with my fellow student leaders to ensure we achieve our promise to the comrades. **Achievements:** Despite many challenges, I have been able to fulfill my promises in that short period we had this year and also helped out to have a smooth learning process in the institution where no unrest or problems were found. Classes have been renovated, enough facilities have been created and the library is being upgraded making me an able leader who has achieved.

Challenges: The greatest challenge is having limited resources and many needs making it difficult to choose the most deserving needs to be kept first. Sometimes balancing the many responsibilities and personal matters is a great challenge too.

Inside school life: I am a member of the Creative Ministry where we use talents to minister. I also am a proud member of the Jay Kahiua Creations team where we help him rise by being part of his vines and films. We edit and produce adverts and also entertain people with the videos. I also take time to learn alot so as to balance my leadership and good academic performance.

Outside school life: I am a dedicated church member where I play Instruments and also a sound engineer apart from other dedications in the church. I play hockey and also participate in French boosting activities and hiking. I also love exploring and travelling alot.

Future plans: I would like to travel and work in Paris because of my love and addiction with french. I also will pursue a Degree in Marketing (B Com) and work with well stabilized companies then create my own businesses. In leadership I want to be a Youth Leader in my Constituency. **Advice to Students during the Pandemic:** Try your level best to keep yourself safe and in the right track. The world is evolving in a very fast pace so in order to be at the right track, try to be a step ahead in all situations.

Parting Shot: I thank God for the far that He has brought me from and I believe He has great plans for me. I also like to thank my parents for mentoring me to be who I am today and my wonderful sister Esther who has always been my number one fan and Brothers too. I also thank the comrades and my institution at large. I finally thank my editor and Mt. Kenya Times for the awesome opportunity.

Our journey to the impossibilities continues

Covid-19 >> * The ministry of health on Thursday recorded 212 new cases of Covid-19, raising the country's total to 34,705

212 NEW COVID-19 CASES DETECTED, TOTAL CASES 34, 705

By: Rashid Abubakar
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The ministry of health on Thursday recorded 212 new cases of Covid-19, raising the country's total to 34,705.

The new cases were detected from a sample pool of 3,937 in the last 24 hours, bringing the cumulative tests to 463,499.

Of the new cases 14 foreign nationals aged between one month and 76 years and gender wise 132 are male while 80 are female.

The distribution of cases by counties is as follows: Nairobi (96), Mombasa (21), Busia (10), Kiambu (11), Uasin Gishu (9), Laikipia (9), Taita Taveta (8), Narok (8), Machakos (7), Nakuru (7), Kilifi (6), Lamu (6), Kajiado (4), Bomet (2), Bungoma (1), Kericho (1), Kwale (1), Migori (1), Murang'a (1), Nyeri

(1), West Pokot (1) and Meru (1).

In terms of sub-county distribution, the 96 cases in Nairobi are in: Dagoretti North and Westlands (18) cases each, Kamukunji (10), Lang'ata (6), Embakasi West (5), Makadara, Roysambu, and Starehe (4) cases each, Dagoretti South, Embakasi East, Embakasi North, Embakasi South, Kibra, Mathare and Ruaraka (3) cases each.

In Mombasa, the 21 cases are in Changamwe (7), Nyali (5), Jomvu and Mvita (4) cases each and Likoni (1).

Speaking in Homa bay County, the Health CAS said that 195 patients had recovered from the disease taking the total number of recoveries to 20,644.

141 of them were under the Home-Based Care Program while 54 were discharged from various hospitals.

The number of fatalities rose to 585 after another four patients succumbed to the virus.

Homabay Governor Cyprian Awiti said the County has trained 1310 healthcare workers, and a further 2817 community health volunteers.

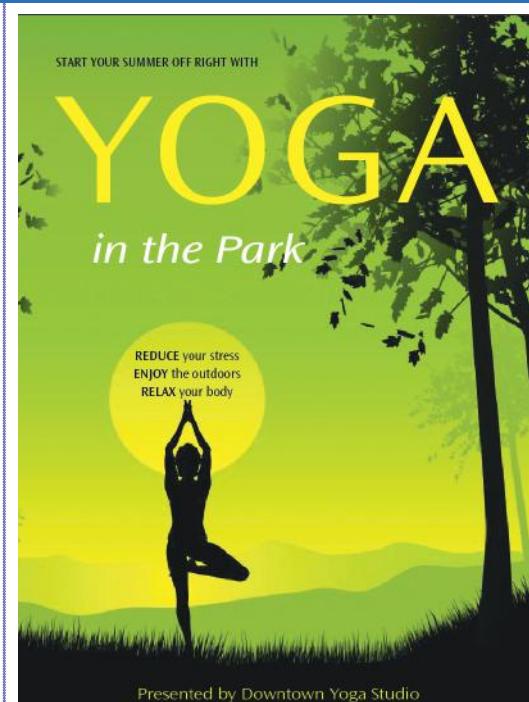
He lauded the President and the Ministry of Health as well as front line health care workers for the work they are doing to protect Kenyans from the virus.

Awiti further called on the ministry to upgrade the County level 4 hospital to level 5 status saying it has met the required standards.

Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe on Wednesday told a parliamentary committee that lack of the reagents was hampering the country's testing capacity, in what he blamed on an embargo by the US government due to the health crisis they are also

facing with the highest infection in the world.

Kagwe said public health officials had resorted to manual testing, explaining why the sample size had reduced since last month.



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Personality traits of cheaters, according to an expert

By: Ciru Kamau
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1. Narcissism

It's common for narcissists to feel like everyone else owes them something. Their self-centered nature makes them believe they can do whatever they want and they can get away with everything, as long as they play their cards right. If a narcissist's partner fails to meet some of their needs, they would most probably go to someone else who can.

What makes them different from regular cheaters is that, as they are incredibly selfish, they wouldn't show any sign of guilt.

2. Lack of empathy

Not being considerate and thoughtful of your partner's perspective is a huge red flag of your cheating potential. It's hard to be loyal to someone when you don't really care about their feelings. A person who shows no empathy has no clue of the way their actions might hurt their partner.

3. Grandiosity

People convinced that they are better than everyone else often consider they can easily get away with cheating. They also feel an intense need of being validated, so seeking this validation from more than just one partner is quite a common behavior for such individuals.

4. Impulsiveness

This personality trait is built on taking decisions in the heat of the moment and not thinking things through. That's exactly why impulsive people are likely to cheat instead of considering the consequences, they give in to the moment and act spontaneously, even though they might hurt someone's feelings later.

5. Thrill-seeking

Many people who have failed to experience true love with only one partner find monogamy mundane. They see no excitement in being intimate with only one person. Therefore, as they crave adrenalin and thrill, they might look for it in the act of cheating.

6. Avoidance

This happens with people being afraid of commitment. When things between them and their partner start to get serious, they are quite likely to be unfaithful just to avoid developing deeper feelings.

7. Self-destructiveness

If a person often falls into unhealthy, self-destructive habits, and makes poor financial decisions, they would probably treat their relationships the same way. As cheating is one of the most severe relationship dealbreakers, such an individual will tend to fall into it as yet another self-destructive habit of theirs. However, this time their unfaithfulness will affect someone else.

Factors that determine the likelihood of



cheating:

1. Brain

The way our brains work chemically has a significant effect on our tendency towards cheating. According to the expert, roughly 50% of what tells a cheater apart from a non-cheater is biological differences in brain chemicals. In other words, a person's mind-set tells a lot about their attitude towards cheating.

2. Psychology

This factor combines the way we think with the experience we have. It defines how well

we feel in our world. The way our minds process the things we experience has a lot to do with our perception of romance.

3. Culture

Cultural background is also a significant factor affecting our approach towards cheating. It shapes our beliefs on love, sex, and infidelity from a very young age.

SENATORS DISTANCES THEMSELVES FROM LACK OF FUNDS IN COUNTIES

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Senate has failed to approve the formula after lawmakers whose counties will lose money in the proposal rejected it.

Irungu Kangata, Senate Majority Whip, who addressed media at Parliament Buildings on Thursday sought to exonerate the Senate from the accusations.

The Murang'a Senator cited a circular by the National Treasury agreeing to disburse to the counties up to 50 per cent of the Sh 316.5 billion allocated to the devolved units.

Kangata also cited regulation 134 of the PFM Act which mandates the Controller of Budget to authorise the release of the funds in the event of delays in passing CARA.

"A meeting was also held between the Senate, Treasury and other stakeholders and it was agreed that the funds be released. So, any reports that the failure to pass CARA in the Senate is the problem are not true," he said.

The CoG had earlier on urged the National treasury to urgently release half of the County equitable share of revenue to ensure resumption of operations.

The county bosses threatened to sponsor a motion to dissolve Senate for failing to safeguard the interests of County Governments by stalling on the 3rd generation formula debate.

"To this end, we hereby forewarn the Senate that a Petition for its dissolution can be initiated by any member of the public through the High Court as provided for under Article 258 of the Constitution," CoG said in a statement.

PHOGISIO URGES CRA TO RELEASE HALF OF EACH COUNTY'S ENTITLEMENT

Senate Majority Leader Samuel Poghio on Tuesday urged the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) to fast-track the release of half of each county's entitlement to avoid a stoppage of operations.

He said this would be the best option as the Senate continued to seek an amicable solution to the current revenue division stalemate which has starved counties of cash.

Speaking at Getuya village in Ndia Constituency during the burial ceremony for Johnson Kiburu, who was a brother to the Kirinyaga Senator Charles Kiburu, Poghio said no matter how long the stalemate might last, the 11-man House Committee would certainly come up with a solution.

However, Poghio blamed the electorate for voting in corrupt leaders who do not comply with Chapter Six of the Constitution on integrity.

"Chapter Six should be restored and applied where the voters will be able to hold their leaders accountable and the same voters should be blamed for electing the corrupt leaders we are hearing and seeing every day being implicated in high profile thefts of public funds," he said.

"Chapter Six on integrity should

be invoked before the 2022 general elections to lock out those with tainted past in corruption to avoid further regrets as is the case today," added Majority leader.

Further, Poghio called on those implicated in the Covid-19 theft to step aside and wait for the results of a forensic audit to be undertaken and only resume office if cleared.

"If you have been implicated with the theft of the billions meant for the fight against the coronavirus, do not wait to be sacked but honourably step aside to allow free and fair examination of the lost funds and if not found culpable, you will be free to resume your duties," he said.

Irungu Kangata, Senate Majority whip told the mourners that the stalemate had provided an opportunity to know the true friends of Mt Kenya region whose leaders were proponents of the one man one vote one shilling revenue sharing formula.

Kangata said unless this formula

was adopted, then the BBI would not see the light of day since densely populated counties had been subjected to a raw deal after the 2009 census which favoured the counties with fewer people.

"All am sure of is that at the end of the day and no matter how long this stalemate persists, we shall come up with a new formula based on last year's census which was accurate unlike the 2009 one," he said.

Embu Senator Njeru Ndwiga who was also present at the ceremony admitted that not all his colleagues were honest.

He said he was reading succession politics of 2022 in the revenue sharing stalemate and recalled how the 2009 census results were manipulated to give undue monetary gains to undeserving counties.

The late Kiburu had just retired from the Civil Service after rising to the position of Director of Survey and is survived by a wife and four children.

5 CONMEN IMPERSONATING NIS AND MILITARY OFFICERS ARRESTED

By: Justus Obando
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Detectives from Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), on Thursday arrested five individuals impersonating National Intelligence Service (NIS), Military and Police.

The five — Sharoq Afzal Shah, Jamal Hassan Ali, Fred Ngusare, Francis Saitabau and Junaid Mehmood Osman — are in lawful custody awaiting arraignment.

"Members of the public who may have fallen victim to the activities of such individuals are advised to visit DCI Lang'ata," Kinoti said.

This comes a day after two men were arrested for trying to extort an MP while impersonating as detectives.

A statement from the DCI Headquarters named the conmen as DCI Director George Kinoti said they even had fake ID's from the three organisations, a pair of handcuffs and a pocket phone.

These made them easily pass as genuine officers from the security agencies, enabling them to con members of the public while mostly going for prime soft targets.

"They will all face charges," Kinoti said.

Police have also detained two motor vehicles the conmen were using and will be seeking to establish their ownership.

"They were driving two motor vehicles Reg. Numbers KBN 433C and KCX 732L were intercepted at T-Mall area," DCI said.

On Wednesday two conmen, posing as detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), to defraud a Member of Parliament was thwarted when police were called on them.

The duo, identified as Dennis Moturi Nyakundi and Victor Onsare, had called the MP from Nyanza, summoning him to record a statement over an alleged criminal offence.

Once the MP agreed to honour the summons to the headquarters of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) on Kiambu Road, the conmen quickly changed the tact, and diverted him to a Nairobi Hotel to "talk".

It is then that the legislator smelt a rat and reported the matter.

Detectives from the DCI Head-



5 conmen impersonating NIS and military officers arrested. photo courtesy

quarters are said to have liased with their officers at the Parliament Police Station, who pounced on the two suspects as they discussed with

the MP on the fake summons.

It is understood that the conmen were demanding Sh 1 million from the legislator "to go slow" on the

fake investigation.

DESTROYED



Gathoni Wamwondwe



Profile: Teresia Wamwondwe
Page: Drippings of the Pen

Destroyed
Chained I am
My thoughts Fixed
My limbs tied
My life at a stop
For what meaning is it to live a
meaningless life?
One directed by societal waves
Swaying me from side to side
Gambling with my future
A future futile
You know what too many cooks do.. same
thing as too many controllers
Religion, society, government
I'm left aimless, stranded
For my spirit got a different stand
But what can a solo man say in a blinded
crowd?
I am a caged lion
A bird with wings cut
Destroyed
Chained I am

My thoughts Fixed
My limbs tied
My life at a stop
~ Gathoni Wamwondwe ~



EXQUISITE BEAUTY

Beautiful and graceful,
Varied and enchanting,
Your loveliness lifts my spirits.
God's confetti you are,
Thrown upon the earth,
In celebration of his love.

From bloom to bloom you flit,
Not to miss a fragrant plume.
You where you're pleased,
And please wherever you go.
Over centuries,

Your exquisite beauty fascinates many.

Above the tawny grass,
In the sunny air you dance.
So tantalized to pass love everywhere.
For you are made in a smooth
And beautiful way,
And so full of flame.

Up the sky at liberty you roam,
Like sun rays you shine.
Your coloured wings catch the eye.

On wings orange, silver and blue,
On wings of golden yellow too,
You go flattering by.

Your beauty is rare,
And everyone wants to dare,
To dare catch you against your will.
So they just admire you,
And let you have your fill.
Fill of flitting here,
And flitting there,
Gathering your daily fare.

Fare of nectars from flowers bright,
From morning till night.

Ooh butterfly,
A soul so rare,
But worth my stare.
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"I can't marry a poor man", is a symptom of poverty. Women who grew up in wealth usually don't have that mentality. They know how to make money. So money is not their focus. What you will hear them say is that "I can't marry a man who doesn't love me!"

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Victoria Apondi



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Summary

- I don't have a specifics genre of poem so i wrote any type of poem. I would really love to try and write something on dark poetry one of this fine days because it's intriguing and fascinating all together and it also has a way of capturing the reader's attention.
- WHAT MOTIVATES YOU - Apart from nature, it's the daily life experiences that I encounter. My passion for poetry has enabled me to be where I am today and the support and encouragement that I've received from friends and other poets.
- I've mostly achieved certificates from different poetry competitions. Poetry has given me the opportunity to learn and work with poets from different countries such as Nigeria and South Africa other than Kenya. Mostu of all I've gained confidence and self esteem.

NAME: Victoria Apondi

PLACE OF BIRTH: Uasin Gishu county

SCHOOL LIFE

I am a student at Laikipia university. School life is good and hectic at the same time in pursuit of my degree. Lectures are so many and time is also limited so when you get a chance to do what you love you take it without second thoughts.

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ACHIEVEMENTS: How poetry has built you

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CHALLENGES:

The greatest challenge is writing a piece then someone else makes it their own, this has demoralized me a number of times. Publishers asking for more funds in order to publish your piece are also a challenge but I am still hopeful despite these challenges.

AWARDS IF ANY

I've mostly received gifts, standing ovations and certificates

INSIDE SCHOOL LIFE / OUTSIDE SCHOOL LIFE:

School life has enabled me to acquire different opportunities to venture into. It has accorded me the platform to share my poems, ideas and interact with different poets and I've met friends who have empowered me and my pieces.



Victoria Apondi

ADVICE TO POETS AND WRITERS WHO ARE GROWING IN THE INDUSTRY:

I would say they should never lose confidence in their pieces no matter how crazy they might be. Acknowledge correction that has been made on your pieces by other poets and friends and

above all never give up on your poems.

PARTING SHOT:

I would like to thank Mt. Kenya Times for the opportunity that they have given poets to share their opinions and views and truly grateful.

BUSINESS

VAELL Group and Tree Capital East Africa (TCEA) inks 100 million partnership for sale and leaseback to cushion businesses from corona effects



Jared Oundo

Head of Corporate Communications

In a bid to cushion businesses and individuals against effects of coronavirus pandemic through sale and leaseback program, regional leasing firm, Vehicle and Equipment Leasing Limited (VAELL), has inked a Kes. 100 million deal with Tree Capital East Africa (TCEA). The duo said that the partnership will help institutions and individuals to liquidate and mitigate risks as they monetize their assets and acquire capital to invest in projects of higher priority as they still use the vehicles and equipment. This financing comes at a time that various institutions and individuals are struggling to withstand the waves of the virus as markets and industries worldwide are limping and having difficulties sustaining their operations, a situation that has triggered massive layoffs by across all industries.

Speaking in Naivasha, Ms. Bertha Mvati, lessor's Managing Director for Kenya said, "due to the current virus crisis, cars and equipment owners may desire to venture in growing their projects, or pay debts and the capital required to accomplish such goals may be tied up in their assets. With this new boost

to our sale-leaseback program, we are giving them an opportunity to take equity and grow their ventures whereas still using the assets and hence become a double-edged solution."

"A further investment in this program has been necessitated by the various requests from individuals and institutions that intend to translate their machineries into liquidity. With the added investment from TCEA, we can now provide such clients with immediate cash and opportune solution. The current pandemic has forced these institutions and individuals to act tactically and be innovative in order to ride out of corona storm. Sale-leaseback is a viable alternative for such entities that has substantial capital stalled in other items whereas it can be reinvested elsewhere," added Ms. Mvati.

A sale-leaseback gives businesses 'dry powder' for purchases besides being in a position to service debts, maintain operational control and support core business activities in line with their strategy. With COVID-19 effects, the influx of working capital generated through a sale-leaseback gives a leg up to tap into transitory opportunities that habitually appeal to numerous contestants. It is a popular

option for businesses that want to speed up their overall growth and expansion especially when their balance sheets contain assets with no current economic value. They sale and leaseback such items to enjoy financial flexibility. In order for institutions and individuals to survive the new normal and position themselves for development and success they will have to make cognizant decisions on tactical capital distribution that meritoriously leverages assets.

Ms. Mvati said, "currently there is limited funding from banks owing to uncertainty and hence the need to decipher new ways of survival as they become more innovative and flexible. Things might be tougher in the coming days and the only way to survive is to innovate and change what is likely not to work in the coming days."

TCEA management said that with the COVID-19 crisis, many institutions are presently experiencing the unadorned reality of a significantly condensed pool of working capital along with credit lines that will likely not defrost anytime soon. Hitherto such challenges, individuals and institutions can now utilize sale-leaseback to allow them unlock capital and increase cash flow.

More single women warm up to affordable homes than single men

By: Conrad Onyango

Mizizi Africa Homes has discovered that single women are fast outpacing single men when it comes to homeownership.

Data from the company shows single women own 67 per cent of units in four of its affordable housing projects while single men own less than 10 per cent.

Most of these women are single mothers aged over 30 years mostly with two kids.

"We are increasingly recording more interest in our properties from women. Most single women will tell you they want to create financial security for themselves and they find it in real estate," said Mizizi Africa Homes Chief Executive Officer, George Mburu.

There is no record of a single man owning any unit over the last one year, while a few units have been taken up by married men with young kids.

Celebrated gospel song bird, Betty Bayo who is also a client said an opportunity presented itself in the form of affordable houses and thought she can do this to secure the future of her children and solve the hustle of settling house rent every month.

"It's awesome, owning a home as a single woman is all about being comfortable and focused. Securing kids' future is a priority for every single woman even if they get married later on," said Bayo.

Kenya's best female professional boxer, Fatuma Zariqa who also owns a unit with Mizizi Africa homes said she needed to keep her family under a roof where she does not incur monthly rent costs and beat the high cost of living in the city.

"We needed somewhere we can have peace of mind. It is a very fulfilling accomplishment that gives you a sense of confidence and security especially after a very long period of suffering," said Zariqa.

Mburu said the statistics reveal the strategic role women play in advancing the affordable housing agenda, fixing housing gaps in the country and their contribution in the

built industry.

"As we continue building up information in the industry we begin to understand the level of participation of women in various segments within the construction sector to see which new opportunities we can avail for them within the built environment," said Mburu.

The developer began the process of deploying big data to its operations earlier in the year to boost efficiency of its operations and offer custom solutions to prospective homeowners.

"With a better understanding of our clients, we find new ways to help serve them even better by introducing new custom and targeted products as well as services that are solution oriented in future," said Mburu. Mizizi Africa Homes emerged the best in two national real estate awards in 2019 for transforming the way it engages and offer value to its clientele.

It was ranked as the most improved real estate developer in the use of digital solutions during the third digital tech excellence awards held on December 5, 2019 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi.

The awards, organized by Digital Events, recognize SMEs and corporates making use of digital solutions to offer services in an efficient and convenient manner and to transform the lives of their clients.

Mizizi trounced competitors for maximising use of diverse digital platforms including Google, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and leveraging interactive websites that have facilitated instant responses to client queries, uploading new project updates and seamless engagement with customers.

The company was voted the most promising housing developer in the country during the second annual Real Estate Excellence Awards 2019 held in Nairobi.

P-SEGMENT: *What's Hot in Counties*

National Aspirants Forum launches in Nakuru, pushes for recognition of election best losers

By Ambole Okata

As the 2022 general elections approach, the National Aspirants' Forum (NAF) is engaging the Registrar of political parties with the aim of inserting a clause in all political party constitutions that will secure the participation of aspirants who lose in elections in the running of party and county and country affairs.

This, according to NAF is to ensure that aspirants who closely lose in political contests are given platforms from where they can be actively involved in political, social and economic decision making in the country.

NAF is pushing for the consideration for appointment to government positions of aspirants who lose elections by small margins.

Speaking in Nakuru during the launch of the County's chapter, NAF National Chairperson Niver Oluchi-

ri, said that it was disheartening to see most aspirants who fail to secure elective positions being thrown into oblivion after every election.

She said that the forum's main agenda was to equal the political playing field for both the incumbent leaders and those aspiring for different positions.

She observed that aspirants contribute a lot to the formation, participation and performance of political parties in elections by investing their time and resources and should therefore be critical players even after electioneering periods.

Speaking on behalf of Nakuru aspirants, Peter Karanja regretted that political parties have developed the habit of disregarding political party structures immediately after elections by only relying on elected leaders when making both important national, county and party decisions.

He said that as a forum they will

not just sit back and watch as critical political and economic decisions touching on the lives of Kenyans are being made by a few elected individuals.

During the meeting Elijah Kinyanjui Maina was elected as the interim Nakuru County NAF coordinator while Joseph Thuku was elected the interim county NAF chairman.

Mr. Kinyanjui is a Nakuru County Senatorial hopeful while Mr. Thuku is an aspirant for the Bahati Parliamentary seat in the 2022 general elections.

NAF, which brings together aspirants for all elective positions from diverse political parties will be tasked with the responsibility of securing the interests of aspirants who will be facing it out with the incumbents during the 2022 general elections.



A section of Nakuru Political aspirants during the launch of the National Aspirants Forum (NAF) chapter in Nakuru. Photo/Ambole Okata

Lawyers in Meru protest shooting of their colleague

By: Rugendo Antony

Lawyers in Meru County have protested the killing of one of their members at Maua.

The fuming lawyers took to the street at Maua town in Meru on Thursday demanding justice over the shooting of their colleague Kirimi Mbogo.

Speaking at Maua town, the group Chair Ken Muriuki called for speedy investigation and action on culprits who shot their comrade. The lawyers also called on the government to provide security for the lawyer while in hospital.

Mr. Mbogo was shot on Wednesday by people on a

motorcycle in Maua town. He was rushed to the St Stephen's Kiirua Mission Hospital in Buuri Sub-County. According to a witness, the lawyer was puffing on a cigarette when two people arrived on a motorcycle and fired shots at him.

"We were resting when the motorcycle went past his the office turned back and fired shots at the lawyer who was smoking outside the office," said one witness.

Another witness said the attackers acted very swiftly and made a quick getaway after the shooting.

Mbogo went into limelight when he won a case against National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) among



Lawyers Protest at Meru town next to Sayen Supermarket over the Shooting of a Colleague at Maua town on Thursday. The angry lawyer later headed to Maua where they demonstrated the shooting of their colleague.

many others. The prominent lawyer also sued St Mary Girls High

School, Igoji for ordering home some of its students over arrears related to a con-

troversial hostel project.

Is it the Final Fallout?



By: Emmanuel Koeck
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Summary

- The handshake is largely attributed for the fallout among the top two men in the country. Raila and company gladly accepted the extended olive branch Uhuru was gladly stretching over. His team were over the moon as a new structural redesigning became part of the sweet deal.
- An avenue availed itself to the president. A promise to uphold the other team's desires for the constitutional overhaul was the one chance Raila and team couldn't let slip through the fingers. It automatically transformed his ally's status in the government and by far, ODM became a gun for hire whenever the president felt like stamping his authority to the errant deputy's troops.
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Deputy President William Ruto, President Uhuru Kenya and ODM leader Raila Odinga at Bomas

Political state of the nation is taking a new twist by day despite the election being two years down the line. It has been barely three years since the last general election was held with the formerly two best of buddies going fondly by the name UhuRuto sailing through in 2017 easily.

At the start the duo looked inseparable going by their bromance relationship. Just one year into the last time, things took a drastic turn that saw the total push out of the 2nd in command in the daily running of the government business.

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Finally, Uhuru and his team was once again able to cut shot what was referred to as the Deputy President runaway influence in the legislature and to a great extent mount Kenya region traditionally and by default president Kenyatta's backyard.

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These guns were very efficient doubled with the senate speaker Lusaka always ready to perform the custodians of his powers and chance to hold office's bidding. In what the youthful leaders the likes of Elgeyo-Marakwet senator kipchumba Murkomen, Sakaja of Nairobi, Kilonzo of Kitui among others as compromised due to the famous wheelbarrow saga of Bungoma.

The corona pandemic, revenue allocation stalemate among the now covid-19 billionaires has finally threatened to reset all past political formations to a factory reset mode. Things are becoming thick for all those under the roof of famous handshake. Allegations are flying in all direction with

Murathe who has been William Ruto's fierce critic and still a critic casting major doubt with his inability to grasp the evolving dynamics of political game plan.

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Trying to insinuate that the sidelined deputy is guilty of corruption because he has associates with these on fire companies while distancing himself with the operations of his business associates. Murathe portrayed an image of a struggling man claiming that their deals with the implicated companies was non-covid-19 and Kemsa related.

Deputy president who has been significantly side lined has come out all guns blazing claiming he has been a target since 2013 and

now trying to spin a narrative implicating him was fruitless. The sentiments that was sharply criticized by the two political players in the BBI circle.

The tension which has always existed in the jubilee party had been ongoing albeit on low profile. Things are now overflow after boiling for long. The deputy president himself has come out and admitted that the party is in the ICU with threats from people he calls "conmen and busy bodies" with Murathe featuring prominently. On Wednesday night during an interview on citizen TV, Ruto's right hand man the former majority leader senator Murkomen couldn't mince his words openly blaming the president for the troubles faced by William Ruto's allies. In the interview he asked the president what wrong DP Ruto did that erased all the good deeds done to him by the number two.

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3 Apps to Help Golfers Get Into the Swing of Things

Summary

- **V1 Golf app**The app equips golfers with a full range of video tools, including the ability to send your videos to your instructor and receive voice-over video lessons with evaluations from your pro. If you don't currently have a coach, you can connect with one of several thousand pros who teach with the V1 Sports network.
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- **GolfNow app** Using your phone's location services, the app shows golf courses in your area, making it an essential tool for any golfer that is always on the go, looking for nearby links.
- **The GolfLogix GPS + Putt Line app** is a perennial worldwide leader in golf apps. Like other golf apps, it offers free GPS, scores and stats, but it also provides top-quality 3D course maps that give precise GPS distances to all hazards, layups and greens.



V1 Golf - Swing Analysis & Coaching

By: Paul Brian

Sports performance technology continues to advance and gain popularity as high-tech tools are utilized to enhance player performance in all types of athletics.

Golf is no exception. Technology can be used to make aspects of this popular and challenging sport less difficult and frustrating, and more rewarding and enjoyable.

For example, during the coronavirus lockdown many golfers continue to practice their game on high-tech training equipment such as in-home golf simulators.

In addition to golf training equipment, thanks to innovation there are applications for smartphones, tablets and smartwatches to help golfers improve their game.

Here are three apps that can help golfers improve their skills, locate courses, and book tee times to enjoy their next round.

V1 Golf - Swing Analysis & Coaching

Have you ever wanted to see how your swing compares to the best in the game? By recording your swing with the V1 Golf app, you can compare yours against the pros and use a full suite of tools to analyze exactly what you need to work on.

V1 Golf appThe app equips golfers with a full range of video tools, including the ability to send your videos to your instructor and receive voice-over video lessons with evaluations from your pro. If you don't currently have a coach, you can connect with one of several thousand pros who teach with the V1 Sports network.

Most golfers will find value in

the V1 Golf App, but it will be especially valuable for players who are looking for consistent feedback from their instructors and aren't always playing their home courses.

For younger players and aspiring pros that are on the road playing competitively in tournaments, updated instruction while away from home is a big benefit. The app also works well for those who travel often or can't always make time for an in-person lesson with their instructor.

On the flip side, golfers who are at their home course often and have the ability to see their instructor frequently on an in-person basis won't see much benefit from this app's technological edge. Additionally, for players who aren't tech savvy, the ability to grasp and benefit from the capabilities of the app will likely not be realized.

V1 Golf is available as a free download from the App Store and Google Play. In-app purchases are offered.

GolfNow

With over 5,000 courses on-board, at any time of day or night users can book a tee time at courses in the U.S., England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Bermuda, Canada, and Mexico.

GolfNow app Using your phone's location services, the app shows golf courses in your area, making it an essential tool for any golfer that is always on the go, looking for nearby links.

GolfNow is currently used by over 3 million golfers and now features a free golf GPS and golf rangefinders, scorekeeping and post-game analysis.

The "Hot Deal" search function

enables users to find various discounts and savings -- and to get better prices on tee times, with weather protection.

Also worth investigating is the GolfNow Rewards program, which allows you to automatically earn points on each round, and coupled with the GolfNow VIP membership, offers members additional savings and benefits.

While the GolfNow app features the ease of booking a tee time, one thing to keep in mind is that some users have reported issues trying to redeem rewards for weekend reservations -- and as is the case with many promotions, other restrictions may apply.

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GolfLogix GPS + Putt Line

The GolfLogix GPS + Putt Line app is a perennial worldwide leader in golf apps. Like other golf apps, it offers free GPS, scores and stats, but it also provides top-quality 3D course maps that give precise GPS distances to all hazards, layups and greens.

GolfLogix GPS + Putt Line appMost impressive are the Approach and Putt Break views.

The Approach view lets you see the green's contours and the areas surrounding the green from the fairway. This tool helps to avoid the frustration of hitting that perfect shot, only to see the ball drift from the hole or even off the green. As you move your target on the hole overview, the app indicates which clubs are suggested to hit that target, as well as from the target to the green.

The Putt Break view is a cool

feature; although to use it there's a need to precisely locate your ball and hole on the green map, and pull out your device after every putt, which can be distracting and time consuming. If you (and others in your group) can tolerate that, the app's "Putt Line" feature shows a visual read of the putt's line to help see breaks and determine speed, so you know how to aim your shot.

Many users start off by only gauging their accuracy and speed on the putting green. The GolfLogix tech in the accuracy aspect is quite precise, but the speed gauge is less so.

For each hole, the app provides up to four different distances, with a bird's eye view, moveable target, approach view and putt break option.

By choosing the "Play Golf" tab you can search manually for a course or use your current location to create a list of courses nearby. There are more than 35,000 golf courses in the GolfLogix course library, with at least 12,000 that include 3D mapped greens. After making your selection, the course is quickly downloaded to your device and you'll be ready to tee off.

This app has a score and stat tracking feature like many of the GPS apps. GolfLogix improves on this by allowing users to customize which stats to keep and which to disregard. Trackable stats include putts, greens in regulation, driving distance, fairways hit, fairway and greenside bunkers, chips, pitches, penalties and missed putts. Whether keeping a simple score or compiling a bunch of stats on your round, inputting the data is done quickly and easily.

Finally, users can access a personal round analysis and lessons via Golf Digest and get exclusive equipment deals from GolfNow and Golfsmith.

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Heading In

Try these apps to find out which ones suit your golfing needs -- and let us know what you think in the Reader Comments section below.

Enjoy your next round -- and remember to stay out of the bunkers!

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Goalkeeper Henderson aims to oust De Gea from Man Utd No 1 spot



Dean Henderson © Getty Images

Dean Henderson has set his sights on dislodging David de Gea as Manchester United's first-choice goalkeeper and becoming England's No 1 this season.

Henderson has returned to Old Trafford after two impressive seasons on loan with Sheffield United.

The 23-year-old signed a new five-year contract with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side last week and believes he is capable of unseating Spain's De Gea, who made a series of costly mistakes last term.

Henderson's fine form also saw him drafted into Gareth Southgate's England squad for Na-

tions League matches against Iceland and Denmark.

He is competing against Jordan Pickford and Nick Pope in an attempt to make his England debut.

To star for England, Henderson needs to be playing regularly in the Premier League and he warned De Gea that he has not returned to Old Trafford just to sit on the bench.

"Look, 100 percent the aim is for me to play football next season and I don't think I want to be not playing after last season, coming off a good season with momentum," Henderson said.

"It wouldn't be clever for me to sit around and not play football,

I don't think it would help any parties at all.

"Listen, for me with Man United, David De Gea has obviously been a great goalkeeper first and foremost for many years and he's been phenomenal.

"That's something I aspire to be, to have a career like him at the club. So I'll be going back in on the first day of pre-season working my socks off to get in that starting line-up."

Despite joining United's academy at 14, Henderson, who learned his trade during loan spells at other clubs, is yet to make a first-team appearance for the club.

"I feel like a new signing at Man

United. I haven't been in the building for five years," he said. "I've had a lot of time away."

Henderson is well aware he cannot establish himself at international level if he remains behind De Gea at United.

Asked about potentially becoming first choice with England, Henderson replied: "Obviously I want to play for England and I want to play for Manchester United

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Gor Mahia announce defender’s deal from Western Stima



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Kenyan Premier League side Gor Mahia have yet again raided troubled Western Stima, this time for defender Kelvin Wesonga.

Wesonga has agreed on a four-year deal with the league heavyweights and becomes the fifth player signed from Western Stima.

The defender’s exit from the Powermen is understood to be just part of the mass exodus that will be expected at a club who lost their sponsor; Kenya Power and Lighting Company this year.

Gor Mahia completed the signing of Kennedy Owino from the Kisumu club. Other players who have been signed in the current

transfer period from Western Stima are striker Benson Omalla, midfielder Sydney Ochieng, and goalkeeper Samuel Njau.

Former Tusker and Chemelil Sugar midfielder John Ochieng were unveiled alongside Owino.

In the previous transfer windows, Gor Mahia have always knocked at Western Stima’s doors and signed Geoffrey Ochieng, Bernard Ondiek, Maurice Ojwang, Joash Onyango and Kenneth Muguna.

Wesonga is the third defender Gor Mahia have signed already after Owino and Andrew ‘Roma’ Juma from the 2008 KPL champions Mathare United. K’Ogalo have moved with speed to cover the defensive department with local talents after the departure of Harambee Stars centre-back Onyango.

Onyango – who signed a two-year deal with Tanzanian

champions Simba SC – was the second star to leave Gor Mahia. Winger Boniface Omondi was the first to confirm the departure when he signed for rivals Wazito FC.

Goalkeeper Fredrick Odhiambo was released and later joined Omondi at Wazito but Gor Mahia have signed Njau and Levis Opiyo from Nairobi City Stars as the new goalkeepers.

Tanzanian goalkeeper David Mapigano and Dickson Ambundo are the other players to end their association with Gor Mahia before joining Azam FC and Dodoma Jiji FC respectively.

The signing of Wesonga comes with Gor Mahia fans eagerly waiting to see which players will extend their contracts with the club.

Defender Charles Momanyi – a target for KPL side KCB – and captain Muguna are the players

whose futures have generated a lot of concerns from the fans.

Muguna is a target for Darling Club Motema Pembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo but their offer is said to have been flatly rejected by the record Kenyan champions.

Tito Okello from Uganda’s Vipers SC and Cameroonian midfielder Bertrand Konfor are the other players who have been confirmed at Gor Mahia and remain the only foreigners to have signed.

Rumours have linked the Green Army with Burundian striker Jules Ulimwengu, who various reports have indicated, is interested to join AFC Leopards instead.

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THIKA RESIDENTS PROTEST OVER SCHEME TO GRAB PUBLIC LAND

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Cases of land grabbing in Thika have been on the rise with local administrators and leaders raising alarm and warning residents to be careful when doing land transactions.

On Wednesday, Jua Kali artisans in Gatuanyaga area in Thika West Sub County protested over a scheme by a prominent businessman to grab public land of the Ministry of Industrialization that they had been allocated to work from.

They claim the developer in the wee hours of Tuesday night dumped a 40 feet long container with the intention to put up rental shops, displacing most of them from their work places.

Led by Gatuanyaga Juakali Artisans Association Chair Stephen Kihereko, they said the businessman claimed ownership of the land, saying someone sold it to him some years back despite failing to prove ownership.

"We have worked from here since 1990 and then someone comes from nowhere with a container to claim ownership of the piece of land. This land feeds over 50 families and we won't give it out," he said.

Area MCA Joseph Kahira said



Jua Kali artisans in Gatuanyaga area in Thika West Sub County protested over a scheme by a prominent businessman to grab public land. photo courtesy

through local administration, they will establish who sold the land and ensure action is taken against them. "He has been instructed to stop further development of the land until he provides documentations to prove ownership. Again, we shall hunt down those who sold the land

to him, since this is a public land," said the MCA.

Two months ago, a piece of prime land belonging to the Kenya National Library Services in Thika that had been grabbed by unknown individuals was recovered.

Thika MP Patrick Wainaina initiated

the process and with help of local administrators they managed to have three title deeds produced for the piece of land revoked.

After the repossession, Wainaina said that land grabbers in the region had been a thorn in the flesh for

residents, noting that they were leaving nothing to chance to satisfy their insatiable greed for public land.

"They have become a nightmare for us, but their days are numbered. I have requested for a land clinic in Thika, and I'm optimistic that it will be the solution we need to end such cases," he said.

The MP attributed the increased land fraud to corrupt land officials who colluded with businessmen to defraud people of their land.

He warned land officials who were colluding with fraudsters to give out fake title deeds or double allocate land that their days were numbered. Eng. Wainaina also sent out a stern warning to land officials who have been abetting land grabbing in the region, saying they would be personally held accountable for the illegalities.

"The land officials who signed the fake documents allowing the corrupt individuals to illegally own public land will be personally liable for the crimes," he said.

Residents too have decried the increased cases, with several left landless and homeless due to the fraudsters and several land buying companies that sell the same piece of land to several buyers.

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