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## NATIONAL CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN TO COMMENCE TODAY IN NAIROBI

**By: Samuel Kimani**  
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A National campaign that seeks to boost the country's environmental conservation efforts is set to kick off on today.

The initiative Dubbed 'Cleaning Up Kenya Campaign', was announced two weeks ago by President Uhuru Kenyatta during the launch of the Michu-

ki Memorial Park in Nairobi. The Park was named in honour of the late former Minister John Michuki who played a key role in the cleanup of Nairobi

*President Kenyatta and Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko*



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## OBADO FREED ON CASH BAIL, BARRED FROM ACCESSING COUNTY OFFICES

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Migori Governor Zachary Okoth Obado and his four children were on Monday freed on Ksh.18.25million cash bail after they denied million fraud charges.

Chief Magistrate Lawrence Mugambi in his bail ruling ordered that Obado be barred from accessing Migori County offices until the case is concluded.

The accused persons denied all the counts of graft at the Migori county government.

They all denied that between October 29, 2014, and October 18, 2016, within Migori County they jointly conspired to commit an economic crime which was the unlawful acquisition of public funds totalling Sh 73.4 million.

The accused included Obado's children Dan Okoth, Scarlet Okoth, Jerry Okoth, Evelyn Okoth and his alleged family friend Jared Kwaga Odoyo and Kwaga's mother Peninah Auma.

Obado was separately charged with eight counts of conflict of interest.

It is alleged that being the governor he held an indirect private interest in several contracts that paid money into his children's accounts.

He and his son Dan were jointly charged with money laundering.

They allegedly entered into an arrangement to transfer of Sh10 million for the purchase of a Land Cruiser vehicle knowing that the money was proceeds of crime.

The Prosecution had objected to the release of Obado and his co-accused on cash bail saying that they were likely to abscond court.

They noted that Obado is a man of status and influence adding that some of his employees are witnesses in the case.

"Likelihood of interference is real. There was fire incident as investigations were going on," the Prosecution said.

The prosecution also argued that the governor has a pending murder case and should not be granted bail.

However, Lawyer Kioko Kilikumi argued that the offenses are bailable and that there is no single averment that the accused will abscond court.

He further insisted that there was no concrete evidence to show that they could interfere with witnesses.

Nobody was identified as responsible for the fire and dismissed the allegations by the prosecution. He was released on bail in the murder case and has never absconded court," Kilukumi said.

The lawyer was referring to the Sharon Otieno murder case.

Mugambi said the same conditions that applied to former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu will also apply to Obado on access to his office.

The magistrate said the governor will be escorted to pick personal belongings.

The Governor and co accused were also ordered to surrender their passports to the court, not travel outside the country and not interfere with witnesses.



Migori Governor Okoth Obado.

## WAITITU'S GRAFT CASE DEFERRED AFTER HE FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT

By: Kamande Muchiri  
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Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu trial in a Sh 588 million graft case which commenced in July 2019 failed to start on Monday.

The court was told that politician is unwell and cannot proceed with the hearing of his case.

Lawyer John Swaka for Waititu requested for an adjournment to enable Waititu seek medical attention and recuperate.

The Magistrate handling the trial of the governor, his wife and eight others put off the matter until October 26.

Magistrate Thomas Nzioki allowed the application upon perusal of medical documents adduced to support claims of his sickness.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions represented by lead prosecutors Nicholas Mutuku and Victor Mule did not object the application to adjourn.

The prosecution had lined up

witnesses to testify during the trial.

Waititu was charged on July 29, 2019, with fraud, conflict of interest, dealing with suspect property, money laundering and abuse of office.

Saika Two Estate Developers Limited, a firm owned by Waititu and his wife Susan, was said to have received more than Sh25 million from Testimony Enterprises Limited Contractor — a firm contracted by the county government to develop roads through an irregular tendering process.

The Kiambu County Assembly later impeached Waititu, a verdict that was upheld by the Senate in January 2020 despite allegations of flawed county assembly proceedings.

Senate voted 29-11 in support of the charge on Gross Violation of the Constitution: County Government Act and the Public Finance Management Act and Public Procurement and Disposal Act.

Twenty-eight senators supported the charge on crimes under national



Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu

law charge against 11 who opposed.

Waititu became the first governor to be found guilty by the Senate.

Analysts observed Waititu's impeachment as a sign that the gloves between the President and

his deputy were finally off, all Ruto's men, and women, did not hide their preference or feelings in the matter which confirmed the deep divisions in the ruling party.

Ruto-allies voted against the

impeachment motion while Uhuru and Raila allies voted to uphold Waititu's impeachment.

After his impeachment, Deputy Governor James Nyoro assumed the office as stipulated by the law.

**Coups >>** \* The Zimbabwe military kept Mugabe under house arrest until he agreed to resign.

# The Return of Coups in Africa, Is It Exactly What the Continent Needs?

By: Lewis Martin



## Summary

- The same applied to Sudan. Omar El Bashir's removal came at a time the masses wanted him out. They had been protesting on the streets for days. Of which the toppling from office was the culmination of a people wanting to see him gone.
- The fact that celebrations have followed most coups might be all one needs to show approval for the transitions. The Mugabe removal came almost as a relief to the people of the country. They had hoped for power transition for some time. They had been hoping to go to the ballots. Only to realize Mugabe was planning to hand power to a hand-picked successor. While the military had initiated the removal, it seemed like a people's will.
- The aftermath of the Coups has been the same. While the citizens always hope that a new dawn has come, it is more or less the same script. A new leader comes in promising heaven only to get into the office to dish a hell side.



Omar al-Bashir took power in a 1989 coup and was toppled by the military in 2019



Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe

The just-completed power transition in Mali marked the third time in as many years for a coup d'état in the continent. It is the second one in the eight years for the country. The toppled leader, Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, came at heels of yet another coup.

He ascended into power through a popular vote, with an earlier

government thrown out. The other countries to have gone through the same kind of transition in recent times are Zimbabwe and Sudan. The Zimbabwean military helped bring to an end the ruling of one of the longest-serving presidents in the land. It was at a time when the population was fed up with his strong hand rule.

It is more like a pattern that might be forming. The only time comparable to this is the Middle East uprising? What started as one country expressing displeasure in their leader saw the region go into a massive political shift.

While it doesn't seem the likely case with African Coups, it is increasingly becoming a viable option. It all starts with a leader ascending to power as a popular candidate. The people have so much hope in them. These leaders tend to have such great manifestos. Years into their reign, they turn out to be the same as the previous ones.

Keita had promised to stop corruption in the country. He had also promised to alleviate the other ailing issues in the country. Only for him to turn out similar to the predecessor. The start of the end of his rule coming in the light of the country's purchase of a \$40 million presidential jet. He also faced several accusations of abuse of office and corruption.

The stories on Mugabe and Omar are as popular as any other in the continent. Mugabe lavished while his people languished. The state is already working to regain some of the illegally acquired property. They already had some on auction.

## Denial of a Coup

While these Coups are becoming popular, most of the military officers don't want to name it as one. The Zimbabwe military kept Mugabe under house arrest until he agreed to resign. The same applies to Mali. They made Keita resign from the office. It is all in an attempt to show there is no coup in the first place.

The aftermath of the Coups has been the same. While the citizens always hope that a new dawn has come, it is more or less the same script. A new leader comes in promising heaven only to get into the office to dish a hell side.

Maybe it's not a change in leaders that the continent needs but a difference in people. Whether democracy or a coup, the results are the same. We should stick to democracy, at least then, the people would be justified to suffer under their own choices.

Also, who knows, the military might have a taste of power and its privileges. And just like that, we would be back to the old darks days when Coups were the order of the day.

The same applied to Sudan. Omar El Bashir's removal came at a time the masses wanted him out. They had been protesting on the streets for days. Of which the toppling from office was the culmination of a people wanting to see him gone.

There have also been several coup attempts in recent years. Countries like Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Ethiopia have all come close to a coup.

This brings us to the question, is a coup the people's will for new leadership?

## Coup Replacing Democracy

Democracy is the most widespread form of government on the continent. It is always about the people getting their chosen candidate to the office. Even though this, in most cases, comes with accusations of election malpractices, there is still belief in the majority rule. It, therefore, seems like a coup is the other viable option to ascend to power.

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# Overcoming the Fear of Starting a Business



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## Summary

- **Learn to Learn** – Don't wait to know everything before you get started. A business is journey to the unknown, you will learn the ropes along the way. There will be highs, lows and new experiences. To succeed, you need to learn and adapt along the way. Be flexible, learn to learn new things along the way.

- **Consult a mentor**–Most successful people are willing to help others to succeed. Experience is not the best teacher but the hardest and the most expensive teacher. Plus, why would you waste a lot of your time, money and energy is learning something that someone else already know? Why not just ask him or her to teach you?

- **PRAY!** -The last but not least is pray! If you didn't know it already, I want to tell you that God want you to succeed. Ask Him and he will show you the way.

Many people have good business ideas but they are paralyzed by the fear of failing. As a continuation of my series on starting a business, this piece is about this fear of starting a business and how to overcome it. Somebody said that the richest place on Earth is the grave. This is because many people were buried with great ideas still in their heads.

Am one person who encourage people to relentlessly pursue their dreams but at the same time, I also appreciate that many of us may be limited by various circumstances. I understand that when it comes to money, many people are used to a salary and starting a business can be a daunting affair. Here are some tips on how to overcome the fear of starting a business.

### - Don't wait for perfect conditions

Many people have shelved or delayed their business ideas as they wait for perfect conditions. They may be waiting to have enough money, to get the right office or to get the right equipment and so on. Don't be deceived, businesses are not started in the right conditions, they are improved along the way. You start as soon as you have a consumable product; start when your product gets to a level that someone is willing to pay for. Many big businesses were started at home or in very small premises. A good business idea grows itself out of bad conditions to good conditions.

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- **Failure is the "school fees" for success** – Don't be paralyzed by the fear of failure. The first thing to understand is that failure is always a possibility in whatever you do on Earth. To succeed you must overcome failure. Failure is actually the school fees in "the school of success".

A child can never walk if they give up the first time they fall. They keep trying and trying until they can walk. Most billionaires' history is littered with many incidences of failure but they never gave up. Success is not about avoiding failure but limiting the chances of failure getting the best of you.

- **Refer to your past successes** – Have you ever succeeded in anything? Then you can succeed in this one as well. If you cannot find anything in your life that you have succeeded in, let me tell you one. When you were conceived, millions of potential human beings were released in the form of sperms! Only the strongest and the fastest made it to the ova and that was you! You were

born a winner, continue winning.

- **Other people's success** – Other people are not much different from you. If they are succeeding, then you too can succeed. If someone else has done it before, you too can do it. If other people have made the same journey, you too can make it as well. The important thing is to find out how they did it.

- **Consult a mentor**–Most successful people are willing to help others to succeed. Experience is not the best teacher but the hardest and the most expensive teacher. Plus, why would you waste a lot of your time, money and energy is learning something that someone else already know? Why not just ask him or her to teach you?

It took Thomas Edison many years to build the first viable electric bulb. So, if you wanted to manufacture a bulb, would you rather take years to create one or get the manual from Thomas Edison? Don't waste your resources trying to do what has already been done. If anything, use your resources to discover new things and make the world a better place.

- **Work for someone else** – Get a job in a company that is doing what you would like to do. If they are not hiring, you can volunteer for a while. As you work with them, you will gain valuable experience that will help you overcome the fear of

starting your own.

- **Partnership** – If you are not confident of doing it alone, you can partner with someone else. The best partnership is between people who are good at different skills. For example, if you are selling merchandise, one person can be good at sourcing the stock and the other be good at selling. This would make a winning partnership.

- **Ignore the naysayers** – Have you noticed how fast and far bad news travel? Likewise, you are likely to find many people to discourage you than to encourage you. The important thing is to have a razor-sharp focus on what you want to do.

- **Research**–Find out how the kind of business you want to run is done. Find out the best practices in the market. You could conduct your own research but you could also refer to researches done by other organizations.

- **Join a business class**–You can join a business training class so that you get to learn the ropes of starting and running a business. What you learn in this class can be the difference between success and failure.

- **PRAY!** -The last but not least is pray! If you didn't know it already, I want to tell you that God want you to succeed. Ask Him and he will show you the way.

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**Health >> \* This decline closely mirrors trends for Nairobi and Mombasa counties which account for 64% of the total cases**

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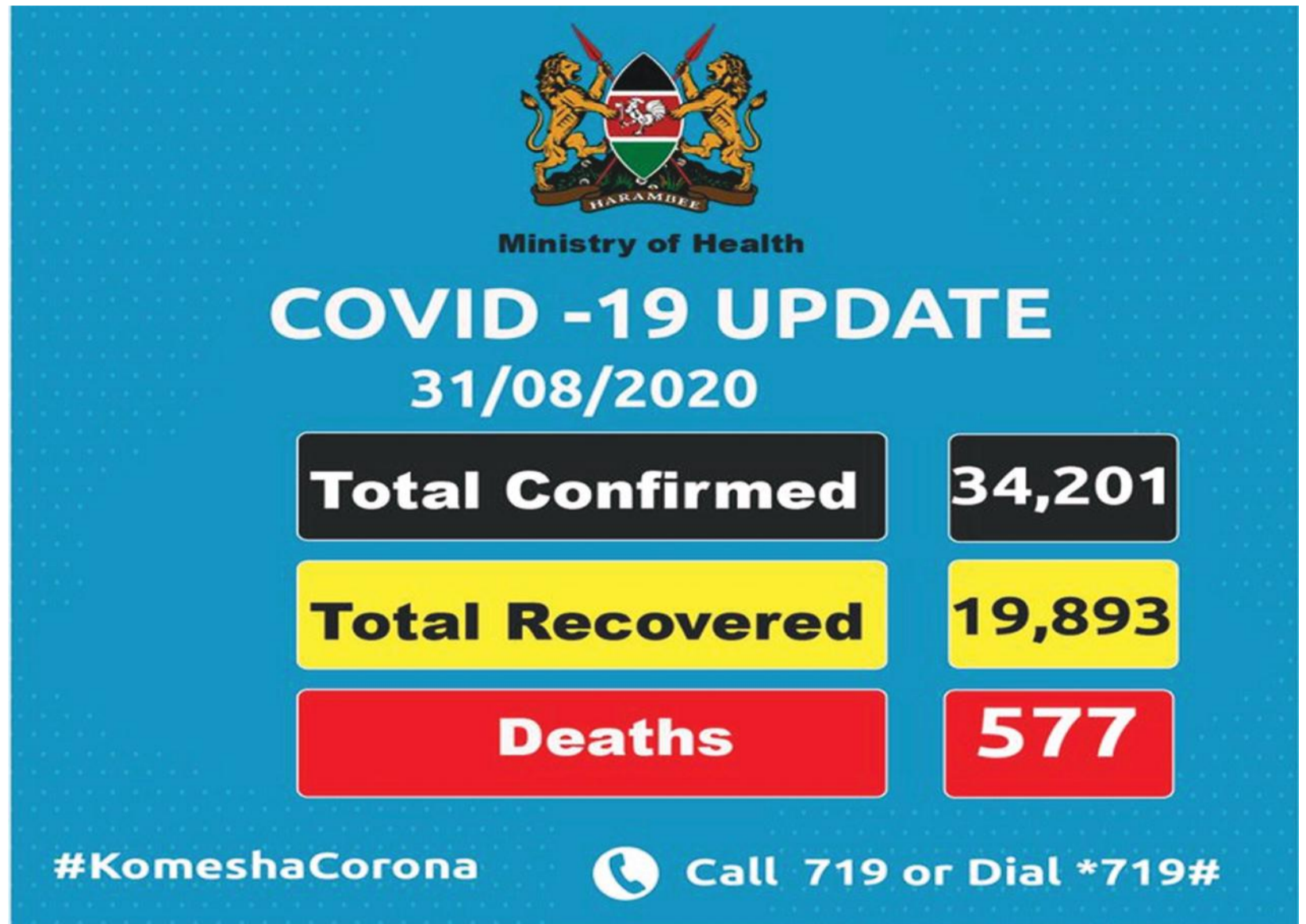


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### Summary

- The organisation urged the government to strengthen the guidelines by encouraging Kenyan to keep on wearing the masks, washing the hands and sanitising to ensure they keep the spread of coronavirus at bay.
- WHO observed the said decline has concentrated more on Nairobi and Mombasa which were considered previously as hotspots but falls short of whole country presentation. The nationwide spread which was witnessed after opening of the internal boundaries has been on the rise to the contrary.
- “We must analyse as this virus unfolds and changes form. We are at the inflection point and here the curve can either flatten and de-escalate or take an upward surge,” Uhuru said.



World Health Organisation (WHO) has told Kenyans it's too early to celebrate the progressive decline in Covid-19 numbers witnessed in the last three weeks.

The World Health body released the statement on Monday urging the government not to relax the Ministry of Health regulations as relaxing these measures may be premature at this stage.

In a statement on Monday, WHO cautioned against an interpretation that the decline meant that Kenya is flattening the curve.

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It is however worth noting that 64% of coronavirus disease burden

is in Nairobi and Mombasa City Counties and only 36% is on the rest 45 counties thus a decline in the two most affected counties may have impetus in determining the flattening of the contagion.

“This decline closely mirrors trends for Nairobi and Mombasa counties which account for 64% of the total cases. However, this potentially may mask the national picture, as other counties are experiencing increasing case numbers,” reads the statement released August 31.

In its statement WHO noted loops in contract tracing and low testing which may have led to decline in numbers of infected people. In addition there have been shortage of test kits and or specimen collection kits in some counties while the testing has also been targeting low risk regions thus in their view may be reason the numbers are declining.

“There has also been minimal contact tracing in the recent past among the top 10 counties with highest burden of disease. Fifty-eight percent of the cases have pending, incomplete contact tracing and only 129 positive contacts were reported from 1st August to 23rd August 2020. In Nairobi 42% of cases were pending contact listing, while over

90% were pending in Kiambu, Machakos, Mombasa, Kajiado, Busia and Nakuru Counties,” the statement reads.

President Uhuru Kenyatta however remains optimistic and on Monday he said the country had done remarkably well, that is why Kenya had begun to flatten the curve.

“We must analyse as this virus unfolds and changes form. We are at the inflection point and here the curve can either flatten and de-escalate or take an upward surge,” Uhuru said.

The President however cautioned of early celebration as thing may change thus he asked people to exercise caution while celebrating.

“We must not celebrate this happy moment too soon, but rather celebrate it with caution...the curve begins to flatten after it reaches its highest point, this is the most dangerous point.”

The President was echoing WHO's position which had urged Kenyans to exercise amidst these encouraging quality indicators.

“While these are encouraging quality indicators that may be used as proxy to decreased transmission, the findings should be treated with caution,” reads the statement.

Health CAS Mercy Mwangangi echoed the WHO's position caution Kenyans not to interpret the low numbers to mean a decline, she said Covid-19 is peaking and the low numbers may surge if we do not exercise caution.

President Uhuru Kenyatta on the same day had called for the utilization of knowledge gained from the global and national response to Covid-19 in the roll-out of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the country.

The President said UHC, which is one of the Government's Big 4 development agenda, should be structured to promote preventive medicine.

“Pre-mortem analysis will help us chart the path to sustainable health provisioning for all. Using this model, the conference should, therefore, give us counsel on how to promote preventive medicine over symptomatic care.

“It should guide us on how to use the lessons learnt from the Covid-19 experience in order to anchor the full national roll-out of the Universal Health Coverage,” the President said.



## DO YOU KNOW YOUR WORTH?



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# KNOW YOUR WORTH

Obviously, defeated Satan works hard to give us what I call “wrongness.” He wants us to continually feel and believe that we just don’t measure up to what we should be and that something is inherently wrong with us. God gives us “rightness” through Jesus Christ, or as the Bible says, “we are now justified, (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ’s blood” (Romans 5:9).

The fact that God sent His only beloved Son to die a painful death in our place assigns value to us and lets us know God loves us immensely. The Bible says we are bought with a price, a price that is precious—the blood of Jesus (read 1 Peter 1:19). He paid for our misdeeds, secured our justification, made our account with God balance and absolved us from all guilt (Read Romans 4:25). Christ Jesus is our substitute. He stood in our place taking what we

deserved (punishment as sinners), and freely giving us what He deserves (every kind of blessing). This is huge! We immediately are transferred from a state of being wrong to a state of being viewed by God as right through faith in Jesus and the work He did on the cross. We are transferred out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light (read 1 Peter 2:9 and Colossians 1:1). We might also say we go from death to life as far

as our quality of life is concerned. The grace of God purchased our freedom and faith is the hand that reaches out and receives it. Indeed there is nothing ever done on Earth could match or even come close to the awesome gift Christ Jesus gave us on the cross.

How I pray there will be no avenue in our lives to tolerate lies, false knowledge, deceptions that are ideally propagated by the culture in the world and the enemy, rather we will live with full assurance of our right standing with God, in Christ Jesus; Who first loved us, even while we were still sinners. Let indeed the unconditional; perfect love of God be firmly rooted in you as your foundation now and always. HALELUJAH: GLORY BE TO GOD FOR HIS EVERLASTING LOVE.

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## Young Leaders Corner

# MOSES KAUKA



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### Summary

- Since my high school I have been actively involved with entertainment, sports, leadership and business.
- Being a leader is a call, to be humble and solve different issues from different perspective, Leadership have pressure which requires boldness and soberness to handle, campus students always push their leaders to the edge for strike.
- Inadequate capital is another challenge, we don't have enough funds to facilitate our events and programmes.
- Youths should be in forefront in our society by following government directives through wearing masks, sanitize and practice social distance. They should also avoid drug and substance abuse, organize awareness campaign to people within our villages on effects of COVID-19. Youths should also respect the authority and finally be our brothers and sisters keepers.



Moses Kauka

**NAME:** MOSES KAUKA

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** I was born in Trans-Nzoia County, Kipsongo area.

### SCHOOL LIFE:

Since my high school I have been actively involved with entertainment, sports, leadership and business.

### LEADERSHIP:

Great Lakes University of Kisumu (GLUK) – Organizing secretary Kukachora Organizing secretary GLUK Green team organizing secretary GLUK Peace ambassador Rotaract Club of Kisumu Winam

Trans-Nzoia Youths current organizing secretary under YOTRA group.

General Manager Stand Up Shout Out (SUSO) Trans-Nzoia division

### LEADERSHIP STYLE

- Hardworking, skilled to undertake challenges.
- Able to create and organize events
- Interpersonal skills to good relations with members of society
- Problem solving skills to solve our endless needs and demands within our societies.

### COMMITMENT:

Be a youth champion for various youths affairs, being able to organize more youth events and entertainment.

### LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ASPIRING POSITIONS:

- Aspiring to be part of National Youth council of Kenya

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY:

- Organizing various events for the members and youths within the society
- Lobbying for funds to facilitate various events organized by the group/members.
- Linking youths with professional bodies for help and assistances.
- Facilitating different events and programmes for members and society
- Keeping records of group/members events and programmes for accountability and transparency.

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

I have been able to create various events in campus as a leader, for example Health talk which the students really got educated on health related topics.

### CHALLENGES:

Being a leader is a call, to be humble and solve different issues from different perspective, Leadership have pressure which requires boldness and soberness to

handle, campus students always push their leaders to the edge for strike.

Inadequate capital is another challenge, we don't have enough funds to facilitate our events and programmes.

### INSIDE SCHOOL LIFE:

Bachelor of Agribusiness management, active in all campus events

### OUTSIDE SCHOOL LIFE:

I have been actively been involved in voluntary work within Kitale, organizing events, educating my peers on drug and substance abuse and effects of early pregnancies.

### FUTURE PLANS:

Be in government and fight for the rights of our youths, the vulnerable in our society, create events and promote talents. Fight injustices and feminism.

### ADVICE TO STUDENTS DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT:

Youths should be in forefront in our society by following government directives through wearing masks, sanitize and practice social distance. They should also avoid drug and substance abuse, organize awareness campaign to people within our villages on effects of COVID-19. Youths should also respect the authority and finally be our brothers and sisters keepers.

### PARTING SHOT:

My special thanks to Mt. Kenya Times and the noble Maina Kenneth for remembering us as Youths and leaders of tomorrow, God bless you.

**Covid-19 >>\*** The new cases were detected from a sample size of 4,260 tested in the last 24 hours bringing the cumulative tests to 454,406

# 205 RECOVER FROM COVID, TOTAL RECOVERIES 19, 893

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The new cases were detected from a sample size of 4,260 tested in the last 24 hours bringing the cumulative tests to 454,406.

Of the new cases, 133 are Kenyans while 11 are foreigners aged between 7 and 84 years old and include 88 male and 56 female.

Nairobi leads in the new infections with 77 cases followed by Mombasa with 18; Kiambu 9; Kisumu 6; Kajiado 6; Machakos 5; Narok 5; Turkana 5; Nakuru 4; Nandi 2; Laikipia 1; Meru 1; Siaya 1; Isiolo 1; Kilifi 1; Homa-

bay 1 and Trans Nzoia 1.

Nairobi's new cases are from Westlands (14), Embakasi East and Langata (8) cases each, Dagoretti North (7), Roysambu (5), Embakasi Central, Embakasi South, Kamukunji, Kibra and Ruaraka (4) cases each, Embakasi North, Embakasi West and Makadara (3) cases each, Kasarani and Starehe (2) cases each, and Dagoretti South and Mathare (1) case each.

Mombasa cases are in Changanwe and Mvita (5) cases each, Nyali (3), Kisauni and Likoni (2) cases each and Jomvu (1) case. In Kiambu, the 9 cases are in Kiambu Town, Kikuyu,

Lari and Thika (2) cases each, and Kiambaa (1) case.

Kisumu cases are in Kisumu West (5) and Kisumu Central (1), while the 6 cases in Kajiado, are in Kajiado North (4) and Kajiado Central (2).

Machakos cases are in Athi River and Kangundo (2) cases each, and Machakos Town (1).

Nakuru cases are in Nakuru East (3) and Nakuru West (1), while the 2 cases in Nandi are all in Chesumei.

Narok cases are in Narok East and Narok North (2) cases each, while the 5 cases in Turkana, are all in Turkana Central.

Laikipia's case is in Laikip-

ia West, Meru's case in Imeni North, Siaya's case in Alego Usonga, Isiolo's case is in the town, Kilifi's case in Kilifi South, Homa bay's in Rachuonyo South and the case in Trans Nzoia's in Kiminini

205 patients have since recovered from the disease bring country's total recoveries to 19, 893.

122 were from the Home-Based Care Program while 83 were discharged from various hospitals.

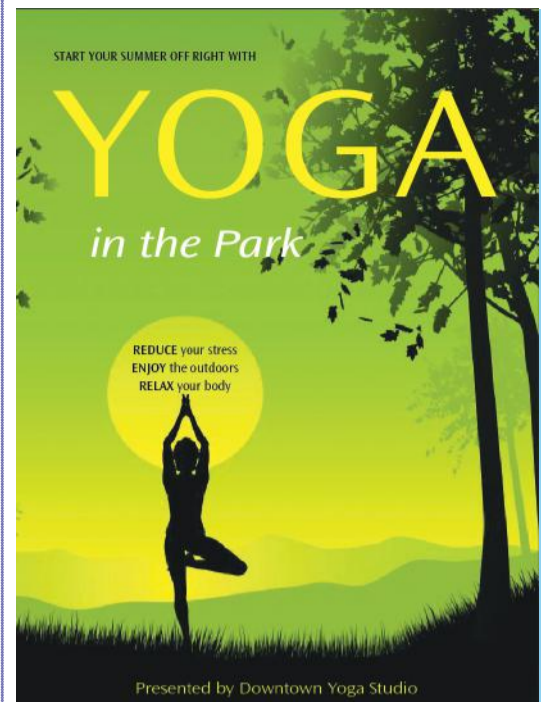
Three patients succumbed to the disease bringing our fatality to 577.

The total number of people infected with coronavirus in Africa exceeded 1.2 million on Monday, according a statement from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

The center said 29,589 people had died from COVID-19-related deaths, while 975,643 patients have recovered from the virus to date.

South Africa has the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases on the continent, standing at 625,056, according to latest statistics released by the country's Health Minister Zweli Mkhize.

The number of cases globally has gone past 25 million, with deaths exceeding 844,000. More than 16.5 million people have recovered.



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# 7 Relationship Stories. Which Is Yours?

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Over the last few years, I have discussed several different ways to identify and make decisions about relationship satisfaction and romantic compatibility. Past posts have explored strategies for noticing the differences between traits that spark initial attraction versus those that promote longer-term connections. I have also written about the benefits of self-control and conscientiousness for relationship satisfaction over time. We have even looked at decision-making styles to maximize your chance of picking a satisfying partner, along with the various decisions and trade-offs that people generally make about a mate.

Beyond that, however, romantic compatibility can also be considered from a more symbolic and narrative perspective. Specifically, to help us make sense of the world and our relationships, we often follow stories, scripts, and metaphors. Therefore, by connecting with a partner who believes in a similar relationship and love story, we can increase our chances of compatibility. At least, that is what the research seems to show...

### Research on Love as a Story

An empirical evaluation was conducted by Sternberg, Hojjat, and Barnes (2001) to explore the notion that different stories of love may

guide our romantic behavior and influence compatibility between mates. In the first of two studies, the team identified 25 different love story themes that people use to guide their relationships. Those themes were further grouped under the following seven categories:

1. Stories where both partners are equal and work cooperatively together.
  - Democratic Government Two partners should share equal power.
  - Sewing Love is whatever you make of it.
  - Travel Love is a journey.
  - Gardening Relationships need to be tended and nurtured.
2. Stories that involve strategy and logical planning around relationships.
  - Cookbook Following a recipe and doing things a particular way increases the chance of success.
  - Business Relationships are business partnerships.
  - Science Love can be understood through evaluation and analysis.
  - Game Love is a type of sport or game.
3. Stories where there is a focus on the past.
  - Recovery After past trauma, a person can get through anything.

- History Events in the relationship form an important record.
  - Addiction Anxiety around losing a partner.
4. Stories with a focus on fantasy and idealizing a partner.
    - Fantasy One expects to find a prince/princess and be happy ever after.
    - Art It is important for partners to be good looking.
    - Religion Love is guided by religion, or is a religion in itself.
  5. Stories where one individual performs for the other in some way.
    - Humor Love is a funny and strange experience.
    - Pornography Love is often dirty and degrading.
  6. Stories in which one person is clearly subordinated to the other.
    - Police It is important to keep close tabs on a partner.
    - Sacrifice Love means giving and sacrificing for another, or them for you.
  7. Stories involving manipulation and inequality.
    - Horror Relationships are stimulating when you terrorize or are terrorized by a partner.

- Science Fiction Believing that a romantic partner is necessarily strange or alien.
  - Mystery Love is mysterious, and partners should not know too much about one another.
  - Theater Love has predictable acts, scenes, and lines.
  - War Love is a series of battles.
  - Autocratic Government One partner dominates and controls the other.
  - Collection A partner should fit in to some overall life scheme or plan.
- A second study evaluated the effects of these different stories on partner compatibility and relationship satisfaction. The results indicated that some stories were related to relationship dissatisfaction — particularly those involving subordination or manipulation of a partner. Beyond that, individuals in relationships were found to be more satisfied with partners who believed in the same types of love stories. Overall, an individual's satisfaction in a romantic relationship is influenced by both the type of love story they believe and the degree of agreement on that story with their partner.



## NATIONAL CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN TO COMMENCE TODAY IN NAIROBI

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River and its environ during his tenure as the Minister for Environment.

While announcing the campaign, President Kenyatta pointed out that the initiative fits within the ongoing national hygiene programme commonly referred to as Kazi Mtaani and will compliment ongoing efforts made towards improving environmental and sanitation conditions across the country.

The head of state said that those who fail to implement the projects risk the sack while promising to reward those who record exemplary performance.

National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) at the local level will be tasked with partnering with local communities and stakeholders to enhance environmental restoration, conservation and management.

The president directed respective government officers to ensure ecosystems and general environment in their areas of jurisdiction are cared

for.

President Kenyatta also pointed out that besides Michuki Park; the Government is working on renewing several other green spaces within the city among them the Nairobi Arboretum, Karura Forest, City Park and Ngong Road Forest.

The President regretted mistakes of the past especially weak enforcement of environmental and sanitation that led to Nairobi losing its green city status.

“As Government, we did not enforce the civic responsibility of the citizen to take care of the green spaces. And the citizens of Nairobi city were not organized enough to protect it.

“Because of this and the rapid growth of ‘concrete spaces’ over the ‘green spaces’, there was a collapse of civic order and national duty in the city,” he said.

Besides their environmental health value, the President said parks are historically spaces of freedom of expression.

He cited Kamukunji Grounds as



President Kenyatta and Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko during the launch of Michuki Park in Nairobi on August 14, 2020. photo pscu

the place where the national question of Kenya’s independence was posed and debated by Africans.

The latest initiative comes amid enhanced efforts by the government to conserve Kenya’s ecosystem which has for years suffered degra-

ation threatening the livelihoods of thousands of its citizenry.

### BENEFITS OF SMALL PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

Offers recreation and aesthetic amenities, improves general mood

and attitude, clean air, stress reduction, better mental health and functioning, improves mindfulness and creativity, building social capital, and protects natural ecosystems

## UHURU DIRECTS MINISTRY TO PUBLISH KEMSA TENDERS ONLINE

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President Uhuru Kenyatta on Monday directed the Ministry of Health to publish details of all procurements related to COVID-19 particularly those undertaken by the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA).

Kenyatta, who spoke during a COVID-19 virtual conference organized by the Council of Governors, said the digital platform should include all details on procurement including the value of tenders, process of evaluation and the tender awardees.

He said the publication of procurement information is an act of transparency and an anti-corruption measure.

“I also hereby direct that the Ministry of Health, within the next 30 days, must come up with a transparent, open method and mechanism through which all tenders and procurement done by KEMSA are available online,” the President ordered.

The President said the new plat-



form will increase accountability and trust within government insti-

President Uhuru Kenyatta

tutions and increase openness with the public.

“This level of transparency and through the use of technology will go a very a long way in ensuring that we have the confidence of our people that those placed in institutions are able to manage the resources of the Kenyan taxpayer plus our development partners in an open and transparent manner,” he added.

Kenyatta also said the digital system will pave a way for the implementation of similar processes by other government agencies.

“This is something which we must move to all government departments at the national and county level and in all arms of government, Kenyan people have a right to know how their funds are being utilized,” he said.

Kenyatta’s directive follows last week’s order to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to finalise investigations on the alleged misuse of COVID-19 funds within a month.

KEMSA Chief Executive Officer Jonah Manjari is on the spot over

claims of manipulating the tender process, leading to the loss of hundreds of millions in what has now sucked in Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe and his Principal Secretary Susan Mochache. Both have denied roles, and instead resorted to counter-accusations.

The President further directed the Ministry of Health to prioritise mental health services saying it was becoming a serious challenge facing a growing number of Kenyans especially the youth.

“I do hereby direct the Ministry of Health to begin working on an action plan (on mental health) that they can present to us when we have a national conference on Covid-19,” the President directed Health CS Mutahi Kagwe.

He said a national conference will be held to review Kenya’s response to the health crisis and develop the country’s post-Covid-19 action plan.

# A ROAMER OF THE WORLD

 Gathoni Wamwondwe

 Profile: Teresia Wamwondwe  
Page: Drippings of the Pen

I have been a roamer of the world  
Ever since you left  
Into depression I sunk  
Hopeless I became  
I won't say relatives forsaken me  
No, they took me as their own...but the  
gap was still there  
Not having you narrating stories by the  
fire place  
Not having to play with you however I  
felt like  
You were my source of strength  
Embraced me when in fear  
Together you had promised we shall  
conquer the world  
But why did you leave early?  
Before I gained enough strength to be on  
my own?  
It has been years, though the wounds are  
still fresh  
For how long should I roam?  
By my legs I'll stand

Directed to our home  
Rebuild and restructure it  
Make it a better place  
Though a loner I'll be  
Hasn't it been my lifestyle ever since you  
left?  
Peace I'll try to find  
Strength too  
To push on with life, and fulfill your wishes  
Till we meet again  
~ GathoniWamwondwe ~



## \*BEAUTY\*

Her blue eyes, her little hands  
A little fairy in pious white  
She sleeps, she smiles  
She cries  
Oh! She's an angel

She squiggles, she scribbles  
All paints smearing her face  
She laughs, she plays  
Like a colourful butterfly  
She adorns the home  
Oh! She's an angel

For little brother  
She's like mother  
Being a little  
She's daughter  
And of same age  
She's best friend  
A caring sister  
Oh! She's an angel

Ripening age, she's pretty flower

Beautiful with pink blush  
With her wrists wrapped  
With responsible bangles  
Oh! She's an angel

A great nurse,  
with adhering circumstances  
A confidante,  
beloved to her husband  
Oh! She's an angel

With a little one in her womb  
She's complete, a mother  
An epitome of love  
Oh! She's an angel

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# Jeruto Hilda



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## Summary

• **WHAT MOTIVATES YOU:** What I go through as well as what I see others go through? Also the beauty of poetry itself, it portrays everything so beautifully by using figures of speech. When I look at the sea, a tree, a piece of litter, a glowing diamond, sonder to be precise, I find poetry in all of them.

That's the thing about poetry, it is everywhere. We just have to spot it. Catch the muse-by-just-a-stare.

• **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Poetry has made me able share what I feel and has enriched my literature experience.

**NAME:** Jeruto Hilda

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Eldoret

**STUDENT:** I study at Kabarak University, Bachelor of Education Arts (English and literature)

**TYPE OF POEMS:** Free verse poems and Spoken poetry.

**WHAT MOTIVATES YOU:** What I go through as well as what I see others go through? Also the beauty of poetry itself, it portrays everything so beautifully by using figures of speech.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Poetry has made me able share what I feel and has enriched my literature experience.

**CHALLENGES:** Getting my work heard, viewed and getting support in the process which is the most murky area because usually as a poet am constantly in a creative process.

**AWARDS:** Certificates

**INSIDE SCHOOL LIFE/ OUTSIDE SCHOOL LIFE:** Both outside and inside school life influences my poetry.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Am planning on getting my works published and

being among the best poets.

•Empowering women through my works by letting them know that nothing and no one can scare them out of their full potential.

•To help other upcoming poets achieve their goals in poetry.

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

Never let anyone or anything scare you out of your full potential. For when God brings you to it He'll definitely bring you through it. Read the best, read a lot. Let poems get into your central nervous system. Be prepared to listen, as much to yourself as to others. Poetry is not straight self-expression, telling the world how you feel; it is a mode of feeling that is created by and

sustained within language, so get to love words and the patterns they fall into.

**PARTING SHOT:** Thank you very much! I don't know how to thank you for all you have done. The Chinese proverb says, "A drop of water offered as a little help deserves a fountain to return the favor." I am a fan of your magazine and will submit more articles to you in the future and will let more people know about the work you do. Everyone in your team is so kind. Thank you MT KENYA TIMES once again.

*May Deity protect you,  
May you have plenty,  
And your cup never empty.*

# BUSINESS

## NACADA TO OKAY IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



*Nacada to Okay importation and exportation of alcoholic beverages photo courtesy*

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All importers and exporters of alcoholic beverages in the country must obtain a licence from the regulatory agency, the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA).

The latest follows a resolution by a multi-agency team comprising representatives from the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Bureau of Standards-KEBS, Council of Governors (CoG) and other agencies involved in the international trade regulation. The Inter-Governmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC), which is the successor of the defunct Transition Authority (TA), recommended that liquor licensing function be unbundled to enable the national and county governments take up the areas that fall within their respective constitutional mandates thus the authority took over the function. According to the Authority CEO, Victor Okioma some county governments have been issuing importation and exportation licences to manufacturers against the letter and spirit of constitutional provisions on international trade as it relates to alcoholic drinks businesses.

“This licence by NACADA will streamline the industry by providing details of the alcoholic drink manufacturer, brand origin, batch number

among other considerations to facilitate tracking of products through the value chain.

What we as the regulator are mostly concerned about is the health and safety of the consumer from unscrupulous businesses,” said Okioma.

The regulatory body has already notified industry players and the public that henceforth all licensing functions relating to importation and exportation of alcoholic drinks will be under its mandate.

Okioma in a recent meeting with the Association of Beer and Alcoholic Drinks Manufacturers of Kenya (ABAK), reiterated the need for protection of consumers from counterfeit and illicit alcoholic drinks which proliferated the industry in the past. He said a big part of the problem stems from licensing issues especially as implemented by county governments.

“The need for industry players to adhere to provisions of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2010 has never been more prominent as during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Among the containment measures was closure of bars which resulted in alcoholic drinks consumers stocking alcohol at home. In his latest address to the nation, the President banned reopening of bars after escalation of coronavirus infections in the country,” Nacada boss said.

Eric Kiniti, Corporate Affairs Director at East African Breweries Limited, who also doubles as the Sec-

retary for ABAK, called for regular discussions and consensus building to protect all interested parties and stakeholders.

Kiniti affirmed that EABL, as a major player in the alcoholic drinks industry, will rally all ABAK members to apply for the licence in line with guidelines set forth by the Act.

He decried practices by some importers who import alcoholic drinks without complying with requirements by KEBS and KRA.

Earlier this month, NACADA partnered with the Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (Kara) in the war on alcohol and drug abuse.

The campaign came in the wake of guidelines on sale of alcohol announced by the government.

Easy access of liquor through online outlets has been faulted for exposing the youth to risk of alcohol abuse.

Recent research by (Nacada) indicated that 84 per cent of youth aged between 16 and 24 years are involved in drug abuse in Kenya.

Learning institutions in the country were ordered closed in March to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

Currently, learning institutions have rolled out online learning to counter the effects of Covid-19 on education, meaning more youths could be spending hours online.

National surveys by Nacada indicate a ballooning drug problem especially among the youth, posing a challenge to the country’s socio-economic development.

## KWS REFUTES CLAIMS OF INCREASED PARK RATES FOR KENYANS



*Haller Park Mombasa*

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The State Agency, that is in charge of conserving and managing Kenya’s wildlife on Monday rubbished claims that park rates for Kenyans have been increased by up to 60 percent.

Reports in a section of the media had indicated that KWS had increased park rates for Kenyan citizens.

KWS insists that the new changes ensure that citizens and residents of Kenya enjoy the same rates.

“The public is advised to ignore reports that the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has increased its rates and continue to discover KWS parks,” KWS said.

KWS clarified that park entry fees were actually reduced starting July 1, , 2020, one year to all its national parks, reserves, and sanctuaries.

They further noted that the rates apply to all categories of tourists: local, residents, and international. The article in the Business Daily also indicated that KWS had

reduced charges paid by foreign nationals amid reduced travel in the wake of COVID-19.

In its effort to encourage visitations into National Parks, KWS reduced its Park Entry fees down effective July 1, 2020, for one year to all its national parks, reserves, and sanctuaries.

The rates applied to all categories of tourists (local, residents, and international).

This is together with a 50 per cent reduction fee for film makers who are normally charged by KWS when they film documentaries in the parks.

All the measures apply from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

In the revised entry fee, local tourists will pay Sh 400 as they visit Nairobi Park from the current Sh 430 while those visiting Nakuru, Amboseli parks will pay Sh 800 from the initial Sh 860.

Tsavo West and Tsavo East parks will be charging Sh 500 from Sh515 while Meru, Aberdares and Mt.Kenya parks will charge Sh 250 from Sh 300.



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

# Last minutes confusion as Mortuary denies family permit to pick COVID-19 infected body

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Quarrels and confusion arose today at Meru Level Five Teaching and Referral Hospital Morgue after a family was denied permission to take and bury the body of their beloved one.

The family claimed that they had been allowed to pick the body of their deceased kin a coronavirus case before the decision was quashed.

The hospital is on spot for taking no action to bury the Confirmed Covid-19 victim as per the government guidelines and also failing to perform contact tracing to find out those who came into contact with the deceased.

Instead the family of Peter Gioko Gitonga 27-years-old man said that they had travelled from Mubukuro village in Tharaka Nithi County to pick the body of the deceased.

According to the family the hospital Matron informed them on Wednesday last week that Gitonga who had been admitted in the hos-



*Photo Caption: Family of a deceased man address media outside Meru Level Five Teaching and Referral hospital Mortuary after they were denied permit to pick body of their beloved one. Photos by Rugendo Antony*

pital after getting involved in an accident had succumbed to Coronavirus.

However, according to the family members the deceased had been admitted at Meru Level Five Teaching and Referral Hospital after being involved in an accident at Maua in Meru County.

"The deceased had been referred here at Meru Level five hospital after an accident, only to come on

Wednesday and the matron told us that he died of Covid-19, we paid for postmortem and were to pick the body today," Mary Kambura aunt to the deceased said.

Kambura added that on arrival to the morgue today they were instructed to buy body bag for transportation of the body of their deceased member.

"The morgue attendant asked us to buy a black nylon bag that could

be used to seal the body while in Casket as they claimed he died of Covid-19," Kambura said.

The deceased aunt noted that the morgue attendant had issued them with a permit only to later nullify it with claims that the body could not be released due to a police case.

"We were on the process of clearing the body when they later nullified the permit claiming that police had informed them that the body had a case," Kambura noted.

Dennis Muchangi Mutegi the handler of the deceased while on hospital noted that late died in the hospital while undergoing treatment after undergoing accident.

Mutegi a resident from Chuka in Tharaka Nithi said their effort to have a postmortem done on the deceased was thwarted by claims that of a pending police case.

According to Mutegi the hospital never took any step of burying the deceased as per Covid-19 protocols despite claiming he died of Covid-19.

Mutegi added that no contact tracing had been done despite claims

that the deceased died of coronavirus.

"I took care of him while in hospital and if he had Covid-19 why have they not taken any action of even tracing those who were with him?" Mutegi questioned.

Mutegi complained that they had been camping in the hospital for nine hours awaiting release of the body of their beloved one.

Our effort to get a reply from the Meru Level Five Teaching and Referral Hospital management were thwarted as they claimed to be in a meeting.

Meru County Health Executive Committee Member Misheck Mutuma speaking to County Review on phone denied claims that the hospital lacked body bags.

Mutuma however failed to explain how the family was going to pick the deceased a case confirmed to have died of coronavirus.

Instead the health executive referred media to the hospital management for an explanation.

## AISHA JUMWA DENIES GRAFT CHARGES, GRANTED BAIL

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Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa was on Monday freed on a Sh 5 million surety bond with an alternative to pay Sh 2 million cash bail after she denied embezzlement of public resources.

The vocal legislator was arraigned in court to plead to graft charges in relation to a Sh 57 million graft case at the Malindi National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF).

Jumwa surrendered to police on Sunday following a directive from Mombasa Chief Magistrate Edna Nyaloti after the Prosecution told the court that they could not trace her.

The court also reviewed the bond terms for the other six co-accused persons arraigned before the court on Friday.

Mombasa Chief Magistrate Edna Nyaloti also reduced bond for Jumwa's co-accused from Ksh.10mil-

lion to Ksh.2 million with an alternative of Ksh.500,000 cash bail.

The six co-accused are Wachu Omar Abdalla (Malindi CDF Account Manager), Kennedy Otieno Onyango Bernard Riba Kai, Sophia Saidi Charo and Margaret Faith Kalume who are members of the Malindi Tender Evaluation Committee as well as Robert Katana Wanje a Director of Multiserve Contractors Limited.

They have been charged with 13 offenses including forgery, fraud in procurement and money laundering.

The case will be mentioned on September 21.

Jumwa's lawyer Jared Magolo said that the police did not issue any summonses to the MP, despite the court order on Friday.

"The accused person voluntarily presented herself to Port Police on Sunday at noon. She was grilled for some hours, and by 4:00 pm, we had finished," said Magolo.

The lawmaker was at the police station for about an hour on Sunday



Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa

afternoon, accompanied by Nyaloti MP Mohammed Ali and former Mombasa Senator Hassan Omar.

Reports emerged that she had been arrested, but later on, the lawmaker came out dismissing the claims.

Jumwa said she was only questioned over the allegations.

"I will tomorrow (Monday) appear before the court for the charges. However, I want to refute claims that I had been arrested, I have not been arrested as you can all see," she told reporters in Mombasa.

On Friday, the DPP's counsel Alloys Kemo said Jumwa had been in hiding.

He said the MP's phone numbers were switched off, and she could not be traced in all her known residences.

Jumwa's lawyer however said they received the DPP's order late in the night, therefore, the MP could not make it to court on time.

## Left or right wing, your positing determines your fate



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### Summary

- Kenya brides itself as a democratic nation but more happenings behind the scenes speaks volumes of the true nature. The tag of democracy should be really discarded for good since little to no democracy is meted by the ruling elite. Some people wield financial powers that are unmatched in the country.
- Steps have been made albeit smaller in nature than the desired normal thanks to the new constitution of 2010. Judiciary has attained a more vocal statue and the legislature making their own decision even if some decisions made are pre-meditated and in line with the faceless mafia direction. It's an achievement at the end of it all.
- The most Kenya will see is prosecution of the corrupt by the next regime in an event that an opposite wing from where the suspects stand attain the powers in the next election. This has necessitated the crafty way by these suspects to maneuver through with much ease. Some might be unlucky like the immediate former Kiambu governor Ferdinand Waititu.

Sometimes the act of dignity if denied to a subject needs to be sugar-coated. It's a morally accepted norm that every individual must be accorded the dignity their so deserved. This will at least ensure protection of individual space in all aspects of human rights.

In a fully democratic space, all these details have been put to check and balance. Some are almost attaining the glorious status while others are far beyond. Communist nations as such have always suppressed their civil activities with freedom always contained in an airtight environment.

These attributes are to a larger extend associated with the foreign powers and economies. Here in Africa, there has been a pattern that follows our colonizers' way of living, speaking, religion and diplomatic ties. It's common to see the former colonies of British use English as their common language, Portuguese and French the same.

In the recent decades, the world has seen emergence of new powers from the east. African countries have fallen for the new masters who are more devoted entrepreneurs and smooth tongued than the west. Kenya among other African nations were more than eager to accept their styles.

Kenya brides itself as a democratic nation but more happenings behind the scenes speaks volumes of the true nature. The tag of democracy should be really discarded for good since little to no democracy is meted by the ruling elite. Some people wield financial powers that are unmatched in the country.

This crop of people or what may be termed as the faceless mafia are believed to be the ones holding the almost entire nation including the government at ransom. Democracy belongs to them so does the government, executive and through a under arm the legislature and judiciary.

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Those who feel like they own the nation or feel like entitled in the society do less to preserve the rights of every citizen and other



immediate former Kiambu governor Ferdinand Waititu.

leaders of diverging views from what they want. Biggest casualties are the leaders in the legislative. Selective administering of justice and civil court processes. The recent arrests of the Sirisia MP John Waluke and Wakhungu comes as just a drop in the ocean as far as selective justices are done.

Thiers was a case of corruption charges in the face of all time high corruption in the country. In as much as the government is to be applauded for the landmark arraignment, it leaves a lot of questions than answers in the minds of people. Many people in the governments had been involved and implicated in various graft cases but nothing tangible has been achieved. Big names like the interior CS FredMatiangi has been adversely mentioned in the Ruaraka land scandal but nothing much has been done about it years down the line.

The trend has clearly projected a more one sided effort to stamp out corruption. The key is your position in the leadership class. Complains had been raised by the team who align themselves with

the country's 2nd in command that the fight was targeting them. There are in their own way right about the biasness but again corruption is corruption, no excuse for a person not to face consequences but on the other side, the government should be honest and fight the dragon in a fair manner.

Leaders like Aisha Jumwa is facing the court now, but it will not be lost to a keen eye that she is on the other side of Raila-Uhuru handshake making it easier for her to face the judicial system as compared to hon. Junet Mohamed, who is pro-handshake. If you are not a visitor to Kenya, you should know that hon. Junet is not or will not be charged anytime soon.

There is a way, the government buffers, their allies and that same reason will see the under fire CS Kagwe of health sail through the storm un-scratched. Being implicated by the Kems management will have little to no effect on his position and job is much secured.

The most Kenya will see is prosecution of the corrupt by the next regime in an event that an opposite wing from where the suspects

stand attain the powers in the next election. This has necessitated the crafty way by these suspects to maneuver through with much ease. Some might be unlucky like the immediate former Kiambu governor Ferdinand Waititu.

The current senate speaker had faced a serious challenge, and his gamble had paid off. His loyalty to jubilee government not only prevented his date with the courts but also an excellent CV for a new job in senate house leadership.

The unlucky few like former treasury CS faced it rough because of their allegiance. In his place you would have seen president's loyalties benefit from such. Reports have it that some leaders have been forced to sing to a certain tune or risk facing various cases in courts of law. Such is the state of democracy in this state. You are untouchable if you are in the right wing, such a pity.

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## Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe resigns



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### Summary

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- Shinzo Abe had been expected to stay in office until the end of his term as LDP leader in September 2021 and the jockeying for position to succeed him was still in its early stages.
- The conservative Abe returned as prime minister for a rare second term in December 2012, pledging to revive growth with his “Abenomics” mix of hypereasy monetary policy, fiscal spending and reforms. He also pledged to beef up Japan’s defences and aimed to revise the pacifist constitution.

Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced he will resign, ending his record breaking tenure in a bombshell development that kicks off a leadership race in the world’s third largest economy.

Shinzo said he is suffering a recurrence of the ulcerative colitis that forced him to cut short a first term in office and said that he no longer felt able to continue as prime minister.

There must not be time when I am not able to deliver results, he said. Now that I am not able to fulfill the mandate from the people with confidence, I have decided that I should no longer occupy the position of the prime minister.

While speculation about Shinzo Abe’s political future has been growing in recent weeks, after he twice visited hospital for unspecified health checks, the resignation nonetheless came as a surprise.

Government’s spokesman had appeared to dismiss concerns about Shinzo Abe’s health and suggested he would stay on in office but Abe made clear that would not be possible and offered apologies for once again having to cut short his tenure.

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Abe said he would firmly execute my duty to the end, and until the next prime minister is appointed, a process that is expected to require a leadership election involving ruling party lawmakers and members.

The resignation shocked the markets, with Tokyo stocks plunging more than two percent towards the end of afternoon trade when reports of Abe’s decision first emerged.

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Abe declined to be drawn on who he would like to see take the top job, saying he had no intention of influencing the election, and that those often floated as candidates were all highly capable.

Experts said the election process was likely to happen in coming



*Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe*

weeks, with a new parliamentary session possible by October.

He has since become Japan’s longest serving premier, forever associated with the economic policy intended to revive the country’s economy that bears his name: Abenomics.

The resignation will trigger a leadership race in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) most likely in two or three weeks and the winner must be formally elected in parliament. The new party leader will hold the post for the rest of Abe’s term.

Whoever wins the party poll is likely to keep Abe’s reflationary “Abenomics” policies as Japan struggles with the impact of the novel coronavirus but may have trouble emulating the political longevity that may be Abe’s biggest legacy.

Abe surpassed a record for longest consecutive tenure as premier set by his great uncle Eisaku Sato half a century ago.

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to revive growth with his “Abenomics” mix of hypereasy monetary policy, fiscal spending and reforms. He also pledged to beef up Japan’s defences and aimed to revise the pacifist constitution.

Under fire for his handling of the coronavirus and scandals among party members, Abe has recently seen his support fall to one of the lowest levels of his nearly eight years in office.

Japan has not suffered the explosive surge in virus cases seen elsewhere, but Abe had drawn fire for a clumsy early response and what critics see as a lack of leadership as infections spread.

In the second quarter, Japan was hit by its biggest economic slump on record as the pandemic emptied shopping malls and crushed demand for cars and other exports, bolstering the case for bolder policy action to avert a deeper recession.

Abe kept his promises to strengthen defences, boosting spending on the military after years of declines and expanding its capacity to project power

abroad.

In a historic shift in 2014, his government re-interpreted the constitution to allow Japanese troops to fight abroad for the first time since World War Two.

A year later, Japan adopted laws scrapping a ban on exercising the right of collective selfdefence or defending a friendly country under attack.

Shinzo Abe was born in 1954 in Tokyo. His father was foreign minister, his grandfather and a great uncle both prime ministers. It was to his father’s old seat that Abe was first elected to Parliament in 1993, quickly rising up the ranks of the governing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and becoming the country’s youngest ever leader in 2006.



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## Amakhosi out to bounce back from 'disaster result'



Khama Billiat © Gallo Images

Kaizer Chiefs will be out to keep themselves in Absa Premiership title contention when they host Chippa United at Orlando Stadium on Wednesday, 2 September. Kick-off is at 18:00 CAT.

Chiefs suffered a second successive loss when they were beaten 1-0 by Bidvest Wits at the FNB Stadium on Sunday afternoon, a result which could have effectively ended their title hopes, had rivals Mamelodi Sundowns not suffered a defeat of their own later the same day.

Instead, the Soweto giants remain top of the log, though only on goal difference ahead of the Brazilians. The Amakhosi desperately need to get their groove back after what coach Ernst Middendorp described as a "disaster result" and he is hoping his players keep their heads up and keep fighting – especially for this midweek clash against the Chilli Boys.

"But we have to, two games to go of course we have to hope something will come out of the games," said the German tactician. "I personally hope we can put the players into the right mentality towards the next game, in particular, Chippa on the second we will try again, we will go again all out, try to score, try to win this game."

Chippa, meanwhile, extended their unbeaten run in the league to three matches, with a last-gasp equaliser from Thokozani Sekotlong securing a 1-1 draw at Stellenbosch last Friday, 28 August. With both the chance of falling back into relegation trouble and cracking the top eight looking unlikely, the Chilli Boys seemingly have little to motivate them.

However, coach Lehlohonolo Seema knows his team is capable of more than they have shown since the restart and

hopes that the challenge of playing Chiefs will inspire them to lift their performance level.

"Credit must go to the guys, but we are still far from playing the way we want to play," said Seema. "From the first game against Cape Town City, coming up to this [1-1 draw with Stellenbosch] there were a lot of improvements you can see. "One thing that is good for these guys – they are fighters. If you fight for the last period of these games that are left, you can get a point, or you can even get maximum points. We still have a long way to go, but we will work hard so we can come next season and play even better football."

In head-to-head stats, Chippa and Chiefs have met in 13 league matches since 2012-13. The Amakhosi have claimed six wins compared to five for the Chilli Boys, while two matches

have been drawn. The Soweto side has won three of their six home league matches in the rivalry, suffering two defeats in the process.

When the teams met earlier this season, at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in November 2019, Chiefs claimed a 2-0 away win thanks to a brace from Dumisani Zuma. The result broke a run of four unbeaten games in the rivalry for Chippa.

### KEY PLAYERS: KAIZER CHIEFS

Samir Nurkovic – After missing a sitter against Bidvest Wits, the Serbian striker will be determined to make amends against Chippa and achieve two aims: taking Chiefs closer to the title and boosting his own hopes of winning the 'Golden Boot'.

Bruce Bvuma – After replacing the injured Daniel Akpeyi against Wits, the 25-year-old goalkeeper could well be the number one choice for this midweek clash against Chippa. Keeping out the likes of Augustine Kwem will be his challenge against the Chilli Boys.

### KEY PLAYERS: CHIPPA UNITED

Thokozani Sekotlong – The former Mamelodi Sundowns man netted a key equaliser against Stellenbosch and will be hoping to have another opportunity when Chippa face Chiefs at the Orlando Stadium in this key midweek battle.

Frederic Nsabayumva – Not only an excellent defender, Frederic Nsabayumva will offer a potent threat in attack with his aerial ability, while his one-on-one battle with Chiefs striker Samir Nurkovic could go a long way in deciding this game.

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## Has Gor Mahia midfielder hinted at imminent AFC Leopards move?



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Could Gor Mahia midfielder Lawrence Juma have confirmed his imminent departure to AFC Leopards or Sofapaka?

In a cryptic Facebook post on Monday, the Harambee Stars midfielder sent some fans of AFC Leopards into overdrive as the short statement could have hinted he was on the move.

Juma has been one of the Gor Mahia players who have been linked with AFC Leopards and Sofapaka and the social media post could have suggested the reports are true.

“Turn on the flashing blue lights,” Juma’s post, accompanied by a photo in the national

team colours, read.

AFC Leopards, Sofapaka, and Bandari are the KPL teams that trade in blue colours.

Goal understands the midfielder has already been approached by the 2009 Kenyan Premier League (KPL) winners and personal terms have been agreed to some extent.

On Monday, a source close to AFC Leopards and Juma confirmed the club is eager to sign the former Nzoia Sugar star as they hope he would be of a great addition to a team that is rebuilding after seasons of on and off the pitch struggles.

“I understand Sofapaka have made an approach already but recently even AFC Leopards have shown interest in him,” the source told Goal.

Since joining Gor Mahia in 2017, Juma has established him-

self as one of the outstanding midfielders in the league. His performance for the 18-time KPL winners also saw him earn a place in the national team.

He had previously played for Nakuru All-Stars in the National Super League.

Juma was part of the squad that featured in the African Cup of Nations qualifiers against both Egypt and Togo as well as in the Cecafta tournament where Kenya failed to impress in Kampala.

Gor Mahia – who have already signed Cameroonian midfielder Bertrand Konfor, goalkeeper Levis Opiyo, Andrew Juma, Sydney Ochieng, and John Macharia – are in the process of revamping the squad ahead of their Caf Champions League duties where they hope to impress.

Juma’s departure could come out as a shock for most Gor Ma-

hia fans who have come to adore him given his composure, ability to press and stabilise the team from the midfield.

He formed a formidable understating with captain Kenneth Muguna, something that moved Harambee Stars coach Francis Kimanzi to give both of them national team call-ups in the previous assignments.

If the Harambee Star is eventually going to ditch the Green Army, he would be following in the footsteps of David Mapigano who joined Azam FC of Tanzania, now Dodoma Jiji’s Dickson Ambundo, Boniface Omondi who left for Wazito FC and Joash Onyango who signed a two-year deal with the Tanzanian champions Simba SC.

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