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## PCEA vows to fight govt housing project on disputed Rongai land



### **By Obegi Malack**

A fresh row has erupted in Ongata Rongai after the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) opposed the government's plan to put up affordable housing units on a 152-acre parcel of land in Nkaimurunya Ward, Kajiado County. The church claims it is the rightful owner of the contested land, despite a court ruling that declared the property belongs to the County Government of Ka-

The National Government, through the Affordable Housing Programme, had earmarked part of the land for new housing units. But the church has rejected the plan, arguing that it was not consulted and that the land is the subject of an active appeal

Through the Presbyterian Foundation, PCEA insists it has been the registered owner of the land known as Ngong/ Ngong/528 since 1999. The church says the land was allocated to it by the then County Council before independence in 1963 and that it formally obtained a title deed in 1999 after fulfilling registration require-

The church further argues that it has developed community institutions on the land, including PCEA Nakeel Secondary School, Ongata Rongai Primary, Nkaimurunya Secondary, Nakeel Primary, Oloolaiser Water Company, Ongata Rongai Health Centre, Matumaini Children's Home, Administrative offices including District Officer's and Chief's office, and recreational centre/locals stadium. It also set up a chapel in 2002 serving students from nearby schools.

"The church has a master plan for development of the suit land but the local chief together with some community activists calling themselves 'Orendo' calling themselves have been trying to obstruct the church," the church stated in its submission.

However, in a ruling deliv-

ered on September 26, 2024, Justice Maxwell Gicheru dismissed the church's ownership claim. He ordered that all entries showing the Presbyterian Foundation as proprietor be cancelled and the land register amended to reflect the County Government of Kajiado as the legal owner.

The court found that the land was originally reserved for public use during the 1960s adjudication process and was formally registered under the Olkejuado County Council

In his ruling, Justice Gicheru emphasized that the community institutions on the land had a proprietary interest superior to the church's title, even if that interest was not recorded in the land register.

When the plaintiff was registered as the owner of the suit land, the schools, the water supply, the health centre, the stadium, the children's home, the chief's office and the other social amenities were already in place," part of the ruling read.
Ongata Rongai Primary

**Ongata Rongai residents** during a protest at

on 11/1/1966. Justice Gicheru ruled that the church's registration on 15/12/1999 was fraudulent, citing several irregularities. He noted that the land was already occupied by schools, a health centre, and a children's home by the time the church obtained its title. He further pointed out a letter dated 19/6/1979 from the clerk of the Olkeiuado County Council which clearly stated that the land had been set aside for educational purposes, not church activities.

The judge also found that no County Council resolution was ever passed to authorize the transfer of the land to the church, and that crucial requirements under Section three of the Law of Contract Act and the Land Control Act were ignored. He observed that there was no valid sale agreement, no consent from the Land Control Board, and no lawful transfer by an authorized officer of the County Council. The Attorney General, representing one of the defendants, supported the revocation of the church's title.

School alone occupies 30 acres. while Nakeel Secondary covers about 40 acres and Nakeel Primary 14 acres. Nkaimurunya Secondary sits on 20 acres, Ongata Rongai Health Centre on 12 acres, and Matumaini Save the Children Centre on another 12 acres. The Oloolaiser Water Supply, which provides water to thousands of residents, spreads over 12 acres while the chief's and DO's offices cover 5 acres.

Nakeel grounds. /Photo

Courtesy

The Ongata Rongai playground and local stadium take up 12.5 acres, having served the community since the 1960s. Smaller institutions such as Ongata Rongai Nursery School, established in 1964, occupy 4 acres, while the PCEA School Chapel, built in 2002, sits on just half an

during a protest at Nakeel

grounds. /Photo Courtesy

Despite the ruling, the PCEA has vowed not to back down, insisting that the matter is far from over. The church says an appeal is active in court under Environment and Land Case 239 & 20 of 2017, the case is between the PCEA church under The Presbyterian Foundation (Plaintiff) vs Jacob Wang'ola (1st Defendant), Development Organization (2nd defendant), Kennedy Gitau (3rd defendant) and County Government of Kajiado (Respondent). It has warned that the government should not proceed with the housing project until the appeal is fully determined.

The government, however, maintains that the land is public property and has already called for public participation on the planned project. With both sides holding firm, the dispute now sets the stage for yet another drawn-out legal and political battle in Ongata Rongai, a region where land ownership disputes have long been a source of controversy and tension.



# Amboseli Park transfer to boost economy in Kajiado County

### **By Obegi Malack**

Kajiado County is set to benefit from new economic opportunities following the Cabinet's approval of the transfer of Amboseli National Park to the county government.

The historic move, implemented under Article 187 of the Constitution, will see Kajiado take over the day-to-day management of the park while the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) retains conservation oversight. The transfer was granted during a Cabinet meeting at State House Nairobi on July 29, 2025, fulfilling a presidential directive issued in response to a long-standing petition by the Maasai community, whose ancestral lands surround the iconic park.

Amboseli, formerly Maasai Amboseli Game Reserve, is one of Kenya's premier wildlife destinations and a UNESCO-recognized site famous for large herds of elephants. Covering 39,206 hectares (392.06 km²) at the core of an 8,000 km² ecosystem stretching across the Kenya-Tanzania border, the park is home to more than 500 mammal species, including lions, cheetahs, giraffes, buffaloes, zebras, wildebeests, and hyenas, and over 400 bird species.

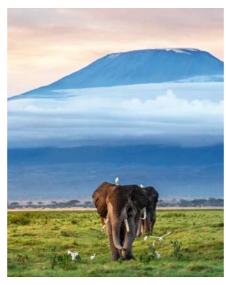
Governor Joseph Ole Lenku welcomed the transfer, describing it as a

chance for the Maasai community and the wider county to directly benefit from Amboseli's rich tourism potential. "This is not just about heritage but about economic empowerment. Amboseli is a global attraction, and under county management, its benefits will now reach our people more fairly," he said.

Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho noted that county control of Amboseli will open doors for job creation, business opportunities, and revenue growth through sustainable tourism. "We want Amboseli to become a driver of development, uplifting local communities while maintaining its global reputation as a premier wildlife destination," he said.

The park has historically generated nearly half a billion shillings annually for the national government, but residents of Kajiado have long complained that they were not benefiting from its revenues. The transfer now means the national and county governments will share revenues equally, with Kajiado retaining about Sh240 million. This will push the county's own-source revenue past the Sh1 billion mark, up from Sh875 million in the 2022/2023 financial year.

President William Ruto, who



Amboseli National Park

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announced the handover during the Maa Cultural Festival in Narok, said the move was a gift to the Maasai community and a way to ensure fairness in resource distribution. Governor Lenku, who shed tears during the

announcement, called it one of the greatest honors ever granted to the Maasai people.

For years, tensions have simmered between locals and KWS human-wildlife conflicts, which have led to deaths of both people and animals. In 2022, an elephant killed a teacher in Masimba, sparking protests in which four people were shot dead by GSU officers. In another tragic incident in Rombo ward, a two-year-old child was trampled to death by elephants, prompting a resident to retaliate by killing three of the animals. In 2023, morans speared six lions after they invaded homes in Mbirikani near Oloitokitok. Schools in the region have also faced interruptions as wildlife strayed into compounds.

KWS has often been accused of delaying compensation for victims of human-wildlife conflict, fueling resentment among locals. Residents now believe that county involvement in the park's management will make compensation and conflict resolution timelier. "Cases of human-wildlife conflicts will be reduced since the community will now benefit from the park and they will take care of it," said Christine Sanaipei, a resident of Kajiado.

To ensure smooth management,

the county assembly's Majority Leader, Loisa John Lemayian, assured residents that Kajiado has the capacity to effectively run the park and distribute ecological and economic benefits fairly. Naisiae Karia, Chairperson of the Gender, Culture, Tourism, and Wildlife Committee, emphasized that legislation will be enacted to safeguard resources and guarantee transparency.

The county government has already announced plans to leverage Amboseli for cultural and tourism activities. The 3rd Maa Cultural and Tourism Festival is scheduled for November 5–8, 2025, at Kimana Gate in Amboseli. The annual festival, which brings together communities from Kajiado, Narok, and Samburu, will showcase authentic Maa culture, past, present, and future, cementing its place as a cultural and tourism highlight in Kenya and Africa at large.

The Maasai community recently donated one million acres of land for conservation, underscoring their commitment to coexistence with wildlife, though Amboseli's current 80,000 acres remain insufficient for roaming animals. With greater community involvement and revenue-sharing, hopes are high that the park's management will balance conservation with economic empowerment

For the people of Kajiado, the transfer of Amboseli represents more than a legal handover, it is a historic step toward cultural recognition, economic justice, and peaceful coexistence between humans and wildlife.





### By Obegi Malack

In a move aimed at boosting education and easing student transport challenges, President William Ruto has donated school buses to four schools across Kajiado County.

The buses, each worth Ksh11 million, were handed over by State House Comptroller Dr Katoo Ole Metito in a series of ceremonies attended by students, teachers, and parents.

Dr Katoo said the donations reflect the president's commitment to supporting education in the region.

"I requested the president to support our schools, and so far, he has approved four buses for donation. I will continue advocating for more, including one for Kajiado West," he said.

The beneficiaries of the buses include Iltilal Secondary School (Kajiado South), Enkorika Secondary School (Kajiado Central), Enkasiti Primary School (Kajiado East), and Kiserian Primary School (Kajiado North)

Kajiado North Sub-County Education Officer Jane Kiremi welcomed the donations, noting that the buses will significantly help in transporting students to sports competitions and other inter-school events, addressing the transport challenge schools have been facing due to large student populations.

The move comes as Kajiado

### President Ruto donates buses to schools across Kajiado County



State House Comptroller, Dr Katoo ole Metito (centre), poses with students and other leaders in front of the school bus donated to Kiserian Primary.

County faces challenges in its education sector, with some schools overcrowded, limited laboratory facilities, and understaffed classrooms. Kiremi also urged the government to employ additional teachers to address these gaps while praising the school feeding programme for improving

student performance.

The donation of school buses to multiple schools underscores the government's commitment to improving education infrastructure and access in Kajiado, ensuring students can participate fully in academic and extracurricular activities.



# Parents call for deployment of more female teachers to Kajiado West schools

### By Masaki Enock

Education stakeholders and parents in Kajiado West Sub County have called for deployment of more female teachers to curb the shortage, saying that the efforts is to combat outdated cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early marriages among students.

Speaking during an educational event at Torosei School, parents and education stakeholders voiced concerns that many girls shy away from confiding in male teachers, especially about issues related to menstruation and menstrual hygiene.

As a result some girls choose to drop out of school and marry at a young and tender age rather than seeking support.

"Previously we were deeply rooted in traditional practices. During school holidays, our children would go to the Manyattas without books as soon as schools were closed," said Neema Metito, a parent at Torosei School. "But this even has opened our eyes, we have realized that education is essential to our children"

Her sentiments were echoed by fellow parent Benson Malona, who emphasized the psychological shift that often follows FGM. "After undergoing FGM, many girls view themselves as adults. They believe that school is behind them

and that marriage is the next step."

Also in attendance was Ali Letura, an official from the Dupoto-e-maaa organization, who raised concerns about the shortage of female teachers in the area.

"Many schools in remote areas of Kajiado, including Torosei, face a critical shortage of female teachers. We urge the Ministry of Education and the Teachers Service Commission to address this by prioritizing the deployment of more women educators to these regions," stated Letura.

The event concluded with pledges from parents to protect their children from practices that undermine their pursuit for education. Stakeholders agreed to work closely with local leaders, civil society and the education sector to ensure that girls in schools have access to female mentorship and receive the dignity and support they deserve.

Residents have urged the MoE and TSC to take urgent measures to address the problem

# Enoomatasiani School in Kajiado North gets new ICT Lab to boost tech skills

### **By Benedict Aoya**

A newly built ICT laboratory was recently commissioned at Enoomatasiani Mixed Day Secondary School in Olkeri Ward, bringing a major boost to digital learning in Kajiado North constituency.

The facility launched by area MP Onesmus Ngogoyo, is part of commitment to improving education and empowering learners through access to technology.

The fully equipped ICT lab is expected to support digital literacy, enhance coding skills and enable students to interact with modern learning tools.

Speaking during the event, Ngogoyo emphasized that the project is aimed at bridging the digital divide in schools within the constituency, especially in areas that have historically lagged behind in access to technological infrastructure.

He added that he remains focused on rolling out similar education development projects to ensure all students are equipped for the future.

Also present during the commissioning was Chief Stephen Moshi of Lower Matasia, alongside other local leaders. They joined the school administration, teachers, students, and members of the community in celebrating



### Kajiado North MP Onesmus Ngogoyo (centre) during the launch of the new ICT lab. Photo | courtesy.

the launch of the lab.

The new ICT lab comes at a time when digital literacy is becoming a key requirement in both academic learning and the job market. By introducing such facilities in public schools, the constituency hopes to raise the quality of education and expose students to 21st-century skills.

The MP has continued to prioritize educational infrastructure, focusing on ensuring that every child in Kajiado North gets a fair chance through access to quality learning resources. The ICT lab at Enoomatasiani is among the growing list of school projects being implemented under his leader-

This development is expect-

ed to enhance learning outcomes at the school by supporting computer studies and research. The facility will also help students and teachers explore innovation, access information more easily, and improve academic performance.

Ngogoyo said he is committed to expanding digital access to other schools in the constituency as part of a broader plan to transform education in Kajiado North. Plans are already underway to roll out similar projects in other wards.

The launch was warmly received by students and teachers, who expressed optimism that the new facility will make a lasting difference in their academic journey.



President William Samoei Ruto with CS Wyclliffe Oparanya during the commemoration of World MSMEs Day 2025 at Kenyatta International Conference Centre, Nairobi. Photo | Courtesy

## Youth to receive Nyota project funds in September, Ruto says

By Obegi Malack

President William Ruto has announced that the government will release National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYO-TA) funds starting September this year.

Ruto who was speaking during the International Youth Day celebrations in Kakamega County said the government is expanding opportunities for young people across the country.

The President announced that the first cohort of 54,000 beneficiaries under the Business Support intervention will receive Ksh50, 000 each under the NYOTA programme, upon completing business skills training.

The project received an overwhelming one million applications against a target of 100,000 for business support.

He added that the remaining pool will be absorbed into the fourth intervention, which

will equip them with the skills and knowledge to access Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) and tap into the opportunities available.

Other interventions under the NYOTA Project include the On-the-Job Experience, which will equip young people with in-demand socio-emotional and work-readiness skills while providing real work exposure through apprenticeships.

He further spoke about the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), which will certify 20,000 youth for skills gained through informal or non-formal settings, enabling them to use these qualifications to access better opportunities.

The President reaffirmed the government's commitment to empowering youth across Kenya and advancing economic inclusion under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

# Kajiado dumpsite revamped into modern material recovery facility

By Our Reporter

Kajiado Municipality has launched the rehabilitation of its controversial dumpsite into a modern material recovery facility, a project unveiled in Kajiado town to curb pollution, improve waste management, and safeguard public health.

The facility, previously a source of community complaints over careless dumping and health hazards, is being redesigned with strategic waste placement cells, internal feeder roads for easier access, and a razor wire fence to control entry and capture windblown litter. A green buffer will also be planted to absorb fumes and minimize environmental impact.

Municipality manager James Saruni ole Tono said the upgrade is part of the Kajiado Munici-



pality Solid Waste Management Policy, which seeks to improve waste collection, transportation, and disposal while involving the community. "We no longer refer to this site as a dumpsite but a material recovery facility because it allows us to recycle, reuse, and compost waste, rather than just discard it," he said.

The new approach will be overseen by a 12-member committee made up of chiefs, zonal representatives, and residents to ensure inclusivity and accountability.

National Environmen-

tal Management Authority (NEMA) director for Kajiado, Mark Angwenyi, emphasized the importance of waste segregation using color-coded bins, green for organic waste, blue for recyclables, and black for general waste, while urging landlords to encourage compliance among tenants.

Public Health Officer Ruth Parsimei stressed that only non-hazardous waste would be accepted at the facility, warning that hazardous dumping could contaminate water and food sources. She also called for fencing of residential plots to stop illegal dumping.

Residents, however, urged the municipality to address gaps in garbage collector training and provide incinerators for sanitary and diaper waste, noting that enforcement without education could spark resistance.

### **By Our Reporter**

More than 1,200 young people in Kajiado County are set to benefit from the newly launched Climate WorX Programme, a government-backed initiative designed to tackle youth unemployment while promoting climate resilience.

The project, targeting youth aged 18 to 35, mirrors the Kazi Mtaani model but goes further by integrating climate-smart and green economy activities. Successful applicants will be deployed in areas such as tree planting, solid waste management, rehabilitation of riparian lands, road maintenance, and urban beautification.

Kajiado County Commissioner James Taari described the initiative as a flagship government effort to empower youth through climate action. "This programme is about giving our young people mean-

### Youth employment boost as Climate WorX kicks off in Kajiado

ingful work that builds sustainable communities while addressing the pressing challenge of climate change," he said.

Beneficiaries will work in alternating two-week shifts over six months, earning Sh500 per day, while supervisors receive Sh550. Payments will be made through mobile money platforms. In addition to wages, participants will receive workplace readiness training and civic education to prepare them for future employment or entrepreneurship.

Recruitment is being carried out online through the Climate Resilience Service Programme (CRSP) portal, with priority given to women, youth from informal

settlements, and persons with disabilities. Priority areas and informal settlements where the works will be done include; Majengo, Kumpa, Bulls's Eye, Pilwa, Gataka, Kware, Isinya, Ololua, Kimana, Kiserian, Ole Kesasi, Kitengela, Gichagi, Poka, Emarti and Embulbul, among others.

Local youth have welcomed the programme, with many expressing optimism that it will not only ease economic hardship but also provide them with practical skills. "This programme gives us a chance not just to earn but to do meaningful work that benefits the entire community," said Julie Sanaipei, a 24-year-old from Majengo slums.

### By Khayoyo lan

On a typical morning in Ongata Rongai, the aroma of fresh mandazis from roadside stalls mingles freely with the less pleasant stench of open dumps, clogged drains and uncollected garbage, a stark reminder that this booming town's waste troubles are far from over.

Residents and the county government have continued to display a carefree attitude toward waste management, which has far-reaching consequences on health, quality of life and the overall outlook of the town.

As you drive along Magadi Road from the Maasai Lodge stage upwards into the heart of Rongai, you will be hit occasionally by the rancid smell of sewage, accompanied by sightings of small heaps of garbage scattered along the busy road.

The pollution gets worse as you near Kware Market, one of the county's biggest marketplaces. Here, your sense of smell will be accosted by the smell of rotting vegetables, stagnant water in storm drains and the

# Why Rongai can't shake off its 'Dumping Site' allegations







Roadsides in Ongata Rongai turned into dumpsites.

ever-present garbage. Funny enough, some of the garbage has been there for so long that grass has taken root, feeding the herds of goats that roam the roadside freely.

It goes without saying that perhaps the revenue collected from these market vendors by the county government is better left in their pockets. Why? The town has been unable to provide proper waste management.

The situation worsens in Kandisi. Residents in this area often have to jump over puddles of raw sewage due to reckless landlords and lax government oversight. In some areas, the sewage streams have been flowing for so long, residents have set up makeshift bridges.

It is impossible to talk about Rongai without mentioning the numerous exhauster trucks. Residents have reported and complained of the constant air pollution as exhauster trucks dump waste at night.

As you navigate the streets, you have to be on constant look-

out lest you step onto donkey droppings or, God forbid, stray dog excretion. You can hardly walk twenty steps along Magadi Road in Rongai and not bump into a gang of stray dogs ransacking the uncollected garbage piles on the roadside or dogs in the trenches with their heads deep in the rotting, stagnant water.

The health risks within Rongai's environs are many yet the county government's garbage collection and clean-up remains substandard. The blame doesn't fall on the county government alone, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) should act immediately and hold landlords and businesses accountable for polluting.

Ongata Rongai's future remains grim if the residents and county government do not rise to the occasion and say enough is enough. Every citizen has a responsibility to safeguard the environment and practice proper waste management lest Rongai turn into another Dandora dumpsite.



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# Kajiado County empowers SACCO leaders with governance training



### **By Obegi Malack**

The County Government of Kajiado, through the Department of Livestock, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Irrigation, has trained leaders from three Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOs) on management, governance, and grant handling to strengthen cooperative

Sacco leaders from Kajiado County during a governance training session.

operations and improve access to affordable credit.

The training, held at the NITA Institute in Kitengela Sub-County, targeted leaders representing Iloodok-

ilani Laramatak SACCO, Dupoto ee Mosiro SACCO, and Emunyani Farmers SACCO (Keekonyokie). Participants, most of whom were youth, were guided on leadership, governance, grant management guidelines, and the memorandum of understanding (MoU) framework.

SACCO leaders were also sensitized on the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (NAVCDP) principles of inclusion and equity, aimed at ensuring that vulnerable groups, particularly women smallholder farmers and young entrepreneurs, can access affordable credit.

The training concluded with the signing of MoUs between the participating SACCOs and Community Driven Development Committees (CDDCs). The agreements outline the roles and responsibilities of both parties, with the county government overseeing their successful implementation.

Officials said the training is part of ongoing efforts to empower local cooperatives, improve governance, and enhance financial inclusion in Kajiado County.

## NGAAF, Kajiado donates tent and chairs to Rongai Muungano Cooperative



Ongata Rongai Muungano Women Groups chair Ruth Wakapa together with Eunice Nkopio during the handing over of a tent and chairs from NGAAF. Photo | Obegi Malack.

#### By Obegi Malack

Ongata Rongai Muungano Women Groups Housing Cooperative Society has received a tent and 100 chairs courtesy of National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), Kajiado County.

The women group had been allocated funds by NGAAF which they used to acquire the equipment.

Speaking during equipment handover event, Kajiado County Women representative Leah Sankaire through her representative, Eunice Nkopio, said the group received the funds due to its strong record of empowering women in the county.

Sankaire said the women group has been empowering women at the grassroots level and deserved the support.

Nkopio, who is the Head of Programmes in the office of the Kajiado County Women Representative, said that NGAAF has empowered many women and

youths in the county.

She added that the office also supports students through bursary allocations.

Muungano Group Chairperson and founder, Ruth Wakapa, commended Women Representative's office for its continued support. She added that the equipment will help the group cut costs when hosting important events.

Wakapa noted that the women have benefited a lot through the group, enabling them acquire property and educate their children.

"We have members who are a hundred years-old, some attend our meetings while others stay at home due to old age. They have managed to educate their children and grandchildren through the group," she said.

Founded in 1992 by 41 groups across Kajiado North, Muungano Women Group gave rise to the Ongata Rongai Muungano Women Groups Housing Cooperative Society.

# Kajiado Assembly members register SACCO to boost investment



Kajiado County Assembly members register Bunge Sacco.

### By Obegi Malack

Staff and members of the Kajiado County Assembly have registered a SAC-CO to empower themselves through credit access and investment opportunities.

The cooperative, named Kajiado County Bunge Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited, received its registration certificate on 20th March 2025.

The move was commended by Kajiado County Director of Cooperatives, James Taiko, who said the SACCO will support the growth of members' investments.

"SACCOs provide low-

er interest rates on loans, higher returns on savings, and often offer more flexible loan terms compared to commercial banks," Taiko noted.

He added that, according to recent statistics, SACCOs now issue more loans than commercial banks, which many members are abandoning due to high interest rates.

With collective commitment and a shared vision, the Bunge SACCO is expected to become a pillar of economic empowerment for assembly members and contribute to long-term financial growth within the county.

### **By Our Reporter**

Kenya, despite being East Africa's largest economy, continues to lose ground in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) as neighbors Ethiopia and Uganda pull ahead with bigger inflows.

Analysts Patrick Basham and Armstrong Ongera warn that Kenya's poor record in drawing FDI has damaged its global reputation and risks undermining its long-term economic ambitions. Ethiopia and Uganda secure several times more investment, while Nigeria recently landed USD \$14 billion in commitments at the G20 Summit in New Delhi.

At the recent Future Invest-

# Why Kenya lags in FDI and the bold rebrand that could change everything

ment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, President William Ruto had an opportunity to pitch Kenya as the region's investment hub. Instead, observers say his presentation fell flat, failing to convince investors that Nairobi is ready to be the next booming FDI-driven economy.

"Kenya must brand itself as East Africa's supreme economic lion," Basham and Ongera argue, proposing the launch of the East African Lion Project, which would deploy proven investment promotion and maximization tools drawn from the Democracy Institute/Kehosa

model

The project proposes ten tested strategies, spanning economic, social, and cultural reforms, to reposition Kenya as an attractive destination. It emphasizes sector-specific opportunities in tourism, renewable energy, the Blue Economy, healthcare, mining, infrastructure, and education, all areas where FDI can deliver quick wins for jobs and growth.

Comparisons with other economies show what is possible. India lifted its annual FDI inflows from USD \$4 billion in 2000 to USD \$85 billion in

2022, while Pakistan is set to receive USD \$50 billion from Gulf nations next year. Kenya, the analysts note, has similar potential if it sharpens its investment marketing and presents a compelling value proposition to global investors.

Kenya's challenge is clear: it must outdo its neighbors by selling itself as the region's most profitable and reliable investment hub. The lion must not just roar, but convince the world it is ready to lead East Africa's economic pride.





## Kajiado disburses Ksh6.5M bursaries to PWDs

### By Obegi Malack

The County Government of Kajiado has launched and disbursed bursaries worth Ksh6.5 million to 261 students with disabilities across the county

This marks a milestone after the enactment of the Kajiado County Disability Mainstreaming Act, 2023, which established the disability mainstreaming fund and programme.

The budget seeks to improve the livelihoods of People with Disabilities (PWDs) by improving their mobility, education, health, and quality

Kajiado Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho said the County Government of Kajiado is celebrating the Milestones achieved in changing the disability narratives and enhancing



**Kajiado Deputy Governor** Martin Moshisho

social inclusion and development.

The fund for university students was Sh35,000, middle-level colleges Sh30,000, and high school students,

Of the 282 students who applied for the county bursaries, 261 benefit-

Chairperson of the Disability Mainstreaming Committee Betty Taany underscored that the County Government must now be intentional about establishing a modern database that will enhance effective services to all PWDs

Taany pointed out that while education is a fundamental right, many children living with disabilities can-not access quality education because of cultural barriers and stigma that weaken the spirit of the affected.

She urged all levels of government and non-state actors to embrace the spirit of ensuring that the PWDs enjoy and feel loved.

### Over 300 learners receive bicycles to boost school attendance

### **By Benedict Aoya**

Over three hundred learners from 10 schools in Oloililai Sub-County, Kajiado County received bicycles in a distribution exercise aimed at improving school attendance. Out of these, 210 bicycles were specifically allocated to children with disabilities as part of efforts to promote inclusive education in the region.

The programme targets learners who walk up to 15 kilometers daily to attend school, a distance that has contributed to lateness, absenteeism and in some cases, school dropouts.

By providing bicycles, the initiative seeks to ease the physical burden on learners, allowing them to arrive at school on time and participate fully in their studies.

The exercise also saw the launch of an educational and resource centre for the identification of children with special needs at Ebbisil Secondary School for the Blind. The centre is expected to support early assessment and intervention for learners with disabilities, ensuring that they receive appropriate support to succeed in their education.

Parents expressed optimism that the bicycles will not only assist their children in commuting to school but will also help with essential household tasks such as fetching water.

This distribution is part of broader efforts to remove transport barriers that hinder access to education in rural areas. By focusing on children with disabilities and learners who face long walking distances, the programme aims to reduce dropout rates, improve attendance, and enhance academic performance.

The bicycle distribution in Oloililai represents a significant step towards inclusive and accessible education, offering learners a practical solution to overcome daily transport challenges and stay in school.

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# Rongai's dark past returns with ruthless AK-47 gangs

### By Khayoyo lan

Once known for flashy 'nganyas' and a vibrant night life, Rongai is slowly gaining notoriety in police records as a criminal hotspot for organized crime with gangs running loose and terrorizing residents.

Locals now fear this could be an early sign of history repeating itself. Back in 2006, gangs ran unchecked, sparking protests from residents that would later lead to a heavy police presence. In recent months, the gangs seem to have grown bold, daring new stunts.

In the most recent case, on Tuesday 2nd September, a gang raided a family home in Kahuho village, Kiserian, holding a family hostage for hours while robbing them. The family of eight was ambushed inside their home by six heavily armed men.

According to witness accounts, three of the six men were armed with AK 47 assault rifles. After gaining access to the home, one of the assailants fired a round of ammunition hitting and cracking the floor tiles in an attempt to discourage any acts of courage from their newfound hostages. It was clear they meant business.

After two long hours of torture and mental torment, the robbers made away with three laptops, assorted electronic goods of unknown value and transferred a total of KSh12,000 from the hostages' mobile phones before making away with the devices.



On exit, one of the six robbers picked up the spent cartridge putting it in the pockets of his military fatigue before disappearing into the darkness they once emerged. Luckily, no one was harmed during the horrific ordeal.

A team of sleuths drawn from the DCI is actively investigating the incident. Confident that their investigations will yield results, the police assured the family and public that they are making good progress and justice will soon be served.

Elsewhere in Rongai, a man is thanking his lucky stars after timely police intervention followed by a dramatic car chase saw the man rescued from would-be carjackers. Prior to police intervention, the attackers had already managed to rob their victim of a whopping 77,000 shillings. The police are still looking into the matter.

Could the two incidents be the actions of the same gang? Your guess is as good as mine. As the police ask for more time to do their investigations, residents of Rongai and neighboring estates continue to live in fear.

Behind the flashy nganyas and rising estates, crime lurks in the shadows threatening to rear its ugly head and disrupt the peace Rongai has enjoyed for so long

# Narok and Kajiado leaders open new girls' dormitory at Mara Silalei Academy

By our reporter

Leaders from Narok and Kajiado counties officially commissioned a new girls' dormitory at Mara Silalei Academy in Siana Ward, Narok West Sub-County, marking a significant investment in education for pastoralist communities in the region. The event also featured the groundbreaking of a modern dining hall aimed at improving student nutrition and learning conditions.

The ceremony brought together Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku and Narok Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu, who joined the school's founders, Eng. Johnson Ole Nchoe and Pastor Eleanor Nchoe, to celebrate the milestone. The development underscores the leaders' commitment to expanding access to quality education in marginalized areas.

Governor Joseph Ole Lenku hailed the new dormitory as a strategic step toward empowering Maasai girls and children across the counties

counties.
"Education remains the surest path to empowering our commu-

nities, and today, we witnessed that commitment in action," he said. Governor Ntutu emphasized the complementary role of private schools in bridging gaps within the education sector.

"Private institutions like Mara Silalei Academy are critical in easing the burden on public schools and ensuring more children access quality education in a conducive environment," he stated.

The new dormitory will provide a safe boarding facility for girls, which is expected to improve retention rates and academic performance. The planned dining hall will further support student learning by catering to their nutritional needs.

Other dignitaries present included EALA MP David Ole Sankok, Area MCA Moses Sikona, Nominated MCA Henry Siololo, and Narok CECM for Health Anthony Namunkuk, all of whom praised the school for its continued development and positive impact on the community

Eng. Johnson Ole Nchoe, in his remarks, expressed gratitude to the county leadership and reiterated his commitment to expanding Mara Silalei Academy's facilities and academic programmes.

"This is just the beginning. We believe in providing holistic education and shaping future leaders rooted in excellence," he said.

The event highlighted how strategic partnerships between government leaders and private institutions can drive education progress, particularly in marginalized and pastoralist regions.

### Kajiado North NG-CDF funds two new classrooms at Nkaimurunya Secondary

### **By Obegi Malack**

Nkaimurunya Secondary School in Kajiado North Constituency has received two new classrooms funded by the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), the move aims at easing congestion and improving the learning environment for students.

The classrooms were commissioned by Area MP Onesmus Ngogoyo, with Kiambu Senator Karungo Wa Thang'wa serving as the chief guest.

MP Ngogoyo said the new classrooms will provide a comfortable and sustainable space for students, ultimately boosting academic performance.

"These spacious classrooms will ease congestion and create an environment conducive for learning," he said, reaffirming his commitment to improving school infrastructure in the region.

Senator Karungo emphasized the role of CDF and devolution in promoting equitable development across the country.

Nkaimurunya Secondary is among the top-performing day schools in Kajiado County, and its improved facilities have contributed to rising student enrollment.

MP Ngogoyo also issued a cheque to Embulbul Secondary School in Oloolua Ward to construct a fully funded science laboratory, which will allow students to conduct practicals in a modern, comfortable environment

## Kajiado West leaders celebrate Oldorko School's olympic triumph

By Obegi Malack

Kajiado leaders have held celebrations for Oldorko Comprehensive School, whose athletic heroes flew the Kajiado County flag high in the National Olympic Games.

Amos Sinkoi, a Grade 6 student, won double gold in the 100m and 200m race while Joshua Mutunkei, (Grade 5), topped in Javelin

Denis Toyonkei, a grade 9 student at Saikeri Comprehensive took 3rd place in the 400m race.

The three champions represented Kenya at the East African Athletics competitions held in Kakamega County in August.

The leaders were led by County Committee Executive Member for Education, Janet Sereu, MCA Mosiro ward Jonathan Koroine and KNUT Chief Executive Officer Elly Korinko.

Sereu described the students as an inspiration, stating that their journey proves that with support and opportunity, talent can thrive regardless of background or geography

The CECM urged parents to support their children in nurturing



not only academic excellence but also extracurricular and sporting talents, noting that such abilities open doors to greater personal and professional success.

Addressing the teaching fraternity, she encouraged educators to pursue higher education and continuous professional development, emphasizing that empowered teachers are essential to delivering quality education and unlocking student potential.

The CECM further reiterated the Kajiado County Government's commitment in improving the quality of education across all wards, especially in remote areas.

Koroine award skits to Oldorko Comprehensive School.Photo / CM Malack.

cecm Janet Sereu together with Mosiro ward MCA-Jonathan Koroine award sports kits to Oldorko Comprehensive School.Photo / Obegi Malack.





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# Riruta-Ngong railway promises faster, cheaper Nairobi commute



### By Obegi Malack

The Riruta-Ngong commuter railway at Vet Farm in Ngong will soon transport about 10,000 passengers daily, cutting travel time to Nairobi from nearly two hours to just 30 minutes and reducing fare costs by up to 50%.

The Meter Gauge Railway (MGR), branching from Riruta near Lenana School, will serve four stations; Riruta, Karen, Bulbul, and Ngong. Interior Principal Secretary Raymond Omollo said the line will ease traffic congestion along the Ngong-Karen stretch and offer residents an affordable, reliable transport alternative.

Launched in December 2023 by President William Ruto, the project will also boost access to the Kenya Kwanza Affordable Housing Project in Ngong, located at the Vet Farm Station. The railway is expected to spur land value appreciation, attract investment, and stimulate economic growth in the area.

Each train will carry up to 800 passengers, offering a safer, greener, and more cost-effective option compared to public service vehicles. "The railway will be a game changer; it's cheaper, safer, and more environmentally friendly than PSVs," said Ngong resident Jared Okoth.

The Riruta-Ngong line forms part of the 165-km Nairobi Commuter Railway network traversing Nairobi, Kiambu, Machakos, and Kajiado counties, and will complement the Nairobi 2030 commuter rail master plan.

However, residents have raised concerns over the abandoned Standard Gauge Railway station at Oloolua, saying the lack of an access road has rendered it unusable. They are now urging the government to tarmac the road to make the station accessible.

### **By Our Reporter**

Residents of Ongata Rongai, Nkaimurunya, and Olkeri are finally seeing progress on the long-stalled Sh2 billion Gataka–Rimpa road project, more than five years after it was abandoned.

The 64-kilometer road, once a symbol of stalled development, is now showing signs of revival after the contractor, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation Ltd, resumed work on abandoned sections. Construction has restarted from the DO's offices along Gataka Road to Maasai Mall, and from Olekasasi to Rimpa, with tarmacking already ongoing on the Olekasasi–SGR stretch.

The project, awarded in 2018 after the contractor applied in May 2017, has been marked by frequent site abandonments. In early August, the company left the site for several days, prompting the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) to issue a notice on August 15, 2025, warning against removing equipment without consent. KeRRA said such actions breached the contract and risked delaying completion. The contractor later returned following public pressure and the warning.

Principal Secretary for Roads, Joseph Mbugua, who has been updating residents, toured the site and admitted there were financial challenges but assured completion within one and a half years. Accompanied by State Department for Irrigation PS Ephantus Kimotho Kimani, Mbugua said the 2km stretch between Maasai Mall and Nakeel DO's offices would be finished in two months. He added that collaboration between infrastructure and irrigation would help unlock the region's potential.

Despite these assurances, locals remain wary. Kajiado North businessman Christopher Leiyan Roimen said businesses had been disrupted due to poor communication and delays.

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"The contractor has a habit of abandoning work without clear timelines," he said, urging government supervision to avoid further disrup-

# Relief as contractor resumes work on stalled Gataka-Rimpa road project



Gataka road construction.

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Residents have been at the forefront of pushing for the road's completion. Led by Acacia Estate Residents Association chairman Robert Momanyi, they have petitioned authorities, staged protests, and even deployed security to protect ongoing works. "We will not leave anything to chance," Momanyi said.

The road has also brought grief. Two children were reported dead after being hit by motorists along the unfinished stretch. Momanyi has urged drivers through social media to exercise caution as residents wait for the installation of speed bumps.

The contractor previously completed sections from Embulbul through Gataka town to Ongata Rongai's Chap Chap area in 2020, as well as the road connecting Olkeri. How-



PS for Roads Joseph Mbugua and his counterpart, the PS for Irrigation, CPA Kimotho Kimani inspection construction of Olekasasi Rimpa road..

ever, funding delays saw the firm abandon the 4km stretch from the DO's offices to Maasai Mall junction and the Olekasasi-Rimpa section, leaving businesses shuttered due to impassable roads.

Residents remain hopeful that once completed, the road will improve business access, ease traffic on Magadi Road, and allow motorists from Kiserian to reach Bomas of Kenya without passing through Ongata Rongai town.

Meanwhile, the national government, through a notice by the Kenya Roads Board, indicated that it had released the Roads Maintenance Fund. Kajiado County was among the counties that received a lion's share of the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) allocation, getting Ksh106,350,427 for county road maintenance in the 2024/25 financial year.

The project stalled for over 5 years after the contract was awarded in 2018. Tarmacking has already started on the Olekasasi to SGR strech

### osea 4:6; My people perish for lack of knowledge. This is a Holy Christian Bible verse I want to use to explain a few things in a discourse on Kenvans' appetite for investment opportunities and why many times they end up with wrong deals or get defrauded. This applies to both those living and working here in the country and in diaspora.

From the Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 edition of a local daily, echoed widely across media, the verse captures why year after year, Kenyans fall prey to land and property scams. Fraudsters and con artists are a big problem not only in Kenya but globally. Every week the media reports all manner of fraud, both in public and private entities. Even banks have fallen victim, showing fraud is not confined to property deals alone.

It is very unfortunate this did happen and the law must take its course, though our justice system is a bit unpredictable based on solid findings by reputable organisations, civil society and various individuals including researchers who include yours truly. Therefore, depending solely on our Justice system though the victims should, may not necessarily vield all the desired results for the obvious reasons that we are a very corrupt nation. But I would never advocate the use of extra judicial mechanisms or violent means and therefore the Judiciary remains the right place to seek justice. It's also time for Kenvans to enwisen. I have seen such fraudulent land and property deals reported in our

## Kenyans' appetite for land and property investment fuels a culture of scams

local media over and over for many years. Do we ever learn? Unfortunately, Kenyans rarely learn from past scams.

It is very unfortunate this did happen and the law must take its course, though the justice system is unreliable due to corruption, it remains the only path. Unfortunately, Kenyans rarely learn from past scams, just as they repeat political mistakes

Fraud also thrives in gambling, pyramid systems, and Ponzi scams. Kenvans must rethink investment appetites beyond the traditional 'plot maguta maguta' (juicy plots of land for sale). While land and property can be solid ventures, diversification is crucial. Financial assets offer opportunities, vet knowledge gaps persist, even among professionals. Many lack the skills to pick stocks, evaluate sectors, or invest globally.

For example, the US stock market has long been a top performer due to stable institutions and a vibrant economy. Yet not all companies succeed, failures like Enron remind us of risks. Still, tools like Index Funds and ETFs help mitigate them. Kenya too has diverse



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instruments: stocks, interest-bearing assets. REITs, commodities, derivatives, and new multi-asset platforms. However, fear and ignorance create space for fraud.

Still on the same discourse, Emerging markets like India, China, Nigeria, and Brazil carry higher risks but also potential to create global billionaires.

I would never, obviously and as aforementioned, forget our dear Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) of Kenya. It has provided opportunities in the past and will keep providing them now and in the future. I have been there, I'm there, and as long as I live, I will trade at NSE, shows my confidence in it and in Kenya. But as aforesaid, having sufficient and right knowledge is key.

Special funds are also emerging in Kenya, investing locally and globally across asset classes. With strong government oversight and prudent management, they present opportunities despite higher risks compared to money markets. Used within a balanced portfolio alongside safer options like Treasury bonds, they make sense.

The real challenge lies in Kenyans' sentimental pull toward land and property. Whether abroad, or at home, many trust relatives, friends, or property firms with money, only to fall into scams. Personally, I was

recently approached by brokers seeking "prime properties." Upon investigation, I discovered it was a scam targeting offshore clients. I quickly walked away. Such loopholes ensure fraudsters keep thriv-

That said, land and property remain valuable. I still scout for opportunities for myself, relatives, and investors. But one maxim holds true: diversification is the best hedge. Financial assets, if properly understood, can complement traditional real estate investments.

Fraud, however, will not disappear. Land scams, pyramid schemes, and gambling cons will continue making headlines. Business in Kenya, and anywhere, always faces the lurking threat of sabotage. Even as scams are exposed, others are happening elsewhere in real time.

Part of the cure lies in continuous public education. It cannot solve everything, but it is a vital medicine. Only through awareness, knowledge, and diversification will Kenyans reduce the risks of falling victim to fraudsters.

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## Natural, chic, and timeless: The rise of Earthy Girl Fashion

**By Mercy Kokwon** 

here's a new wave of style sweeping through fashion, and it's not about flashy logos or fast-changing trends. It's quiet, grounded, and deeply connected to nature. Earthy Girl Fashion is more than an aesthetic, it's a statement about living

simply, sustainably, and beautifully.

This style is built on a love for natural fabrics, muted tones, and easy silhouettes that celebrate comfort without sacrificing elegance. Think breathable cotton, soft linen, or knitted textures in shades that echo the outdoors, warm browns, leafy greens, clay reds, sandy beiges, and sun-kissed yellows. These earth-toned colors feel timeless because they're drawn straight from the world around us, reminding us of sunsets, soil, forests, and autumn leaves.

But being an earthy girl isn't just about wearing brown and beige. It's about creating a wardrobe that feels authentic, expressive, and kind to the planet. Tube tops and tank tops become versatile layering pieces; halter tops, especially in cotton or linen, add a touch of sophistication. Funky long-sleeved tops bring personality through texture or subtle patterns, while flowy skirts and wide-leg trousers invite comfort and

movement. The beauty of this aesthetic is how effortless it feels, clothes you can live in, not just pose in.

Accessories play a starring role in tying it all together. A headscarf in muted tones can transform a simple outfit into something elegant. Bangles, hair beads, and waist beads aren't just adornments; they carry cultural depth and add rhythm to the look. Woven bags, handcrafted jewelry, or even thrifted vintage finds make every outfit feel unique and personal. It's a style that thrives on detail, but never on excess.

Beyond the outfits, earthy girl fashion is rooted in a lifestyle of conscious choices. It's about shopping second-hand instead of chasing massproduced trends, supporting ecofriendly brands, and embracing Do It Yourself (DIY) elements that add a personal touch. In this way, the look becomes both sustainable and soulful, a rebellion against the disposable nature of fast fashion.

What's especially fascinating is how this movement has grown across cultures. The Earthy Black Girl aesthetic, for instance, has taken root on TikTok since 2023. Unlike bohemian or hippie styles, which often blur into cultural appropriation, this aesthetic deliberately reconnects Africans, African-Americans and the wider diaspora with West African

femininity, and tradition. fashion as reclamation, an act of honoring cultural roots creating while a style that feels modern and unapologetically authentic.

The earthy girl aesthetic, in all its variations, is ultimately a celebration of natural beauty and self-expression. It whispers instead of shouts, but it leaves a lasting impression. It says you don't need to chase every trend to be stylish: you just need to dress in harmony with yourself and the world around you.

So whether it's a flowy skirt catching the wind on a warm day, a chunky knit sweater keeping you cozy in cooler weather, or beads that sparkle under the sun, every piece tells a story. Earthy girl fashion isn't about blending in, it's about grounding yourself in style that reflects who you are, where you come from, and the planet we all share. And that, perhaps, is fashion at its finest



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### Kajiado unveils roadmap to better nutrition and childcare

### **By Our Correspondent**

Kajiado County has unveiled four major policy documents to strengthen the fight against malnutrition and improve child welfare, marking a new milestone in efforts to make the county food-secure.

The documents; the Kajiado County Food and Nutrition Policy, the Kajiado County Child Care Policy, the Kajiado County Nutrition Action Plan, and the Kajiado County Child Care Facilities Act (2024), were launched in collaboration with partners including Nutrition Interna-

foundation for children was central to his administration's vision of a transformed and sustainable Kajiado.

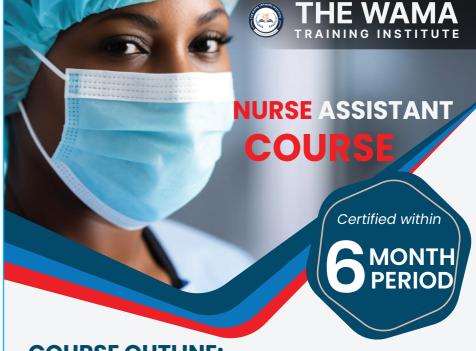
The governor noted that the documents were developed through the Multisectoral Platform for Nutrition, which brings together the county departments of agriculture, water, social services, and health. He outlined four priority areas under his leadership, mitigating climate change, developing livable towns, promoting modulated pastoralism, and supporting education, saying these would directly address food security chalproviding meals due to reduced education funding, pledging that his administration will allocate additional resources to keep learners in school by supplementing national and donor

County Executive Committee Member for Health, Alex Kilowua, said the launch of the policies would create a coordinated, multisectoral mechanism for tackling nutrition issues across the county. He stressed that nutrition is a key health indicator not only for children under five but also for pregnant and lactating wom-

Kilowua added that the new policies would ensure sustainability, since they commit the county to financing nutrition programmes in its annual budget, reducing reliance on donors

On her part, County Nutrition Coordinator Ruth Nasinkoi high-lighted the wide-ranging benefits of proper nutrition, including better infant, child, and maternal health. stronger immune systems, safer pregnancy and childbirth, and lower risks of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and heart conditions.

She further noted that good nutrition boosts productivity, enhances school performance through higher IQ levels, strengthens immunity, and supports overall child growth and development. Nasinkoi urged families to seek nutritional information from health facilities, stressing that a person's growth and wellbeing depend heavily on the quality of food they



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Kajiado County Governor Joseph Ole Lenku during the

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### Relief for mothers as Esarunoto gets new dispensary

### **By Our Reporter**

Expectant mothers in Esarunoto village, Kajiado East constituency, will no longer be forced to give birth on the roadside after the county government commissioned a new dispensary, bringing essential maternal and child healthcare services closer to the community.

Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho said the facility will serve residents of Esarunoto, Mbuko, and Munchu, noting that it marks a major milestone in reducing maternal and infant deaths linked to lack of nearby maternity services. He lauded community health promoters for their role in ensuring families access essential services at the grassroots

Moshisho urged locals to register with the Social Health Authority (SHA) to benefit from affordable care, while County Executive for Health Alex Kilowua assured residents that the county is committed to staffing

facilities and ensuring consistent supply of drugs.

Kilowua welcomed President William Ruto's recent allocation of Sh10 billion to KEM-SA, saying it would guarantee timely supply of medicines to counties. He added that other dispensaries in Ilmukutani, Emali, and Masimba are set for completion soon to further improve healthcare access.

Poka-Kenyawa MCA Benard Moloma called on residents to fully utilize the new facility, pledging to push for the completion of other dispensaries so that every location in the ward has access to primary healthcare.

Residents hailed the new dispensary as a lifesaver. "Some mothers have delivered on the road because the nearest hospital was too far. With this facility, maternal deaths will reduce significantly," said Irene Leshinka, a villager. Others noted that they would no longer risk encounters with wildlife while seeking medical care.

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# Kajiado North towns record decline in property growth





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### By Obegi Malack

Property prices in Nairobi's satellite towns have recorded their slowest growth in two years, with Kiserian, Ngong, and Ongata Rongai leading the slump in the second quarter of 2025, a new report by HassConsult shows.

The slowdown comes as tougher economic conditions, rising construction costs, and waning demand dampen expansion in areas that once attracted private home developers.

According to the Hass Land price indices, Kiserian posted a 2.8 percent price gain in quarter two, down from 5 percent in quarter one. Other towns including Kitengela,

Juja, and Thika also showed weaker growth, reversing the strong performance seen over the past six quarters.

In a major shift, Nairobi's suburbs outpaced satellite towns in land price growth for the first time in five years. Prices in suburbs rose by 1.6 percent compared to 1.25 percent in the satellite towns. Spring Valley (2.3 percent) and Parklands (2.2 percent) were the top-performing suburbs, reflecting the consistency of city estates. Strong demand for standalone house units in low-density areas is also supporting land prices, complementing Nairobi's vibrant apartment development hotspots.

HassConsult Co-CEO and Creative Director Sakina Hassanali said the middle and upper-middle classes, who once drove demand in satellite towns, are now squeezed by inflation and taxes.

"Developers are also keeping an eye on potential oversupply of apartments in these satellite areas, which has started to manifest in stagnant rental prices and falling sales prices for units in majority of the towns," she noted.

Annual price growth in the satellite towns had reached a seven-year high of 12.5 percent last year, but the cooling is now being felt.

Ongata Rongai property dealer Bony Njagua added that the rising cost of building materials has further stalled new developments, slowing investor activity.

# Lenku flags off Sh53M medical supplies for 110 facilities



Governor
Ole Lenku
during the
launch of
Saina Health
Centre in
Dallallekutok Ward.

### **By Our Reporter**

Governor Joseph Ole Lenku has flagged off Sh53 million worth of medical supplies to sub-county health centres as Kajiado marked a major milestone with the launch of Saina Health Centre in Dallallekutok Ward, raising the county's total functional health facilities to 110.

The new facility is part of Lenku's push to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare across all sub-counties, ensuring residents benefit from both improved infrastructure and adequately stocked hospitals.

Speaking during the launch, Governor Lenku said the project falls under his administration's vision to make Kajiado towns more livable through investments

in healthcare, water, and road infrastructure. "We are glad to bring this facility right within the community as we had intended, ensuring that no resident is left behind when it comes to healthcare," he said.

Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho applauded the initiative, noting that the administration has consistently invested in critical infrastructure across health, water, and roads to uplift communities.

County Health CEC Alex Kilowua said the new facility will decongest Kajiado Referral Hospital by handling most outpatient cases, thereby allowing the referral hospital to focus on inpatients and specialized care. "This modern health centre at the heart of Kajiado town will transform healthcare delivery and improve service quality," he said.

Local residents welcomed the facility, with community health promoter Susan Nashipae urging citizens to utilize and safeguard it. "This health centre is for us and our needs. Let's protect it," she said.

In 2017, Kajiado had only 90 functional health centres. Today, the county boasts 110 modern, well-equipped facilities, each sub-county benefitting from improved healthcare infrastructure that promises to bring services closer to the people.

## Kajiado plants 3,000 trees in reforestation campaign

**By Our Reporter** 

Kajiado County, where tree cover remains at just 10.94 percent against the national target of 30 percent by 2032, intensified its reforestation efforts with the planting of more than 3,000 indigenous trees at Nakeel Secondary School in Rongai. The initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage through the State Department for Wildlife, brought together students, teachers, Kenya Forest Service officials, and local conservationists in a bid to restore degraded land and fight climate change.

Led by Dr. John Chumo, the State Department for Wildlife's conservation secretary, the exercise focused on species such as crotons and acacias, chosen for their resilience in Kajiado's arid conditions. Chumo said tree planting is a crucial response to the devastating effects of climate change that have hit the county hard, including prolonged droughts, erratic rainfall, soil degradation, and the deaths of elephants and antelopes in Amboseli National Park.

"Kajiado faces immense pressure from drought, human-wildlife conflict, and population growth, all of which make tree growing a vital step in building resilience for both people and wildlife," Chumo said.

The exercise is part of the government's larger commitment to plant at least 15 billion trees in the next decade under a campaign launched by President William Ruto in 2023. The goal is to achieve 30 percent national tree cover, restore landscapes, safeguard water sources, and support livelihoods dependent on healthy ecosystems.

Beyond climate mitigation, officials stressed the local benefits of tree planting in Kajiado: improved soil fertility for pastoral lands, groundwater recharge for water-scarce areas, and shelter for treasured wildlife species that sustain the tourism economy.

"We are not just planting trees but safeguarding livelihoods. By restoring Kajiado's fragile environment, we secure grazing grounds for pastoralists and protect wildlife habitats vital for tourism," Dr. Chumo told participants.

Students were at the forefront of the exercise, an intentional move to nurture environmental stewardship among young people. Gabriel Ngale of the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya urged schools to form and strengthen wildlife clubs, saying young people are powerful influencers who can drive communities toward conservation.

"Kajiado's challenges are unique, but with education and commitment, students can inspire society to embrace sustainability. Protecting forests, water, and wildlife ensures we safeguard our future," Ngale said.

The county government, together with conservation partners, is expected to scale up similar exercises in schools, homes, and institutions across Kajiado as it works toward increasing its tree cover and restoring degraded land.

### The Smart Exit: A roadmap to enjoying retirement

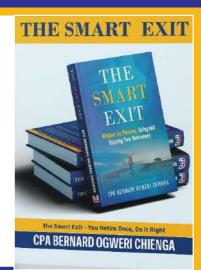
Retirement is often thought about only when it is near, however, preparing early is the surest path to a fulfilling life after work.

The Smart Exit, a 260-page book by a Kiserian-based author, CPA Bernard Ogweri, offers practical and timeless insights drawn from faith, personal experience, and everyday realities. It challenges readers to reflect on how they can approach retirement with dignity, purpose, and peace of mind.

What makes the book stand out is its relevance to all stages of life. It speaks not only to those nearing retirement but also to young professionals at the beginning of their careers, reminding them that wise planning cannot wait until the last day at work.

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You retire once, do it right!



For inquiries or to get a copy, the author, based in Kiserian town, Kajiado County, can be reached on 0722 471 145.

# Government boosts drought-hit families with 515 goats



#### **By Our Correspondent**

Vulnerable pastoralist families in Kajiado North have received 515 goats from the government in a restocking initiative aimed at restoring livelihoods after years of prolonged drought. The distribution targeted the most affected households across Ngong, Olkeri, Ongata Rongai, Nkaimurunya, and

Oloolua wards.

The exercise, led by Kajiado North Deputy County Commissioner Metrine Wafula, forms part of a broader national programme by the Ministry of Livestock to support farmers who lost livestock over the last three years.

Speaking during the exercise, Peter Mung'ayo from the Ministry of Livestock said the government is restocking farmers who lost livestock during the past three years of drought.

"The government has stepped in to help restore livelihoods by providing small stock, including sheep and goats. This support will help families regain their economic footing," he said.

Senior Chief of Oloolua Ward, Moses Mpesha, said local chiefs identified the beneficiaries, ensuring the most vulnerable households were prioritized, with five households selected per location. "As leaders, we are pleased to witness this important government initiative that will uplift drought-affected communities," he said.

Farmers who received the goats expressed gratitude and optimism. Mary Leima from Oloolua Ward said, "I lost nearly all my goats during the drought. Receiving these goats will help my family rebuild our herd and livelihood."

The programme, which also targets 16 other counties across the country, is part of ongoing government efforts to empower citizens at the grassroots level and strengthen resilience among pastoralist communities. Sub-County Administrator Samuel Muchiri, alongside several chiefs and assistant chiefs, joined the exercise to oversee the distribution.



The Kajiado County Assembly Committee on Agriculture in Kiserian slaughterhouse.

## Kajiado Agriculture Committee launches inspection of livestock markets

### By Obegi Malack

The Kajiado County Assembly Committee on Agriculture has kicked off an oversight tour of livestock sale yards and slaughterhouses in the county.

The committee led by Chairperson Joseph Mutunkei, MCA Ildamat Ward, has inspected Kiserian Livestock Market and Slaughter Yard in Kajiado West.

The visit focuses on sanitation, infrastructure, revenue collection, animal welfare, and regulatory compliance. While noting progress, they also highlighted existing challenges, stressing the need for high standards to safeguard public health and strengthen the livestock sector.

The committee also visited Ilbissil and Mashuuru Livestock Sale Yards

to assess management, infrastructure, and compliance.

Ilbissil Sale Yard was found to be well-managed, although concerns were raised about sick livestock from Tanzania.

The yard's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, including student scholarships, were commended by the committee.

In contrast, the Mashuuru Sale Yard lacks clear land demarcation, making it prone to encroachment, and has water shortages.

The Committee recommended urgent land demarcation, provision of water, and establishment of a formal management committee.

For both yards, the Committee emphasized the need for permanent business stalls to improve hygiene and modernize livestock trading.

## Shortage of teachers faulted for poor performance in Kajiado schools

### By Obegi Malack

A shortage of teachers in Kajiado County has disrupted learning and contributed to poor performance in national examinations according to the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT). The crisis has sparked student strikes, parental protests, and administrative upheavals in several schools across the county.

Kajiado KNUT Secretary, Elly Korinko, said the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has failed to address the staffing gaps that continue to plague local schools. He cited Namelok Girls Secondary, where students went on strike yesterday to protest both the shortage of teachers and poor diet at the school.

Korinko also highlighted incidents at Sajiloni Secondary School, where students staged a walkout earlier this week over teacher shortages. At Erankau Secondary School, learning was disrupted on

Monday when parents stormed the school to protest poor administration and the lack of qualified subject teachers, which they say has led to declining exam results.

"Parents had to take action and eject the Principal because TSC is sleeping on the job," Korinko said, referring to one of the affected schools. He noted that despite repeated requests from Boards of Management and local leaders for administrative interventions, the teachers' employer is yet to respond.

The shortage of teachers is not unique to Kajiado, Korinko added, saying that many schools across the country continue to face similar challenges.



### **ENTERTAINMENT**

#### **By Mercy Kokwon**

alk into any university in Kenya today and ask students to name their role models. Chances are, you will hear names like Azziad, Vera Sidika, Kenyan Prince, or Thee Pluto long before you hear Prof. PLO Lumumba, Wangari Maathai, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, or Chief Justice Martha Koome. In lecture halls, professors struggle to command attention while students scroll TikTok, earbuds plugged in, catching up with the latest dance challenge that trends in seconds.

The sobering truth is this, we are raising a generation that worships influencers more than intellectuals.

Influencers have undeniably captured the hearts of young people. They are relatable, entertaining, and make fame look easy. A viral video, a scandalous story, a flashy lifestyle, suddenly someone is a celebrity.

But many influencers thrive not on courtesy, dignity, or achievement, but on controversy. Scandals are narrated unfiltered on TikTok and Instagram stories, and brands rush to advertise their products and services with them regardless of how damaging the content may be. To impressionable students struggling with rent, tuition fees, and the uncertainty of unemployment, this lifestyle looks not only attractive, but achievable.

The problem is not that influencers exist, it is that they are replacing intellectuals as the models of success.

In the past, university students idolized thinkers. Professors were mentors, philosophers were guides, and authors

# The worship of influencers over intellectuals is creating a role model crisis



fame is fickle. Influencers rise and fall overnight. Take the case of Mungai Eve, once one of Kenya's most influential online personalities. Today, her brand is said to be crumbling after parting ways with her former partner, raising questions about the sustainability of fame built on personality rather than substance.

Then there is the tragic story of the late Brian Chira, a Kabarak University alumnus. He rose to fame after being an eye witness to a road accident and later appealing to TikTokers for financial help to return to school, but controversy soon followed. His life spiraled amid online feuds and defamation claims, and he later died in a road accident. His story is a chilling reminder of how fleeting influencer fame can be, and how young people idolizing such figures risk inheriting a path of instability and tragedy.

Influencers often showcase material success, cars, clothes, trips, without revealing the grit, sacrifice, or discipline behind real achievement. Students begin to believe that followers equal impact, and fame equals greatness. The result? A campus culture obsessed with shortcuts, brand deals, and online validation, instead of critical thinking, research, and innovation

And yet, it is intellectuals who build nations. No country ever rose on trending hashtags alone.

If Kenya's brightest minds contin-

ue to be more inspired by TikTok dances than textbooks, the future is at stake. We risk producing graduates who are entertainers in the digital space but powerless in real life, citizens who can chase clout but cannot solve Kenya's pressing problems.

A generation that worships influencers over intellectuals will inherit a society that is noisy but empty, flashy but fragile.

Influencers are not the enemy. In fact, some use their platforms to inspire, educate, and advocate for change. The danger is when influence replaces intellect, when fame overshadows wisdom. Students must learn to admire both, but never confuse them.

Follow your favorite TikToker, yes, but also read Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o. Like your Instagram model's picture, yes, but also listen to Wangari Maathai's speeches. Let your playlist include both trending sounds and educative podcasts.

The future of Kenya depends on a generation that celebrates thinkers as much as entertainers. Fame fades, but ideas last forever. If students can balance the energy of influencers with the wisdom of intellectuals, then creativity and critical thought can shape tomorrow. But if the worship of influencers continues unchecked, we risk raising a generation of followers, not leaders.

### **BEAUTY & FASHION**

## Men troop to spas in beauty frenzy

### **By Mercy Kokwon**

or decades, the barbershop was one of the most predictable spaces in a man's life. You walked in, sat down, got a haircut or a shave, caught up on football gossip, and walked out in under thirty minutes. It was quick, functional, and as straightforward as could be.

But something is changing in the grooming world, and it's not just the hairstyles. Today's barbershops, better known as men's spas, have transformed into destinations of luxury and relaxation. Forget the squeaky chairs, buzzing clippers, and endless football arguments. Step into a modern men's spa and you're more likely to be greeted by scented candles, soothing music, and a stylist offering a hot towel, a facial scrub, or even a shoulder massage.

What used to be a simple grooming errand has become a full-blown indulgence. And men, it seems, can't get enough.

The biggest shift in men's spas is that shaving is no longer just about getting rid of stubble. It's a ritual. The hot towels, the foamy lathers, the gentle handwork, and the finishing touch of aftershave oils all combine to create a spa-like experience. In some establishments, female attendants, better known as 'sham-



ment is everything

What students fail to see is that

poo girls', step in with head, neck, or shoulder massages, with a soft gentle touch, stretching what was once a 15-minute service into an hour or more

of pampering.

The result? Men are returning to spas more frequently, sometimes once a week, even when there isn't much hair to shave. The beard may be barely grown, but the pull of relaxation is irresistible.

but fragile.

The modern man has discovered what women have known for centuries: beauty treatments are addictive not just for how they make you look, but how they make you feel.

The rise of men's spas isn't simply about vanity. It's about stress relief, confidence, and wellness. Many men today work long hours, and these grooming sessions offer them a rare moment of escape. The atmosphere alone, low lighting, fragrant oils, quiet conversations, is

enough to make them book their next appointment before leaving.

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Apart from the normal shaving, they are now going for facials, manicures, pedicures, and even foot scrubs.

in first impressions. For men, that translates to more than just a clean shave, it's glowing skin, trimmed beards, and a polished look. Spas offer all this in one package, making them a one-stop shop for the modern gentleman.

Of course such rapid growth

Of course, such rapid growth in popularity hasn't come without whispers. The idea of ladies massaging men during grooming sessions has sparked debates in some circles. Is it purely self-care, or are these spas crossing the line into indulgence that borders on entertainment?

On social media, the jokes fly thick and fast. Memes circulate about men "shaving air" just to justify another visit. Girlfriends and wives sometimes tease their partners about these frequent trips, questioning whether it's really the beard that needs trimming or the shoulders that need rubbing.

Yet, for the most part, the trend

Yet, for the most part, the trend is embraced as harmless. Just as women have always had their hair and nail salons as spaces for rejuvenation, men's spas are carving out a similar niche. If anything, the controversy only fuels the curiosity and makes the spa experience more desirable.

What started as a few luxury spots in major towns has grown into a thriving industry. Men's spas are popping up everywhere, from highend malls to neighborhood corners, each offering slightly different experiences but all built around the same idea: grooming with a touch of comfort.

Packages now extend beyond shaving. Some spas offer facials, manicures, pedicures, and even foot scrubs designed especially for men. Interiors are styled like lounges, with leather seats, flat screens, and refreshments. A quick shave has become a session worth lingering in.

Industry experts say this growth mirrors global trends. Around the world, men's grooming is one of the fastest-expanding segments of the beauty industry, and Kenya is catching up fast. Spas are not only normalizing self-care for men but also making it aspirational. It also underscores how beauty and fashion have expanded beyond clothing and haircuts.

And perhaps that's why the controversy doesn't stick. The truth is, men have simply discovered the joy of being pampered, and once you've had a taste, it's hard to go back.

So the next time you spot a man walking out of a spa looking fresher than ever, don't assume it was just about the shave. Chances are, he's enjoyed an hour of quiet indulgence, a moment of care, and a boost of confidence. And he'll be back.

The rise of Earthy Girl

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# Influencers causing role model crisis among youth

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### By Obegi Malack

Police in Kajiado North have made significant progress in addressing rising insecurity in the region after arresting several suspects believed to be members of an armed criminal gang that has been terrorizing residents in Ongata Rongai, Kiserian. and Ngong'.

The operation began early this month where the police apprehended a suspect at a residential property in Kiserian Township. The raid on the premises led to the recovery of an AK-47 rifle loaded with ammunition, a walkie-talkie, multiple mobile phones, a tear gas canister, and various house-breaking tools.

According to police sources, part of the gang was arrested following a shootout in the Rimpa area of Rongai Division, where an AK-47 rifle was also recovered. There have been multiple reports of robbery and insecurity in the area.

Kajiado County Commander Alex Shikondi has confirmed the arrest of a gang that has been terrorizing local residents

He noted that the suspects should now serve as an example, encouraging the community to support efforts to enhance security in the region.

The officer assured the public that security patrols will be intensified to curb criminal activities in the area.

"This is the same gang that has been attacking residents, stealing from them, and even transferring money from their accounts," he said.

The insecurity incidents happen even after Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and National Administration Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen held Jukwaa la Usalama, Kajiado County Chapter forums in Kajiado town.

The forums are engagement meetings to take in the input of people from the bottom and use it to shape the management of our security sector.

In Kiserian, two women who were traders in the town were murdered within a span of one week.

In one case, a woman identified as 47-year-old Naomi Wambui was found

# Insecurity rises as police arrest suspects in Kajiado North



CS Interior Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen during Jukwaa la Usalama Kajiado Chapter on August 1, 2025

murdered in her house. Her body was discovered in the sitting room, partially burnt. According to the family, the deceased may have been killed and then set on fire. Neighbors who noticed the fire at her residence along University Way, off Kiserian–Isinya Road, rushed to put it out and discovered the body.

Naomi Wambui was a shoe seller in Kiserian and leaves behind a 21-year-old son

In a separate incident, another woman was murdered in Ngano Estate, Kiserian, on September 8th. She was identified as Divinah Okari, a mother of four.

A postmortem conducted at Ngong Funeral Home revealed that she was killed in her house. Preliminary investigations also indicated that she was raped before being murdered, and her body had been in the house for two days before it was discovered.

Stephen Moshi, the Chief of Olkeri

Location, recently issued a public alert about a gang of 5 to 7 men reportedly ambushing unsuspecting motorists at their gates, especially in Kiserian and Ong'ata Rongai.

"Residents are advised to remain extremely vigilant. Several robberies have occurred in Kiserian and Rongai, where gangs wait for residents as they enter their homes, then proceed to kidnap and rob them inside their houses," Chief Moshi warned.

He urged residents to be especially cautious between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and to alert family members in advance when arriving home.

Incidents of insecurity, including carjackings, have also been reported across the sub-county of Kajiado North. In one recent case on August 20, a car was stolen from an online taxi driver in the Laiser Hill area of Rongai at around 10:00 p.m. The vehicle was later recovered by police, although the suspects escaped. The case gained attention after it was widely shared on social media.

One resident, Karol Tunduli, posted online: "The beautiful Rongai is now a crime scene. A cop told me that over 1,000 cases were reported in a month. A place I once considered safe, Laiser Hill near Reeds Hotel, was the scene of a carjacking at 10 p.m. A man lost his car at gunpoint, just like that."

In another incident, a Ngong resident was violently thrown out of his car by criminals posing as passengers. The criminals had led him to Olkeri where they dropped him out and disappeared with his car .The vehicle was later found abandoned in Rongai.

Motorcycle riders have also been targeted. On August 18, a rider reported being attacked at his home along Kiserian–Ngong Road by robbers armed with crude weapons. His motorbike was stolen during the incident.

In addition to targeting motorists, the gang has been stealing water infrastructure. Numerous residents have reported the theft of water pumps and meters.

Gataka Road section between Gataka and Embulbul has been identified as a criminals hotspot, several incidents of robbery have been recorded in the area, the criminals have been taking advantage of the forest to steal from motorists including pedestrians.

In a separate operation in August, Rongai police conducted a successful raid in Kware Township, Ongata Rongai, arresting six suspects and recovering several stolen items, including water meters, a solar panel, a Wi-Fi router, an INGCO industrial welding machine, a Total-brand water pump, and other valuables.

In another disturbing incident, Pastor Maurice Evelia and members of his congregation were attacked during a community outreach walk in Kware. The group was ambushed at around 7:00 p.m., and the attackers made away with phones and cash.

In Kiserian a gang raided a home in Kahuho village in the area and held a family hostage for hours as they robbed them. Witnesses said one of the six men wore military fatigue and three of them were armed with AK47 rifles.

The gang held eight family members hostage before robbing them of three laptops, transferred Sh12,000 from stolen mobile phones, Sh200,000 in cash and assorted electronic goods.

The suspects fired one round of ammunition which hit and cracked the floor tiles to scare the family. They picked up the used cartridge and left with it.

Resident now want the police to up their game in dealing with insecurity cases, Joseph Kuria said the police have resources to deal with the cases.

"We have CCTVs everywhere which the police should be relying on to arrest the criminals, they should embrace new technology," he said.

He noted that the cosmopolitan towns are recording improved infrastructure and that should be followed by improved security.



Items recovered from robbery suspects.

### **By Our Reporter**

Kajiado North leaders have begun mobilizing youth to spearhead peace and security initiatives ahead of this year's International Peace Day, set for September 21, 2025.

Speaking during a peace and security forum in Ngong, Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) Yusuf Mohamed urged schools, churches, and community-based organizations to involve young people in peace dialogues and intergenerational discussions starting at the family level.

The meeting, co-chaired by Bishop Henry Omae of the Restoration of Life Centre Church, brought together representatives from across the sub-county to plan activities marking the global day. The

### **Kajiado leaders mobilize youth ahead of International Peace Day**



committee formed will coordinate peace caravans, dialogues, sports, skits, and entertainment events, all aimed at fostering unity and social cohesion.

"These forums and activities are designed to ensure peaceful co-existence in Kajiado North, especially after the recent protests that disrupted normalcy in the area" the DCC said.

Kajiado North, which borders Nairobi, was among the regions affected by the recent nationwide demonstrations. Lead-

Kajiado North leaders pose for a group photo after a peace and security meeting at the subcounty headquaters. Photo | Courtesy ers now say engaging the youth is key to preventing further unrest and sustaining peace.

International Peace Day is observed annually to strengthen ideals of peace among nations. The 2025 theme highlights the link between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and peace, stressing that addressing poverty, inequality, climate threats, and injustice creates a stronger foundation for stability worldwide.

In attendance were members of the Sub-County Security and Intelligence Committee, DCC Madam Metrine Wafula, the Sub-County Administrator, Assistant County Commissioners, chiefs, and sector representatives.







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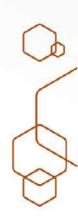
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