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21ST DECEMBER 2017

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A total of 60 local and foreign contractors are competing to put up 8,200 housing units on a 55-acre government land in Mavoko sub-county, Machakos. Read More

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The Standard | Hosea Omole | Thursday 21st December 2017 PARTY ON A BUDGET





In Japan, a company has developed an earthquake proof system whereby a house can raise up to 3cm off its foundations using just air pressure, so that when an earthquake takes hold, the house will levitate until the quake is over?

The Standard | Hosea Omole | Thursday 21st December 2017 CS IN SURPRISE VISIT TO THIKA LAND REGISTRY FOLLOWING PUBLIC OUTCRY

Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi yesterday made a surprise visit to Thika lands registry, catching the employees unawares.

Prof Kaimenyi said his visit to the registry followed numerous complaints of fraud in land registration and transactions, missing records and poor service delivery.

During the visit, some of the senior staff had a difficult time answering questions raised by the CS.

They were unable, for instance, to give the number of records and complaints about land adjudication, settlement and valuation received every month. The CS also criticised the registry for lacking vital documents.

"The land registry must have copies of National and Policy, recent land laws which include the Land Law Amendment Act and Community Land Act," he

He said the Government had embarked on a programme to



Land CS Jacob Kaimenyi at Thika land registry where he made an impromptu visit yesterday. [Kamau Maichuhie, Standard]

digitise all the land registries at a cost of Sh17 billion to improve service delivery and weed out brokers.

He said the digitisation would help fight cartels that have been having a field day inside land registries.

"Once the digitisation of all the systems is complete, cases of brokers and cartels which have been camping that the registries to defraud people will be a thing of the past," said Kaimeyi.

The CS said the ministry would also introduce biometric access control cards for land registry staff countrywide to ensure employees stay at their work stations. [Kamau Maichuhie]

20TH DECEMBER 2017

Daily Nation | David Mwere | Wednesday 20th December 2017 JUBILEE MPS ELECTED UNOPPOSED TO HEAD HOUSE COMMITTEES

The Jubilee party, which has a near-super majority in the National Assembly, has taken charge of various House committee. Read More

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The Ministry of Land has been given 30 more days to regularise more than three million title deeds. Read More

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Kenya Post Office Savings Bank (Postbank) has put on sale its multibillion-shilling developed property in Muthaiga as it seeks to shore up its cash position ahead of planned transformation into a commercial lender. Read More

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The rural exodus, which has seen more and more people moving to urban centres in search of a livelihood, has put great pressure on the available commercial and residential space in urban areas countrywide. Read More

Government builds 2,000 houses for Police and Prisons officers in record six months

Statement by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban

ousing is a human right (Article 43 1 (b) of the Constitution) and a basic human need, third to food and clothing. It has both social and economic benefits. It is one of the principal sectors that can revitalise economic growth in Kenya with shelter being recognised as one of the tools of development.

> In line with this, the National Housing Policy encourages development of social low income housing, and especially for the majority of Kenyans who cannot access housing from the formal market. The policy also encourages employers to house their employees.
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> The Government, as an employer, is implementing

> this policy by housing its employees through various initiatives, such the civil servants housing programme, the state officers programme and the disciplined forces housing programme. Apart from these, the Government has also prioritised social housing under the Big Four Priority Agenda.

> The Government is committed to the delivery of 500,000 housing units by 2022, mostly in our urban and peri-urban areas. This will be in line with Kenva's commitment to the global agenda on Sustainable Development Goals and specifically Goal 11 target 11.1 on "ensuring access for all to

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Mr James W. Macharia, EGH

adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and upgrade slums by 2030". It will also be in line with the New Urban Agenda (NUA), which is a global blueprint providing guidelines for sustainable urbanisation. The NUA will further contribute towards development of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities as well as human settlements.

The focus of Government is affordable low cost houses costing Ksh3 million and below. To achieve these targets, the Government will work together with all stakeholders, including the County Governments, the private sector, the financial sector and cooperatives, among others, to ensure timely delivery of the programme.

Noting the critical role that is played by our disciplined forces of providing security to the Nation and bearing in mind that about 10,000 new officers graduate each year, we have put in more resources and effort to address their housing needs as part of the ne million housing programme

Statement by the Acting Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government

n line with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Vision 2030 and the National Police Service Strategic Plan, the Government has over the last three years undertaken various measures to secure the nation through police reforms and enhancing the capacity of our security units.

First, the Government has on a year by year basis been increasing the number of police officers by 10 percent since 2013 by training 10,000 recruits annually. In line with this increment, the Government is also keen on addressing their housing needs.

The housing requirement for the National Police and Kenya Prisons Services is about 69,000 and 16,000 housing units respectively, totalling to about 85,000 housing units. This has been occasioned by the fact that for a long time, the Government has not been building new houses for the disciplined forces, due to inadequate budgetary allocation. The mof delivery did not also match The mode demand for houses since construction took long periods. It is also known to Kenyans that

in recent times, the intake of police officers has doubled in an endeavour to match accepted ratio of one policeman for every 800 people. This scenario has resulted in congestion and poor housing, which has brought about low morale to our disciplined forces,



Dr. Fred O. Matiang'i, PhD, EGH

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insecurity, lack of privacy and poo service delivery.

To address this concern, my Ministry

is working very closely with the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure Housing and Urban Development to close this big demand-supply gap.

Embracing Modern Technology to deliver decent housing for Police and Prison Services

Statement by Principal Secretary, State Department for Housing & Urban Development

The successful delivery of these houses is an indicator of government commitment to ensure that the officers in the disciplined services are adequately housed as they perform their crucial role of sexual services.

housed as they perform their crucial role of providing security to all Kenyans. The National Police and Kenya Prisons Service housing programme is part of this effort. To this end, we have adopted emerging construction technologies by use of Industrial Building Systems. These are factory made panels that make construction faster and friendlier to the environment. The approach will enable us to provide houses in record time.

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The pilot phase has a total of 1,850 housing units. Phase one of the pilot comprising of 1,050 housing units spread over six sites is complete, and the units have been technically handed over. The balance of 800 units are ongoing and will be completed in February 2018.

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The housing units are spread out in 15 sites, catering for both rural and urban officers. The locations are: AP Training College; CID Training School; Presidential Escort, Ruiru; GSU Recce, Ruiru; Garsen Police Station; Eldoret Airport Police station; Kajiado Police Station; Emali AP Camp; Kamulu Police Station; Garissa Police Station; Migosi Police Station; Bungoma Police Station; Kamiti Maximum Prison; Ruiru G.K. Prison and Shimo La Tewa Prison.

The next phase of this programme will commence in January 2018 with additional 744 units in 12 sites spread

across the country.

The Government is committed to deliver houses through various initiatives to ensure that our security forces are adequately housed.



Prof. Arch. Paul Mwangi Dr. Eng. Karanja Kibicho, CBS Mr. Richard Ekai, CBS Maringa, PhD, CBS Maringa, PhD, CBS PS, Interior and Ag. PS, State Department Co-oordination of National of Public Works





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"Ha, that's very funny, but seriously, what price range did you have in mind?"

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A group of land buying companies, their agents and clients are threatening to sue the Kajiado County government for freezing land transactions in some demarcated zones. Read More

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Murang'a County has lost 710 acres of coffee to the construction industry as well as other agribusiness ventures. Read More

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Kenyan taxpayers are set to pay a firm owned by relatives of industrialist Manu Chandaria Sh19.9 billion as compensation for land that was illegally acquired and sub-divided by Land ministry officials. Read More

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The Kenya Railways Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme has sent out notices of intention to sell prime land in Nairobi after failing to get a buyer who meets its valuation since last year. Read More

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property auctioned. I know of one who killed himself,"
Official at the Education Ministry



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An Education Ministry official said the government owed contractors Sh177 mil-

A: Because the only numbers in them are page numbers.

Mombasa > Double titling, fake titles and grabbing of school playgrounds cited at forum

Lobbies dissatisfied with handling of land issues

Land commission, ministry accused of not doing enough to resolve critical property matters

BY DIANA MUTHEU

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obbies at the Coast have expressed their dissatis-I faction with the way land issues in the region were being handled.

They accused the Lands ministry and the National Land Commission (NLC) of not doing enough to resolve critical issues on resettlement, land adjudication, land grabbing and leasehold renewal terms.

Speaking during a land conference in Mombasa on Saturday,

Pamoja Trust programme officer Ayuo Ketta said a land summit hosted by State House on November 14, 2016, had failed to solve the problems.

"There are major land problems at the Coast. They include the issue of absentee landlords in Mombasa, the ranches the Taita-Taveta County Government has been grappling with and leasehold renewal in Kwale," he said. Mr Ketta added that the Satur-

day forum will energise the lobbies to be bold when presenting the land issues to the respective authorities.

Subject contentious

"We want to restate that the land subject is contentious. It can see the emergence of social movements that prioritise change in the social relations of production," he said.

During the session, the participants also discussed malpractices

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Gabriel Dolan, Haki Yetu executive director

such as double titling, fake title deeds, grabbing of school playgrounds and fraudulent purchase of land by companies

They said the NLC had failed to fully address such issues

Those who attended the conference included activists and representatives of lobbies from Kwale, Taita-Taveta, Lamu, Mombasa, Tana River and Kilifi counties.

The speakers included the Haki Yetu executive director, Father Gabriel Dolan, Muhuri executive Land Alliance chief executive officer Odenda Lumumba and Pamoja Trust executive director Steve Ouma.

Also present were Transparency International's Coast regional coordinator Mary Maneno and a land campaigner, Mr Shamsan

The speakers urged the groups to be firm in the fight against malpractices such as double titling, fake titles, grabbing of school property and fraudulent purchase of land by firms.

"Let's work together as a community to resist oppression. Go for your rights," said Mr Nagib. Fr Dolan, a well-known

land campaigner, assured the groups of his unwavering support to ensure property matters are resolved. "Let us not tire in addressing problems in the land sector. We should push for what is right until we achieve it."

Daily Nation | Sam Kiplagat | Monday 18th December 2017 THIRTY MORE DAYS TO HEED TITLE DEEDS RULE

Thirty more days to heed title deeds rule

Court grants ministry an extension regularise over 3 million 'legally null' title deeds

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he Ministry of Land has been given a further 30 days to com-ply with a High Court order on regularisation of over three million title deeds.

title deeds.
In a judgment last year, High Court
Judge Joseph Onguto found that the
government had erred by excluding the National Land Commission
(NLC) from issuance of land leases

(NLC) from Issuance of land leases and title deeds.

The judge gave the State a period of 12 months to comply with the 2010 Constitution — which requires NLC's involvement in issuance of all land ownership documents.

In the decision Justice Operator

ownership documents.

In the decision, Justice Onguto said all leases, grants and title deeds issued by the government since 2013 were legally null and void for failing to involve NLC, the public and or Parliament.
"Considering the immediate conse

quences, the declaration of invalidity is suspended to enable the Cabinet Secretary to initiate meaningful engagement with the public, and seek to take into account the advice of NLC,"

ruled Justice Onguto.

The judge, however, noted that declaring titles issued since 2013, or those in the process of issuance, null and void would affect land buyers retroactively, causing widespread dis-ruption to the economy. Commercial banks and owners of the three million title deeds issued since 2013 would be

left with worthless papers.
Yesterday, Justice Chacha Mwita said Land CS Jacob Kaimenyi (pic-

tured) had demonstrated to the court compliance with the orders issued on December 19, 2016, and had asked for an extension of the period. The CS, through State counsel Charles Mutinda, said he was taking action to rectify the anomaly and was only

waiting for Parliament's approval.

Mr Mutinda added that the rest of the orders had been complied with. "The CS has, upon advice of the National Land Commission and stakeholders, complied with the judg-ment and promulgated and published in the Kenya Gazette the relevant regulations," he told the judge.

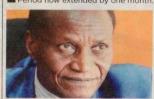
The matter will be mentioned on

January 31.

Highlight

THE CRUX OF THE **COURT'S RULING**

- All leases, grants and title deeds issued since 2013 are legally null and void for failing to involve NLC, the public and or Parliament.
- Ministry given one year to regularise over three million affected titles.
- Period now extended by one month



Uhuru's kin loses battle over property

Appellate judges hold that further litigation by Ngengi Muigai has to stop

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A 25-year-old dispute over the contested sale of a 443-acre land belonging to President Uhuru Kenyatta's cousin Ngengi Muigai has finally been put to rest. The land in Kiambu County

The land in Kiambu County valued at approximately Sh3 billion was auctioned by Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) upon default on loan repayment

default on loan repayment.
Appellate judges Roselyn
Nambuye, Milton Makhandia
and Kathurima M'Inoti on Friday held that further litigation
in the matter has to stop so as
to protect the integrity of the
court process and to also to

protect KCB, which lawfully sold the land, from unending litigation.

Mr Muigai through his Muiri Coffee Estate Ltd had used the land as security for Sh11.5 million that another firm of his Benjoh Amalgamated Ltd needed to secure a loan from KCB. Upon default on the loan, KCB sold the land to Bidii Kenya Ltd for Sh7o million in 2007, after the bank successfully litigated a case in court.

Mr Muigai through his company – Benjoh – filed the first case in 1992. Later, he filed several others, which were litigated up to the Supreme Court, but he lost. Benjoh filed yet another application before the Appellate Court, all in bid to reclaim the land.

Lawyer Philip Nyachoti representing KCB had told the court that the long-drawn dispute involving the suits and counter-suits had been concluded in favour of the bank, and no special circumstances



existed to justify further unnecessary litigation. The Appellate judges on Friday said that "to allow Benjoh to re-litigate, re-agitate and re-canvas any issues, given the plethora of cases already conclusively determined by competent courts over the same subject, would be to throw mud to the issues already determined."

already determined".

The judges said the issues
Benjoh was raising had been
or could have been raised

before the High Court in the previous suits. "The history of this matter

"The history of this matter shows a vexatious litigant who in spite of having lost all the 14 cases and despite the cost involved is still willing to further subject KCB and Bidii to ceaseless litigation. Justice demands that a successful party be allowed to enjoy the fruits of its litigation," read the judgment. They said it was time Benjoh accepted the inevitable.

Mr Ngengi Muigai (second left) with lawyers Chege Kirundi (left), Judy Thogori and Albert Kimunde, at the Court of Appeal, during the hearing of the case.

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17TH DECEMBER 2017

Business Daily | Sunday 17th December 2017

LETTERS: WHAT UHURU MUST DO TO SPUR GROWTH

The four-point plan by Jubilee administration will encounter strong headwinds unless President Uhuru Kenyatta is able to do a few things almost immediately because time is of the essence.

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Twenty years after it purchased a multi-billion-shilling land once owned by First President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta on Kiambu Road, Kenya Re is now close to losing the claim. Read More

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THE EXPENSIVE BAR BRAWL: HOW NYERI MAN LOST VALUED LAND

Before 1982, George Wachira led a fairly enviable life. Mr Wachira, then 35, was married to Nancy Wanjira and they had nine children whom they raised on his six-acre piece of land on which he grew coffee in Kabiruini Village near the Sagana State Lodge in Nyeri County Read More

16TH DECEMBER 2017

Daily Nation | Anita Chepkoech | Saturday 16th December 2017 RULING ALLOWING SIX WOMEN TO INHERIT LAND IGNITES CONTROVERSY

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