

KPDA WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW REPORT AS AT 13TH OCTOBER 2017
Weekly Insights into Current Affairs Affecting the Kenyan Real Estate Market

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS ON CHANGES TO KPDA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

We would like to thank all KPDA members who continue to support the Association by renewing their subscription. Resulting from KPDA becoming VAT registered, we are now mandated to charge VAT on all our income as an Association.

To access the detailed note with the new KPDA Membership rates, please follow the link below:

[..\..\..\Membership Matters\Increase in KPDA Membership Fees 2018\Notice to Members on Changes in KPDA Membership Fees, 13th October 2017.pdf](#)

THE DEVELOPER'S DIGEST, AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2017 ISSUE IS OUT

In this issue of *The Developer's Digest*, we focus on paying tribute to a longstanding friend of KPDA, Arch. Mariamu El Maawy who recently passed away.

To access the full newsletter, please click on the link below:

<http://www.kpda.or.ke/the-developers-digest>

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATING THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF LEASES, OCTOBER 2017

The Cabinet placed a moratorium on processing of extension and renewal of leases on 16th December 2016. This was necessitated by the need to address the irregularities and gaps following concerns raised by various land stakeholders. The moratorium effectively banned the processing of renewal and extension of leases indefinitely. The freeze inevitably affected the economy and created problems in the land sector as a result of the inability to process a number of land transactions, which in turn created a negative economic impact at both micro and macro level.

It was in light of this ban, its effects, and the huge public outcry, that the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning constituted a taskforce to investigate the processing of extension and renewal of leases since 2010.

Attached is the report prepared by the task force and presented to the Cabinet Secretary of Lands and Physical Planning:

[..\..\..\KPDA Committee Matters\Policy and Advocacy Committee\Report of the Task Force Investigating the Renewal and Extension of Leases, October 2017.pdf](#)

THE KPDA END OF YEAR *KOROGA* IS HERE!! PROUDLY SPONSORED BY KONE KENYA LTD

KPDA CORPORATE NETWORKING *KOROGA* EVENT, THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2017 AT THE MINT SHACK RESTAURANT, STARTING AT 6.00PM

If you have not made your booking, do so now!

Do not miss out on this business networking event that shall result in elevated business connections with high profile members of the KPDA membership fraternity.

The KPDA End of Year *Koroga* Event is scheduled for **Thursday, 19th October 2017** at the **Mint Shack Restaurant** starting at 6.00pm. To access the map to the venue, please click on the link below:

[..\..\..\Events - KPDA\Corporate Networking Koroga Matters\End of Year Koroga, Thursday 19th October 2017\Map to Mint Shack Restaurant on Peponi Road.pdf](#)

Charges are:

- Kshs. 2, 820 per person for KPDA Members
- Kshs. 3, 980 per person for Non KPDA Members

We have extended the deadline for receiving payments to Monday, 16th October 2017.

Kindly contact the secretariat on 0705 277 787 or 0737 530 290 for more details.

did you know?



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Property Rights Index

This is a measure of the ability of individuals to accumulate private property within the legal mandate of the state. The index measures the extent to which a country's laws protect private property rights, and the degree to which its government enforces those laws.

Kenya ranks 18th in Africa, with a score of 30 out of 100

Kiambu >

Court bars county from invading land

BY ERIC WAINAINA

A court has stopped Kiambu county government from invading a Sh100 million land belonging to the Kenya Postal Corporation in Kiambu town. Governor Ferdinand Waititu is eyeing the land for expansion of a bus park which is under way in an adjacent plot.

The State corporation moved to court seeking prohibitory orders after Mr Waititu allegedly instructed workers to invade the land, measuring three-quarters of an acre, located next to the Kiambu Post Office, where they demolished houses and cut down trees.

Justice L. Gicheru of the Thika Environment and Land Court issued restraining orders to the Governor Waititu-led administration, its agents or employees from interfering with the property – Kiambu Municipality/block 2/284 – including demolishing of houses and cutting down of trees, pending the determination of the case, whose hearing starts on October 25.

Postmaster-General Dan Kagwe has already written to the governor, asking him to keep off the land because the corporation has already signed a lease for the property with Ms Fave Gasoil (K) Limited, listed as the second plaintiff.

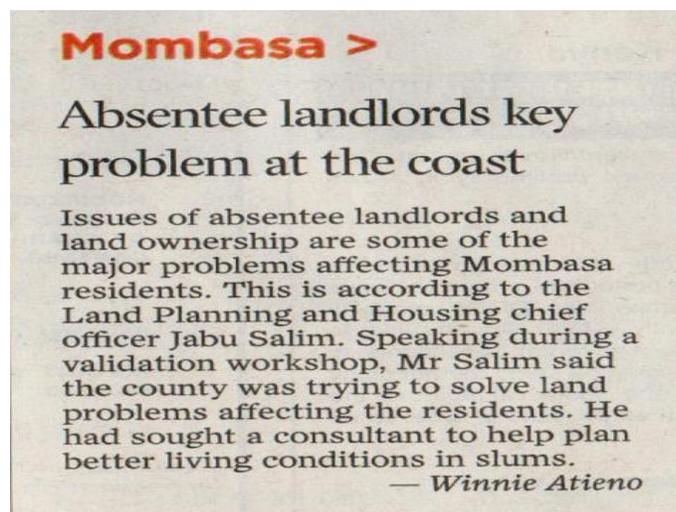
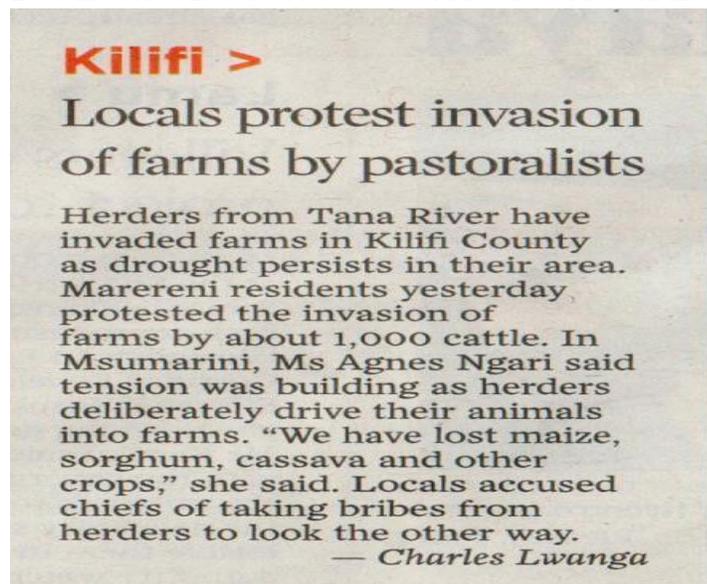
The letter, dated October 3, was copied to Devolution Cabinet Secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri and ICT Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru and the Inspector-General of Police, MR Joseph Boinnet.

Daily Nation | Friday 13th October 2017
PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE **PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)** **CHANGE OF USER**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical Planning Act Cap 286 on development projects; the Proprietor (s) of Plot Title No. Athiriver/Athiriver Block II 6264 situated off chumvi-Machakos Town Road, chumvi area Mavoko Sub-County, is applying for a Change of User from **agricultural user** to **residential user (Bungalow)** subject to approvals by the Mavoko Sub-County. Any Individuals, Institutions, members of the public etc. with substantive material comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this Advertisement to:

**The Town Administrator,
Mavoko Town Sub County,
P.O. Box 11, Athi River.**



Business Daily | Gitonga Marete | Thursday 12th October 2017
DUPLEX HOMES APPEAL TO AFFLUENT RENTERS

Duplex apartments are becoming more appealing to affluent renters in Mombasa compared to the old bungalows built on big plots. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Thursday 12th October 2017
HE MOVED TO WIDOW'S HOME AFTER CHASING WIFE, SELLING HIS LAND

A man in his early 40s is in pain after his genitals were severed by his lover while he was asleep in Kirinyaga. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Eric Abuga | Thursday 12th October 2017
6 KILLED AS ANOTHER BUILDING COLLAPSES

Kisii. Fifteen others admitted in hospital with various injuries

6 killed as another building collapses

In November last year, six people died and 43 others were injured when a house collapsed in Daraja Moja.

By Eric Abuga
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Six people, including a primary school pupil, were killed and 15 others seriously injured when a building under construction in Kisii town collapsed yesterday.

At least 24 people were rescued as frantic efforts to save those trapped in the rubble after the morning incident at Mwembe estate went on.

It was not immediately clear how many people were at the site at the time the four-storey building collapsed.

A man and his wife are among those injured when debris landed on their house, which is adjacent to the collapsed building.

Fidelis Ondoro, a night guard in a nearby hospital, and his wife Edinah are admitted in Kisii Level Five Hospital. The two are in stable condition.

Mr Ondoro said he had just gone to bed when the house

came down.

"We heard a bang and immediately the roof of our house caved in. I don't know what happened thereafter," said Ondoro from the hospital's emergency unit.

Their children escaped as they had already left for school.

Five of the injured are admitted in a private hospital and the rest in the county hospital.

Construction workers

"Search and rescue efforts are ongoing and we thank the locals for the support they have given us so far. The number of people who were in the building at the time of the incident has not been established. We suspect most them were construction workers," said Governor James Ongwae.

"We'll do everything, in collaboration with the national government, to save those still trapped in the rubble.

"This is tragic. No one fore-saw this. We will support the bereaved families and those who lost their property in the incident," said Mr Ongwae.

County Commissioner Godfrey Kigochi said investigations were underway to establish why the building collapsed.

"We will do everything to get to the bottom of the matter," said Mr Kigochi.

The building, which was almost complete, was said to have been built in an area classified as a wetland.

The county hospital's CEO, Enock Ondari, said the injured were in stable condition. One had been referred to another hospital for specialised treatment.

In November last year, six people died and 43 others were injured when a building under construction collapsed in Daraja Moja near Kisii town.

It later emerged the building was among 28 others that had been earmarked for demolition.

Yesterday, County Disaster Management Director Julius Tinega said the rescue operation would continue until all the victims were rescued.



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■ Number of those injured when a building collapsed in Kisii last November

Rescue operations at the site where the four-storey building collapsed in Mwembe estate yesterday. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

The Standard | Fredrick Obura | Thursday 12th October 2017
ENERGY REGULATIONS LAW COMES INTO EFFECT IN NOVEMBER

Kenyans are gearing up for tough energy regulations law next month that will non-compliant individuals a one year jail-term or Sh1 million fine. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Eric Matara | Thursday 12th October 2017
CJ APPOINTS BENCH TO HEAR CASE AGAINST SH38BN ITARE DAM

Chief Justice David Maraga has finally appointed a three-judge bench to hear a case seeking to block the construction of the controversial multibillion-shilling Itare dam in Kuresoi South, Nakuru County. [Read More](#)

This famous coastal town isn't just the place to holiday at but invest in real estate

By Tony Mochama
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As the Mashujaa Weekend approaches, Domain Adventures down in Watamu is offering a package for a three-day train travel to Mombasa, a shuttle to Malindi, a stay at a seaside hotel and party at the beach. For all that, you will pay about Sh13,000 for bed and breakfast - and Sh20,000 full board.

For the last few years, the dominant news from Kenya's Coast has been about terrorism and insecurity, never mind that there has not been a single incident of terrorism, or even tribal animosity, in placid Watamu.

"You are more insecure these days in London or Marseille than you could ever be in Malindi," says Pietro Mas-

48

Number of apartments one investor is selling in Jade area of Watamu.

tella, Jacaranda Group marketing manager in Watamu. Facts bear him out.

There have been 10 major terrorist attacks in 10 different major European cities in the last 15 months alone - across London, Marseilles, Barcelona, Berlin, Manchester, Normandy, Munich, Stockholm, Paris and Nice - leading to the loss of hundreds of lives. Yet tourists still continue flocking to romantic Paris, and even mundane Manchester, as pristine white beaches in beautiful places like Watamu stay empty because of the illusion of a terror attack.

"In 2014 when there was the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, and some guests wanted to cancel their holiday in Watamu for fear of the virus," says Mastella, "I would say, 'The distance between Nairobi and Naples is shorter than that between Nairobi and Freetown.'"

(Indeed, it is. The former is 5,219 kilometres, while the latter is 5,649 kilometres away - a whopping 430 kilometres away, which is about the distance between Nairobi and Mariakani by road).

When the Zika virus struck Rio de Janeiro in Brazil last year, the World Health Organisation did not call for the

Notable projects

- Several villas are coming up in the Jacaranda area of Watamu, apartments inside the grand Garoda Resorts as well as two, three and four-bedroom apartments 300 metres from the famous Papa Remo Beach on Watamu Reef.
- They comprise 48 apartments for sale in the Jade area of Watamu, double villas at Papa Remo with airy makuti roof architectural design and shared common garden, 22 apartments.

Olympics to be moved or postponed. In spite of these global double-standards when it comes to the African market, Federico Bertoni, the general manager of the Kobe Suite Resort in Watamu is upbeat. "Watamu is not very developed yet, nature (like the marine parks and the sea) is still supreme, so it makes this area a very chic escape, for both local and foreign tourists - the way mainland Malindi used to be seven years ago, or Nyali in Mombasa 17 years ago, before they began developments that



make those places resemble the city of Nairobi.

Maurizio Scaturro, an eloquent man in an Italian designer suit, is one of the biggest land dealers and real estate sellers in quiet Watamu.

He sells beach plots as well as villas in the Jacaranda area of Watamu, villas still under construction (ready by mid-April next year), apartments inside the grand Garoda Resorts as well as two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments 300 metres from the famous Papa Remo Beach on Watamu Reef.

"We have 48 apartments for sale in

the Jade area of Watamu, double villas at Papa Remo with airy makuti roof architectural design and shared common garden, 22 apartments that share one swimming pool on Seven Islands (owned by one Bob Lenzi, architect extraordinaire), stand-alone villas in Watamu South and properties under construction, from Temple Point all the way to Turtle Bay," says the suave and swift-speaking real estate dealer.

Pony-tailed and tall, Giuseppe Bonasera bought one such property near downtown Watamu - Barracuda Inn - from its previous owners. He renovated it, restyled it and has never

regretted the investment since 2010. "Unlike many other resorts in the area," says Barracuda's Bonasera, "we have never closed down, even during the lowest of seasons."

Located next to the beach with 86 "affordable rooms geared towards the local market" yet also directly inside the marine park, Giuseppe is giddy that for residents of Nairobi, the Barracuda offers access to "best beaches, bars and discotheques", and yet has "nature, local market and local shows by Giriama and Maasai animators for foreign visitors".

"The hurricanes that have swept over the Caribbean Islands have also been an opportunity for us," says Giuseppe. "If holiday-makers are unable to go for vacation in one spot because of tropical sea storms, they will opt for another paradise, like Watamu."

Over the last two months, hurricanes

"Watamu is not very developed yet, nature is still supreme, making this area a chic escape,"
 Federico Bertoni of Kobe Suite Resort



Maurizio Scapuro (in suit) and assistants show off properties for sale.

like Harvey, Irma, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria and Nate have hit both literally and tourism in places like the Virgin Islands hard, and by the time you read this we may be seeing Tropical Storm Ophelia. In Shakespeare's Hamlet, after her father is slain, Ophelia goes mad with grief and "sings bawdy songs

about the loss of virginity". In the competitive world of holiday tourism, innocence has long been lost. One destination's poison (tropical storm) is another destination's tami (sweet) meat. Besides, and Bonasera would agree, the barracuda is a sea predator of ferocious behaviour.

PROPERTY VALUES IN WATAMU COULD TRIPPLE BY 2020

Maurizio Scaturro, a real estate dealer and speculator in the quiet resort town of Watamu, Kilifi County, has many seemingly good reasons why the market value of this beautiful place may be worth three times its current value by 2020.

The Kilifi County Government of Amason Kingi finally seems to be serious about expanding the Malindi Airport into a "semi-international" one, with an expanded security metre and signs of construction, with a planned completion deadline of June, 2018. "They have put up a new control tower and once we have the runway, aeroplanes that carry over 250 passengers can land in Malindi, chartered straight from Italia," says Scaturro.

There is also the proposed 100-kilometre seaside highway project, the Mayungu Causeway to connect Mombasa to Watamu, with an unbelievable view of the Indian

Ocean - and that cool sea breeze - on the drive, unlike the oft-bumpy ride on the interior road today. Together with a brand new mall project called Rafiki Village that is ongoing, social amenities and consumer goods would be close at hand for guests, and visitors to Watamu.

"Won't this spoil a bit of the resort town's relaxed, slightly "village" air?" I ask.

"No, no, no," says Scaturro. He speaks of Sokoko on Mida Creek, with its 400-square kilometres of birds - "the most diverse outside of the Congo Rain Forest."

He points to the coral barriers of Watamu, its marine park and reserve, Watamu Bay where one can snorkel and the blue lagoons where kite-surfing is picking up. Even the turtles of Watamu are a selling point for this unique locality on our planet. Yet eight kilometres off Watamu Road, like in the poem Ozymandias, lies the Gede Ruins, of glory gone. [Tony Mochama]

PUBLIC NOTICE
(PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT,
CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Physical Planning Act (CAP 286) laws of Kenya on development applications, the registered owner(s) of plots L. R. Nos. 7785/182 & 7785/185, located along Runda Drive, off Runda Road, Runda Estate, Nairobi City County, proposes to change the use of these properties from residential Use to Chancery/Diplomatic office Use, subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Any individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with substantive material comments and/or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this Advertisement to:-

The County Secretary,
 Nairobi City County,
 P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT
(CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USER

The Registered Owner of Plot No. UNS RESIDENTIAL 147 - Kericho Municipality situated within Kericho Town proposes to change use from Single Dwelling Residential to Multi Dwelling Residential subject to approval by the County Government of Kericho. Individuals, Institutions, organization e.t.c with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The County Secretary
 County Government of Kericho
 P.O. Box 112 - 20200, Kericho

Embu. Residents urge MCAs to reject nominee for Lands docket



Governor Martin Wambora.

■ Some Mbeere South residents have asked MCAs not to approve the nominee for the Lands docket, Josphat Kithumbu. They accused Mr Kithumbu of overseeing the 'unfair' allocation of the Mwea scheme land when he served as the Lands executive. Governor Martin Wambora has reappointed Kithumbu for the same position. However, residents of Mwea and Makima wards said they want a different person to take the docket. Sila Mwaniki, head of the Makima/Mwea leaders' forum, asked MCAs from the upper part of Embu not to approve Kithumbu's nomination. **[Joseph Muchiri]**

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The Standard | Dominic Omondi | Wednesday 11th October 2017
KENYA FACES ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AS POLITICAL IMPASSE DRAGS ON

The economy has been thrown into a state of uncertainty after NASA's Raila Odinga pulled out of the repeat presidential election slated for October 26. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Kiambu County | Wednesday 11th October 2017
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REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USER

The owner of I.R. No. Kabete/Kibichiko/508 is proposing regularization of change of use from agricultural to residential (multi-dwelling flats) subject to approval by Kiambu County Government.

Individuals, institutions and organizations with objections or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from date of this notice to:-

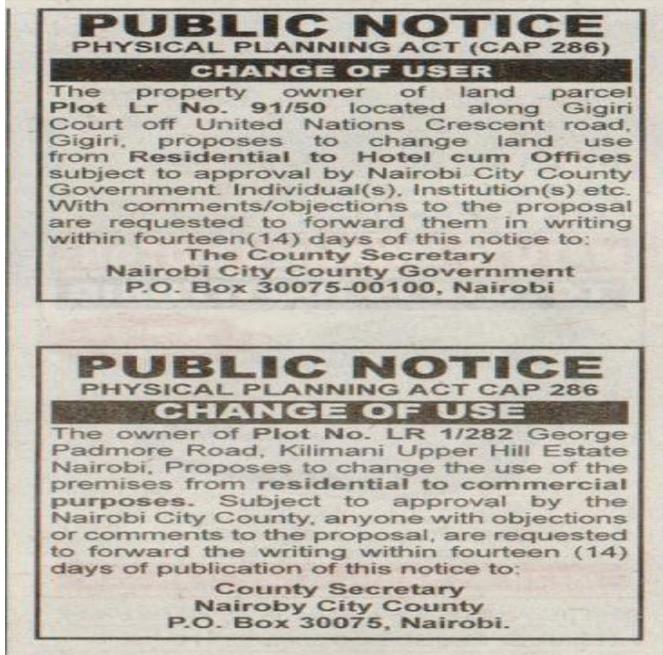
**Director of Physical Planning
County Government of Kiambu
P. O. Box 2344, Kiambu**

The planned construction of Sh35 billion Aror hydro-electric power and irrigation project in Kerio Valley remained uncertain after a crisis meeting to iron out issues around its establishment ended in disarray. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Neville Otuki | Wednesday 11th October 2017
NAIROBI BUILDING PLANS FALL SH5BN ON POLL JITTERS

The value of approved building plans in Nairobi slumped by Sh5.1 billion in the seven months to July as real estate investors cut back on spending due to poll jitters. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Nairobi City County | Wednesday 11th October 2017
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Daily Nation | AFP | Tuesday 10th October 2017
FIRST GLOBAL PACT FOR INDIGENOUS LAND RIGHTS LAUNCHED



The Standard | Jacqueline Mahugu | Tuesday 10th October 2017
10 TIPS ON BUYING A HOME/HOUSE IN KENYA

Nancy Muthoni is the executive producer and host of The Property Show, a real estate programme that airs on KTN every Sunday. She is also the CEO of First Avenue, a real estate consultancy firm that offers solutions to investors. [Read More](#)

Nyeri >

Judge dismisses application seeking to stop land reallocation

The Lands and Environment court in Nyeri has declined to nullify the allocation of a piece of land owned by the family of colonial chief Wambugu Mathangani. The judge dismissed the application filed by Mr Bernard Wambugu Mathangani in which he sued the National Lands Commission and Nyeri County government for resurveying and allocating the land to his neighbour Francis Ndirangu over their lawyer's failure to attend court. The judge said Mr Mathangani's lawyer was not ready to prosecute the application dated March 14 as he had failed to attend court and thus the case will proceed to full hearing. The case will be heard on October 23.

— Joseph Wangui

<p>3744885, 0731-540562, 0721-170217</p> <p>A279 Notices</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER</p> <p>The owner of plot L.R. 12904/2 located at U.S.I.U road area Mountain View Estate / Thika Road wishes to change the user from Single Dwelling Unit to Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats) subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions, member of public etc with any objection or comment to the proposal should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:-</p> <p>The County Secretary County Government of Nairobi P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER</p> <p>The owner of the registered plot number NGONG/NGONG/62254 located in Ngong, along the Ole-Mpesha road proposes to change its use from Agricultural use to Multi dwelling Units (Flats) subject to approval by the County Government of Kajiado. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:</p> <p>County Secretary, County Government of Kajiado P.O. Box 11, Kajiado.</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER</p> <p>The owner of Plot No. Kanyada/Kanyabala/3675 located off Homa Bay-Mbita road within Kodoyo junction area, Homa Bay County proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Residential-cum-Commercial subject to approval by the County Government of Homa Bay. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of this notice to:</p> <p>The Director Physical Planning, County Government of Homa Bay, P.O. Box 469-40300, Homa Bay, Kenya.</p>
<p>PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER</p> <p>The owner of plot L.R. 76/398 located at Nairobi - Kiambu road area Thindigua Estate wishes to change the user from Agriculture to Multi-Dwelling Units (Flats) subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, Institutions, member of public etc with any objection or comment to the proposal should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:-</p> <p>The County Secretary County Government of Kiambu P.O. Box 2311 - 00900, Kiambu</p>	<p>GAZETTE NOTICE No.7326 THE LAND REGISTRATION ACT (No. 3 of 2012)</p> <p>ISSUE OF A NEW LAND TITLE DEED</p> <p>WHEREAS Vincent Paul Doyle Tamaro (ID/1613212) is registered as proprietor in absolute ownership interest of all that piece of land situate in the district of Kisii, registered under title No. Majogel/Bombaba/3519, and whereas sufficient evidence has been adduced to show that the land title deed issued thereof has been lost, notice is given that after the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date hereof, I shall issue a new title deed provided that no objection has been received within that period.</p> <p>Dated the 28th July, 2017</p> <p>S.N. Mokaya Land Registrar, Kisii District MR/3599275</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) EXTENSION OF USE</p> <p>The registered owner of Plot No. Central Kasipul/Kamuma/7711 located off Oyugis-Ringa road within Oyugis area, Homa Bay County is proposing the extension of use from agricultural to include commercial (Bulk milk collection centre) subject to approval by the County Government of Homa Bay. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 (fourteen) days of publication of this notice to:</p> <p>The Director Physical Planning, County Government of Homa Bay, P.O. Box 469-40300, Homa Bay, Kenya</p>

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Talks ongoing to set up international

The centre will sit on a two-acre piece of land belonging to Sunset Hotel, which is partly owned by the county government

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The Tourism Finance Corporation is in talks with the County Government of Kisumu to put up an ultra-modern international conference centre in Kisumu City.

The centre will sit on a two-acre piece of land belonging to Sunset Hotel, which is owned jointly by the corporation and the county government.

The organisation's managing director Jonah Orumuru said the plan for the conference centre had been on the drawing board for many years but the land had been grabbed and allocated to a private developer.

Mr Orumuru, who oversaw repossession of the land from the private developer a few days earlier, said last Thursday that consultations with the county government and other development partners were in top gear to have the conference centre established.

"This land was grabbed six years ago and it has really derailed our programmes but

RIGHT: A bulldozer brings down a wall around grabbed land belonging to Sunset Hotel in Kisumu.



I am glad that we finally got the legal instruments to revert the ownership back to Sunset Hotel," he said.

The conference centre, he said, will enable Sunset Hotel, one of the hotel chains owned by the corporation to regain her past glory at the same time reposition Kisumu as a key

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conference centre in Kisumu city

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player in conference tourism.

"Kisumu is the third largest city in the country and such a facility is necessary to attract international organisations to bring meetings here," he said.

Mr Orumuru said the Corporation had stepped up efforts to repossess other parcels of land grabbed from other facilities across the country.

"We are working closely with the National Land Commission and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to repossess another parcel of land in Mombasa before moving to other parts of the county," he said.

Kisumu County Deputy Governor Dr. Mathews Owili said the county government would give the corporation the necessary support to set up the conference facility and give Sunset Hotel a facelift.

The county government, he added, had formed a taskforce to look into ownership of lake front land and other public land across the county.

Kisumu City, he noted, had a lot of untapped potential adding that the county government had initiated programmes to reposition the lakeside city as a business and tourism hub.

"We want to rebrand Kisumu City and open up the lake front for investment, transport and tourism," said the Deputy Governor.

Sunset Hotel is one of the oldest hotels in Kisumu City but is facing stiff competition from other established facilities angling for the proceeds of tourism in the western circuit.

Whereas tourism is projected to grow steadily within the next two years in the region a recent government sponsored hotels' rating which captured 15 hotels shows a lot more needs to be done to promote tourism.

Eldoret's Boma Inn was the only facility in the region rated Four Star. Hotel Nyakoe in Kisii town, Sovereign Hotel Kisumu, Imperial Hotel Kisumu, The Vic Hotel Kisumu and The Noble Conference Centre Eldoret were rated Three Star. Others rated Two Star include Golf Hotel Kakamega, Sunset Hotel Kisumu, Le Savanna Lodge Kisumu, St. John's Manor Kisumu, Poa Place resort Eldoret and Starbucks Hotel Eldoret.

Daily Nation | Joseph Openda | Tuesday 10th October 2017**RAYMOND MOI GIVES CONFLICTING EVIDENCE IN BARINGO LAND DISPUTE**

Rongai MP Raymond Moi's bid to claim a 0.4 hectare parcel suffered a blow on Monday after the evidence produced in court revealed huge discrepancies. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | James Ngunjiri | Tuesday 10th October 2017**NAIROBI PE FIRM STEPS UP UGANDA, RWANDA BUSINESS**

A subsidiary of Private equity (PE) firm Fusion Capital has invested in Rwanda and Uganda as it seeks to grow footprint in east Africa. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Victor Juma | Tuesday 10th October 2017**KWALE TITANIUM MINING FIRM PAYS SH1BN ROYALTIES IN 4 YEARS**

The Kenyan government has earned a total of Sh1 billion in royalties from Australian mining firm Base Resources which has been exporting- titanium from Kwale since February 2014. [Read More](#)

Nairobi News | Philip Muyanga | Tuesday 10th October 2017**PREACHING GOSPEL SAVES FORMER COUNTY OFFICIAL FROM JAIL TERM**

Preaching the gospel has spared a former County Executive in Mombasa a 60-days jail term for contempt of court. [Read More](#)

The Independent | Isaac Khisa | Tuesday 10th October 2017**CYTONN EYES KAMPALA'S MIDDLE CLASS WITH SHS 360.5BN HOUSING PROJECTS**

Kenya's real estate investment firm, Cytonn, is set to invest Shs360.5bn (US\$100million) in commercial and residential housing units in Kampala targeting middle class population, its Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Edwin H. Dande, said. [Read More](#)

Kiambu > Waititu accused of ordering invasion of property in bus park expansion plan

Storm brews after county invades Sh100m Posta land

Postmaster-general has written to governor, asking him to keep off corporation's prime plot

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A storm is brewing over the invasion of a parcel of land belonging to the Postal Corporation of Kenya by the Kiambu County Government.

Governor Ferdinand Waititu is said to have ordered the invasion of the Sh100 million property in the centre of Kiambu town to pave way for the expansion of a bus park that is under construction on an adjacent piece of land.

The dispute over the three-quarter acre piece of land, located next to the Kiambu post office and registered in the corporation's name, began last week, after earthmovers invaded the property and started demolishing houses. Trees on the land were also cut down.

Lease agreement

Postmaster-General Dan Kagwe has written to the governor, asking him to keep off the land as the corporation had already signed a lease agreement for the property with a businessman, who intends to put up a petrol station.

Documents on the matter show that the businessman, Mr James Mungai, signed the lease deal in July, and paid the required amount of money. The lease was to take effect from next month.

Mr Mungai also paid a Sh143,000 fee to the regional government for change of user for the property, and a notice on the issue was advertised in local dailies by the county director of Physical Planning.

The notice stated that use of the land, adjacent to the county headquarters, was to be changed "from a post office to a



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The prime plot in the centre of Kiambu town that has sparked a dispute between the Postal Corporation of Kenya and the Kiambu County Government.

petrol service station".

Mr Mungai said he was setting up the business, adding that he had spent approximately Sh500,000 on planning and drawings.

He said the deal is a 10-year lease that is renewable.

143,000 The amount, in shillings, paid by businessman for change of user for the property

On Tuesday last week, Mr Kagwe wrote to Mr Waititu, protesting against what he described as unauthorised occupation of the corporation's land, allegedly on the governor's instructions.

In the letter, which was copied to Cabinet Secretaries Mwangi Kiunjuri

(Devolution) and Joe Mucheru (ICT) as well as Inspector-General of Police Joseph Boinnet, Mr Kagwe said the encroachment should be stopped.

"We wish to inform you that the vacant portion has been leased to our client, Ms Fave Gasoil (K) Ltd, who signed a lease agreement with the Postal Corporation of Kenya," He added. Ms Fave Gasoil (K) Ltd belongs to Mr Mungai.

Posted photos

Surprisingly, on Monday last week, the county posted on its official Facebook page photos of Mr Waititu and Mr Kagwe, with a caption saying the latter had agreed to allow the regional government to use the land.

Yesterday, the county chief officer for Land and Planning, Mr David Gitimu, refused to comment on the matter.

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Workers' union urges review of house prices

Official questions criteria used to value the houses, saying the rates were higher than those for similar projects in Nairobi

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The National Civil Servants Housing Scheme management committee has been urged to review the prices of houses developed for purchase by civil servants at Shauri Moyo estate in Kisumu to enable government workers from the area to benefit.

The Secretary General of Kisumu branch of the Kenya National Union of Civil Servants David Oluoch said the units were overpriced, making it impossible for civil servants working in Kisumu to afford.

He took issue with the criteria used to value the houses, saying the rates were higher than those for similar projects in Nairobi.

This, he said, was against the spirit of the scheme established in 2004 to enhance access to affordable decent housing for civil servants across the country.

Speaking during a sensitisation meeting organised by the

“Whoever came up with these prices must have assumed that civil servants in Kisumu earn the same house allowance as those in Nairobi”

- Union official David Oluoch

Civil Servants housing scheme in Kisumu, Oluoch said the exorbitant sale prices kept civil servants off the project.

The government spent Sh.730 million to put up the 250 units, whose construction began in 2015 and was set to be completed in January this year.

Out of the 250 units, 210 are for sale at Sh2.7 million (one bedroom), Sh.4.3 million (two bedroom) and Sh.6.1 million (three bedroom), while

the remaining 40 units shall be rented with priority being given to civil servants who were moved to pave way for the construction of the new units.

“Whoever came up with these prices must have assumed that civil servants in Kisumu earn the same house allowance as those in Nairobi, which is not the case,” said Oluoch.

The houses were first advertised for sale in February this year, however due to poor applications, they were re-advertised in June.



A section of the civil servants' housing in Kisumu

Another advertisement was placed last month in a bid to sell the remaining units which are almost ready for occupation.

The purchaser is required to pay 10% of the sale price and the balance payable on tenant purchase scheme for a period of up to 20 years.

Speaking during the same meeting, National Civil Servants Housing Scheme Director Joseph Ngaiya defended the prices saying they were arrived at by the Chief Government Valuer.

Ngaiya said the valuer considered the location of the houses and current market prices, adding that the scheme management committee slightly adjusted the figures down to allow civil servants from the area to purchase the units.

He observed that some houses were still available for sale, urging civil servants from the area to apply.



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AFYA HOUSE DEPLOYS TOP OFFICERS AFTER SH5BN SCAM

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HF to launch phase two of Komarock Sh3.3 billion estate

BY BONFACE OTIENO

Housing Finance Group is in the coming months set to embark on the construction of a 480-unit residential estate at a cost of Sh3.3 billion in Komarock, Nairobi, as it seeks to boost its property portfolio.

The project, Komarock Phase Two, will be developed by the group's subsidiary, Housing Finance

Development and Investment.

HF said it will be the second-largest housing project after Nyayo Estate in Embakasi to be undertaken in Nairobi in the past 10 years.

"The project will feature 480 housing units. It will consist of one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three bedroom units with lifts in each apartment block, children's play area, ample parking, borehole water and provision for

solar water heating," said Housing Finance Development Investment Executive Director James Karanja in an interview.

Through mortgage

Cash buyers will get a one-bedroom unit at Sh3 million, a two-bedroom unit will cost Sh4.95 million. The houses will also be sold through mortgage at a cost of Sh3.5 million, Sh5.6 million

and Sh7.6 million for a one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units respectively. Komarock phase two is part of 1,272 housing units the company is developing in the estate.

Phase one of the project comprised 480 residential units that were set up within 30 months.

The project featured 144 two-bedroom and 366 three-bedroom housing units.

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Squatter families ask State not to evict them from Tarda land

Thirty families living in the land belonging to Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (Tarda) in Mbondoni village, near Masinga dam, have appealed to the government to intervene and stop their imminent eviction. The residents of Muthithu, Kithesu, Mwanyani, Twanyoni and Masai-cross said they are living in fear after they received a vacate notice from Tarda officials. Speaking during peaceful protests at Mbondoni shopping centre, Mbeere South Sub-County, Embu County, the families said they had resided in the areas for more than 30 years and had nowhere to go. They accused the government of failing to protect them and their property. Tarda manages and develops areas bordering Tana and Athi rivers.

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Keep off corporation's piece of land, Waititu told

Postmaster General Dan Kagwe has written to Governor Ferdinand Waititu, asking him to keep off a piece of land belonging to the corporation after bulldozers moved in and demolished structures last week. There are reports that the county government wants to expand the bus park on the three-quarter acre piece. Mr Kagwe said the land had been leased to a businessman.

—Eric Wainaina

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Stop invasions by prominent people, ranchers plead

BY MWANGI NDIRANGU

Laikipia ranchers have urged security agencies to investigate reports that prominent personalities were trespassing on private farms with impunity.

Through the Laikipia Farmers' Association, the ranchers said continued invasion of ranches by herders would derail efforts by leaders to restore security.

"We have received reports that 119 cattle belonging to Samburu Assembly Speaker Solomon Lempere trespassed on two private properties on September 30," said part of a statement sent by Ms Elodie Sampere on behalf of the farmers.

"We urge the police to investigate the matter."

Ms Sampere said Mr Lempere was an embarrassment to the county as he was a lawyer and heading the legislative arm of the county government.

"He understands the law and his action embarrasses the leadership of his county, which recently promised to help bring to an end the incursions," added the statement.

Contacted, Mr Lempere denied reports widely circulated on social media, saying his cattle trespassed on Suyian and Kamogi ranches. He threatened legal action against anyone using social media "to malign my name".

"All my cattle are in Samburu East Sub-County," he said in a phone interview.

Laikipia County Police Commander Simon Kip-

keu did not respond to calls and text messages but County Commissioner Onesmus Musyoki confirmed that the security committee was investigating the reports.

Mr Musyoki, however, added that cases of private land invasions by pastoralist were on the decline and action would be taken against offenders.

The leadership of Laikipia County has in recent weeks intensified efforts to keep away illegal herders, with Governor Ndiritu Muriithi spearheading inter-counties consultative meetings aimed at restoring security in the region.

Nanyuki law courts are also handing convicted illegal grazers mandatory custodial sentences of up to two months and fines.

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MOI UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TO BENEFIT FROM CYTONN TRAINING DEAL

Eldoret-based Moi University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cytonn Investments to offer mentorship and training to its students after they graduate. [Read More](#)

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TECHNIQUE DEVELOPED IN KENYA OFFERS A REFINED WAY TO MAP TREE COVER

Scientists at the [World Agroforestry Centre](#) in Nairobi, Kenya, recently pioneered a [new approach](#) which uses satellite images and maps to show patterns linked to land use and cover change on a yearly basis. Though the technique was developed in Kenya, it can be used regionally and potentially across the world. [Read More](#)

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