

KPDA WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW REPORT AS AT 6TH OCTOBER 2017
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CEO DE-BRIEF

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#KorogaNaKPDA NEW DATE!!!

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

Following the notice issued by the IEBC on the new date of the general elections, we have changed the date of the KPDA End of Year *Koroga* Event to **Thursday, 19th October 2017**.

Our venue remains as **Mint Shack Restaurant** and our program still remains to begin at **6.00pm**.

Charges are:

- Kshs. 2, 820 per person for KPDA Members
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Sub-Division Number 371 Section 1 Mainland North Mombasa County
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THIS IS TO NOTIFY the general public that the above plot situated in Mombasa County is the subject matter of Mombasa High Court Miscellaneous application no. 3 of 2017 (formerly Mombasa H.C petition no. 50 of 2013) Ali Saadi Rashid & 31 others vs. Public Trustees and Mombasa High Court Miscellaneous application no. 320 of 2017- Nelson Mwangemi & Anor. Vs . Ali Saad Rashid (aka Ali Said Rashid) & 3 others

TAKE NOTICE that the High Court sitting at Mombasa on the 17th of May, 2017 (Lady Justice M. Thande) made the following orders inter alia:-

"A conservatory and or inhibitory order is hereby issued to preserve plot No. 371/1/MN and to bar and restrict Mr. Ali Saad Rashid (aka Ali Said Rashid) or anyone claiming under him, from dealing with the aforesaid land, in any manner howsoever described, and bar the use in any manner whatsoever of the original certificate of ownership /title, which has been mislaid or stolen from bed of file kept by the firm of M/s. Stephen Macharia Kimani, Advocate, pending the hearing and determination of these applications, and ultimately the petition; and to allow the petitioners to seek revocation of the grant made to Ali Saad Rashid (aka Ali Said Rashid), on account of the latter's fraud on all the other petitioners and heirs named in the petition"

The matter is set for hearing on the 19th of December, 2017

ANY PERSON PURPORTING to purchase part or whole of the said plot shall be doing so at his or her own risk and in contravention of the doctrine of "lis pendence".

Dated at Mombasa this 6th day of October 2017.
S. M. Kimani, Advocate, LSK/2017/5246- for Petitioners

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Daily Nation | George Sayagie | Thursday 5th October 2017
LOBBY GIVES NEMA ULTIMATUM TO STOP RAFIKI CAMP PROJECT

A simmering row over the construction of a luxury camp on the banks of the Mara River has taken a new twist after a human rights body threatened to sue the investors.

Did you know?

The Empire State Building;

- It was constructed during a race to create the world's tallest building.
- B-25 bomber crashed into the Empire State Building in 1945.
- A woman survived a 75-story plunge in one of the building's elevators.
- Its upper tower was originally designed as a mooring mast for airships.



When nine-year-old Mariam El Maawy visited Nairobi for the first time in the company of her uncle...



work and integrity.

By Peter Muiruri
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When nine-year-old Mariam El Maawy visited Nairobi for the first time in the company of her uncle, she was awed by the tall buildings in the city. To the young girl, the city's skyscrapers could only have been the work of geniuses. One day, she told herself she would be on the driving seat of such great designs. She once joked that in her home county of Lamu, one could access the top of the tallest building in less than 10 seconds.

That childhood fascination with the built environment grew into a passionate career for the Public Works principal secretary whose death last week in South Africa stunned the nation.

El Maawy was first appointed as principal secretary for Lands in June 2013, commencing her public service in the then Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development.

In her early days at Ardhi House in Nairobi, she played a key role in the National Titling Programme that initially sought to issue a million title deeds to Kenyans. It was during her tenure that the long-standing land disputes in Likoni, Mombasa and Kihiumwiri in Murang'a were resolved.

Serving under the former Lands cabinet secretary Charity Ngilu was no walk in the park. Many times she found herself on the cross-hairs as her boss fought a turf war with the chairperson of the National Land Commission Dr Muhammad Swazuri over who had the legal right to issue the title deeds.

Still, El Maawy managed to navigate through the labyrinth that is Ardhi House bureaucracy, easing herself into the tenure of the equally energetic Prof Jacob Kaimenyi who took over as Lands and Physical Planning cabinet secretary in November 2015.



Mariam El Maawy hands over a Lifetime Award trophy to David Mutiso during the East Africa Property Awards on November 26, 2014. [Wilberforce Okwiri, The Standard]

"Mariam was always deeply involved in young upcoming female architects' careers,"
 Mugure Njendu, an architect

In 2016, El Maawy was again in the thick of things as she led a purge at the Lands office to rid the ministry of corrupt officials. Many were transferred. Apart from land issues, architecture was very close to her heart. She had a way of describing the profession.

"Architecture is the symbiosis between function and beauty as inspired by nature. The rolling hills and mountains attract tourists from far and wide and also propel the wind that forms rain on the leeward side," she said during a workshop on the proposed School of Architecture and Spatial Planning at Kenyatta University.

Young people in institutions of higher learning took to heart her admonition. Among them is the current honorary secretary to Architectural Association of Kenya Mugure Njendu who says the late PS took a keen personal interest in her from her days in Mombasa.

"Mariam was always deeply involved in young upcoming female architects' careers. Her new roles in senior public service positions never changed how she associated with her

friends, colleagues or professional bodies," she said.

Yet, that rise to the top came with daunting hurdles. El Maawy came from a marginalised region that hardly took the girl child seriously, let alone educate one to university level.

Egged on by a few family members who were in various professions, she took her studies seriously, doing her O-Level at Kenya High.

In 1993, El Maawy graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Nairobi, becoming one of the first women architects in the country. She later obtained a Master's degree in architecture from the University of Kwa Zulu Natal in Durban, South Africa.

Though she had a day job at the Coast, she started a small advertising job where she sold space for local dailies to get enough money for her budding architectural firm as financial institutions ignored her pleas for funding. "Getting startup capital was not easy. At the time, financial institutions would not even understand a lady building a professional practice, often doubting whether she could manage a construction at all," she once told the *Buildesign*, a local architectural and construction review magazine.

At some point, she had to sell *mitumba* (second-hand clothes) to raise start-up capital.

I first met El Maawy in November 2014 at a Nairobi hotel while covering the World Town Planning Day where she was among the distinguished guests. She was soft spoken, almost to a whisper, but she made her points across to the applause of those present.

"Devolution must work, and you people in the media must devolve your work by covering the new county development projects," she told me afterwards. I would later understand why matters devolution were close to

Some of her achievements

- As Lands principal secretary, she played a key role in the National Titling Programme that initially sought to issue a million title deeds to Kenyans.
- Led a purge at the Lands office in an effort to rid the ministry of corrupt officials.
- Credited with inspiring and mentoring young female architects in the country.
- Helped found Women in Real Estate (WIRE).

her heart. "Some of us grew up in the most marginalised regions of the country. The new governance structure is the only hope for us to be at par with the rest of the country," she said.

The brief discussion would open an era, though brief, of similar encounters as she traversed the country championing the government's policy on land and the built environment matters.

El Maawy was not your typical civil servant hemmed in by bureaucracy. She would text answers to my questions, emailed them or just returned my phone calls. At times, I could get a crucial quote from a parking as she prepared to drive away. She simply broke down the high government red tape.

But I regret missing one such encounter a few months ago. At the beginning of May this year, I was invited to attend a gala dinner to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Architectural Association of Kenya. The event was scheduled for May 31 at the Sarova Stanley.

The chief guest was David Mutiso, former chief architect at the Ministry of Public Works. Mutiso's architectural exploits include the design of the iconic Kenyatta International Convention Centre. I gathered that El Maawy was to be



Mariam El Maawy (left) with National Land Commission chairman Muhammad Swazuri (centre) and Lands Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi. [David Njaaga]

in attendance. I had wanted to attend the event to book an interview appointment with her. On numerous occasions, she had promised to tell me her story on how she got to study architecture and rise to one of the highest offices within the profession. I never got to conduct the interview. Less than a week to the AAK event, I was assigned to travel to Mombasa and cover the official launch of the Standard Gauge Railway by President Uhuru Kenyatta. The launch coincided with the AAK 50th anniversary

commemoration day, which I missed.

Last Wednesday, the nation received the sad news that El Maawy had passed away at a South African hospital following injuries sustained during an Al Shabaab attack on her official car at Milihoi on the Mpeketoni-Lamu Road.

Her death is just one too many for an industry that has for long been plagued by rogue elements masquerading as professionals. Hopefully, the reforms she championed and the Lands and Public Works will live on.

EL MAAWY INSPIRED BUDDING WOMEN ARCHITECTS

By Emma Miloyo

I learnt with great sadness of the death of Mariam El Maawy who served as the Principal Secretary in the State Department of Public Works.

Arch Maawy has had a long and notable career in public service, having been an Honorary Treasurer of the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) from 2007 to 2009. El Maawy first got to serve in government when she was appointed to the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (now Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission) as an AAK nominee. Before her most recent posting, she served as Principal Secretary, Ministry of Lands, and member of Mombasa Polytechnic University Council

as well as chairperson of the Faza Fire Disaster Fund. She also served at the Public Procurement Advisory Board and the Privatisation Commission of Kenya. In 1996 after completing her professional exams, Mariam decided to start her own architectural firm, Mariam Maawy Architects and Interior Designers. Mariam always uplifted her fellow women. She was one my loudest cheerleaders and was so proud of me when I became the first female president of AAK.

She never failed to acknowledge women and their achievements and applauded us at any opportunity she had. She was key to the founding of Women in Real Estate (WIRE).

- The writer is the President of the Architectural Association of Kenya.



Housing cooperatives are expected to play a key role in government's new effort...

Co-ops to help build one million low-cost houses

Housing cooperatives are expected to play a key role in the government's new effort to provide housing to the middle-class and low-income earners.

Last week, the government launched an ambitious project of building one million affordable houses in the next five years. The Sh2.1 trillion project will undertaken by various players in collaboration with housing cooperatives, the state department of cooperatives and the housing and urban development.

"Housing co-operatives are the best bet for the middle- and low-income earners yearning to own affordable and decent houses," says Francis Kamande, the national chairman of National Cooperative Housing Union (Nachu).

As Kenya's housing cooperatives umbrella body, Nachu mobilises affordable finances to help low-income earners own homes. The union buys land and puts up affordable and decent shelter for member groups.

According to Kamande, over 100,000 Kenyans borrowed loans



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from cooperatives to build or buy a house in 2015. Kenya's cooperative movement is the seventh largest in the world, and the first in Africa. There are 22,000 cooperative movements in Kenya, with a membership of 14 million and an asset base of Sh500 billion.

"The one million affordable housing project is highly dependent on synergies, and cooperatives have been identified as significant partners because they have big chunks of land and savings by their members that could go a long way in financing part of the project. Eighty per cent of the houses owned by middle- and low-income earners have been acquired through housing cooperatives, and we are very grateful to Nachu for supporting housing cooperatives through home-grown solutions," said Aidah Munano, principal secretary, State Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The United Nations has acknowledged housing cooperatives as a flexible and adoptable means of providing shelter. In Europe, for instance, 27 million Europeans live in cooperative

houses, with 22 per cent and eight per cent of the housing stock in Sweden and Germany, respectively from housing co-operatives.

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Value of the planned housing project

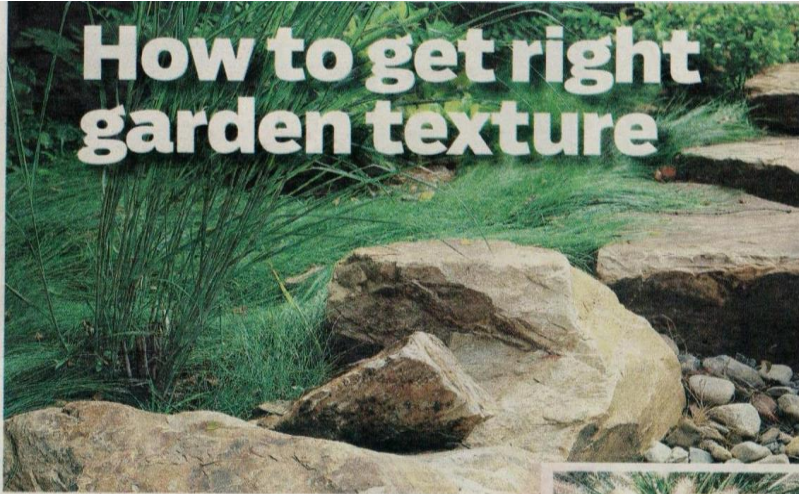
"We have been able to construct of over 1,600 decent and affordable houses targeting low-income households costing between Sh950,000 and Sh1.8 million in the last three years. In the next two years, we target to deliver over 2,500 affordable houses per year, and we will have more than 1,265 such active societies by 2019," says Kamande.

The new project will begin with a pilot project of 8,000 units planned on 55 acres of government land in Mavoko. It will be launched before December 2017. The pilot project will cost Sh21 billion. [Francis Ayieko]

Local construction companies are among the top loan defaulters in Kenya.

Local construction companies are among the top loan defaulters in Kenya. Central Bank of Kenya governor Patrick Njoroge said that real estate practitioners, manufacturers and operators in the trade industries are struggling to pay their debts. This has been brought about by the fact that some county governments have failed to pay their debts, negatively affecting several contractors. According to Njoroge, two local cement manufacturers and a plastic dealer owe commercial banks a total of Sh5 billion, with real estate owing about Sh3.9 billion. "A lot of these relate to delayed payments by both the national and county governments. We expect the numbers to look better as they get paid," said Dr Njoroge. [David Mwitari]

How to get right garden texture



For plant materials the concept of texture is a little more complex.

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Texture refers to the appearance and arrangement of the visible components that constitute a surface. It's as simple as the roughness or smoothness of a surface for hardscapes.

For plant materials, the concept of texture is a little more complex. It refers to leaf and flower size and how these define the coarseness or

fineness of a plant as viewed.

Small leaved trees such as pines are said to have fine-textured foliage, while the large leaves of a rubber tree have coarse textures. The way you balance these out in the garden is important in the final look and feel. Here are some tips to help you make textures work for you in your garden.

Hardscapes

Prior planning is important before deciding the textures that you wish your paths, walls, water features and other hardscapes to bring out. A brick wall, for example, conveys a smooth, fine textural appearance



due to its evenly laid, equal-sized pieces, but the natural roughness and irregular jointing of a farmer-styled, stone wall provides a coarser texture.

The construction technique is crucial for the most attractive expression of your design intentions. For

example, mortared stone walls look best with neatly uniform cement joints, not slathered by excess mortar. Paved terraces, too, visually benefit from consistent jointing and colourings.

Plant textures

Picking the right plants to bring out the desired texture and fulfil the design intentions can be tricky but the basic principles still apply. First, plant textures range from fine to medium and coarse.

Majority of plants fall in the category of medium textures. Purposeful textural variety is obtained by including distinctly fine or obviously coarse textured plants in your template.

Fine textured plants have a light feel and create an illusion of filling space without drawing attention. They are laid back and undemanding, and tend to recede in the background.

Because of these attributes, they tend to be used as background plantings to accentuate and bring out the colours and textures of other plants in front of them. A good example is a manicured cypress fence or lawn.

Coarse textures are sometimes referred to as bold textures because they are exciting, attention grabbing and appear to advance toward the viewer making space appear smaller. They give the garden a heavy, tropical feel. Common examples include the split leaf philodendron and hostas.

Finally, after you have settled on the candidates that will best bring out your desired textures, remember the holy grail of textures in the landscape: finding the good balance between coarse and fine textures.

The writer is a landscape architect.

The Standard | Munene Kamau | Thursday 5th October 2017 BOOM IN HOTEL BUSINESS AT WATER SPORTS HAVEN

Investors are taking advantage of the increasing popularity of the sagana river tourist circuit.

Investors are taking advantage of the increasing popularity of the Sagana River Tourist Circuit.

By Munene Kamau
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The Sagana River Tourist Circuit is gaining popularity as hotels and resorts come up to cater for the rising number of local and international tourists and water sports enthusiasts.

Due to its unique location and the water resource ideal for water sports, the circuit has become a haven for canoeing, kayaking and water rafting.

It stretches from the Tana River Bridge all the way to Kibingoti Market on the busy Makutano-Sagana-Karatina Road. It boasts investors on both sides of Sagana River or Upper Tana as it is commonly called by the locals.

This gigantic river provides a natural boundary for Kirinyaga and Murang'a counties. The circuit can be accessed through the Nairobi-Nyeri Highway using all-weather link roads to the 25 tourist facilities that have since been established.

William Kinuthia, a pioneer investor in the area, says the tourist facilities generate Sh300 million a year while the unexploited potential is enormous.

Initially, there was only the Sagana River Rapid Camp, which Kinuthia developed just before 2007 when the facility hosted the International Canoeing and Kayaking competitions.

"From then on, we have had tourists from 72 countries across the world visit our facilities and we expect a tremendous growth in future," said Kinuthia.



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Kinuthia, who is also the chairman of the Mt Kenya Tourist Chapter, said after venturing into the water sports business, he convened a stakeholders meeting where it was resolved that 70 per cent of all the jobs created be given to the locals.

"We also resolved to ensure all food stuffs required for the visitors are organically grown around and this has resulted in a good relation and partnership with the area residents," he said.

The investors are also promoting conservation by planting indigenous trees along the river banks and ensuring no one cuts mature ones. They have hailed the recent government's ban on the use of plastic bags and vowed to ensure it is enforced.

Some of the tourist facilities that

have come up along the circuit include Noklas Hotel, Mark Five Hotel, Havila Resort, Blue Hills Hotel, White Waters Resort and Sun City.

Havila Resort, for instance, was established a few years ago has grown from local fame to international popularity due to its unique services it provides to its visitors.

The services include popular water sports like canoeing, kayaking and rafting besides high-class accommodation and camping site facilities.

The river is such an important component without which the facility would not have gained the popularity and high rating in the hospitality sector.

It has smoking falls and is wide enough to enable water sports fans to enjoy every moment to the fullest.

As for rafting, those who love and



Sagana River Tourist Circuit

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cherish this water sports are normally transported from the resort with their boats all the way to Sagana Town Bridge from where they enter the river and ride downstream for about 25 kilometres.

The resort's proprietor Alexander Chege said the area has remained popular internationally since it hosted the first World Canoeing and Kayaking championships in 2007, courtesy of the local International Olympics Committee. Later on, the facility was declared an Olympic Canoeing and Kayaking Qualifying Site for Africa. In 2015, the Rio Olympic qualifiers in canoeing and kayaking was undertaken at the site.

Other than offering water sports facilities, the resort has a tented camp site on the upper side of the river that accommodates families, corporate organisations and individuals.

MCAs are set to debate a decision by former Governor Kinuthia Mbugua to waive payment of rent for...

Nakuru. 5,000 required to pay millions in rent

■ MCAs are set to debate a decision by former Governor Kinuthia Mbugua to waive payment of rent for 5,000 people living in county houses. Some MCAs accused Mbugua of failing to put his agreement with the tenants in writing, which makes the decision illegal. The tenants are required to pay millions of shillings they should have paid as rent from the time the decision was made. Viwandani MCA Eric Gichuki said he had asked Governor Lee Kinyajui to resolve the issue. **[Anthony Gitonga]**

State broadcaster Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) has gone to the High Court seeking help to wrest 700 acres...

State broadcaster Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) has gone to the High Court seeking help to wrest 700 acres from a local company.

The corporation has challenged the National Land Commission's decision to hand the property to Komarock Ranching and Farming Co-operative Society and Komarock Housing Society Ltd.

The land, located along the Tala-Nairobi highway in Matungulu, has been the subject of a vicious battle pitting the company against KBC.

Komarock Housing Company Ltd claims it purchased the land from the Government in 1963 and argued KBC was only allocated 24 acres atop Mukengesya Hill to install radio broadcast equipment.

But KBC maintains it owns the entire property, which it says it had held in trust over the years.

Commission chairman Muhammad Swazuri toured the property last year, on the invitation of Komarock's chairman Bernard Maembe, and petitioned the Government to hand the land back to the company.

At an annual general meeting last month, Mr Maembe told shareholders NLC had written to the firm granting it part of the land.

Pending case

But KBC went to the High Court in Machakos to challenge the allocation, claiming the ownership dispute was still the subject of a pending court case.

Lawyer Kinyua Mureithi for KBC last week made a fresh application before Justice O Agote seeking orders to restrain the society from accessing the property until the case was heard and determined.

In his application, Mr Mureithi expressed concerns that persons believed to be members of Komarock Housing Society Ltd had begun occupying the land and were planning to start developing it.

Former Machakos senator Johnstone Muthama has sought to be enjoined in the case. Through his lawyer Sharon Mbithe, Mr Muthama has opposed the issuance of land to members of Komarock Housing Ltd.

Muthama said the property was community land held in trust for residents of Matungulu sub-county.

In an application, KBC alleged breach of a court order by the respondents. It said a ruling issued on March 14, 2014, outlawed any form of interference with the property by the parties until the pending case was heard and determined. **[Erastus Mulwa]**

People living in high-rise buildings in Eastlands have been forced to go to extraordinary lengths to stay connected to telephone networks.

Some become 'mteja' the moment they get home or are forced to dash to their balconies to receive or make phone calls.

By James Wanzala
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People living in high-rise buildings in Eastlands have been forced to go to extraordinary lengths to stay connected to telephone networks.

In some apartments, their phones must be in a specific location for the tenants to stay connected.

These tenants don't enjoy simple pleasures like receiving phone calls in the house. Many have to dash to their balconies to receive or make calls.

For the past five years, Magdalene Mulovi, a resident of Plot 10 in Pipeline estate, has lived in an eighth floor flat and endured countless challenges whenever she wants to make phone calls inside her house.

Move house

"The network is so poor that I'm out of reach when I get home from work," says Ms Mulovi.

"My friends know I'm in the house whenever they cannot reach me by phone. On many occasions I switch off the phone until I leave because it's useless having it on."

Mulovi, more commonly known as Mama Nzambi, adds: "It's when I step out that I receive the many messages from people who have been trying to reach me."

She is planning to move house, and availability of network will be a key factor as she chooses another home.

Joseph Aringo, a resident of Kayole, is in the same predicament.

"When I go looking for a house, I walk around with my phone just to check the availability of network inside the house

Causes of poor signals

■ Apartment buildings are notorious for having poor mobile phone reception, much of which stems from the building materials used in their construction

■ Materials like wire mesh, electrical cabling, sheet metal, plumbing and others all cause varying degrees of interference with mobile phone signals

■ A mobile phone signal booster is a better option if you have a stable signal in an accessible location

- even in the bedrooms - because I want to receive calls from the comfort of my bed," he says.

His plea is to telephone companies to come to the aid of Eastlands residents.

"The moment you get into the house, you are only able to make 'Emergency Calls,'" says Mr Aringo.

Simon Muli lives on the sixth floor of an apartment block in Tassia estate. His story is no different.

"Sometimes, the network coverage is so erratic that you are forced to go to the balcony to pick up or make a phone call," Muli told Metropolitan.

Network coverage

"I used to live in a single-room house - the network there was not good at all. Then I moved to another house one floor up and I have not experienced a problem since."

Some time ago, Vinay Subbaramaiah a, who lives along Langata Road, wrote a complaint to Airtel Kenya.

"A serious complaint to make against network and coverage provided. I live near Southern Bypass off Langata Road and surrounded by hundreds of Asian community households. Airtel network



Some of the apartments in Pipeline estate. Most high-rise buildings have network problems. [File, Standard]

there is so poor that I have to keep my phone near some window so I won't miss any call or message.

"It's been two years in Nairobi and I had kept myself away from other telephone companies but maybe it is time I made a switch," he wrote.

Reached for comment, Safaricom admits there are network challenges in some apartments. "It's true we have previously had challenges providing indoor network coverage in sections of

Pipeline due to the outlay of the area, which includes high-rise buildings, lack of way-leaves and a lot of digging, which destroyed fibre.

"Having identified these challenges, we engaged our network suppliers and have jointly developed a small cell network solution specifically tailored to provide indoor 2G and 3G coverage in Pipeline and other areas in Nairobi," said Thibaud Kerolle, Safaricom's Technology Division director.

The adjudication and sub-division of the Mwea scheme came back to haunt Lands Executive...

Nominee queried over land

The adjudication and sub-division of the Mwea scheme came back to haunt Lands Executive Josphat Kithumbu during his vetting yesterday.

Mr Kithumbu, a nominee for the same position, was taken to task to explain why he should retain his job, yet during his tenure he oversaw what MCAs termed "unfair sub-divisions and allocations" of the scheme land.

The Appointments Committee pressed him to explain why outsiders benefitted from the 17,000 hectares yet residents missed out when 7,232 titles deeds were issued.

They queried him over why the process was rushed, in total disregard of mounting objections from area leaders and residents.

Kithumbu said the process was done legally and was beyond reproach, and that he was satisfied that during his two years in the docket, he had managed to break the impasse unlike all the Mbeere South legislators.

He said he had been crucified falsely, adding that he did not allocate land to anyone nor did he come up with a list of beneficiaries. [Joseph Muchiri]

Business Daily | Victor Raballa | Thursday 5th October 2017
KISUMU MANSION OWNERS RELOCATE

Affluent homeowners in Kisumu's upmarket estate Milimani who value privacy have opted to sell their mansions and use the money to buy and build houses in less-populated areas such as Kogony, Kisian, Riat and Wigot. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Charles Mwaniki | Thursday 5th October 2017
NAIROBI TRAFFIC JAM HURDLE SPARKS RISE IN MIXED-USE PROPERTY

Nairobi's traffic problem is encouraging the growth of mixed use developments as more residents look to avoid the lengthy daily work commute, a new report by real estate consultants Knight Frank says. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Mugambi Mutege | Thursday 5th October 2017
BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALISTS TAKE ON NAKUMATT IN BAD DEBT ROW

Last week's public spat between the Ndegwa family and troubled retail chain Nakumatt over the occupancy of Nairobi's Junction Mall has exposed the intensity of a bad debts war the supermarket is fighting against wealthy industrialists it owes billions of shillings. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Muthoki Mumo | Thursday 5th October 2017
HILTON TO OPEN NGONG ROAD OUTLET IN DEC

Global hotels brand Hilton is set to rebrand Nairobi's Amber Hotel as part of a Sh5.2 billion (\$50 million) plan to open about 100 hotels in Africa over the next five years. [Read More](#)

4TH OCTOBER 2017

Daily Nation | Kosta Kioleoglou | Wednesday 4th October 2017
WHICH WAY FOR REAL PROPERTY MARKET AFTER THE ELECTIONS?

After a remarkable boom in the past few years, the property market is experiencing a downturn. [Read More](#)

Daily Nation | Eric Wainaina | Wednesday 4th October 2017
STUDENTS PROTEST ALLEGED GRABBING OF COLLEGE LAND

Students protest alleged grabbing of college land

BY ERIC WAINAINA

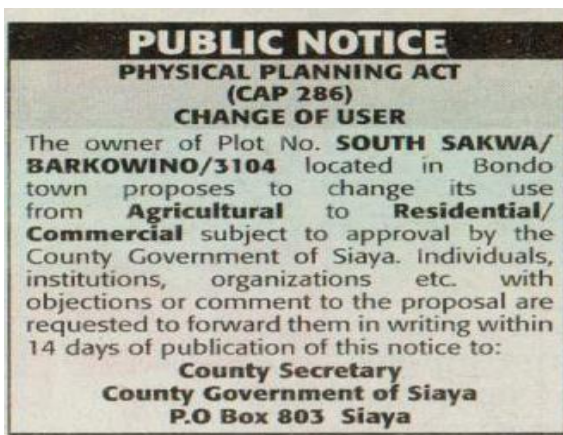
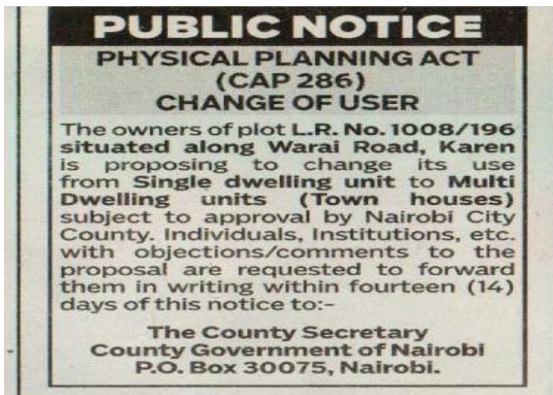
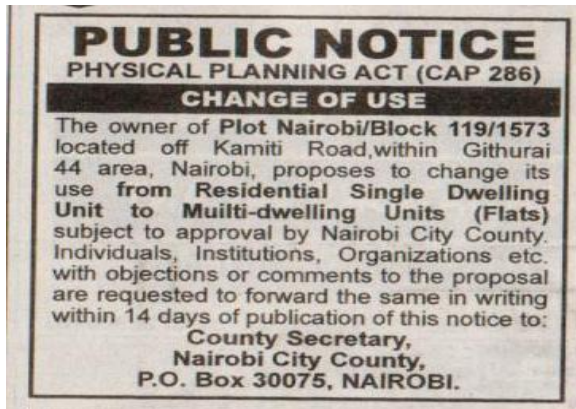
Students of Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology (Kist) yesterday engaged police in running battles during a protest over alleged grabbing of the institution's Sh32 billion land by the school's Board of Trustees.

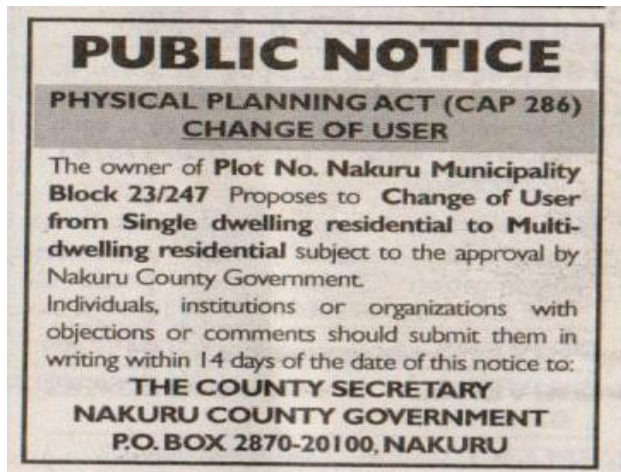
Police officers were forced to shoot in the air and lob tear gas canisters to disperse rowdy students, who had barricaded the road using bonfires and huge rocks.

Officers camped at the institution's main entrance for the better part of the day to

contain the students, who are demanding that the trustees surrender 200 acres of alleged grabbed land.

This was the second time the students were protesting over the matter, having held another demonstration on July 25, when Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu joined them in uprooting beacons that had been erected on the land. Ms Simon Wanderi, who is a student leader, said despite the matter having been brought to the limelight, the trustees have allegedly been defiant.





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