

# KPDA WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW REPORT AS AT 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

Weekly Insights into Current Affairs Affecting the Kenyan Real Estate Market

*Every Friday, we select a few media articles from the week that we think are worth your time as a player in the property development sector. We look for compelling articles not only about trends in the market, but also policy issues, upcoming technologies and global trends in real estate. We would love to hear from you on what you are engaged in to promote the sector.*

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## CEO DE-BRIEF

### UPDATE ON KPDA MEMBERSHIP

Please join us in welcoming

SOHAIL DEVELOPMENTS LTD who become Corporate Members on 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2017



MLIMA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD who became Corporate Members on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

**The KPDA family now has 149 members!**

For more information on joining KPDA, please contact the secretariat on 0737 530 290 or 0705 277 787.

**INVITATION TO THE TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNERS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA (TCPAK) CONFERENCE WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY - TOWN AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE, 8<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017, NYALI, MOMBASA**

The Town and County Planners Association of Kenya (TCPAK) is registered and approved professional association for town, land use or physical planners in Kenya. TCPAK invites you to the **Town and County Planning and Development Conference, 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, at the Travellers Beach Hotel in Nyali, Mombasa. The theme is *“Sustainable Development Planning, Investment & Entrepreneurship.”* The event will also be marking the World Town Planning Day and the Town Awards of Excellence 2017.

To download the program for the conference and to view more information on becoming a sponsor of this event, please click on the link below:

[2017 Town and County Planning and Development Conference PROGRAM.pdf](#)

## NAIROBI INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN AND COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The KPDA website has been enriched to provide insightful documents that affect players in the Kenyan real estate sector. To download a copy of the Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Master Plan, please click here:

<..\..\..\Website Matters\2017 KPDA Website Redevelopment Matters\2017 Website Content\Nairobi Integrated Urban Development Master Plan.pdf>

To download the County Integrated Development Plans, please follow the link below:

<http://www.kpda.or.ke/county-integrated-development-plans>

### REACTIVATION OF PINs

Pursuant to the procedure of the Tax Procedures Act 2015, Kenya Revenue Authority made it mandatory for all taxpayers to use the iTax platform with effect from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 for PIN registration, filing of returns, payment and access of other tax related services.

As of July 2017, KRA noted that there were taxpayers who had not updated their PINs into iTax [Click to download](#)

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS ON CHANGES TO KPDA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

We would like to thank all KPDA members who continue to support the Association by renewing their subscription. Your contribution ensures that the secretariat runs efficiently and effectively to ensure that it fulfills the Board's mandate to provide benefits to the entire KPDA membership.

A more detailed note with the new rates will be shared in due course.

## #KorogaNaKPDA NEW DATE!!!

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

**KPDA CORPORATE NETWORKING KOROGA EVENT, THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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
- Kshs. 3, 980 per person for Non KPDA Members

**The new deadline for receiving payments is Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

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



JARED NYATAYA | NATION

## Over 40 hurt as four-storey building collapses

Rescuers at a construction site in Kapsabet Town, Nandi County where a four-storey building collapsed yesterday injuring several workers. More than 40 people sustained serious injuries. [Story on Page 2](#)

# 20 feared trapped in collapsed building

BY DENNIS LUBANGA  
AND BARNABAS BII

More than 40 people sustained serious injuries when a four-storey building under construction collapsed in Kapsabet town in Nandi County yesterday afternoon.

Another 20 casual workers are suspected to be trapped under the debris and a rescue team comprising police, Red Cross personnel and the public were making desperate efforts last night to free them.

"About 20 people are suspected to be still trapped while 39 others were rescued alive and rushed to hospital. Seventeen escaped unhurt," said John Obara, Kapsabet police boss.

The National Disaster Management Unit yesterday appealed for skilled personnel with cutters and drills to help in the search and rescue operations.

According to witnesses, the owner of the building hired casual labourers yesterday morning.

The Kenya Red Cross and the police rushed the injured to Kapsabet Referral Hospital.

Heavy rains and lack of proper equipment hampered the rescue operation. A crowd used metal bars to free the workers trapped under the debris.

Some of the family members of those trapped said they had received short text messages from their relatives, pleading for help.

### Poor workmanship

Nandi Governor Stephen Sang blamed poor workmanship for the collapse.

Addressing the press after visiting the scene on the Kapsabet-Eldoret road, Mr Sang said the county infrastructural department, in collaboration with the police, had launched investigations into the building's collapse with a view to establishing the cause and arresting those culpable.

See picture on Page 9

## Homa Bay >

### Lack of latrines blamed on poor soil structure

At least three in every 10 people in Homa Bay County do not use latrines. The study done in Suba North Sub-county shows that locals risk water borne diseases due to lack of proper human waste disposal. Some 35 per cent admitted to either defecate by the beaches, bushes or roadsides. Suba North water, sanitation and hygiene health officer Julius Muga said locals fear building latrines for fear of collapse due to poor soil structure.

— Barack Oduor



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL AWARENESS WEEK TO BE HELD FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017

The Law Society of Kenya will observe its **Legal Awareness Week** from the 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm under the theme: "Safeguarding Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms through Improved Law Enforcement". Members of the public shall receive **free legal advice** on:

- Land cases
- Succession
- Human Rights violations
- Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Employment
- Accident Compensation
- Refugee & IDP protection, among other legal issues.

The public is advised to visit the venue at the Milimani Law Court, Parking Yard near Community Bus Stop along Ngong Road, Nairobi or visit the Law Society of Kenya Branch offices in **Mombasa, Kisumu, Eldoret, Nyeri, Meru, Kisii, Machakos and Nakuru**.

For further enquiries, kindly call **020 8155295 or 0720 904983**.

**MERCY K. WAMBUA**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / SECRETARY

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## MERU

### New hotel block to be converted to offices

The controversial Meru County Hotel will now be converted to county government offices, Governor Kiraitu Murungi (pictured) has announced. The governor said the agreement was reached after consultations with Meru County Investment and Development Corporation which was overseeing the hotel's refurbishment. The hotel, which is situated in Meru town, was former governor Peter Munya's project and was being refurbished at a cost of Sh184 million.



Daily Nation | Gerald Bwisa | Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017  
25,000 TITLE DEEDS ISSUED TO RESIDENTS

## Trans Nzoia >

### 25,000 title deeds issued to residents

A total of 25,141 title deeds have been issued to residents of Trans Nzoia this year. Assistant lands registrar Shadrack Biwott said yesterday most of the titles were issued following a presidential directive. "We are targeting to issue 120,000 title deeds in the government's titling programme," he said. He said at least 1,956 title deeds had been issued to residents in settlement schemes.

— Gerald Bwisa

Business Daily | Eric Wainaina | Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017  
CHEAPER HOMES IN AFFLUENT RUNDA

The middle class can now live in the affluent neighborhood of Runda in Nairobi, following the completion of affordable homes costing about Sh25 million. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Bonface Otieno | Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017  
CITY BUILDING WITH ARABIAN FLAIR

The dome-like FCB Mihrab with Arabic architecture and modern trappings on the junction of Lenana Road and Kilimani Ring Road is one of the buildings that is changing Nairobi's skyline. [Read More](#)

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission has scored a major victory in its fight against corruption after former Kenya Ports Authority managing director James Mulewa was ordered to pay the government Sh74.6 million for unexplained assets. [Read More](#)

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African Times | Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
ETHIOPIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS FORCIBLY RETURNED FROM OTHER NATIONS, HRW SAYS

Ethiopian asylum seekers are not safe in Kenya and other host countries where Ethiopian authorities hunt them down and force them to return, the Human Rights Watch organization said Thursday. [Read More](#)

Business Day | Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
DON'T LOSE THE PLOT - AGRICULTURE IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT

Here is something you've probably not heard regarding agriculture in Africa: African farmers are old. [Read More](#)

The Standard | Allan Mungai | Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
HOLIDAY HOMES, TOURISM DRIVE LAIKIPIA REAL ESTATE GROWTH

**Opening up.** The next frontier for Nanyuki, which has grown sandwiched between flower farms and military installations, is property

# Holiday homes, tourism drive Laikipia real estate growth

Talk of tourism circuits and this region makes it among the best in the country. But for a long time, this was limited to conservancies, ranches and a few big hotels. Then came the concept of holiday homes, and the only other location hotter than the slopes of Mt Kenya is the Coast.

By Allan Mungai  
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For the past one year, the narrative surrounding Laikipia County has been dominated by the theme of insecurity as a result of conflicts between pastoralists and ranch owners. But silently, the county is transforming into a luxury haven with some of the biggest real estate developments outside Nairobi. Holiday-goers and property developers are increasingly turning to Laikipia because of its close proximity to Mt Kenya, availability of land and the amiable weather of Laikipia Plateau.

In January, *The New York Times* recommended Laikipia on its list of 52 spectacular must-visit destinations in the world. "The Borana Conservancy of Central Kenya's Laikipia region forms part of a 90,000-acre protected area for elephants, lions and cheetahs, among other charismatic mega fauna. Game drives and lodges abound, but a spectacular new property, the five-suite Arijju, opened in 2016 with guides who take guests on excursions, including fly fishing, trail running, horseback riding and treetop canopy tours. The region is also home to both the Samburu and the Maasai, tribes with equally colourful and fascinating cultures," the paper said.

Still, Arijju and Borana are only a small part of what makes Laikipia tick. Tourism is the key investment driver in the county located just 200 kilometres from Nairobi, which has the biggest number of wild game in the country behind Maasai Mara. It boasts wildlife conservancies such as Borana, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Ol Pejeta, Loisaba and Il Ngwesi.

Nanyuki hosts the Kenya Air Force barracks and the British Army training base that have collectively catalysed developments such as Swiss International Resort Mt Kenya and Maiyan Villas.

Nowhere in Kenya is the relationship with Britain stronger than in Nanyuki. "This is a partnership which benefits not just our defence forces but the wamanchi of this county. The presence of BATUK (British Army Training Unit Kenya) contributes some Sh5.5 billion to the local economy... British personnel rent land for training and for living," British High Commissioner Nick Hailey pointed out in his address to the Laikipia County Assembly last year.

Last September, Kenya and Britain signed a new Defence Cooperation Agreement, which will see the United Kingdom train its military in Laikipia for the next five years, illuminating the future of real estate developers.

David Mwenda, director at D Square Ventures, which manages properties, attributes the attraction to Laikipia to the considerable price of land and the ethnic make-up: "The growth in Laikipia is steady because the area is cosmopolitan."

Foreigners, diaspora Kenyans, moneyed locals and the who's who among the political and business community are scrambling for a share of land and

the plush holiday homes dotting Nanyuki.

One of such is Swiss International Resorts Mt Kenya, a 123-acre holiday and golf resort located off the Nyeri-Nanyuki Highway near Naro Moru.

Once completed, the development, previously known as Mt Kenya Holiday Homes, will have of 110 villas and town houses.

The occupants will have the benefit of accessing the nine-hole golf course, which was completed and launched in July.

The project is based on a build-and-transfer model, which developer Ronald Ndegwa said was intended at locking out speculators.

Under the model, the developer constructs the houses on half acre plots on one of three designs before transferring it to the owner when complete.

The owner gets to choose the design and direction that their house will face, either facing Mt Kenya or with a view of the Aberdare Ranges.

On offer are three- and four-bedroom villas named after the peaks of Mt Kenya: Batian, Nelion and Lenana.

Once the houses are completed, the owner can either choose to live in it or put it on the rental pool. The rentals, Ndegwa said, would be managed by Swiss International Resorts.

The cherry on the cake is that owners will take pleasure in living within a conservancy populated with zebras, Thompson's gazelles and other herbivores, which roam freely. There is also a plan to set up a safari museum, golf club house and a 180-room hotel.

Like the Swiss Resort, Maiyan Villas in Nanyuki also targets holiday-makers. The development is located about 12 kilometres from Nanyuki on the Nanyuki-Rumuruti Road, a short distance past the military barracks in Nanyuki and in full view of Loldiga Hills and Mt Kenya.

Maiyan consists of three-bedroom duplex pool villas built on 100 acres. The project commenced in July 2014 and six villas are already complete and occupied. Each unit comprises three-bedroom villas on ground and first floors, with a rooftop pool lounge and jacuzzi.

Maiyan marketing executive Daniel



**Growth drivers**

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**A view of Swiss International Resorts Mt Kenya with the wildlife in the foreground.** Holiday-goers and property developers are increasingly turning to Laikipia County, which *The New York Times* recommended among in its list of 52 spectacular must-visit destinations in the world. [Allan Mungai, Standard]

Irungu said there were plans to set up tennis and basketball courts that would serve the occupants.

The crown jewel of Maiyan is in the landscaping where a man-made lake has been created out of storm water and a water treatment plant that provides water for watering the lawns.

The location currently serves as a gateway for honeymooners and is gaining popularity for hosting weddings, social and corporate functions.

**110**

The number of villas and town houses Swiss International Resorts Mt Kenya will have once construction is completed.

**2016**

The year Arijju, a new spectacular five-suite property, opened in Laikipia.

**REGION'S MOST FAMOUS HOUSES, RESORTS**

When *The New York Times* was fawning over Laikipia's attraction, it mentioned one house: Arijju. Over the last one year, Arijju and another exclusive destination, Sirai House, have been all the rage in international travel publications. And then there is the icing on the cake: They are all in Borana Conservancy.

Home & Away has written about these properties before, and this is what our writers had to say: "From its website, Arijju terms itself as an anomaly — a beautiful, private home in the game-rich, malaria-free, Kenyan Highlands with rare, truly wild luxuries. For the newest kid in Borana's block, that might be an understatement. Arijju is a design masterpiece that took 10 years to piece together. It borrows heavily from the rock-hewn churches of Ethiopia and ancient Lamu architecture. It makes good use of Meru stone and Lamu-style doors. Then there are the intricate works of iron and copper. From a distance, the house appears to grow out of the ground. The write-up went on: "Arijju is all the rave currently. International news outlets are outdoing one another with their incessant reviews. At the end of last year, Bloomberg analysed four luxury travel destinations in Africa —



and Arijju was one of them. "As much as the house is in one of Kenya's nearly barren landscapes, Arijju combines some unique interior elegance that can be found anywhere else on the planet's luxury hotspots. So vast is Arijju's beauty repertoire that *The Telegraph* in its March 1 Issue asked the question: "Is this Africa's most beautiful, new holiday home?" Here is how to find out: Get five other friends who wish to stay for at least three nights and have the house exclusively to you for \$7,500 or Sh769,875 per night. Any extra person who wants to tag along must cough up Sh61,590.

Sirai House Arijju is in good company with yet another exclusive home in Borana: Sirai House. This is arguably one of Kenya's most expensive luxury accommodations. Completed in 2012, Sirai might be in the bush as well, but don't let this deceive you. So exclusive is Sirai that bookings are made not just in terms of the money one has, but the extent of your character. In short, you might as well keep your millions if your personality traits are not in tandem with the generally acceptable rules of behaviour. [Peter Muiruri]

The Standard | James Wanzala | Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
**LAND, LEASE TRANSFERS FINALLY GO DIGITAL**

**Digitising registries**



**Lands Principal Secretary Dr Nicholas Muraguri.** [Beverlyne Musili, Standard]

**Land, lease transfers finally go digital**

Key land transactions in Nairobi will from Monday next week be conducted online.

The services include land transfers, transfers of leases and charges, discharges and subdivisions.

This follows the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Lands ministry and the Government Digital Payments or GDP (eCitizen payments portal). The portal will help the ministry to conduct online processing of transfer documents.

Among the services targeted for online registration are registration of caution, sub-lease caution, mutation, transmission, correction of names, registration of leases, the power of attorney, loss of title and court order.

The system will go live on September 25 at the Nairobi Registry at Ardhi House after which other registries

across the country will follow progressively as they are digitised.

It is aimed at realising efficient service delivery through improved customer care, accountability and credibility to enable citizens to trace progress of their applications in real time.

"This is a departure from the cumbersome manual processing, which has been in existence at the ministry for over 100 years. The manual system has not only been lengthy and time-consuming but also inconvenienced citizens when manual files are said to be missing," said Lands Principal Secretary, Dr Nicholas Muraguri, during the signing of the MoU.

He said the move would improve the ease of doing business as the improves service delivery by digitising all registries to eliminate land fraud.

The ministry and the GDP will jointly hold training and change management seminars for lands staff in land registration, valuation, and administration officers and lands control boards, on the launch date (September 25).

GDP has been involved in digitising client facing applications in other ministry departments and agencies such as the National Transport and Safety Authority, immigration, business registration services, Department of Criminal Investigations as well as Mombasa, Nyeri and Kisumu counties.

This has improved accountability and service delivery in the agencies as the citizens are able to trace the progress of their applications in real time. [James Wanzala]

**Update on Preparations for the Fresh Presidential Election**

**Nairobi: Thursday, 21 September 2017**

On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the Supreme Court delivered its detailed judgement in Presidential Petition Number 1 of 2017. The Commission continues to review the judgement and its implications on the forthcoming fresh presidential election.

There is no doubt that the judgement impacts on the election operations and in particular technology to be deployed.

In order to ensure that the Commission is fully prepared to deliver an election that meets the standards set out by the Supreme Court, we wish to notify the public and all stakeholders that the fresh presidential election shall now be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Commission shall issue further details on the state of preparedness tomorrow, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

*W.W.*  
**W.W. CHEBUKATI**



can be decorated with a soft pastel blue and pinks both in furniture and furnishings. To accommodate the fraternal twins, the colour can be used in equal measure to balance out the room and balance the two genders. The two colours can also be used to decorate a baby shower party where the gender of the baby is unknown.

### Rule of thirds

If using pink and blue in a room for adults, then the colour intensity for both can be darker. However, to make the colours livable and easy on the eye, it is recommended that you work with either blue or pink as a main colour and pick the other colour as a secondary colour in the room to give it an "adult" feel to it.

The main colour should constitute large areas of the room such as wall colour while the secondary colour should be used on a third of the colour in the space which can be on the curtains, drapes and other furnishings.

Be careful to select a main décor colour that is suitable for the occupant of the room. If pink is used as the main colour, then the occupant should be comfortable with the hue otherwise opt for blue.

Alternatively, throw in a surprise element such as a three-sitter pink sofa in your living room and make it a focal point in the room. The scatter cushions can then be blue so as break the effect of the pink in the room.

It helps to decorate in stages. Decorate one aspect and give yourself time to adapt to the colour before adding another dimension to it and you will gradually get your blue and pink theme right. [Wangeci Kanyeki]



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Business Daily | Victor Juma | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
FORMER HOME AFRIKA CEO CLAIMS SH36M OVER SACKING

Home Afrika faces a Sh36.3 million compensation claim, equivalent to more than half of its gross profit, from former CEO Njoroge Ng'ang'a who has sued for wrongful dismissal. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (NET INFLOWS)

Increased investment in infrastructure including road, railway, mining and real estate sectors have seen a rise in foreign direct investments (FDI) in Kenya in recent years. [Read More](#)



**Business Daily | Brian Ngugi | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**BIG COMPANIES TOP BANK LOAN DEFAULTERS LIST**

Large companies have become the biggest bank loan defaulters that also contributed the most to last month's increase in the stock of non-performing loans (NPLs), Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Governor Patrick Njoroge has said. [Read More](#)

**Business Daily | Barnabas Bii | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**MOUNTING DEBT, MCA LOANS WORRY NEW NORTH RIFT COUNTY BOSSES**

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**The East African Standard | Moses K. Gahigi | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**PLANS ON TO EXPAND LAND FOR GORILLAS AS THEY INCREASE**

The rapid growth of the gorilla population in Rwanda is posing serious conservation challenges and prompting the government to start the process of expanding their habitat. [Read More](#)

**The East African Standard | Charles M. Mpagi | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**MUSEVENI FACES SCEPTISM AS GOVERNMENT SEEKS LAND FOR PROJECTS**

Poster explaining Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni's proposed constitutional amendment for provision for compulsory land acquisition promise answers to all queries on the matter. [Read More](#)

**The East African Standard | Allan Olingo | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**RAILWAY SET TO CUT DOWN CARGO FREIGHT COSTS**

Kenya recently approved freight tariffs for the standard gauge railway, as the government seeks to meet its target of transporting 40 per cent of cargo from Mombasa port by rail. [Read More](#)

**The Star | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**MOMBASA UPS BID TO REPOSSESS LAND GRABBED IN 1990s**

A major crackdown on a land grabbers syndicate has been launched in Mombasa following reports huge chunks worth millions of shillings are in the wrong hands. [Read More](#)

**The East African Standard | Allan Olingo | Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**NEW KISUMU PORT TO OPERATE UNDER LEASE**

Construction of the modern Kisumu port under the standard gauge railway will take 18 months. [Read More](#)

### **Did You Know?**

**There's an island in Alexandria Bay, New York called 'Just Enough Room'. It has just enough room for a house and a tree.**



## We all have a duty to keep environment safe and clean

Every Kenyan is entitled to a clean and healthy environment and has the responsibility to safeguard this.

The county governments should monitor compliance with environmental standards by conducting audits and regular inspections. Environmental impact assessments need to be done for conservation purposes.

Construction of buildings within urban centres must adhere to the set standards and must all be connected to sewers.

Underground pollution in urban centres is alarming. Digging of pit latrines should be prohibited since they are usually shallow and fuel the spread of diseases like cholera.

All hospitals should have modern incinerators for combustible waste. The counties should ensure that all public institutions like schools have adequate and clean toilets with approved bins.

Private sector involvement in solid waste management should

be encouraged and waste disposal must be done appropriately in approved sites.

It's the county governments' responsibility to clean the streets and market places. Bins must be provided and must be adequate to minimise littering.

Landfills should also be discouraged since they are not a sustainable way of disposing solid waste like plastic and rubber. The counties should also avoid open dumping.

MWARI MAINA, Nyeri.

### Nakuru >

## Armed gang raids five homes in rent dispute

Armed men raided five homes at Pyrethrum Estate in Nakuru Town West yesterday morning in a rent dispute. Residents who include staff of the Pyrethrum firm said the gang made away with electrical appliances. Nakuru police boss Joshua Omukata said four people had been arrested. The firm's MD could not be reached for comment.

—Joseph Openda and Lamech Willy

### Isiolo >

## Pastoralists strike deal to share grazing fields

Pastoralists in Isiolo and Garissa counties have been asked to shun conflicts fuelled by increased herding along the border. At a peace meeting by Act Change Transform (Act), elders and herders from Somali and Borana communities struck a deal to share the resources and respect boundaries as the drought persists. Garbatulla deputy county commissioner Kipchumba Rutto asked the elders to take a lead role in preaching peace.

— Vivian Jebet



## Public Announcement

### Appointment of Ms. Marianne Loner as a Director of Britam Holdings Plc



Britam Holdings Plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Marianne Loner to its Board with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Ms. Loner holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Graduate school of Business Administration New York University. She has over thirty years' experience in financial services and asset management.

She is a Director at Sura Asset Management S.A. Colombia. She also serves as a Director of the Supervisory Board of Procredit Holdings AG & Co. Germany.

The Board of Directors of Britam Holdings Plc welcomes the appointment of Ms. Loner and looks forward to benefit from her skills, knowledge and experience.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

Nancy Kiruki  
Company Secretary  
14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

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## UPCOMING KPDA EVENT

**KENYA PROPERTY DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION - LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM, MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AND TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT THE ICEA LION CENTRE, WEST WING, NAIROBI**

**THEME: 'THE JBC CONTRACT: WHAT DEVELOPERS MUST KNOW'**

**DATE: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**

**VENUE: Bowman's Offices - ICEA Lion Centre - West Wing, Nairobi**

**TIME: 8.00am - 12.00noon**



PAUL WAWERU | NATION

## Title deed theft case

Mr Victor Namanya Obuli of Diamond Property Merchants in a city court yesterday where he denied stealing 18 title deeds. He was freed on a Sh500,000 cash bail. The case will be heard on October 30.

Nanyuki and Oloitokitok towns are my favourite Kenyan places to visit and they share some similarities. Both are straddled by Africa's few remaining snow-capped mountains, they also have cold weather and beautiful flora and fauna that attract local and global nature enthusiasts. [Read More](#)

## WHY JOIN THE KPDA FAMILY?

KPDA's current membership is a diverse make up of all industry players including property development firms, real estate agents and managers, professional firms, industry suppliers, government agencies, institutional investors and managers and financial institutions who are based both in Kenya and globally. Principally, KPDA champions the interests of the industry to ensure a better business environment.



18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

Business Daily | Victor Juma | Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### EX-HOME AFRIKA BOSS SEEKS MILLIONS AFTER CONTRACT TERMINATION

Former Home Afrika chief executive Njoroge Ng'ang'a, is seeking millions of shillings from the real estate developer following termination of his contract in September 2015. Mr Ng'ang'a, whose departure came after a string of losses, was replaced by Dan Awendo. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Richard Munguti | Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### THREE-DECADE CASE BETWEEN KCB AND KENYATTA KIN DRAGS ON

KCB Group did not furnish a company with a statement of accounts before moving to auction its estate which it estimates to be worth Sh3 billion, relatives of president Uhuru Kenyatta told the Court of Appeal Monday. [Read More](#)

Business Daily | Benson Matheka | Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### WESTERN KENYA SECESSION BID MOVES TO THE HIGH COURT


The agitation for parts of Kenya to secede has moved to the High Court with two residents filing a petition seeking the autonomy of western Kenya. [Read More](#)

**“** We joined KPDA three years ago and as Optiven Group, we have no regrets. We have massively networked, participated in policy shaping. We have had opportunities to meet decision making individuals including the President, Cabinet secretaries, County Governor's and other key people to lobby on issues affecting the land issues.

We had many events that presented opportunities to market our products.

Being a member of KPDA is a yes yes. A lot of gains as an organization.

We highly recommend any party out there to join this association. **”**

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## Mombasa >

# NLC launches drive to educate the public on new land laws

A programme to educate the public on new laws relating to historical land injustices has been launched in Mombasa. Speaking during the launch of the drive by the National Land Commission at Licodep Hall in Likoni Sub-County yesterday, NLC county coordinator Edward Bosire said the majority of residents were not fully aware of the new laws on land injustices, a thorny issue affecting the coastal people. "We have five years, according to the new laws of 2016, to take up cases and claims, investigate them and provide amicable solutions. However, that is yet to be achieved since we have not received a good number of land cases. We, therefore, felt there was need to launch the campaign," said Mr Bosire.

— Mohamed Ahmed

**Pollution >** Industrial waste, chemicals and heavy metals, among other pollutants, have taken hold of the river

# Nairobi River a pale shadow of its former self

The water source reels under the weight of trash, which now threatens its existence

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Nairobi was once known as a "place of cool waters", derived from the Maasai word *enairobi*, which literally means "a stream of cold water".

This was probably because of the existence of a water source, Nairobi River and its tributaries, which cut through the city.

The city was a place to be, a pride to behold. Combined with the tag "City in the Sun", the capital of Kenya stood out. But not any more.

With Nairobi continuing to experience exponential population growth, heralded by rapid urbanisation and industrialisation, Nairobi River has become dirty. It reels under the weight of trash, which now threatens its existence.

Mr James Archer, a Kenya-born architect, once observed that he could drink, swim and catch fish in Nairobi River when he was a small boy living in the capital, but that is just that — a distant memory.

Choking with all manner of rubbish, the river is a pale shadow of its former self.

The river, which cuts through the city and meanders through highly populated

informal settlement areas, is now polluted with all types of waste.

Industrial waste, chemicals and heavy metals, among other pollutants, have taken hold of the river.

The river — which meanders through the National Museums of Kenya, Grogan, Gikomba, down to the expansive Kiambu slum — is now, more than ever, under renewed threat from increased discharge of industrial, commercial and domestic effluent into its system.

Other threats are from agricultural activities and car wash runoff water.

A spot check by the *Nation* at certain points of the river revealed a worrying situation, which, if not quickly acted upon, will see the over four million Nairobi residents soon living in a "place of no waters".

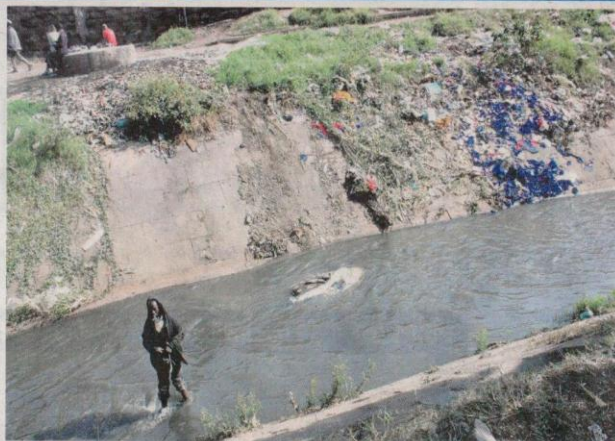
The river — with its Ngong, Kirichwa and Mathare tributaries — has been dwindling in size day by day due to the huge amount of waste dumped into it.

Ngong River runs through Kibera slum and passes through Industrial Area to Mukuru Kaiyaba and Mukuru kwa Njenga, while Mathare River cuts through Mathare slum.

In the section between the National Museums of Kenya and the Globe Cinema flyover, water in the river is dark and murky. Beneath the facade of a smooth flow lies all types of garbage, including hair salon waste, used bottles and polythene bags.

Going downstream, in the section between the Globe Cinema flyover and the Racecourse roundabout, the same scenario is evident.

There are several makeshift struc-



Nairobi River on Wednesday last week. Many people wash cars near the river and others throw waste into the water body.

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tures along the banks, with a stretch occupied by motor vehicle and motorcycle garages that discharge all sorts of waste into the river.

Some of the mechanics urinate into the already dirty water, oblivious of the danger they are posing to those who use the water.

Five metres from the mechanics is a man drawing water from the river for use in cleaning shoes he sells. He says he cannot spend the little profit he gets to buy clean water to wash the shoes. "I know the water I am using is dirty but I cannot dip into my little profit to buy water to clean these shoes as that will put me to a disadvantage," said the trader, only identified as Mwangi.

The situation gets worse as the river

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Roseline Asena, chairperson of a residents association in informal settlements

moves past the Gikomba Market section. The section is in dire need of a clean-up. The water is dirty with waste from traders. They let loose their trash down the river. Effluent from the eateries nearby and a pile of garbage in the area are washed into the river.

"It is hard for this section of the river to be clean. Waste comes from all sectors and in all shapes and forms. We have a garbage dumping site just here. We have discharge from the eateries you see here and also from us the traders," said Ms Jackie Atieno, a trader who sells second-hand clothes on the road leading to the Gikomba Market.

Human waste from several public toilets and garbage disposal centres along the river have choked the river to a point where it can barely flow.

At the River Ngong Bridge, there are huge piles of human waste, discarded polythene bags and all sorts of household garbage.

"You can see for yourself the amount of garbage here. The once flowing river is now a stale reminder of what it used to be. We used to be served by this river but it is now slowly and painfully dying right before our eyes," said Ms Roseline Asena, the chairperson of a residents

association in informal settlements.

The biggest polluters of the rivers in Nairobi include a broken sewer system in many parts of the city, big factories that release their waste into the water bodies and settlements with no toilets.

The lack of a proper sewer system has led to the spewing of human effluent into the river. In the case where no sewer system exists, as in most informal settlements, the dwellers discharge their waste directly into the river.

In 2008, the National Environment Management Authority identified over 4,000 structures within 30 metres of the riparian reserve to be demolished.

The structures, mainly businesses and settlements, were in areas such as Kibera, Mukuru, Mathare and Kiambu slums.

In July the same year, the Ministry of Environment presented a 10-point action plan that proposed a clean-up of the four main rivers within three years. The Sh12 billion three-year project, led by then-Environment minister John Michuki, yielded great results.

But it was not long before it went back to its former filthy state.



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