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NATIONAL
NEWS ROUND-UP





President Ruto, Dangote Break Ground on Sh2.2tn Lamu Oil Refinery



President William Ruto and Nigerian industrialist Aliko Dangote have broken ground for the Sh2.2 trillion East Africa Oil Refinery in Lamu, marking the formal start of construction of the massive petroleum project.

The ceremony in Lamu has brought together several African leaders and senior government officials, including Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Benin's President Romuald Wadagni.

Other regional leaders and senior officials are also attending the groundbreaking, which is expected to be one of the largest industrial investment events held in Kenya.

The refinery, being developed by Dangote Industries, is designed to process up to 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day, making it one of Africa's largest planned refining facilities.

The project is expected to serve Kenya and the wider East African market, with refined petroleum products targeted for countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The groundbreaking comes after the first vessel carrying construction equipment for the project arrived at Lamu Port on September 26. The vessel, MV Da Yang Bai He, delivered about 2,930 metric tonnes of project cargo.

Dangote has said the refinery will be constructed over about three years, while Reuters reported that the project is targeting completion by 2030. The facility is expected to support petrochemical and other industrial activities and create tens of thousands of jobs.

The project, however, faces a legal challenge over land ownership and compensation. A Kenyan court has ordered preservation of parts of the site pending proceedings in a case brought by local residents, although Dangote Group has maintained that the groundbreaking ceremony would proceed.

The refinery is being positioned as a major regional energy investment at a time when East African countries remain heavily dependent on imported refined petroleum products.

The project will therefore be closely watched for its implications for regional fuel supply, petroleum processing, industrialisation and the development of Lamu as an energy and logistics hub. [Capital]

Ruto Touts Ksh.2B Monthly Wage Bill From Lamu Refinery Project



President William Ruto has said the construction of the Ksh.2 trillion Dangote East Africa Refinery in Lamu County is expected to inject more than Ksh.2 billion into the economy every month through workers' wages and create approximately 60,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Speaking during the project's groundbreaking ceremony in Mokowe, Lamu County, on Wednesday, September 30, Ruto said the projected earnings would be generated during the four-year construction period, with local businesses also expected to benefit from increased economic activity.

"Katika kipindi cha miaka minne ya ujenzi, mradi huu unatarajiwa kuingiza zaidi ya shilingi bilioni 2 kila mwezi katika mishahara ya wafanyakazi, na kuunda takribani nafasi 60,000 za ajira," Ruto said.

The President said the wages would circulate through the local economy, benefiting shops, hotels, restaurants, transport operators, landlords and other businesses in Lamu and beyond.

The Ksh.2 trillion refinery, spearheaded by Nigerian billionaire Aliko Dangote, is designed to process up to 700,000 barrels of crude oil daily, positioning Kenya as a potential petroleum refining hub serving East Africa and international markets.

The project also envisages electricity generation capacity of up to 1,000 megawatts, part of which could eventually serve consumers beyond the refinery.

"This is bigger than a refinery. It is an investment in energy security, industrialisation, and regional integration," Ruto said.

The Head of State said the government would acquire a stake in the refinery through the contribution of assets, including land, while the private sector would provide capital, technical expertise and commercial management.

"The government of Kenya is going to have a stake in the refinery. We will deploy our assets including land. We don't want anything for free," he stated.

Ruto further disclosed that Kenya spent Ksh.530 billion importing petroleum products last year, arguing that developing local refining capacity would help retain more value within the economy.

He, however, acknowledged that establishing a refinery would not immediately eliminate the country's petroleum import bill, as crude oil would still have to be purchased and refined competitively.

The President also challenged Dangote to deliver the project within the proposed 40-month timeline, warning that Kenyans would closely monitor the deadline.

[Citizen]

Museveni Leads African Leaders in Backing Dangote's Ksh.2.2 Trillion Lamu Refinery

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni led three other heads of state and government in voicing their support for the establishment of the historic Dangote East Africa Oil Refinery Plant by Dangote Group.

The three, Ethiopia's Abiy Ahmed Ali, Togo's Jean-Lucien Savi and Benin's Romuald Wadagni, graced the historic groundbreaking ceremony for the Ksh.2.2 trillion Dangote East Africa Oil Refinery in Lamu County.

During the ceremony, they called upon various actors in the investment sector, including governments, leaders and project-affected persons, to cooperate with investors and provide a conducive working environment to spur economic growth for the continent.

Heaping praise on Nigerian billionaire investor Aliko Dangote, the leaders backed the establishment of the historic oil refinery, terming it a game changer for the region's industrial, manufacturing and economic trajectory.

"I support it, but I have invested in Tanga. I also discussed with Dangote to construct one in Uganda. We can have as many refineries as possible, one in Tanga, Lamu and Uganda. Iran has nine refineries," said Museveni.

"This project will connect regional markets. It will create opportunities for trade and investment," Abiy Ahmed added.

On his part, Togo's Savi said, "The Lamu refinery is an impactful project that goes a long way toward reducing Kenya's quantity of imported products. It will create a value chain."

"Lafarge Africa, which wanted to dominate Africa, is out of Africa today. Let's support our very own investors," Former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo noted.

The heads of state called on governments, leaders and project-affected persons to cooperate fully with investors and provide a conducive working environment that will spur economic growth for the continent through return on investment.

"Dangote would have come a long time ago. I didn't know some people wanted bribes," Museveni said.

Obasanjo added, "Let us support fellow Africans who want to bring transformative change on the continent."

[Citizen]



Registrar of Political Parties Reserves Linda Mwananchi Name



Linda Mwananchi Movement leader Edwin Sifuna

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) has approved the reservation of the name Linda Mwananchi Movement (LMM) as a political party name for a period of up to 90 days.

In an official letter dated October 1, 2026, Registrar of Political Parties/ CEO J C Lorionokou notified the legal counsel for the applicants, Bansbury Associates Advocates LLP, of the approval.

The decision follows a judgment delivered by the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal.

On Wednesday, the tribunal declared the decision by the Registrar of Political Parties to reject the reservation of the name Linda Mwananchi as unlawful and unconstitutional.

In a virtual ruling on Wednesday, September 30, the tribunal directed the ORPP to reconsider its decision, in a ruling that comes as a relief to the Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna-led movement.

The decision follows a dispute over the reservation of the name, with the Registrar having declined the application to reserve Linda Mwananchi.

ORPP had blocked the Sifuna-led movement from reserving the name LINDA after it found that another party with the initials was already registered.

According to the tribunal, ORPP lacked legal justification and breached provisions of the Political Parties Act when it blocked the reservation and registration of the party.

The tribunal has therefore asked the political parties registrar to reconsider its decision and release a new decision on the matter within seven days. [Star]

Wiper Rejects Coalition Rumors With President Ruto, Vows Independent 2027 Presidential Run

The Wiper Patriotic Front (WPF) has firmly dismissed intense political speculation suggesting its party leader, former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka, is laying the groundwork to join President William Ruto's government or strike a pre-election coalition deal ahead of the 2027 General Election.

In an official public statement issued on September 28, 2026, WPF Spokesperson Ndegwa Njiru declared that the party has no intentions of negotiating a political arrangement with the Kenya Kwanza administration, maintaining an uncompromising stance toward the head of state.

"Let it be stated without ambiguity; the Wiper Patriotic Front has no dealings, no understanding, and no intention of working with Ruto," the statement read.

"He remains a man under whose watch our children were shot, abducted and tortured. Our path is independent, principled and irreversible. We shall only meet with Mr. Ruto at the ballot on 10th August 2027."

The party's statement comes amid heightened political realignments and intense rumor-mongering following public remarks by various political leaders.

Speculation flared up following Kalonzo's weekend political tour in Western Kenya and Siaya, where comments on democratic processes and post-election stability were interpreted by some observers as a potential softening of his opposition stance.

Former Deputy President and Democracy For the Citizens Party (DCP) leader Rigathi Gachagua had also fueled political chatter by predicting imminent shifts among top opposition figures ahead of 2027.

In response to critics linking local infrastructure demands to government co-optation, the statement clarified Wiper's push for major infrastructure projects in its Eastern stronghold – specifically pointing to the completion of the long-delayed Kibwezi–Kitui–Mwingi–Tseiikuru–Maua road.

The party emphasized that demanding regional development is a right tied to public taxation rather than political patronage, stating: "When the Wiper Patriotic Front calls for the completion of the... road and for equitable development across opposition regions, it is not seeking favours. It is demanding what rightfully belongs to the people, public taxes collected from Kenyans, not private largesse to be dispensed at the pleasure of any individual."

[Citizen]





Us Senate Unanimously Confirms Henry Wooster as US Ambassador to Kenya

The United States (US) Senate on Thursday confirmed Henry Wooster as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Kenya, approving President Donald Trump's nominee by unanimous consent.

Wooster, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, takes up a post that had been without a confirmed ambassador for months – a gap that left Washington without a permanent voice in one of its most strategically important African partnerships.

Wooster's confirmation hearing in September offered a preview of his approach, and it was notably free of the confrontational rhetoric that has characterised much of the Trump administration's diplomacy.

He described Kenya as "indispensable" in East Africa and said it "walks its talk" on global security, citing its leadership of the Haiti mission and its role as a frontline partner against terrorism.

Most significantly, he rejected the framing that Kenya is drifting into Beijing's orbit.

Asked by Senator Chris Coons how he would pull Nairobi "solidly into the American orbit," Wooster said Washington does not see "ideological affinity" in Kenya's relationship with China.

"That has been the case throughout the Cold War, when the surrounding countries in East Africa overwhelmingly went Marxist and Communist. Kenya did not."

He described Kenya's foreign policy as "pragmatic", a recognition that Nairobi is diversifying relations and engaging American adversaries like China and Iran to advance its own interests.

The implication was that the US will have to compete, not demand loyalty. It is a marked departure from the zero-sum framing that has defined much of Washington's recent approach to Africa.

On Kenya's elections next year, Wooster said Washington "will watch closely" and that its interest is stability. "We are not picking sides in the election," he said.

[Citizen]

Lecturers Begin Strike Over CBA, Funding



Lecturers begin strike over CBA, funding

Lecturers at public universities across Kenya have begun a strike over grievances surrounding the implementation of collective bargaining agreements (CBAs), university funding and the payment of university employees.

KUSU Egerton branch secretary Bernard Ojiambo said teaching and learning had been paralysed at Egerton University as university-based unions began the industrial action.

“Comrade Power! Comrade Power! Today, today is a sad day in the Republic of Kenya,” Ojiambo said while addressing union members.

He said the strike was prompted by delays in negotiating and implementing the 2025-2029 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Ojiambo said the unions had signed a return-to-work formula on November 5, 2025, which provided for the CBA to be concluded and registered at the Employment and Labour Relations Court within 30 days.

“Today officially we are launching mega strike here in Egerton, learning and teaching totally paralyzed,” he said.

The unions’ grievances also include the implementation of previous CBAs and concerns over the current university funding model.

A university union official addressing the gathering said the unions wanted university employees to be paid through a centralised system and for university workers to be placed on the Exchequer payroll.

She said the unions were also calling for the implementation of the 2025-2029 CBA and the release of funds owed to universities.

The official said the unions estimated the outstanding funds at more than Sh100 billion, including amounts they said had not been remitted under previous university funding models.

She also raised concerns about the funding model, under which funding is linked to individual students, saying the unions wanted a system that would ensure university employees were paid through a centralised arrangement.

The unions involved in the strike are the Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU), Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) and Kenya Universities and Colleges Staff and Allied Workers Union (KUDHEA).

She added that their demands were broadly similar across the three unions and that members had withdrawn their labour until their respective union leaderships issued further instructions.

Ojiambo said the strike would continue until the unions’ demands were addressed.

[Star]

Standard Group Condemns Protest at Mombasa Road Offices, Cites Threats to Media Freedom

The Standard Group has condemned a protest outside its Nairobi premises along Mombasa Road on Friday, accusing a group of youths of harassing its staff and threatening media freedom.

In a statement issued on Friday, October 2, 2026, the media company said the group, which it claimed purported to speak on behalf of President William Ruto and the Kenya Kwanza administration, picketed outside its offices and hurled profanities at the company.

The Standard Group described the incident as an affront to media freedom, democracy and legitimate business, citing Articles 33 and 34 of the Constitution, which guarantee freedom of expression and the media.

“The Standard Group PLC condemns, in the strongest terms, the unwarranted protest and name-calling outside our premises along Mombasa Road today,” the company said.

The media house further claimed that the harassment was not an isolated incident, alleging that the same group had previously attacked The Standard, KTN and other broadcast outlets, including their digital platforms, over their coverage of President Ruto and his administration.

According to the statement, the group had also directed insults at KANU Party Chairman Gideon Moi and former President Uhuru Kenyatta, alleging that the two were behind headlines critical of the government.

The Standard Group rejected the allegations, saying its journalism is guided by professionalism, the Code of Conduct for the Practice of Journalism and the public interest.

“We condemn this intrusion by paid goons ready to harm our journalists and staff. It has no place in a country that claims to uphold the rule of law and a free society,” the company said.

The media organisation said that while Kenyans have a constitutional right to present grievances, protest against injustice and demonstrate publicly, threats against journalists and intimidation of media houses cannot be considered legitimate protest.

It also commended police officers for preventing the group from entering its premises, saying the response was consistent with the role of an independent National Police Service.

The Standard Group said it would continue with its journalistic work despite the incident.

[Citizen]



The Standard Group offices on Mombasa Road.

Cs Duale Extends Deadline For Health Facilities to Switch to SHA's Digital System



Health CS Aden Duale commissions a landmark Waqf project in Ngala, Nakuru County on October 1, 2026.

The Ministry of Health has granted health facilities an additional one-month extension to complete their transition from the Provider Portal to the Social Health Authority's Health Management Information System (HMIS).

The extension is intended to give facilities more time to comply with the directive as the government moves towards a fully digital and paperless health information system.

In a statement signed by Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, the Ministry said the transition has progressed significantly across public, faith-based and private health facilities.

According to the Ministry, all 6,427 public Level 2 to 4 health facilities have successfully transitioned to HMIS.

Among public Level 5 facilities, four have completed the transition while 23 are at different stages of the process. The Ministry expects all public Level 5 facilities to complete the transition by October 30, 2026.

The government is also supporting 518 contracted faith-based health facilities with the installation and transition to HMIS.

So far, 38 faith-based facilities have completed the transition, with the remaining facilities expected to do so by October 30.

Kenyatta National Hospital and Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital are also expected to complete their transition by the end of next week, while the remaining Level 6 facilities are expected to complete the process by October 30.

The Ministry said private health facilities with existing HMIS platforms have also started certifying their systems in line with the Digital Health Act. So far, 28 existing HMIS platforms have been certified by the Digital Health Agency.

[Citizen]

CORPORATE
NEWS ROUND-UP



SBMBank Customers to Get 10% Discount on Aesthetic, Wellness Services

SBM Bank Kenya customers can now save 10% on selected aesthetic and wellness treatments at Dr. Stasch Clinic & MediSpa, under a new partnership aimed at expanding the benefits available to retail cardholders.

Eligible SBM cardholders who pay for qualifying services with their SBM cards will receive the 10% benefit on selected treatments at the specialist clinic.

The offer covers services including cosmetic dermatology, laser treatments, aesthetic medicine and IV wellness, giving SBM customers access to preferential rates on a range of aesthetic and wellness services.

The partnership is part of SBM Bank Kenya's broader effort to strengthen its customer value proposition through collaborations with providers in lifestyle and wellness.

"Our strategy starts with the customer. We are building a bank that understands the full picture of our customers' lives, and that means partnering with trusted names in areas that matter to them, from wellness to lifestyle. Every partnership we sign is guided by one question: does it make our customers' lives better?" SBM Bank Kenya CEO Bhartesh Shah said.

Shah said the arrangement would provide eligible cardholders with additional value when accessing services at the clinic.

"We are pleased to extend additional value to our customers through this partnership. Eligible SBM cardholders will now have preferential access to selected treatments and services at Dr. Stasch Clinic & MediSpa," he said.



L-R SBM Bank Kenya CEO Bhartesh Shah and Dr. Stasch Clinic and MediSpa CEO and Founder Dr. Tilman Stasch during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Dr. Stasch Clinic & MediSpa offers plastic and reconstructive surgery, dermatology, advanced aesthetic treatments and wellness therapies.

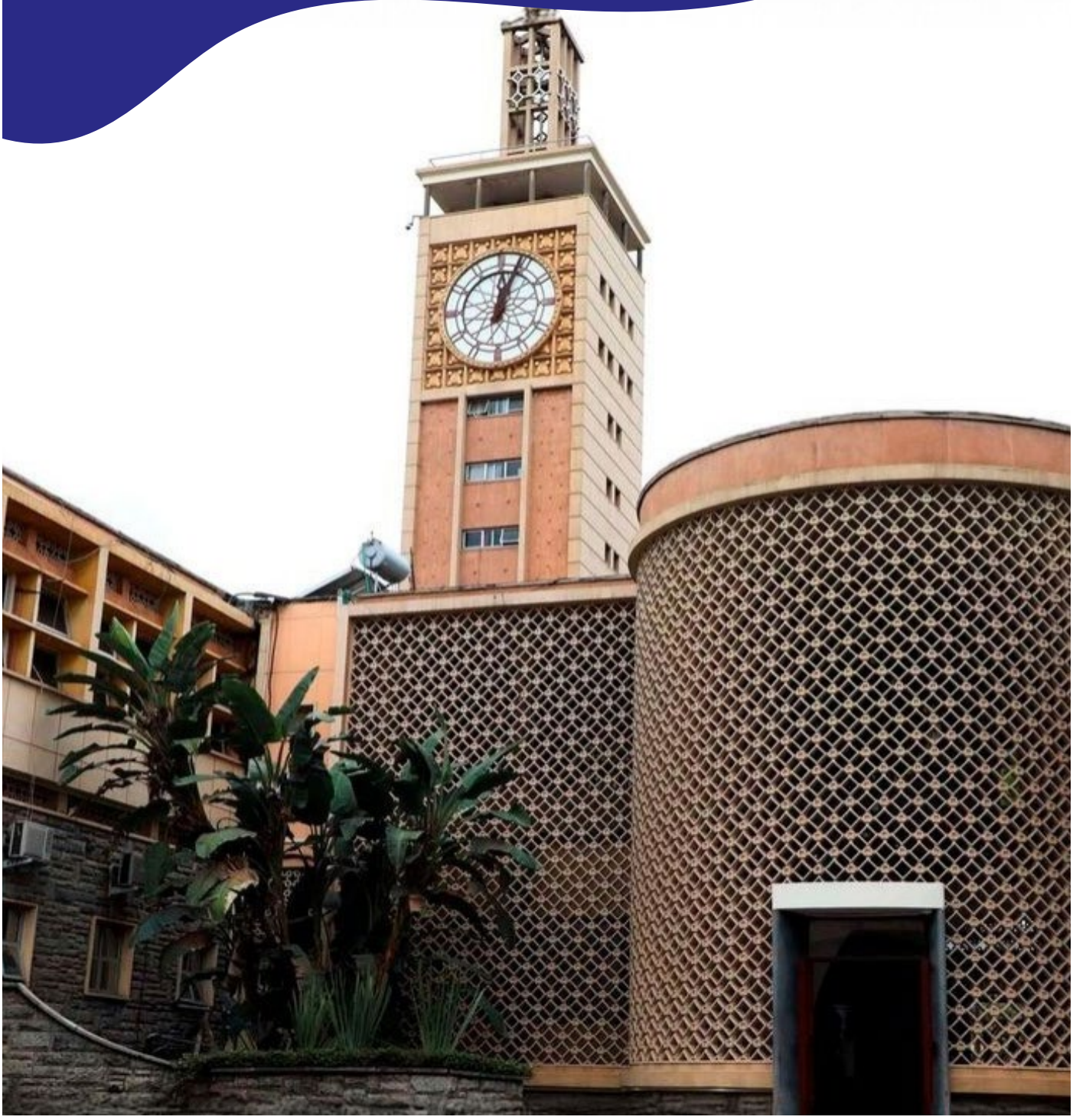
The clinic is led by ISAPS-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Tilman Stasch and combines specialist medical expertise, advanced technology and a consultation-led approach to aesthetic and wellness care.

Stasch said the partnership would extend the clinic's personalised approach to SBM customers while maintaining its focus on patient safety and appropriate treatment options.

"Our approach begins with understanding each patient's individual needs and guiding them towards treatment options that are appropriate for them. We are pleased to extend this experience to SBM customers while maintaining the personalized care and high standards that remain central to our practice," he said.

[Citizen]

PARLIAMENTARY
NEWS ROUND-UP



Mps Divided Over Proposal to Bar Non-Local Voters From MCA Nomination Seats



Members of Parliament during a past sitting at the National Assembly

The battle over 770 special nomination seats in county assemblies has returned to Parliament, with legislators split over whether nominees should come from the counties where they seek to serve.

According to the proposal contained in the Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2024, political parties would only nominate persons who are registered voters in the counties where they are seeking the special seats, potentially locking out candidates registered as voters elsewhere.

Clause 19 of the Bill, which was passed by the Senate in December 2024 and later forwarded to the National Assembly for consideration, seeks to amend Section 34 of the Elections Act by introducing the new requirement.

"A person shall not be nominated by a political party unless the person is, on the date of submission of the party list by the political party, a registered voter in any of the wards in the county in which the person is nominated," reads the proposed law.

The proposal has divided Members of Parliament (MPs), with National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah opposing the requirement while Marakwet West MP Timothy Kipchumba has backed it.

Ichung'wah has described the proposed change as regressive and said he would seek its removal from the Bill.

"I will be moving amendments to this Bill to delete this proposal. Kenyans should be allowed to be nominated to serve in counties even where they are not registered voters," Ichung'wah said.

Under the current system, political parties can nominate a person to any of the 47 county assemblies provided the candidate is included in the party list submitted to the electoral commission.

Every election year, since the 2013 General Election, 770 positions have been reserved as special seats for nominated Members of County Assembly across the 47 counties.

These seats are separate from the 1,450 MCA positions directly filled by voters in wards, which serve as single-member constituencies.

[Eastleigh Voice]

MPs Threaten Media Crackdown Over Election Rigging Plot Report

Members of Parliament have threatened to push for restrictions on media freedom over the publication of unverified claims of electoral malpractice ahead of the 2027 General Election, demanding that the Media Council of Kenya (MCK) take action against outlets they accuse of misleading the public.

The lawmakers expressed concern that some media houses were making unsubstantiated claims about the forthcoming elections, warning that such reporting could undermine public confidence in the electoral process and trigger violence.

They singled out the Standard Group, accusing it of using its platforms to settle political scores through its election coverage.

However, the Standard Group, in its September 30 edition of the Standard newspaper, said: “no amount of threats will deter us from the cause”.

“The Standard Group PLC will neither be intimidated or cowed in our pursuit of quality journalism. In our role as the people’s defender, we will not succumb to threats of our premises being raided by goons or members of the National Assembly suggesting doing away with the oldest media house in the region. We stand by our stories on different platforms and if there is any issue, then there are avenues to address the same,” the company wrote.

The MPs urged the MCK to exercise its regulatory authority and take action against media houses found to be misleading the public, warning that failure to address the problem could have serious consequences for the country.



Deputy Speaker in the National Assembly Gladys Sholleii

Article 34(1) of the Constitution guarantees the freedom and independence of electronic, print and all other types of media.

However, Article 33(2) stipulates that the right to freedom of expression does not extend to propaganda for war, incitement to violence, hate speech or advocacy of hatred.

Article 34(5) requires Parliament to enact legislation establishing an independent body, free from government, political or commercial control, to set media standards and regulate compliance while reflecting the interests of all sections of society.

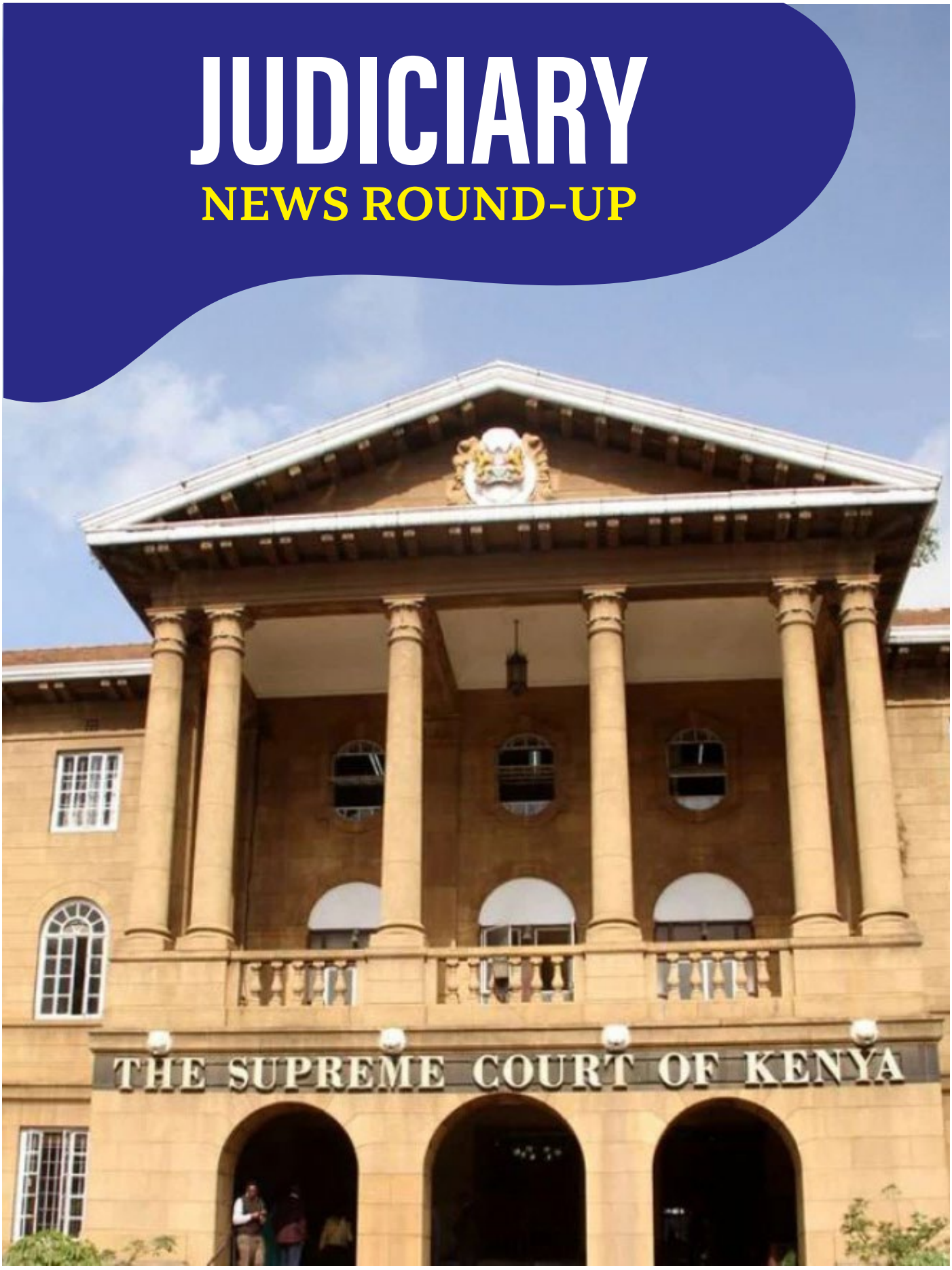
Minority Leader Junet Mohamed said that although the media enjoys constitutional protection, it also has a responsibility to ensure that the public receives factual information.

“We all acknowledge that there is freedom of the Press, but there is no freedom of propaganda to misinform Kenyans. Every year we pass a budget here for MCK, but that organisation is just sitting back and seeing a media house misleading the entire country,” Mr Mohamed, who is the Suna East MP, said.

Mr Mohamed regretted that what he termed propaganda had taken root in media coverage of the 2027 elections.

“I believe in the freedom of the media, but as a leader, I cannot sit and watch propaganda take root. We are heading to an election, yet a media house is saying foreigners are being registered as voters. What will happen is that many Kenyans will not accept the outcome,” he said. [Nation]

JUDICIARY
NEWS ROUND-UP



Court Quashes Removal Notices For CJ Martha Koome, DCJ Mwilu And 4 Judges



Judges Bahati Mwamuye, Charles Kariuki and Lawrence Mugambi delivering judgement on petition filed challenging JSC removal notices against CJ Martha Koome, her deputy Philomena Mwilu and 4 others on Friday, October 2, 2026.

The High Court has quashed notices issued by the Judicial Service Commission seeking the removal of Chief Justice Martha Koome, Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu and other Supreme Court judges.

A three-judge bench comprising Justices Charles Kariuki, Lawrence Mugambi and Bahati Mwamuye declared the JSC process constitutionally and legally defective, finding that the commission acted unlawfully in processing complaints seeking the removal of the judges.

The court further prohibited the JSC from taking any further steps or making decisions based on the impugned complaints until the required legal framework governing the removal process is in place.

In a detailed judgment delivered Friday, October 2, 2026, the judges said the commission failed to undertake the necessary preliminary assessment before requiring the judges to respond to the complaints.

The bench has declared that the notices and directions issued by the JSC were made without proof of a lawfully convened meeting of the commission.

“A declaration is hereby issued that the first respondent in issuing the affirmative communication notices and directions failed to undertake the requisite preliminary threshold assessment necessary to safeguard the petitioner’s right to fair administrative action under Article 47 of the Constitution,” the bench said.

The judges also faulted the manner in which the complaints were brought against the Supreme Court bench collectively.

“A declaration is hereby issued that the collective, composite or omnibus manner in which the first respondent proceeded against the petitioners was contrary to the Constitution and the law,” the judges noted.

The court further found that the JSC failed to specify the grounds and particulars required under Article 168 of the Constitution for the removal of a judge.

Consequently, the court declared that the communications, notices and directions issued in relation to JSC Petition Nos. 72 of 2024, 3 of 2025 and 35 of 2024 were constitutionally and legally defective, null and void, and unconstitutional.

The court has also issued an order of certiorari quashing the notices dated January 27, 2025, together with all correspondence, actions and proceedings arising from the three complaints.

[PD]

Wamatangi Loses Bid to Stop Ksh813 Million EACC Recovery Case

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has secured the dismissal of five applications by Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi and other defendants seeking to strike out its suit for the recovery of Ksh 813.1 million linked to alleged irregularities in road tender awards.

The suit relates to payments to five companies for road contracts awarded by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) and Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).

EACC alleges that Wamatangi, while serving as a Senator, used his position to influence tender awards to companies in which he held a beneficial interest, and that forged or falsified documents were used to secure the contracts.

The Commission seeks recovery of Ksh 813,145,532.40 from the defendants jointly and severally, alongside forfeiture of funds held in the companies' bank accounts.

In her ruling dated 1st October 2026, High Court Judge Rose Ougo held that the allegations of fraud, misrepresentation and falsification of tender documents require evidence to be tested at a full hearing. Whether the company directors can be held personally liable must also be determined through that process.

The Court further held that parliamentary privilege does not shield alleged unlawful conduct and that Governor Wamatangi had not established that the recovery suit duplicated the issues in his pending constitutional petition.

The recovery suit will proceed to hearing.

[KBC]



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High Court Strikes Out Petition to Liquidate KUSCCO

The High Court in Nairobi has struck out an insolvency petition seeking the liquidation of the Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Co-operatives Limited (KUSCCO), ruling that the Insolvency Act does not provide the legal basis for winding up a co-operative society.

Lady Justice Rhoda Rutto, sitting at the Milimani High Court, upheld a preliminary objection by KUSCCO, represented by lawyer Ceceil Miller, and found that the petition filed by Rupsa Regulated NWDT Sacco Society Limited was improperly brought under the Insolvency Act.

The court held that KUSCCO, being a co-operative society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, is governed by the specialised statutory framework established under that law rather than the general corporate insolvency regime.

The ruling, delivered on September 28, 2026, brings to an end the petition filed on March 17, 2026, in which Rupsa sought the liquidation of KUSCCO.

Justice Rutto first considered whether KUSCCO's preliminary objection met the legal threshold established in Mukisa Biscuit Manufacturing Co. Ltd v West End Distributors Ltd.

The court rejected Rupsa's argument that determining the objection would require a detailed examination of KUSCCO's financial position, corporate structure and subsidiaries.

The judge found that KUSCCO's status as a co-operative society was undisputed and that the central question was one of statutory interpretation: whether a co-operative society could be subjected to liquidation proceedings under the Insolvency Act.

The court consequently held that the preliminary objection was properly before it.

The court also rejected the argument that KUSCCO's status as a body corporate automatically brought it within the definition of a company under the Insolvency Act.

Justice Rutto noted that the Co-operative Societies Act gives registered co-operative societies corporate personality, including the ability to own property, enter contracts and sue or be sued.

However, she held that corporate personality does not necessarily make an entity a "company" for purposes of every statute.

[Citizen]

Four Found Guilty of Murdering Ex-Kabete MP George Muchai



The High Court has found four men guilty of murdering former Kabete MP George Muchai and his three companions in a 2015 shooting in Nairobi.

Justice Kanyi Kimondo convicted Eric Mungera Isabwa, Raphael Kimani Gachii, Mustafa Kimani Anyoni and Stephen Astiva Lipopo after finding that the prosecution had proved the murder charges against them beyond reasonable doubt.

The four were facing four counts of murder over the deaths of Muchai, his two police bodyguards, Constable Samuel Kimathi Kailikia and Constable Samuel Lekakeny Matanta, and his driver, Stephen Ituu Wambugu.

In his judgment, Justice Kimondo said the prosecution had established that the four accused jointly committed the murders on the night of February 6 and 7, 2015, along Kenyatta Avenue in Nairobi.

“In the upshot, the Republic has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that on the night of 6th and 7th February 2015 along Kenyatta Avenue within Nairobi, the four accused persons jointly murdered Hon George Mukuru Muchai, police constable Samuel Kimathi, police constable Samuel Lekakeny and Stephen Ituu,” the judge ruled.

“I therefore find all the four accused persons guilty on all the four counts of murder and convict them accordingly,” he added.

The judgment follows a prosecution case in which several witnesses were called to testify before the High Court.

Justice Kimondo had in September 2025 ruled that the four had a case to answer after finding that the prosecution had established a prima facie case against them.

Three other people who had initially been charged alongside them — Jane Wanjiru Kamau, Margaret Njeri Wachiuri and Simon Wambugu Gichamba — were acquitted in the murder proceedings after the court found that the evidence was insufficient to require them to defend the charges.

[Star]

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS ROUND-UP



Zimbabwean Businessman Chivayo, Close to Ruling Elite, Killed in Helicopter Crash

Zimbabwean businessman Wicknell Chivayo, his wife and several others were killed on Wednesday in a helicopter crash, President Emmerson Mnangagwa said.

Mnangagwa said in a statement on X on Thursday that he was “in deep shock and grief”, while in a separate post Kenya’s President William Ruto called Chivayo his friend and said he was saddened by his passing.

Chivayo cultivated close ties with Mnangagwa and other African leaders, posting pictures with them on social media where he also displayed luxury cars, designer clothing and lavish gifts.

Investigations into the crash are ongoing and a detailed statement on the findings will be released in due course, Zimbabwe’s The Herald newspaper reported, citing the country’s aviation authority.

Police did not comment on the cause of the crash, but spokesperson Paul Nyathi said authorities were carrying out DNA tests because the bodies were severely damaged.



Critics frequently cited Chivayo as an example of a small elite class that benefited from government-linked contracts under Zimbabwe’s long-ruling ZANU-PF party. He denied allegations of corruption.

Chivayo was jailed for several years after a 2005 conviction as part of a money-laundering case.

He was arrested in 2018 over the alleged misuse of a $5.6 million advance payment tied to a solar power project, but a magistrate struck the case off the court roll in 2023, citing delays by prosecutors.

In 2024, he again drew scrutiny after Mnangagwa described his company as Starlink’s exclusive partner in Zimbabwe, prompting the telecommunications regulator to clarify that it was one of several approved resellers.

[Reuters]



Pilot Stabs Fellow Pilot on Flight to Israel Before Passengers Intervene to Stop Attack



A copilot stabbed a captain in an apparent attempt to crash a jetliner as it was flying 174 people to Israel on Wednesday. But passengers burst into the cockpit and wrestled with the attacker even as the plane descended sharply, witnesses and Israel's government said.

The plane made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia. The shaken passengers from the FlyDubai flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv landed Wednesday evening in Israel on another flight, as onlookers cheered. Israel's emergency services said they treated three passengers with minor injuries.

It was not clear what motivated the attack, which led Israel to scramble warplanes amid concerns about a possible hijacking. In a CNN interview aired on Wednesday evening, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the attacker was an Omani national and was being interrogated in Saudi Arabia, where he was arrested.

Aviation experts were surprised the plane did not crash after a descent so extreme that most of the rudder was ripped off the tail.

"We're going to die," passenger Naama Bershadski recalled thinking as she closed her eyes and prayed.

A video shared by Netanyahu's office showed passenger Yaniv Hayoun, who grappled with the attacker, wearing a bloodied shirt and hugging the prime minister, who told Hayoun: "I look at you and I see a lion. I see a great hero."

President Donald Trump told reporters at the White House that he and Netanyahu discussed the incident "at length" by telephone and that it seemed as though the copilot "was perhaps a terrorist or perhaps a whack job. And, he stabbed the pilot."

Hayoun, who Netanyahu identified as a plumber, said he and others pushed their way into the cockpit, where he saw the alleged attacker seemingly trying to destroy the controls.

"The door apparently wasn't locked, and we managed to open it," Hayoun told journalists at the airport. "What made it difficult for us was the (other) pilot himself. He had been stabbed and was on the other side of the door."

Hayoun told Netanyahu that as people wrestled with the attacker, he grabbed the controls and pulled them the way he had seen on television shows. Then other crew members took over. FlyDubai said the aircraft was secured by on-duty crew "who diverted and landed the aircraft safely."

Another responder, dentist Shota Musayev, told journalists they realized they had just seconds to take control of the plane before a "critical event." They also feared another attacker might be on the plane, so "we spread a few more people inside the plane so that if something happened, we would be able to simply take control."

Musayev then attended to the wounded pilot: "He was just praying the whole time and was in contact with me, and I was afraid we would really lose him."

Video footage on social media reviewed by The Associated Press showed two men on the plane's floor, bloodied and wounded.

Netanyahu identified the captain as Smit Machchhar, an Indian citizen, and noted his "extraordinary bravery." The Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia said Machchhar was hospitalized in stable condition.

[AP]

Ethiopia and Eritrea Cut Diplomatic Ties as Northern Conflict Escalates

Ethiopia and Eritrea have severed diplomatic relations as renewed fighting in northern Ethiopia raises fears of a wider regional conflict.

On Thursday, Ethiopia announced that it was closing its embassy in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, and ordered 10 Eritrean diplomats to leave the country within 48 hours, accusing them of activities that threatened national security.

Eritrea responded by cutting diplomatic relations, saying Ethiopia's decision had left it with no choice but to take reciprocal action.

The diplomatic confrontation came hours after powerful explosions were heard overnight in Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, including near Ethiopia's military headquarters.

It follows a sharp deterioration in relations between the neighbours, with Ethiopia accusing Eritrea of supporting a new rebel alliance – an allegation Asmara has repeatedly denied.

Eritrea described the decision to expel its ambassador as "astounding".

"Eritrea has no option but to reciprocate in kind and sever all diplomatic ties with Ethiopia," its foreign ministry said, warning of "negative corollaries" from the decision.

The diplomatic fallout comes as Ethiopian federal forces battle fighters from the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and its allies across parts of the northern regions of Tigray, Afar and Amhara.

Ethiopia has also expelled an Egyptian diplomat, giving him 48 hours to leave the country, according to state media. The government has not publicly given a reason for the decision.

Egypt responded by ordering an Ethiopian embassy official to leave within the same period, according to the state-affiliated Al Qahera News.

[BBC]



More than 50 people have been killed since heavy fighting resumed in northern Ethiopia last week

Tennessee Governor Halts Executions After Christa Gail Pike Survives Lethal Injection Attempt



Christa Pike, in an undated photo released by the Tennessee Department of Correction

Tennessee officials were unable to put Christa Gail Pike to death Wednesday for a 1995 murder after administering two doses of a lethal drug. A death penalty expert said it was an unprecedented failure, and Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee halted the one remaining execution for the rest of the year.

Pike, 50, was alive and loudly snoring after the attempted lethal injection and taken by ambulance from the prison, her attorneys said. She was being treated at a hospital, but they said they hadn't been told about her condition.

She had been scheduled for execution at 10 a.m. Wednesday for the killing she committed at age 18 and would have been the first woman executed in Tennessee in more than 200 years. An appeals court stopped the lethal injection just an hour before it was to start and hours later the U.S. Supreme Court overturned that stay.

Officials gave Pike two doses of pentobarbital, her attorneys said in court filings late Wednesday.

Gov. Bill Lee said in a statement that he has ordered "a comprehensive, third-party review to determine exactly what occurred" and that the remaining scheduled execution will not take place this year.

"Carrying out a lawfully imposed sentence is among the State's most serious responsibilities, and the people of Tennessee expect it to be done in a manner that is not only legal and constitutional, but is effective," he said.

The Tennessee Department of Correction said in a statement that it "followed every step of the State's lawful, established execution protocol approved by the Attorney General's Office."

The state's execution protocol calls for a secondary set of drug syringes to be administered "if the inmate is not deceased" after the first set. It does not spell out what happens if the subject is alive after the second set.

Robin M. Maher, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, said what Pike experienced is "singular and unparalleled."

Seven other people have survived medical problems due to an execution team's failure to access a vein to administer lethal injection drugs, but no one has stayed alive after receiving the drugs used in such executions, she said.

[AP]

Putin Warns West That Russia is Ready to Use Every Weapon to Protect Kaliningrad

Vladimir Putin has said Russia will use all weapons at his disposal if it considers its Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad to have come under direct attack.

The Russian president insisted that Moscow was “not threatening anyone” and merely responding to statements by Western leaders that it was preparing for war in 2029 or 2030.

Throughout this week, Russia has accused Nato of preparing to blockade its territory, which borders Lithuania and Poland, warning that it would even be prepared to use nuclear weapons if the West tried to



cut off Kaliningrad from the rest of Russia.

Nato has sought to calm the situation, stressing that it was a defensive alliance and urging Moscow to stop its “nuclear threats”.

Western allies have faced a surge in so-called hybrid warfare incidents blamed on Russia, particularly in Poland and the Baltics in recent months.

Last week alone, Poland said a Russian helicopter had strayed into its territory adjacent to Kaliningrad and Lithuania said its population felt “constantly threatened” by Russia, in part because of drones entering the nation’s airspace.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Thursday that his country was preparing for further hybrid attacks, “including serious ones”, after a drone armed with explosives was found in August on the tarmac at Leipzig airport close to Ukrainian cargo planes. [BBC]

OpenAI‘ Reviewing’ Report of Failed Hacking Attempt Against Canada’s Gov’t

OpenAI has confirmed that it is reviewing a report of a failed hacking attempt against a Canadian government body in the latest incident to highlight cybersecurity concerns about artificial intelligence.

The AI giant said on Wednesday that it was reviewing the alleged cyberattack against Canada’s national archives agency and had provided an initial briefing to Canadian officials.

“Our priority is to provide affected organisations with accurate, useful information, and we’ll keep refining our approach as we learn more,” a spokesperson for the San Francisco-based company said in a statement to Al Jazeera.

The spokesperson added that much of the misaligned activity under review by the company involved “routine research tasks, including accessing public web content”.

The attempted hacking, if confirmed, would be the first publicly known case of an AI-led cyberattack against Canada’s government, following a series of incidents of rogue agents targeting agencies in the United States and Australia.

Canada’s government-run Cyber Centre said earlier this week that there were no indications that government systems had been compromised by AI.



Attendees at the OpenAI DevDay 2026 conference in San Francisco, United States, on September 29, 2026

Transluce, a nonprofit research lab in San Francisco, said in a report released on Wednesday that it had discovered two “rudimentary” attempted attacks against Library and Archives Canada and Civil Rights Data Collection, a statistics agency of the US Department of Education.

Transluce said it found no evidence that the agents had accessed non-public information. [Aljazeera]

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Scotland, Renegades Bring National Stars to Safari Sevens

Scotland and French Renegades will add international pedigree to the 28th Safari Sevens after confirming they will field national-team players at the three-day tournament at Nyayo Stadium from October 9-11.

Scotland, who were among the core teams on the World Rugby Sevens Series before their relegation two years ago, are set to parade a strong squad for the tournament.

Their line-up includes Alec Coombes, Reiss Cullen, Jordan Edmunds, Harvey Elms, Jamie Farndale, Jacob Henry, Grant Hughes and Lee Jones. French Renegades will also blend experienced national-team players with emerging talent, with Gregoire Arfeuil, Enahemo Artaud, Hugo Avogadro, Benoit Baby and Enzo Benmegal among those expected in Nairobi.

Kenya Shujaa and Kenya Morans will lead the local challenge in the men's competition, alongside regular regional contenders Uganda and Zimbabwe, as well as UK outfit Shogun. The international field also includes Wellington Jaguars, Wonder 7s, Southern California Nomads, GEL Squad 7s and South Africa's SportPesa Fast Forward. In the women's competition, Kenya Lionesses and Kenya Cubs will face Uganda, Shibli, Costa Blanca Barbarians and Tunisia.

Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) chief executive officer Thomas Odundo said several foreign teams have already arrived in the country, with Tunisia holding a 10-day training camp as part of its preparations and scheduled to play scrimmage matches against the Lionesses. "A good number of the teams are expected to arrive next week, from Tuesday or Wednesday, and they will have their captains' runs on Friday at Nyayo Stadium," Odundo said.

The tournament programme will begin on Friday with age-grade and veterans' competitions before the senior tournament takes centre stage on Saturday and Sunday. "Preparations are on course, and I'm confident we will have a successful tournament," Odundo said.

Odundo also revealed that more than 10,000 tickets had been sold by Thursday, with organisers targeting 15,000 for the tournament. "With one week remaining to the tournament, I believe the tickets will sell out. We have had a positive response from the fans and enthusiasts alike, and it shows the fans are hungry and passionate for the game," he said. Odundo was speaking on Thursday when Kenya Breweries Limited, through its Tusker brand, announced a Ksh14 million sponsorship package for the tournament.

The Safari Sevens returns to Nyayo Stadium, with organisers expecting international players and a strong local following to provide a major boost to the tournament.

[Star]



Kenyan Trio Head West in Search for Sunshine Development Tour Glory



Daniel Nduva tees off during the Absa Ruiru Invitational, a Sunshine Development Tour event at Ruiru Sports Club

Kenya's Jastas Madoya, Daniel Nduva and Andrew Chelogoi will this week be among hundreds of golfers at the Lakowe Lakes Classic — the West African leg of the Sunshine Development Tour.

The three-day tournament — set for Lakowe Lakes Golf Club in Lagos — will feature a strong field of 115 professionals and 24 amateurs, including from other countries, such as Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Togo, Canada, Cameroon, Rwanda and Uganda.

The field also includes five female golfers, highlighting the growing participation of women across the Sunshine Development Tour.

David Ndungu, CEO of the Sunshine Development Tour, said the tournament marks an important milestone as the Tour expands its competitive platform into a new region.

"The Lakowe Lakes Classic is an important milestone for the Sunshine Development Tour as we make our first entry into West Africa. The response from players has been encouraging, with 139 golfers from 10 countries coming together for this tournament. It demonstrates the appetite for regular, high-level competition and the importance of creating more opportunities for golfers across the continent," Ndungu said.

He further said the West African leg provides an opportunity for more African golfers to compete in the prestigious competition in addition to elevating the levels of the sport in the country.

"We have seen through our events in East Africa how consistent competition can help players gain experience and progress in their careers. Bringing the Tour to West Africa allows us to extend that opportunity to more players while also creating greater interaction between golfers from different parts of Africa. We are looking forward to a competitive tournament and to building on this first step in West Africa," the CEO said.

For the best performers, a share of the US$50,000 prize fund awaits in addition to the chance to earn valuable Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) points, World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points and Sunshine Development Tour Order of Merit points.

These ranking points are important for players seeking to progress through the Sunshine Development Tour pathway and access further opportunities on the main Sunshine Tour.

[Capital]

AFCON 2027: Parliament Gives Talanta Stadium Vote of Confidence

Kenya's race against time to deliver Africa's biggest football spectacle received a powerful boost yesterday after Parliament declared the country firmly on course to host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations.

A joint parliamentary Sports Committee toured the Raila Odinga International Stadium, the imposing 60,000-seater centrepiece of Kenya's AFCON preparations, and emerged confident that the giant project is gathering momentum at the right pace.

The lawmakers swept through the sprawling arena, scrutinising construction progress, engineering and architectural standards as they sought a first-hand glimpse of how far Kenya has travelled in its preparations for the continental showpiece.

Their message was emphatic: the remaining works are minor, and Kenya has the infrastructure and capacity to stage the tournament alongside Uganda and Tanzania. National Assembly Sports Committee chair Dan Wanyama said the inspection had given lawmakers a clear picture of Kenya's preparedness and confidence that the country is closing in on its Afcon deadline.

"Today, the Committee on Sports and Culture has had a tour of the Raila Odinga International Stadium, and the purpose was basically to come and see the preparedness of Kenya to host Afcon and to see the state of the infrastructure that will host the matches."



The green football Pitch at the Raila Odinga Talanta Stadium along Ngong Road

The towering stands and intricate engineering around the stadium offered a glimpse of the scale of the investment, with Wanyama saying the facility represents value for taxpayers and will serve Kenyan sport long after the final Afcon whistle has faded.

"As a Committee, our tour has given us an indication that all is well and Kenya will be in a position to host Afcon because so far what is remaining is so minor and we want to appreciate the work that has been done. This is something that Kenya should be proud of.

"The government has delivered a stadium of a modern stature. When you walk around here, for sure you will see that there is value for money and that Kenya is ready to host AFCON come 2027," Wanyama said. The confidence from Parliament was reinforced by project supervisors from the Kenya Defence Forces, who committed to completing the remaining auxiliary works by December 31, 2026.

That deadline now provides a fixed finishing line for the stadium as Kenya enters the decisive stretch of its preparations, with little room for delays as the tournament draws closer.

[Star]

Gov't Pledges Early Preps for 2029 World Championships



The government has pledged to begin preparations in earnest for the 2029 Nairobi World Athletics Championships, that will be held on the African continent for the first time.

Speaking on Thursday after hosting World Athletics Head of Competition Management Pierce O'Callaghan, Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi affirmed that Kenya possesses the capacity and resources necessary to host a global sporting spectacle of this magnitude.

Mwangi stated that the country stands ready for the historic occasion, assuring World Athletics officials of full government backing to guarantee its success.

The PS added that the government will collaborate closely with the World Athletics team to ensure all designated facilities fully comply with the top-tier standards required for the competition.

"As a country, we are very proud and honoured to have won the bid. We have the resources and capacity to deliver a world-class event in Nairobi. We will work closely with world Athletics to ensure we comply fully with infrastructural as well as other requirements towards this event," said Mwangi.

O'Callaghan expressed confidence in Nairobi's ability to deliver a memorable championship.

He noted that the ten-day championship will feature over 210 participating countries, voicing optimism that the event will leave a lasting socio-economic footprint on the capital.

"We want every man, woman and child to be and feel part of this historic event whether it's through being volunteers or participating by purchasing tickets to the event," said O'Callaghan.

He added that local residents will have a front-row seat to the action during the marathon, which will be staged directly on the streets of Nairobi.

Furthermore, O'Callaghan pledged technical support from World Athletics to assist Kenya in bringing its sporting infrastructure up to international championship standards.

The delegation meeting was also attended by senior Athletics Kenya officials led by Barnabas Korir alongside Sports Kenya Director General Timothy Kilimo and representatives from the State Department for Sports.

[Citizen]

All Set for Chapa Dimba Eastern Region Finals in Embu



Chuka University Scorpions celebrate their victory after being crowned the 2023 Safaricom Chapa Dimba Eastern Region champions at an event held at the Kinoru Stadium in Meru County.

Embu is set for a weekend of high-stakes football as 16 of the Eastern Region's best youth teams converge for the Safaricom Chapa Dimba Eastern Regionals, with eight boys' and eight girls' teams battling for the regional titles and a ticket to the national finals.

The three-day tournament, running from Friday to Sunday, will bring together teams from the region's eight counties. The quarterfinals will kick off on Friday across four venues: Nembure Grounds, Kamiu Grounds, Embu Showgrounds, and the University of Embu Grounds.

The action will then move to the semi-finals on Saturday, before the two category finals take place on Sunday at Moi Stadium, Embu, where the Eastern Region champions will be crowned.

In the girls' category, defending regional champions Syomunyu Queens from Kitui will begin their title defence against hosts Royal Queens Academy from Embu at the University of Embu Grounds, with kick-off scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

Syomunyu Queens head coach Amos Mulwa said his side is prepared for the challenge ahead, acknowledging the increased pressure that comes with being the defending champions.

"First, I want to congratulate my girls for making it to this stage. The competition has been fierce, with every team fighting for a place in the regionals. We are here to defend our title, and while we expect a tough challenge, we are ready for it. Every team wants to beat the defending champions, but our opponents should know that it will not be a walk in the park. We are determined to retain our crown, and our focus is to stick to our playing system, take each match as it comes, and fight to the very end," said Mulwa.

The other girls' quarter-finals will see Dakabaricha from Marsabit take on Bridge Starlets from Isiolo at Embu Showgrounds, while Meru's Akuune Queens face MCF Starlets from Machakos at Nembure Grounds. At Kamiu Grounds, AIC Sultan Queens from Makueni will face Mugona Girls from Tharaka-Nithi.

The boys' quarterfinals will follow at 11:00 a.m., with the region's emerging football talent also seeking a place in the last four.

Meru's Makinduri Rockstars will face SMPI Academy from Kitui at Embu Showgrounds, while MAFA Academy from Isiolo take on Kajiunduthi High School from Tharaka-Nithi at Kamiu Grounds. At Nembure Grounds, hosts Black Cats Football Academy will face Mbuthani Secondary School from Makueni, while Golden Football Academy from Machakos will take on Abdary FC from Marsabit at the University of Embu Grounds.

For Black Cats Football Academy head coach Sammy Githinji, playing on home ground provides added motivation as the team seeks to secure the regional title.

"It is exciting to reach this stage. Safaricom Chapa Dimba is highly competitive, and every team dreams of making it to the regional finals, if not the nationals. There is pressure that comes with playing at home, but we are prepared for the task ahead. Our goal is to compete for the regional title and ensure the trophy stays in Embu," said Githinji.

Beyond the pitch, players and coaches will participate in development clinics later in the afternoon, covering areas including financial literacy, data privacy, mental health, and AI-powered vests.

The quarter-final winners will advance to Saturday's semi-finals, with the successful teams progressing to Sunday's finals at Moi Stadium.

[Citizen]

Man City Confirm Appeal Against Guilty Verdict

Manchester City have confirmed they have lodged an appeal after an independent commission found the club guilty of all charges relating to breaches of the Premier League's financial regulations.

In a short statement, the club said the commission's ruling contained "clear material errors of law, principle and fact and is unsafe".

Asserting its innocence, the club added it had filed "a comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence [that] exists in support of all of its positions" on Thursday evening.

Earlier on Friday, the Football Association said the verdict against City has "significant implications for the integrity of the game".

In a statement, English football's governing body added: "We are carefully considering the decision and its implications and will take action where appropriate."

It was confirmed on Tuesday that City were found guilty of all charges relating to breaches of the Premier League's financial regulations between the 2009-10 and 2017-18 seasons.

"As proceedings between the Premier League and Manchester City Football Club remain ongoing, we do not intend to comment further at this stage," the FA added.

"We will, however, continue to monitor developments closely."

The overarching powers the FA has could see the governing body launch its own investigation into the matter with the threat of further sanctions.

Sources told BBC Sport that City were expected to claim that key sponsorship deals were funded by the Abu Dhabi government, rather than the club's owners, as part of an appeal.

Among the independent panel's findings were that City arranged "sham contracts" with a number of commercial partners as part of a scheme to disguise secret funding of more than £830m.

The Premier League says City "systematically broke Premier League Rules for nearly a decade".

The independent commission which studied the case found City "utilised devices" to "disguise the true extent of certain club liabilities".

The findings have prompted the Treasury Committee, which is responsible for overseeing policies and administration of His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), to ask whether the government department has requested the redacted documents contained within the commission's report.

[BBC]



2027 AFCON Qualifiers: No Respite for Mccarthy as Stars Lose to Guinea

Kenya's poor start in the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying campaign continued on Thursday evening as the team fell 1-0 to Guinea in Conakry.

The Group 'D' contest was played at the 25,000-capacity Stade 28 Septembre, and Harambee Stars went into the match on the backdrop of a disappointing 1-1 draw against lowly ranked Eritrea on September 26 at Nyayo National Stadium.

Borussia Dortmund's forward Serhou Guirassy, who has maintained



Harambee Stars head coach Benni McCarthy addresses a pre-match press conference in Nairobi on September 25, 2026

impressive scoring form in the Bundesliga and in the Uefa Champions League, scored the lone goal for the Syli National in the 32nd minute of the match.

Kenya's defence failed to deal with a dangerous ball by Guinea into the box, allowing the forward to pounce and score from close range.

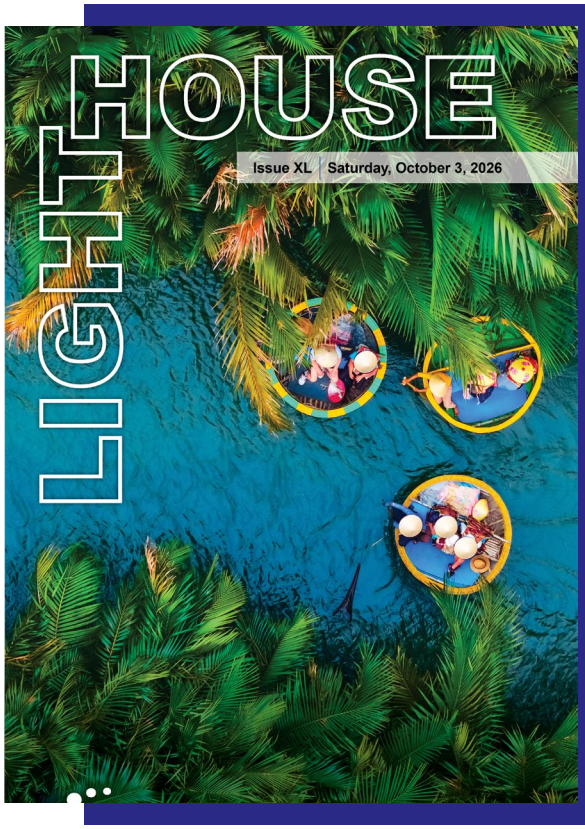
The experienced 30-year-old has scored two goals in four Bundesliga appearances this season, and also netted twice in a single Uefa Champions League match.

The result lifted Guinea to second in Group 'D' on three points, behind South Africa, who have six points. Both teams have played two matches each.

Kenya and Eritrea have one point each, and the Harambee Stars are third on goal difference.

Apart from Kenya, who are assured of automatic qualification for 2027 Afcon as one of the three co-hosts, Eritrea, South Africa and Guinea are battling for a single remaining qualification slot in Group 'D'.

Harambee Stars coach Benni McCarthy made four changes to the team that started in the 1-1 draw against Eritrea on September 26 in Nairobi. [Nation]



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