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## MAKING NEWS



**Mohammed Dewji**  
**'Missing' Tanzanian Billionaire**

**DAR ES SALAAM** Tanzania (Xinhua) -- The family of Tanzania's young billionaire, Mohammed Dewji, who was abducted last week, on Monday offered one billion Tanzanian shillings (about 438,000 U.S. dollars) for anyone that will give information on their missing son.

Azim Dewji, spokesman of the family, said the reward was aimed at enhancing search for the billionaire who was abducted on Thursday last week.

Dewji, 43, also known as MO, was kidnapped around 5:35 a.m. on Thursday last week when he was about to enter a hotel gym for his routine workout in the leafy Oysterbay area in the commercial capital Dar es Salaam.

"The family promises that the source of the information and the information itself will remain confidential between the family and the source," Azim Dewji told a news conference in Dar es Salaam.

Azim Dewji said the family thanked the government and its security organs for efforts they were taking to ensure that the young business tycoon was found alive.

He also thanked the media, religious organizations and individuals for their support.



**Louise Mushikiwabo**  
**Top Posting At International Organization La Francophonie**

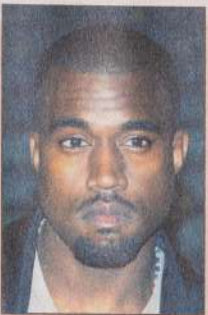
**ADDIS ABABA** Ethiopia (Xinhua) -- Chairperson of African Union (AU) Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, on Saturday welcomed the unanimous appointment of Rwanda's Louise Mushikiwabo as the new Secretary-General of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF).

Mushikiwabo, who is also the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Rwanda, was elected as the new Secretary-General of the OIF (aka La Francophonie) at the organization's 17th Summit that was concluded in Yerevan, Armenia on Friday.

Faki "warmly congratulated Mushikiwabo, and notes that her selection is an international recognition of her outstanding qualities and rich experience, as well as of her commitment to multilateral cooperation," the pan African bloc AU said in a statement.

The election of Mushikiwabo "is not only a victory for Rwanda, but for the entire continent," the statement quoted Faki as saying.

The OIF, established in 1970, represents one of the largest linguistic zones globally bringing together 84 member countries (58 members and 26 observers), which together represent over one-third of the United Nations' member states and account for a population of over 900 million people.



**Kanye West**  
**Kanye West Uganda Visit Makes Video For 'States**

**KAMPALA** Uganda (Xinhua) -- Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Monday met American entertainment stars Kanye West and his wife Kim Kardashian who are on a tour in the east African country.

Museveni, according to a State House statement, discussed with the stars ways of investment in the country's tourism sector.

Kanye West, according to the statement, said he would put up a world class tourism school in Uganda.

"It will be a foundation of tourism not only in Uganda but the East Africa region in general," it said.

Kanye West is in Uganda to record songs and a video for an upcoming album that is expected to be launched later in November.

Tourism promoters argue that the celebrities' visit which started last Friday would attract more tourists to Uganda because of their huge following on social media. Uganda earns more than 1.4 billion U.S. dollars from tourism annually.

**Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni discusses tourism with Kanye West and Kim Kardashian**

**Mombasa born Claire Soares Is Successful U.S. Based Film Maker, Author And Engineer**

Mombasa born Claire Marguerite Soares is a successful U.S. based filmmaker, author and engineer.

Much of her work involves technology, ecology (including wild life conservation) and environment sustainability.

A Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Claire is a registered Professional Engineer and has authored six books.

She is also that latest research subject of Marci Pereira, a former Mombasa born expatriate now living in the United Kingdom and compiling information on former students of the Sacred Heart and Mombasa Goan Schools.

"I was truly overawed researching into the accomplishments of Claire Soares, this outstanding and multi-talented ex-student,

"Claire is the daughter of Mrs May Soares, my English teacher, at the Mombasa Goan School in 1958.

"She is the first and only lady



**Claire Soares**  
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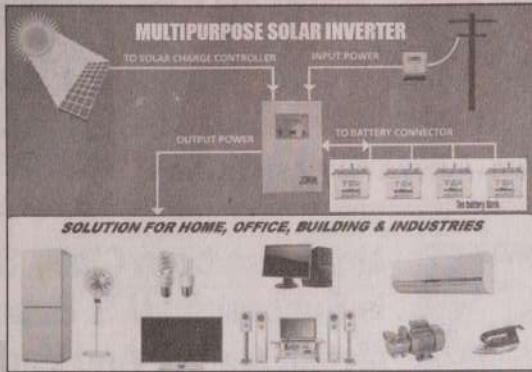
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# Skal International Enjoy Sumptuous Dinner at Shehnaï

SKAL International executive members enjoying the pre-dinner cocktail at Shehnaï Restaurant. Seen (from left) are SKAL International President Susanna Saari, SKAL past president Jan Sunde, Cara Stuart - Clarke, International Councillor President Bill Rheame and wife Arlene Rheame. PHOTOS CREDIT: A.M.K



SKAL International executive hosted the Local Organising Committee for SKAL Kenya to a sumptuous Indian, Tandoor and Swahili dinner at the Shehnaï Restaurant on 13th October. The S.I congress starts from the 17<sup>th</sup> of October to the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2018 at the Pride Inn Paradise Resort and Conventional Centre.



SKAL international Mombasa president Victor Shitaka [centre] together with C.E.O SKAL International Daniella Otero [left] and President SKAL International Susanna Saari after the dinner at Shehnaï Restaurant.



SKAL International Executive members headed by S.I President Susanne Saari together with SKAL Local Organising Committee Chairman, Mehboob Harunani set for a SKAL toast.

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## Success Card Distribution By the Mvita Constituency



Mvita MP Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir [centre] presents success cards to Standard 8 candidates of Tuza Junior Academy during the launch of annual The Shariff Nassir Foundation success card distribution at Mvita Constituency Office ahead of annual exam. The 24,500 cards will be distributed by boda boda riders to all KCPE and KCSE candidates in Mombasa County.



Mvita MP Abdulswamad Shariff Nassir presents success cards package to boda boda rider for distribution to all KCPE and KCSE candidates in Mombasa County ahead of the National Exams during the launch of annual Shariff Nassir Foundation success card distribution at Mvita Constituency office. PHOTOS BY ANDREW KILONZI

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# Amjad Khan - Most Memorable Bad Man of Hindi Films

Anupama Chopra on how a great actor got a great role in a great film. A fascinating glimpse from her book, *Sholay, The Making of a Classic*.

Amjad Khan filled the doorway. He was not a particularly large man, but his lumbering gait, thickset face and curly hair gave him the appearance of one. Director Ramesh Sippy was lying on the diwan with his back to the door.

From the low angle, Amjad loomed larger.

Something clicked. 'He had an interesting face,' says Ramesh. 'I felt very positive.'

Panic had set in after Danny Denzongpa's departure.

Shooting was less than a month away.

And Gabbar Singh was no ordinary character.

It was a pivotal role.

The actor had to have both talent and charisma to hold his own against the galaxy of stars.

Bad casting could destroy the film.

Amjad was the younger son of character artiste Jayant.

His home production, *Pathar ke Sanam*, which was supposed to launch him, was announced but never made.

He had assisted K Asif in *Love and God* and also done a bit role in the film.

The credentials were hardly impressive.

But in theatre Amjad had a strong reputation.

A few days after Danny left, writer Salim Khan bumped into Amjad.

Salim knew Amjad's father, and had been visiting their home since Amjad was a little boy.

A polite conversation ensued



Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra, Sanjeev Kumar and Amjad Khan during the making of iconic movie Sholay.

in which Salim asked Amjad about work.

There wasn't much, just bit roles and theatre.

Salim had heard about Amjad's skills as an actor, and physically he seemed to fit the role.

'I can't promise you anything,' he told Amjad, 'but there is a role in a big film.'

'I'll take you to the director. Agar aap ko yeh role mil jaaye, aap ki koshish se yeh aapki kismat se (If you get this role, whether by luck or effort), I tell you, it is the finest role in this film.'

Amjad seemed to fit the part, but he was unknown.

Could he carry the film?

He was asked to grow a beard and come back.

Meanwhile, Ramesh and Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar pondered.

Salim-Javed were convinced that Amjad was the right choice.

A screen test was done.

They shot pictures in the office garden.

Amjad had grown a beard and blackened his teeth.

His diction was right, his

language was perfect.

He was confirmed for the role.

Amjad hurried ecstatically to hospital to break the news to wife Shaila.

The date was 20 September 1973.

His son Shadaab was born that afternoon.

Normal life took a back seat.

Amjad devoured Abhishaph Chambal, a book on Chambal dacoits written by Jaya Bhaduri's father, Taroon Coomar.

He marked out the pages on the real-life Gabbar, insisting that Shaila read it too.

He rehearsed his lines and fleshed out his character.

He remembered a dhobi from his childhood who used to call out to his wife: 'Arre o Shanti!'

The lilt in Gabbar's 'Arre o Sambha' came from this dhobi.

The morning Amjad was to leave for Bangalore, he put the Quran on his head and prayed.

Shaila was surprised.

Amjad was a spiritual person, but he rarely prayed.

As abruptly as he had started, he stopped.

He placed the holy book back in its place, 'I think I'll be able to do it,' and drove to the airport.

The flight didn't reach Bangalore.

There was a hydraulic failure, and the pilot was forced to keep circling over Mumbai.

After dumping fuel, the plane landed back in Mumbai.

Amjad sat at the airport, but didn't call home.

After five hours, it was announced that the technical fault had been fixed and the plane was ready for takeoff.

Not many passengers had the stomach to get on that plane again.

Amjad was among the four or five who finally flew on it.

He had to reach Bangalore.

Through the flight, he wasn't thinking about his wife or his

son. His only terror was: 'If this plane crashes, Danny gets Gabbar.'

Amjad was not having a good day.

It was Amjad's first day of shooting.

They were starting with the scene in which he is introduced.

His first line was, 'Kitne aadmi the?' (How many men were there?)

All his life had led to this moment.

The years of theatre rehearsals, knocking on doors for acting jobs, sweating it out as an assistant - the Gabbar role had made all that seem worthwhile.

His army fatigues, picked up from Mumbai's Chor Bazaar, had the right weathered look.

His teeth were blackened.

His face was appropriately grimy.

He had lived the part for the last few months.

But now, when it was time to deliver, he just could not get it right.

Gabbar had to mince *tambaku* (tobacco) as he talked.

The motion of one hand grinding against another added to his menace.

It was supposed to be his habit.

But Amjad could not make it



Amjad Khan (Gabbar Singh) and Viju Khote (Sambha) in a famous scene 'Kitne aadmi the?' (How many men were there?)

trying to help him get his lines right.

They struggled for two days.

After forty-odd takes, both Ramesh and cameraman Dwarka Divecha decided the actor needed a break.

Divecha told Amjad to keep his costume on and just sit on the sets.

'Tu apne aap ko season kar de (Season yourself).'

Amjad cried that night.

His father was in hospital fighting cancer.

His son was only a month old.

His family's hopes were pinned

Since he didn't drink, he would spend the evenings with endless cups of tea.

Through the entire shoot, he didn't do a single take.

In the next schedule, he was more prepared.

He got it right in the first take.

He was living his character, and would stay in costume even when he was not shooting.

But some members of the crew, unable to forget his awkwardness, didn't seem to think this was enough.

Besides, Amjad was the new face in a sea of superstars and slowly talk started in the room that perhaps Ramesh had made a mistake.

The murmurs grew, and became impossible even for Salim and Javed, who had the most keen to back Amjad, Gabbar, to ignore them.

Anxious, perhaps, to not be seen as people responsible for ruining the film, they spoke to Ramesh.

'If you aren't satisfied with Amjad, change him, they said.

For a few days the unit was rocked by rumours that Amjad was getting the boot.

But Ramesh finally put them down.

Only Amjad would play Gabbar. Amjad found out about the rumours much later.

But the incident sowed the seeds of misunderstanding between him and Salim-Javed.

He could not understand the two people, who had recommended him for the role, had then tried to get him out.

He saw it as a move to ruin his career.

The hurt stayed with him until his death in 1992.

Salim-Javed gave birth to Amjad myth, but they never worked with him again.



Gabbar and Veeru fight scene towards the climax of the movie.

look casual.

He would grind the tobacco, speak a few lines, look around awkwardly and then return to grinding.

He was nervous and it showed; his hands were stiff, his movements seemed rehearsed, and his dialogue delivery was shaky.

There was nothing natural about his performances; Gabbar was a stranger to Amjad.

Ramesh kept talking to him,

on this film.

For the rest of the schedule, Amjad lived in the fatigues, trying to become Gabbar.

He wrote often to his wife, but never shared with her the extent of his trauma.

All he wrote was: 'I'm very impatient... I don't know... I hope I can do it.'



Hema Malini [centre] played a chirpy bubbly village belle Basanti and the lady love of Veeru played by Dharmendra [right]. As Amitabh Bachchan (Jai) looks on.

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**Libra** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) A power struggle is affecting your home life. It's time to stand up to a relative who continually puts you down. By publicly declaring you will no longer tolerate their abuse, you'll turn the tide in your favour. Be direct, truthful and firm. If you're being thinking of growing your own food, give it a try. Improving the quality of your diet will make you strong, both physically and emotionally. One window box could quickly grow into a flourishing garden.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Troubling secrets will come to light. Although you won't welcome this information, it's good to know the truth. Take this opportunity to refine your social connections. Don't waste valuable time with cynics, dullards, pessimists or gossip mongers. Seek joyous people whose energy is infectious. Sharing your thoughts about a work project is strongly advised. People respect your practical approach. They know you won't cut corners to get the desired results. After recommending a few adjustments to an important assignment, you could get a promotion.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Fighting about money makes you miserable. You've never put much emphasis on material matters, but you are passionate about justice. Picture this struggle working out to everyone's satisfaction. A clear image of a satisfying restitution will cause everyone involved to be treated fairly. When this problem becomes distracting, dive into work. Your diligence and determination will attract wealth. Soon, you won't have to depend on this other source of money to thrive. Once you stop fixating on one issue, life will flow more freely.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) You're under the mistaken impression that life is a struggle. The sooner you stop trying to control your environment, the more successful you will be. Focus on being the best you can be. By being patient and persistent, you'll attract opportunities you desire. Have confidence in your abilities. You've been blessed with a strong work ethic. Use it to your advantage. While others have given up, you'll be producing results that attract attention and generate a profit. Keep your eyes on the prize.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Resist the temptation to numb your pain with food, alcohol and other vices. The sooner you face the truth of a difficult situation, the faster you will recover from it. You are much stronger than you know. Be willing to end a toxic situation. Moving out of the spotlight into an administrative role is strongly advised. It will be such a relief to escape the scrutiny of demanding supervisors. Operating behind the scenes will boost your productivity, as well as your self-esteem.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Take care to respect the needs of others. Although you want something different from the rest of the group, that doesn't make you superior. It just means you are unique. Let friends follow their dreams while you march to the beat of your own drum. Protecting the rights of an underdog will improve your professional reputation. A business leader who is impressed by your sense of justice will offer you an interesting position. Accept it with a grateful heart.

**Aries** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) Don't buy into the idea that you must push others out of the way to get ahead. You can advance while being supportive of the entire team. Be as encouraging and helpful as you can to people at every level. Power plays aren't necessary. Your integrity and hard work will lead to a series of promotions that propel you into the winner's circles. Thank everyone for their help every step of the way. There is no such thing as a self-made success.

**Taurus** (Apr. 21 - May 21) It's been difficult to convince others to adopt your views. Rather than trying to convert people, simply lead by example. When friends, colleagues and relatives see how happy you are, they will ask how you achieved such contentment. That's when you can share your beliefs. Studying to earn an advanced degree is an admirable goal. You'll enjoy working with a demanding teacher who won't settle for second rate work. Getting their approval will make your confidence soar. Put your excellent work ethic into overdrive.

**Gemini** (May 22 - June 21) Problems with an intimate relationship must be addressed. You can no longer brush off your friend's concerns. Be willing to listen to their complaints, even if it means hearing some painful truths. Your willingness to change will strengthen your bond. Undergoing a self-improvement programme will make you a better romantic

**partner, worker, neighbour and citizen.** Let go of a vendetta and analyse anything: learn to go with the flow. Trust will be restored. Universe loves you and will shower you with rewards when you show faith in it.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 23) Taking more responsibility at work will boost your confidence. Although there are certain tasks you to your other half doing most of the work, it can make you feel worthless. Assume more of the work. The work load will seem to drag you down. Entering a long-term contract will be to your advantage. Before signing this document, show it to a professional who is an expert in these matters. They'll recommend a few small changes that will greatly benefit you.

**Leo** (July 24 - Aug. 23) Changing your attitude about work will improve your job prospects. Even if you loathe your position, it. Give thanks for the money it has brought. Are you overpaid? Rejoice in having time off. Your positive energy will attract the position you want. Taking control of your financial situation will give you energy. Even making a small change like preparing a lunch can make you feel much better. Every time you eat something to eat, gently encourage yourself to make a better choice. respects your body.

**Virgo** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) Take care not to break a promise. Although you want to implement good boundaries, you must give them room to experiment. Protecting them from overuse will harm will inhibit their growth. Encourage them to use their intuition and take calculated risks. Instead of trying to control people's lives, seek to reclaim your own. Working on a creative project and developing your artistic gifts will be a great distraction from anxiety.

**STARCAST GEMINI KILIFI**

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**World Bank To Support Kenya On 'Affordable' Housing Plans**

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) --** The World Bank will rally behind Kenya's ambitious blue print on expanding access to affordable homes as a means to spark economic vitality, fight extreme poverty and create new jobs, senior officials said on Monday.

Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, the World Bank's Kenya Country Director, said that multilateral lenders are committed to help the East Africa's largest economy tackle a housing shortfall that bodes ill for sustainable development and cohesion.

"We are ready to assist the Kenyan government deliver on its affordable housing agenda. Targeted incentives are required to promote investments in homes for the low income bracket," Jaramillo said.

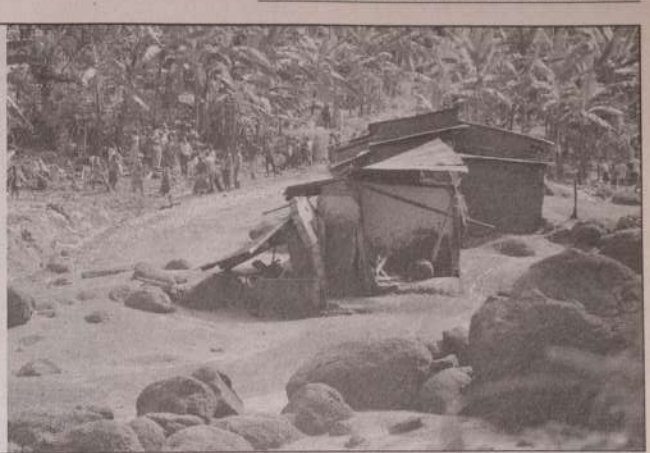
He spoke during the second edition of urban dialogue forum organized by the World Bank to explore innovative measures that are required to expand access to affordable homes in the rapidly growing Kenyan cities.

Senior government officials, county executives, investors and representatives of grassroots organizations who attended the forum agreed that Kenya can bank on the prevailing macro-economic stability and renewed investor confidence to develop new homes for low income earners in urban centres.

Jaramillo said that implementation of the government's big four agenda on affordable housing is key to hasten urban renewal and spark economic prosperity in Kenya.

"The housing agenda is a timely intervention and a catalyst for growth. The government should therefore create conducive environment to facilitate deployment of green technologies that poorer segment of the population can use to build homes," said Jaramillo.

James Macharia, Kenya's cabinet secretary for housing and urban development said the government intends to develop 500,000 homes by 2022 through innovative financing.



**BUDUDA Uganda (Xinhua) --** Men carry a victim's body [left] on makeshift pole-stretchers in Bukalasi sub county, Bududa district, eastern Uganda. A damaged house is seen [right] near River Suume during the search for victims in Bukalasi sub county. The death toll from landslides that hit the eastern Ugandan district of Bududa on Thursday had risen to 38, a senior government official said on Friday. XINHUA PHOTOS - DANIEL EDYEGU

**Kenya To Revamp Fertilizer Value Chains To Boost Food Production**

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) --** Kenya's ministry of agriculture is banking on streamlined fertilizer production and supply chains to boost food production at small-holder level, officials said on Tuesday.

Mwangi Kiunjuri, cabinet secretary for agriculture, livestock and fisheries, said that new regulations to govern the fertilizer industry in Kenya are in the works to ensure the commodity reaches small-holder farmers grappling with declining soil health.

"The government is partnering with fertilizer manufacturers to enhance seamless supply of the commodity to small-scale farmers dealing with the challenge of poor soil health that has affected food production," said Kiunjuri.

He spoke in Nairobi during a national fertilizer conference whose theme was increasing

agricultural productivity through improved access and use of quality fertilizers.

Delegates attending the two-day forum who include policymakers, industry executives and representatives of farmers' groups are expected to come up with robust action plans to revamp fertilizer production in Kenya.

Kiunjuri noted that rollout of subsidies, recruitment of extension workers and farmer education have boosted fertilizer use while having a positive impact on food and nutrition security in the country.

**Kenya Foreign Currency Denominated Instruments To Expand Capital Markets**

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) --** Kenya was considering a proposal to allow foreign currency denominated financial instruments such as bonds in order to expand capital markets, financial market regulator said on Thursday.

Paul Muthaura, CEO of the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), told journalists in Nairobi that the move was aimed at increasing the liquidity of the capital market by attracting more foreign and domestic investors.

"We have recommended to the National Treasury to issue a policy pronouncement that emphasizes that securities issuance and trading in Kenya may be in currencies other than the Kenya shilling with equivalent amendments being made to the National Payment Systems Act," Muthaura said during the policy roundtable forum.

He said that the attractiveness of a bond is influenced by the currency of issue.

"Investors are attracted to currencies that are very liquid, freely traded and less volatile relative to the major currencies, that is the U.S. dollar and euros. Borrowing with these major currencies makes it easier to place a bond with international investors," Muthaura said.

**KENYA PARENTS TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN FIND COMFORT AND SAFETY IN MOMBASA NAIROBI STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY TRAINS**

**NAIROBI (Xinhua) --** Kenyan parents traveling with their young children from Nairobi to Mombasa or between Kenyan towns have found convenience in the standard gauge railway trains. The Madaraka trains, categorized into two, that is express to Nairobi or Mombasa and inter-county offer daily services on the routes.

The comfort and safety on the trains have made parents traveling with their children a happy lot, as compared to using public transport vehicles which takes longer hours.

And those parents traveling to Mombasa or from Nairobi with their children achieve more than

just traveling conveniently from one town to another.

The trip is no different from taking children on safari (sight-seeing), thanks to the train that journeys through the forests, spectacular hills and wildlife parks offering breathtaking views.

"Since the train service was started about two years ago, I have taken my three children to Mombasa to their aunt four times," Moses Mutua, a government worker in Nairobi, said recently.

Before the train was introduced, Mutua would dread at the thought of traveling with his three children by road and had taken them to the Coast once in four years.

"It is the convenience of the train that has made me confident.

"I travel with them and make the return journey alone.

"Their aunt then brings them back," he said.

She also brings Mutua's two nephews to Nairobi during school holidays, with Mutua taking them back.

"Children, including the babies, remain comfortable on the train because the journey only takes four hours to Mombasa or Nairobi," he said.

By bus, the journey normally takes sometimes more than double the time and it makes children extremely tired.

"As they travel, I normally show them the wild animals I spot along the way like giraffes, making the trip more of a sightseeing tour," he said.

Journalist Paul Maundu who

to regularly bring his children to Nairobi to see the city.

"It is a 40 minutes' journey and one is comfortable throughout the journey.

"Three months do not end

become one of the incentives he uses to make his children perform well in school.

"The eldest is in class five, the second born in class four and the last born in class one.

"I tell them that they all have to perform well so that they can travel as a group.

"If one fails, we don't take the trip," he explained, noting that he would not make such trips by bus.

The fare of the service is also affordable, with Madaraka Express passenger service economy class fares being 10 U.S. dollars.

According to the Kenya Railways Corporation, children below three years travel for free while those aged between three and 11 years pay half fare for both first and economy class.

Those aged over 11 years pay full fare.

Amos Mureithi, a businessman and frequent traveler to Mombasa using the standard gauge railway train, noted that one thing that stands out for him is the high number of children in the coaches.

"I don't see it in buses or even the plane.

"This means the train filled a gap that had stayed open for years," he said, adding that the free or half-fare payment for children below 11 years is another motivator for parents,



**NAIROBI (Xinhua) --** Passengers play scrabble on a train of Kenya's Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). The Chinese-built Mombasa-Nairobi SGR of some 480 kilometers has attained an occupancy rate of over 95 percent while reducing the time between Kenya's two biggest cities by half to five hours. An estimated 1.3 million Kenyans have commuted between Nairobi and Mombasa by SGR train since its launch on May 31 last year. XINHUA PHOTO - WANG TENG

works in Kibwezi in Makeni County noted that the inter-county service has enabled him

without me taking my three children to Nairobi," he said.

The trip to Nairobi on train has

**Mombasa born Claire Soares Is Successful U.S. Based Film Maker, Author And Engineer**

**FROM FRONT PAGE** And, that is not all.

Engineering is only one half of her awe-inspiring achievements.

She has three Masters Degrees: (a) Business Administration (b) Film & TV (c) Fine Arts [Creative Writing].

"As per my research, there was also a PhD "in progress" at the University of Texas.

"She is an acknowledged Film Director in the USA too, would you believe?

"What more for this high flying, multi-gifted ex-student? "Literally?"

"In a flying context, she is a licensed Commercial Airline Pilot as well.

"I found out that both her mother and grandmother, also had historical links with the school.

"Thought I would keep you posted, as this is part of the history of the present day - Sacred Heart School in Mombasa."

Marci Pereira, United Kingdom.

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# African Sensitive Radio Telescope Project Makes Significant Progress

**WINDHOEK Namibia (Xinhua) --** Nine African countries partnering on the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) and African Very Long Baseline Interferometry Network (AVN) projects are making significant progress, according to a joint statement on Wednesday. Ministers and senior officials responsible for science and technology in the partner countries concluded the 5th Ministerial Forum Meeting on the SKA/AVN in Cape Town, South Africa, on Oct. 16, according to the statement made available here by Namibia's Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation.

The SKA will be the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope.

The total collecting area will be approximately one square km, giving 50 times the sensitivity and 10,000 times the survey speed of the best current-day telescopes, the statement said.

The AVN project aims to establish self-sufficient radio telescopes in Africa through the conversion of redundant telecommunication antennas into radio telescopes, adaptation of existing training telescopes, or the construction of new telescopes.

The meeting brought together science and technology ministers and senior officials from Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia.

According to the statement, while all the member countries highlighted financial constraints as a major obstacle to the full roll-out of the AVN project, they were unanimous that progress was being made.

"Partner countries particularly welcomed the positive results of the SKA Human Capital Development (HCD) program," the statement read.

The statement said that ministers noted the importance of the Big Data Africa project for both astronomy as well as more general preparations for the fourth industrial revolution.

"Given the significance of big data and cyber infrastructure in economic development at both national and regional level, it was agreed that South Africa and Namibia would explore ways of integrating the Big Data Africa



Artist's impression of the 5km diameter central core of Square Kilometre Array (SKA) antennas.

activities in southern Africa and the SADC Industrialization Strategy, taking into account prior work within SADC, and liaising with the other members of SADC," the statement referred to the Southern African Development Community.

Meanwhile, Kenya will explore a similar intervention in East Africa, and Ghana in West Africa.

It was recommended that the work be presented to the African Union through the intervention of the ministers.

The meeting also congratulated the team, led by South Africa, that successfully bid for the International Astronomical Union's 2024 General Assembly to be held in Africa for the first time.

## Karibu Mombasa Skål International Congress

Skål International Congress (Coastweek Aug 10 ....2018) to be 'hosted' in Mombasa - port city in October - one

'notes' is a landmark and historic in that travel - professionals will 'deem' it necessary to assess and evaluate

and take stock of tourism sector that form the the hub and mainstay of economies of countries that have tourist 'potential'.

How 'gratifying' our country is 'privileged' to 'host' a congress of high 'caliber' shelved 'previously due to security - concerns; this unequivocally shows we are in the forefront in the tourism - sector.

Tourist 'arrivals', resorts, tourist - attractions and sites - this taken into consideration - boosts the tourism - industry of

'respective' countries.

No doubt - countries 'endowed' with 'tourism' - earn 'colossal' sums of foreign exchange - hence an economic 'resource'.

New avenues 'need' to be explored i. e. how to make tourism - trade and sector 'lucrative'.

Idyllic Mombasa will be a site and sight to 'behold' as 'delegates' converge and throng to the picturesque port and harbor city.

We say Karibuni - guests and visitors!

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## ENCHANTING, CAPTIVATING, PROVOCATIVE COASTDRIVE

Very interesting! So true! Good one!

What stands out (is 'conspicuous') about CoastDrive is it is witty, full of 'sarcasm' - bordering on sometimes on the 'humorous' (side of life).

Clearly, the author cum writer often 'dwells' on the bizarre the 'weird' world of ours.

Well - 'grasped' with 'facts' the 'scribe' seems to have 'knack' for writing good English - prose.

Enchanting, captivating, thought - provoking 'enough' 'today' to peruse.

Such are real life 'experiences' (anecdotal) that touch the very 'marrow' of our lives.

One 'grieves' on the sad aspects of life and rues/laments the 'tragedy of life'!

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## THIRTY NINE YEARS AGO

Coastweek, October 19 - 25, 1979

Tremendous building activity totalling K.Shs. 188 million following the coffee boom, take place on and around Mombasa island with many old buildings coming down and vacant plots utilised for shops, offices and flats giving a new lease of life to the building industry while creating job opportunities. At the insistence of Mombasa Municipal Council, many developers were adding basement parking facilities, while a multi-storeyed car park had been included in Pan Africa Insurance Company's extension to Ambal House.

With only 21 days to go to the general elections, Mombasa candidates were making up for lost time by launching into an all-out campaign to woo voters. The stage was set for a fierce race between Shariff Nassir and Mohamed Jahazi who were vying for the Mombasa Central seat.

The Month-Long Kenya Food Safari at the Hotel Nova Park in Zurich, Switzerland jointly organised by African Tours and Hotels, Balair, and Hotel Nova Park was extended for one more week due to it's success. The Food Festival, which saw Kenyan food, beers, coconut milk, Giriama dancers along with two cooks from Mombasa Beach Hotel flown to Zurich, was aimed at attracting potential holiday makers for the next season.

The designing of the new Mtongwe Ferry Jetty by M/S Bertlin and Partners, had been halted pending approval from the Kenya Bus Service (Mombasa) Limited.

Latiff Damji returned to Mombasa after a long absence to open Faz Designs, offering expertly finished art works for printers, advertising agents, schools and hotels.

The first purpose built cellular container vessel the 4500 deadweight ton German flag m.v. Weser Dispatcher arrived in Mombasa at Berth No. 16.

United Nations World Food Programme provided a supply 8100 metric tons of wheat, valued at K.Shs. 15,200,000/= to Kenya in exchange for 4,882 tons of sifted maize and 7,500 metric tons of maize grain.

A team of ten German youth cyclists took part with twelve Mombasa cyclists in a rare cycle race exhibition organised by the Mombasa branch of the Kenya Red Cross Society.

James Bond (Roger Moore) was 'The Man With The Golden Gun' at REGAL Cinema. NAAZ CINEMA had a very special Diwali treat, 'Jai Ranchod' a religious Gujarati film starring Laxmi Chhaya and Upendra Trivedi. It was Roger Moore once again with Richard Burton, Richard Harris and Hardy Kruger in 'The Wild Geese' at KENYA Cinema. Navin Nischol was the Indianised 'Zorro' with Rekha at the CHOX.

Letter writers included Tony Lett, Z. N. Banda, Swaleh Mohamed Dzilala, Membership Secretary Nyalu Residents Association Zakir G. Dattoo and A. M. Gulamhusein who lamented that "cricket at the Coast is dying".

## Road Planning Should Extend Beyond Our Borders And Into Countries Within East African Community

The next part of travelling that I will touch on is the experience when one travels by road. This is not about travel when one is driving but when one is in public transport.

The first thing that always worries me is whether I will survive to the next pee stop.

In Kenya and indeed in many African countries, there appears to be no planning for the convenience of road travellers.

The governments' primary focus is only on building roads in the name of providing adequate infrastructure and there is very little consideration to the needs of the users.

The hardware provided is always around driving and driving safety.

Most amenities are constructed where trading posts appear along the highways and roads that have been built.

A lot of times these again are not planned but just happen - mainly driven by the needs of long distance truck drivers who will start taking breaks at a certain point and soon an enterprising person will start providing some service - even as simple as selling bananas to the truck drivers.

Very soon the truck drivers begin to demand for more things and the variety of trade at this unscheduled stop starts to increase.

In time semi-permanent structures appear and then more permanent structures.

Other facilities follow as the place turns into a small township.

The passenger transport soon begins to stop at the location but it is not because there is a planned convenience facility for travellers.

It will purely be because the bus company or the drivers have decided that it is convenient to stop for their passengers or that they need a place where they can pick up passengers and more often than not.

This has led to the development of stops like Kikopey and Saigaa.

There are similar examples in Uganda and Tanzania where there is thriving business in places that were completely uninhabited barely ten years ago.

The other reason that stops develop is the inefficiency of weighbridge stations.

These locations have been established in most of the traffic corridors in the Eastern Africa region - to control and manage the axle loading of vehicles so that they do not destroy or damage roads - a valuable piece of infrastructure.

Because of the delays which are minimally a couple of hours but more realistically six to seven hours, truck drivers need services and these have mushroomed slowly over time.

The best example of this is Mlolongo near Nairobi and another one near Gilgil.

This is in contrast to the experience when one travels in the so called first world countries.

Here one finds that the state and sub state agencies have all sat and agreed that there must be public facilities provided for the convenience of its citizens irrespective of their place in society.

Public facilities within towns are plenty and well signposted.

When it comes to travelling by road, there are plenty of stops available with conveniences and in some instances accommodation.

They will be built such that they can accommodate both trucks as well as passenger vehicles.

Studies are done to establish both the need as well as predicting likely future scenarios.

Some of the stops are built to achieve a different end such as controlling traffic, creating centres where certain activities can be carried out.

These stops do not spring out of frustration of drivers or truckers like happens in our region, they are properly planned and they are well laid out and the amenities reflect the kind of need that have been assessed as necessary.

They are also designed for future expansion which will happen in a structured manner.

We need to adopt the same type of thinking in order to improve the travel experience in our country and in our neighbouring countries as well.

Planning should extend beyond our borders to countries where we have common aspirations especially as we are joined by the fact that we are part of the East African Community.

Travel by road should not be a tedious one that can be safely planned and provided based on the provision of services as well as facilities that make the journey pleasurable one.

As Kachumbari says, planning, planning more planning and then excellent execution is all that is needed to make life work.

**CoastDrive with Teti Kamugunda**





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These are few of topics generally requested and so spoken on in addition to the

talks as per the duration, time and topic requested...and has left one and all wanting more...

Wherever she has visited which indicates the need for and the success of the pause for peace.

The Coast Region has been blessed to have Bk Sr. Pratibha who has been a surrendered and dedicated to serving mankind for over 40 years and is also a permanent representative to the UNEP as well as the ECA I.E. The Economic And Social Council For Africa.

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She has served various schools (Swaminarayan, Mombasa Academy, Dr. Babla's Sec. School, Memon High, Mombasa Academy...), Hospitals (Mombasa Hospital,

This is quite an achievement in just about a month whilst in Mombasa with some days having 5-6 programmes in a day!

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For more, you may contact any Brahma Kumaris Centre or visit [www.bramakumaris.org](http://www.bramakumaris.org)



**BK SR. Pratibha giving motivational talk on Pause for Peace and gave its experience to the Governor's staff in Mombasa.**



**At the UoN, BK SR. Pratibha with the Asst. Dean and Professor after her motivational talk to the students on Pause for Peace where she also gave its experience**

not just talk but giving of the experience of the pause for peace - which, literally, gives out a taste of all that is possible.

The pause for peace project received overwhelming success in Nairobi last year and so, it was proposed that it be taken to all 47 counties of Kenya.

Already other speakers are covering other counties.

At the coast, the speaker who has been serving tirelessly, motivating and inspiring the management and staff, teachers and students, respectively

And has visited and given

Bomu Hospital, Premier...), Hotels (Reef Hotel, Kenya Bay, English Point Marina, Voi Wildlife Lodge...) UoN, DTB Regional Officers, advised countless organisations, communities (The Gurudwara, Navnat Mahajan Vadi, Ismailia, Asians In Voi...) KRA, Kenya Railways, NSSF, Women/ Sacco Groups, Churches, Temples, Clubs, Swahili Cultural Centre, the elders through the old town Chief's Office, The Asst. Indian High Commission, The Governor's office staff, etc. in Mombasa, Kwale, Changamwe, Diani, Malindi, Voi, and now, next, already enroute to Lamu and Tana River.



**BK Sr. Pratibha with Chief Ahmed, his Assistant and full house of various elders of communities after her motivational talk and giving of experience on Pause for Peace.**



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MSC CHIARA	17/10/2018 1000	MSC
MSC LUCIA	18/10/2018 0600	MSC
COSCOYINGKOU	18/10/2018 1000	RSS
RHL CALLIDITAS	19/10/2018 0600	DSS
CSCL BRISBANE	19/10/2018 2300	RSS
KOTA TAMPAN	20/10/2018 0600	PIL
MSC NICOLE	20/10/2018 0600	MSC
GH SCIROCCO	20/10/2018 0700	MAE
GH CHINOOK	21/10/2018 0600	MAE
SAFMARINE NGAMI	22/10/2018 2100	MAE
FRISIA ILLER	22/10/2018 0500	CMA
MSC MAXINE	22/10/2018 0600	MSC
SERVAL	23/10/2018 0700	MAE
EXPRESS ARGENTINA	27/10/2018 0800	MAE
EVER DYNAMIC	27/10/2018 0600	EVG
MSC CHERYL 3	28/10/2018 0600	MSC
MCC SINGAPORE	28/10/2018 2100	MAE
MAARSK BENTOVILLE	28/10/2018 0700	MAE
MSC MARIA LAURA	29/10/2018 0600	MSC
KOTA GADANG	29/10/2018 1300	PIL
MSC JEANNE	29/10/2018 0600	MSC
SAFMARINE NYASA	30/10/2018 2100	MAE
COSCOFUZHOU	30/10/2018 1100	RSS



MSC CHIARA

CONVENTIONAL	ETA	AGENT
BOW DIAMOND	18/10/2018 0600	WSS
EMERALD ACE	18/10/2018 0600	ISS
FENG HUANG SONG	18/10/2018 2300	ISS
EQUINOX VOYAGER	19/10/2018 0600	OBJ
SERENITY ACE	21/10/2018 0600	SOC
BULK AQUILA	22/10/2018 0600	STA
DENSA COUGAR	22/10/2018 1200	SAL
PARADISE ACE	23/10/2018 0600	ISS
MORNING CORNET	23/10/2018 0600	DSS
MALTO ELAN	23/10/2018 0600	EACS
MORNING CAROL	25/10/2018 0600	DSS
AYIA MARINA	25/10/2018 0600	EXP
AFRICAN HALCYON	25/10/2018 0600	NSM
IKAN PELATA	27/10/2018 0600	OBJ
DONG-A GLAUCOS	28/10/2018 0600	SRF
ASIA EMERALD	31/10/2018 0600	EXP
MORNING CAPO	30/10/2018 0600	DSS
LORD VISHNU	30/10/2018 0600	DSS

TANKERS	ETA	AGENT
EAST WIND	16/10/2018 1200	ALB
DENSA ALLIGATOR	18/10/2018 1800	STR
SILVER AMANDA	22/10/2018 0600	CFS

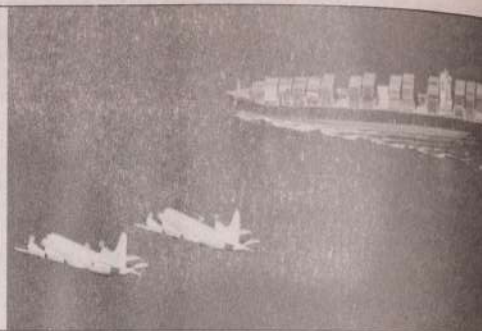
  

OTHER VESSELS	ETA	AGENT
UWEEESH KARAN	17/10/2018 0600	AMA
UNITED SPIRIT 1	18/10/2018 1200	EXP
ALPHA GRANADA	21/10/2018 0600	SEC
ALPHA 2500	21/10/2018 0600	SEC
NORCAPTAIN	21/10/2018 2000	SEC

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## Spain MPRA Detachment Marks Impressive 10 Year Milestone



**COUNTER PIRACY OFF SOMALIA** -- October 2018 marks the tenth year of EU NAVFOR's Spanish maritime patrol aircraft detachments operations. A lot has changed over the last ten years, including the types of aircraft used: a P-3 Orion from 11th Wing (Morón Air Base) taking over from the D4s (CN-235s). Their main mission is to fly over operational areas, detect suspicious skiffs and guide warships to their position. They are also able to collect intelligence on specific areas. The aircraft's are equipped with several advanced surveillance systems, which significantly enhance EU NAVFOR's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability in the Somali Basin and of Aden. Their speed and high level of endurance make them a key asset in this large operational area. The 10th anniversary is being celebrated today with a parade, coinciding with the Spanish National Day celebrations. Spanish Ambassador will also be hosted at a reception with the detachment staff. PHOTOS - EU NAVFOR

## African Business Leaders Will Meet In Kenya To Spur 'Intra-Africa' Trade

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Kenya's trade lobby will next week host a two-day meeting which will bring together business leaders from across Africa to seek ways of boosting intra-Africa trade.

Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry said on Monday the Oct. 23-24 meeting will focus on fast tracking the realization of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) as well as the preparedness of the business community on the continent.

Speaking ahead of the planned event, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry National Chairman Kiprono Kittony, who doubles as one of the vice presidents representing Africa at the World Chambers Federation (WCF), termed the forum as timely and relevant to tackle existing hurdles in promoting intra-Africa trade.

"We are pleased to be hosting the continental business leaders to discuss ways of improving intra-Africa trade as there still exists multiple trade barriers that favor trade with other countries in other continents," Kiprono said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

"We believe that the discussions we intend to hold will chart

a way forward towards unlocking the potential of open up trade amongst African businesses and provide innovative ways to tackle existing bottlenecks to governments and other non-state players," he added.

The meeting will be attended by the World Chambers Federation (WCF) President Peter Mihok and 59 chairmen presidents from Africa.

## Internet Connectivity In Africa Has Tripled In Past Five Years - Report African Union

**ADDIS ABABA Ethiopia (Xinhua)** -- African continent is exhibiting one of the fastest growth rates in internet penetration worldwide with digital connectivity almost tripled in the last five years, the African Union has revealed.

The pan African bloc AU, organizing the first African forum on cyber-crime from Oct. 16 to 18 in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, however warned the increasing threats that emanate with the continuous development of information and communication technologies towards more sophisticated services and applications.

According to the AU, as Africa witnessed fastest growth in internet penetration during the past few years, governments and private sector entities in the continent have been experiencing an equally increasing trend of cyber-attacks.

The First African forum on cyber-crime is expected to focus on cyber-crime policies and national legislations, with respect to regional and

international standards and relevant implementation practices.

Large-scale theft of personal data, computer intrusions, bullying, harassment and other forms of cyber violence, sexual violence against children online, are said to be among the major human rights abuses that are pervasive in the continent in recent days, it was noted.

Hate speech, xenophobia and racism on line are also indicated as contributing factors behind radicalization and violent extremism in Africa.

According to the AU, the forum would play an important role in improving the effectiveness and exchange of information regarding common challenges and tasks across the continent.

## WORLD FOOD PROGRAM VESSEL PETRA II ON ITS WAY TO DELIVER MORE AID TO SOMALIA PEOPLE

**OFF SOMALIA** -- ITS Federico Martinengo, the Italian Frigate, which is currently part of the EU's counter-piracy Operation Atalanta, has rendezvoused with the WFP (World Food Programme) vessel Petra II off the Somalia coast.

EU Naval Forces (EU NAVFOR) are mandated to protect vulnerable vessels, like the Petra II, currently contracted to the WFP to deliver vital food aid to the people of Somalia.

In this case, the deployed Croatian military forces embarked on Petra II and ITS Martinengo combined at sea to ensure the safe delivery of this vital aid.

Almost 1.8 million tonnes of food aid have reached the Somali people through the direct protection from European Union Naval forces over last 10 years.



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## IEA Expert Urges Kenya To Reduce Size Of Government And 'Lower Tax Burden'

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Economic experts on Tuesday have urged Kenya to seriously reduce the size of government in order to lower tax burden.

"We urge Kenya to reduce the size of government in order to reduce taxation and hence free up funds from the private sector to make investments in the productive sector," Kwame Owino, CEO of Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), told a business forum here.

According to Owino, Kenyan public expenditure is equivalent to 30 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP), however the ideal size of public expenditure for Kenya is about one third of its current spending.

He said that raising taxes takes away more money from the public and constrains the ability of market forces to determine efficient allocation of resources.

"A lot of public expenditure on government projects or subsidies either has no good returns on investments or leads to market distortion which reduces the efficiency of the economy," Owino said.

He added that the government has a huge budget deficit that is financed through borrowing from commercial banks.

"This domestic borrowing has a negative effect on the economy because it reduces the amount of credit available to the private sector to make investments," he said.

He suggested Kenya reduce

the size of government through privatization of state owned corporations involved in commercial activities.

The conference is focused on the business opportunities related to Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta's developing

agenda on food security, manufacturing, universal healthcare and affordable housing.



**NAKURU (Xinhua)** -- Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta tours the Kenya Ordnance Factories Corporation during the Kenya Defence Forces Day at Kenyatta Barracks in Nakuru county. President Uhuru Kenyatta said on Sunday the country's soldiers will continue their mission in Somalia until peace and stability in the Horn of Africa nation is realized. XINHUA PHOTO - ALLAN MUTISO

## Infrastructure To Integrate Electric Vehicles

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Kenya has started developing infrastructure to integrate electric motor vehicles to help ease burdens caused by fossil fuel driven vehicles, an official has said.

Opere Nyaroya, assistant manager of motor vehicle inspection at the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) revealed that the government is developing standards in readiness for the launch of the vehicles in the market.

"We have started automating inspection centres in readiness for the official launch of the vehicles in the country," Nyaroya said during a workshop on integration of electric two and three wheelers into existing urban transport modes in Kenya.

He said that so far two centres are ongoing automation in Nairobi and Mombasa and that they are expected to be ready soon.

"We are also in the process of re-training motor vehicle inspectors to adapt to electric vehicles following the expected change," the official added.

Nyaroya said that Kenya is taking a leading role following advice from the UN Environment

to help reduce air pollution that causes ailments to many unsuspecting people. He said that the government is hopeful that the initiative will contribute towards conservation of environment.

James Nyangaya, a lecturer at the University of Nairobi's Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering urged the government to enact policy to allow populations to start using electric vehicles and electric two and three wheelers.

"There is need to consider giving people incentives by zero rating two and three electric wheelers spare parts," he added. The lecturer noted that there is need for clear policy on air quality, energy security, sustainable capability, social welfare and the high upfront purchase cost.

He said that there is need to develop standards that cater for vehicle safety, charging system, equipment safety and

safety of personnel.

"There is need for a huge reduction of vehicles using fossil fuel in Africa to reduce climate change demand," said David Rubia, UN Environment air quality and mobility unit program officer.

Rubia said that with the increase of motor bicycles in Kenya, the introduction of electric two and three wheelers is a strategic initiative for mobility.

He noted that the global environmental body has ongoing projects in Morocco, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia that are aimed at switching from fossil fuel usage to electric.

"We are piloting with the mail delivery firms, the police, commercial motor bicycle operators by assessing how they operate with the aim of introducing electric wheelers," Rubia added. Pavel Oimeke, director general of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), said that the adoption of the electric vehicles

is the growth opportunity for the environment and health sector that has suffered due to the massive production of fumes from vehicles using fossil fuel.

## AUTO SALES GROW TEN PER CENT IN 2018

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Kenya's new automobile sales are projected to grow by 10 percent in 2018 compared to 2017, when figures hit 10,722, the industry lobby said on Monday.

Rita Kavashé, Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers Association (KVMA) Chairperson, told Xinhua in Nairobi that the sales will be driven by strong economic growth that is expected this year.

"We are on course to achieve at least ten percent growth in 2018 in sales of new cars over last year," Kavashé made the remarks during the launch of the first locally assembled vehicle to be used for Kenya's Bus Rapid Transport System.

Kavashé said that last year, the industry was affected by political uncertainty brought about by two presidential elections in one year.

Kavashé said that about 50 percent of new car sales are locally manufactured while the rest is

imported. She added that 95 percent of cars assembled locally are commercial vehicles while the majority of new imports are personal cars.

In 2015, the industry achieved its best performance in history, posting sales of some 15,000 units.

Kavashé said that the industry hoped to benefit from President Uhuru Kenyatta's big four agenda that has prioritized the manufacturing sector as a key economic pillar.

According to KVMA, Kenya is currently developing an automotive policy that aims to lure more motor vehicle firms to set up in Kenya.

## TELECOM FIRMS INTENSIFY BATTLE FOR KENYA BOTTOM MARKET PROFITS

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Every morning, the first thing university student Amos Katune does after he wakes up is to buy internet bundles for his phone. Katune buys data bundles of between 10 megabyte (MB) and 50MB depending on his needs and the money he has.

"The small daily subscription works for me best because it helps me manage my data usage. Besides, it is pocket friendly since even if I have only 0.10 U.S. dollars, I am able to buy bundles that can last me the entire day," said Katune on Tuesday.

His purchase and usage of mobile data mirrors that of millions of residents in the East African nation, where most phone users purchase internet data bundles in small packages.

The practice has prompted mobile phone service providers to come up with products that serve the bottom-

segment market amid stagnated incomes and rising living cost worsened by new taxes. So huge is the market that the telecommunication firms are battling to win the market by coming up with various products that target the low income earners.

Major phone companies Safaricom, Airtel and Telkom have data bundles that start from as low as 5MB, which cost 0.05 dollars, enabling low-income Kenyans to use the internet.

A recent move by two of the telecoms to withdraw low denomination bundles led to outcry from consumers, forcing

them to reinstate the services.

The companies further make and sell their airtime scratch cards with the low-income consumer in mind.

The mode of marketing and selling goods in smaller quantities in the East African nation is dubbed kadogo economy and is pervasive in all sectors.

"Kadogo economy caters for the small person like me. I earn on average 10 dollars a day from my motorcycle taxi business. I use this money to cater for all my needs, therefore, I must budget well. On mobile airtime and internet bundles, I spend at most 0.30 dollars a

day," said David Kinyanjui, a motorbike taxi operator in Kayole.

Kinyanjui noted that he buys most of the items for use at home in the smaller packages almost every day, because that is what he can afford.

Over years, consumers would buy only internet bundles or airtime for 0.05 dollars but the companies have bettered their experiences, enabling one to get an array of services from the cash.

For instance, for 0.10 dollars bundle, some of the firms now offer 10MB data, free SMSs and free usage of WhatsApp the entire day.

Bernard Mwaso, a consultant with Edell IT Solution in Nairobi, noted that the upside selling of small data bundles increases usage and access.

"The telecoms are conforming to consumer habits and as any other manufacturers, they are aware of Kenyans' spending habits. The good thing is that smaller data bundles encourage more usage," he noted.

The number of internet users in Kenya stands at more than 30 million with subscriptions hitting over 20 million, according to the Communication Authority of Kenya.

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### MANUFACTURERS CALLING FOR TAX BREAK TO BOOST COMPETITIVENESS

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Kenyan manufacturers on Tuesday called for tax breaks to boost the competitiveness of the sector.

Sachen Gudka, chairperson for Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), said that the current production costs in Kenya are approximately ten percent higher compared to other low-cost manufacturing nations.

"We are therefore urging the government to lower taxes so that we can manufacture products that can compete in the region," Gudka said during the fourth annual tax summit.

The three-day event brought together over 100 policy makers and tax experts to review ways to widen Kenya's tax base.

Gudka said that Kenya used to be a key exporter of manufactured goods to the East and Central African region but rising costs have made Kenya gradually lose the market.

Gudka said that tax breaks will provide incentives for manufacturers to expand their production capabilities. According to KAM, the manufacturers sector currently provides about 300,000 direct jobs.

"With additional incentives, we can double the number of jobs in the next five years," he said.

He said that Kenya is not competitive in industrial sectors that are highly dependent on affordable electricity. The chairperson noted that the agro-processing, textile, apparel and leather sectors represent industries with biggest potential in Kenya.

"We are therefore urging the government to lower taxes so that we can manufacture products that can compete in the region."

### Investors Uptake Of Kenyan Government Security Slump

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- The uptake of Kenya's government securities by investors slowed down this week for the first time in many weeks.

Subscription for the three Treasury bills halved with the 182-day and 364-day papers, recording the worst performance.

"During the week ending Oct. 11, Treasury bills auctions achieved an average subscription rate of 63.7 percent, compared to 120.8 percent in the previous week," the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) said in its weekly brief received Saturday.

The auctions received bids totaling 153 million U.S. dollars against the sought amount of 240 million dollars.

"There were mixed performances in the Treasury bills auctions but a general preference for the shorter tenure securities over the other securities," said the CBK.

The 182-day and 364-day bills were undersubscribed at 26.4 percent and 63.4 percent respectively, while the 91-day paper recorded a subscription of 157.6 percent.

Interest rates on all the Treasury bills sustained a downward trend during the week.



# THIS WEEK IN PHOTOGRAPHS



The General Manager of Leopards Beach Resort in Diani, South Coast Musyoki Kioko [third right] flanked by the hotels senior managers proudly displays the prestigious award the establishment won in two categories Durban in South Africa after it was voted the best leading Family Beach Resort both in Africa and Kenya 2018 by the World Travel Agents. PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU



## Crown Paints Celebrate Navratri at Premier Club

CEO, Rakesh Rao with his Crown Paints family enjoying the colourful festivities of Navratri at Premier Club on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



BUCHAREST (Xinhua) — Hosea Kipkemboi of Kenya crosses the finish line during the Bucharest International Marathon race in Bucharest, capital of Romania, October 14, 2018. XINHUA PHOTO: CRISTIAN CRISTEL



Coast-based blogger cum freelance journalist Omar Shungu alias Ommy Dallah kisses his fiancée Tatu Hassan, who is a Real Estate accountant, during their wedding reception, held at Kajembe High School at Mikindaniini Jomvu Constituency, Mombasa. PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU



Guests visiting Travellers Beach Hotel, Club and Spa go through a security screening. The establishment General Manager Freddie Kiuru noted the hotel has tightened the security for its guests as we start high tourism season.



FOOTBALLS FOR NAROK - FMD East Africa, a leading farm machinery distributor, supported sports by donating footballs to Ole Tipis Girls School. Students from the football team receive the balls from Marco Aurélio Viana Cardoso [left], a visiting Jacto Sales Executive, during an Xtra Clinic held in Narok.



PIAGGIO THREE WHEELER - James Naibei [right] a Car and General after Markets Manager for Piaggio explains the features of a Piaggio three wheeler to Abigael Wanja [center] and Ephantus Maina during the Thika Business Trade Fair. Car and General displayed Piaggio motorcycles and Piaggio three wheelers at the three day event organised by the Thika District Business Association with the purpose of promoting business, networking and entertainment.



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# EX-COAST HOCKEY PLAYERS TO MEET 40 YEARS AFTER WINNING THE 'GOLD CUP'!

The weekend of 20/21 October will witness a large gathering of hockey fraternity in Mombasa, reports SAID MBARAK AL DIGEIL.

It will include ex-players and their families coming from all corners of the world - Canada, Dubai, Seychelles, U.K and the USA - to join those in Kenya for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration since Baobab Hockey Club became the only Club at the Coast to win the much coveted MR De Souza Gold Cup.

The tournament is the culmination of efforts of the organising committee led by the Olympian Raphael Fernandes and various sponsors, notably the Ex-CHA/Baobab Secretary and national goalkeeper Said Mbarak Al Digeil who provided trophies and medals during all the tournaments of the past eight years.

Hockey is a popular game in Kenya and is hugely played at various levels in schools and Clubs.

Kenya was an Olympics playing nation for a very long time, and had at one time, reached the semi-finals of the World Cup in the 60's.

At club level, hockey was largely dominated by two communities - Sikhs and Goans - who competed for all the major trophies in the Country.

This trend was interrupted when Baobab Hockey Club was formed in 1974 by employees of Bamburi Cement Company - The Late Angelo DeSouza (Chairman), Albert Diniz (Vice Chairman), Said Digeil (Secretary), Alfie DeSouza (Treasurer), Iftikhar Malik (Captain).

The Club hailed National Players for the Kenya team that included Late Reynolds Pereira (Olympian), Raphael Fernandes (Olympian), Said Digeil, Randiek Nashon, Patrick Martins, James Braganza, George Ochieng and Michael Katana. Indeed Raphael and Said individual outstanding performances were awarded the Kenya's Hockey Player of the Year for 1978 and 1979 respectively.

Hockey being a team game also produced some outstanding players in their own right.

It included Tony Castanha (the scorer of the lone goal in Gold Cup win), Tom Bockle (popularly referred as the machine of the team), Randiek, Mwinyi, Omprakash, Victor, Joash, Hamid, James, Harish.

Baobab made overseas trips to Germany, UK and Canada.

The team had the high honor to play an exhibition game for his Excellency President of Kenya, at his Kabarak Home.

Apart from the Gold Cup, Baobab won most of the local tournaments, as well as the Kishan Singh Cup in Nairobi and Mapinduzi Cup in Dar es Salaam.

The Club success is also credit to the supporters and well-wishers of the club.

Baobab will always appreciate the unconditional support given by the Late Hardev Singh Kular, Pindi Tamana and Dr. Sur, through their respective KHU and CHA.

Perhaps two individuals are worth mentioning who made immense contribution to the team success and spirit that prevails to this day.

Bamburi Cement were the main sponsors of the Club. The

Company Managing Director, Late Mr. Roberts was a big supporter of the club, whose encouragement and financial support, motivated the team to attain high honors.

The performance and the discipline of the team pleased Mr. Roberts and Bamburi management and the impact this had on the overall Company's contribution to corporate social responsibility.

However, much of the credit for the success and keeping the team disciplined, was the personal effort of the Manager, the Late Agnelo DeSouza, popularly known as Sana. This weekend will witness the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Tournament in memory of this great manager.

The annual event will this year reach its peak when teams from all over the Country will be meeting to compete for the Trophy and to enjoy the Saturday night Reunion Swahili Dinner.

Sana was the face of the Club. Sana's management style managed to keep the team together, sorted problems between players and attended to any special needs for the team.

He was indeed the driving force for Baobab to win the very many trophies.

Apart from Baobab, Sana also managed the Coast and National Teams.

During the next weekend, Baobab will be celebrating the past glories and triumphs, and will reminiscence the nostalgic days to renew the Baobab spirit.

Baobab team has been closely knit together and are in regular contact through the various social platforms.

No doubt, the past has bonded the team together in a way that the individuals see themselves as one family.

The weekend will be an opportunity to remember the team's fallen heroes, Sana, Reynolds, Zahoor, Shabaan, Joab and Raymond. Their departure will be missed immensely.

Sana's daughter (Maureen) who has grown with the team since birth, continues to shine the light on her father's behalf.

To quote Iftikhar Malik, a founding member and the first captain of the team, "little did I imagine one day after 40 years, we will get together for a reunion of our players and supporters who have been moved to different part of the world. Just goes to show our love for each other."



**Baobab Hockey Club Europe Tour - Standing [from left] Iftikhar Malik, Robert Minnis, James Kraft, Om Prakash Rattan, Mwinyi Boko, Angelo Dsouza (Sana), Albert Diniz, James Braganza, Job Odindo, Tony DaSilva, Reynolds Pereira, Josh Olum. Squatting- Victor Mwapaga, Tony Castanha, Said Mbarak Digeil, Raphael Fernandes, Harish Asodia and Nashon Randiek.**

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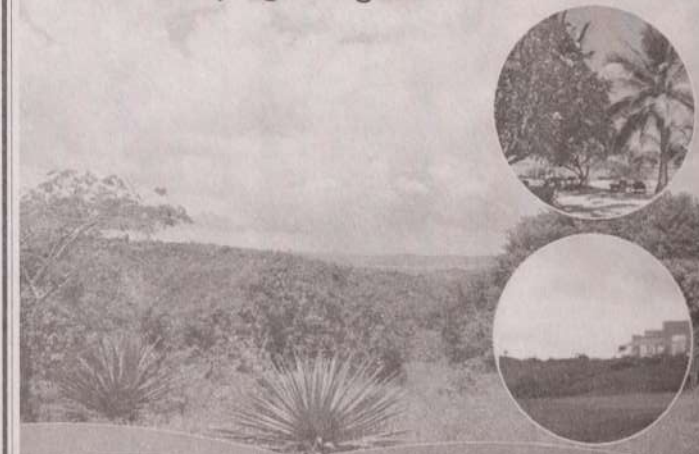
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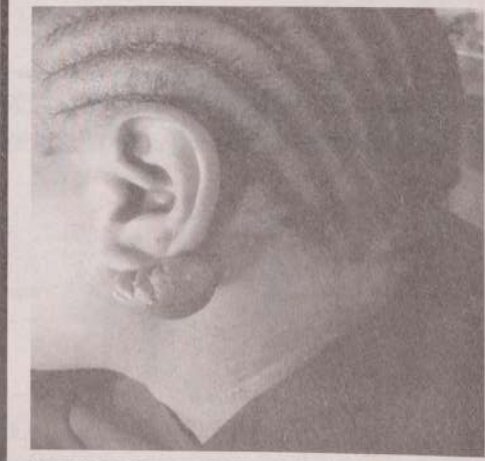
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# Mvita Tennis Club Celebrates Centenary Year 1919-2018

**Mvita Tennis Club celebrated its Centenary year with lots of pomp and fanfare, reports Centenary convener and immediate past chairman BHOGIE DOSHI.**

It has been a leading tennis club at the Coast for several years.

The Club is looking at various ways to encourage tennis activities.

The Club since 1942 organized the Annual Mombasa Resident Tournament until early 2000.

Kenya Tennis legend Mr. Yusuf Karim was the Champion for 25 years (1951 to 1977)

followed by his children Mr. Aarif and Mr. Aasif Karim.

For over 20 years and above, juniors from Nairobi and upcountry have participated in various Junior Tennis Tournaments.

During the celebration, Mr. Aasif who attended from Nairobi pledged his support by sponsoring a tennis tournament in honor of his father - Mr. Yusuf Karim via the Safinaz Foundation formed in honor of Mr. Aasif and his wife Mrs. Nazneen's parents whose primary purposes is to promote all sports in Kenya.

The celebrations started with a three-week long program of Darts and Karaoke evening on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.

This is a monthly club event and getting popular very popular.

Winners for Darts was Mr. Vinod Rao, Runner up was Mr. Sudesh Hirani.

Highest score of 130 was Mr. Mansukhial Makwana.

All were awarded prizes and a cake was enjoyed by all to begin the auspicious beginning of the Celebrations.

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, The Club had a fun Tennis Day as well as the Opening Ceremony of the Centennial Gardens by one of the clubs great supporter, Mr. Naresh Rathod and family.

All members and guests enjoyed playing Tennis and Karaoke during the entire day.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018, a grand musical evening was celebrated with over 200 members and guests present.

Guests from as far as Doha, Dar-es-Salaam and Nairobi among them Mr. Aasif Karim, graced the event.

Mr. Aasif had his Tennis career started at the Mvita Tennis Club,



**Fun day Tennis and Centennial Gardens opening ceremony - [from left] are Ajay Pattni, Prakash Modi, Himat Soni, Naresh Rathod, Mrs Naresh Rathod and family members.**

having played Davis Cup Tennis for Kenya and led the Kenya National Cricket team to International Cricket.

The Chairman, Mr. Ajay Pattni

took this opportunity to thank all members, esteemed guests, supporters and well-wishers for making the centenary functions a great success.

Mr. Ajay Pattni also thanked Bhogie Doshi the centenary convener and all board members of MTC.

Long live Mvita Tennis Club.



**Darts and Karaoke event - [from left] are Sanjay Pathak, Winner of darts Vinod Rao, Ajay Pattni and Kushaal Simzia.**

## COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

It is depressing when a bid you make gives Declarer the necessary clues that enable him to make his contract. Especially when it is a Slam.

DEALER: SOUTH NORTH-SOUTH VULNERABLE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
ONE HEART	DOUBLE	FOUR HEARTS	PASS
FIVE HEARTS	PASS	SIX HEARTS	PASS
PASS	PASS		

West selected the Four of Spades as his opening lead and Declarer played Dummy's Queen, which won.

He drew the Trumps, cashed the Ace of Clubs, ruffed a Club and convinced that both the King of Spades

NORTH				
♠	Q	J	7	6
♥	A	10	5	4
♦	7	5		
♣	A	3		

WEST				
♠	K	5	4	
♥				
♦	K	9	8	4
♣	K	J	9	8

EAST				
♠	9	8	2	
♥	J	2		
♦	J	10	6	
♣	Q	10	7	6

and King of Diamonds were in West's hand in the light of his take-out double, led the Ace of Spades and a third round of Spades.

West won the King and was endplayed to lead a Club, allowing Declarer to discard Dummy's Diamond and ruff in hand or what he actually chose a Diamond.

Declarer won his Queen and claimed the slam.

West's opening lead was ill-advised.

Had he led from his strongest suit - Clubs the contract would have stood no chance.

SOUTH				
♠	A	10	3	
♥	K	Q	9	8
♦	A	Q	2	
♣	5			

# CONGO DISLodge BOMBERS OFF THEIR TOP SPOT IN POOL A TABLE

**Congo Boys dislodged Maji Bombers off the top spot of the FKF National Division Two Northern Zone League Pool A table after a 4-0 thumping of Nyota during the match played at Serani Sports Ground in Mombasa.**

Hussein "Neymar" Abdulmalik in bagged a brace in the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> minutes to take his goals tally to 12 and sandwiching Gharib Ali's 42<sup>nd</sup> and Hussein Omar's 54<sup>th</sup> minute goal.

With the results Congo Boys have moved three places up to the summit of the 17 team Pool A table with 49 points from 25 matches on level with Maji Bombers but the Mwembe Tayari Street club has a superior goal difference and one game in hand.

Meanwhile, Taveta Sisal smacked Taita Taveta All Stars 1-0 in the derby played at Taveta Primary.

Charles Ouma scored all-important goal in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute.

Elsewhere, Super Matuga recorded mixed fortunes after they won three points out of the two weekend league matches.

Super Matuga condemned Nacet to their fifth consecutive defeat following 3-2 win at Mzimuni, Ukunda before going

down to visiting Sparki Youngsters 1-0 at Kombani, Kwale.

Mnarani United earned four points after battling to a 1-1 draw against Breeze Ham before beating Tezo Stars 2-0 the following day.

Other results Sandoni United drew 1-1 with Kilifi All Stars; Taveta Sisal beat Taita Taveta All Stars 1-0; Vimbwanga lost 2-0 to Maji Bombers and Tezo

Stars bowed down 2-0 to Shanzu United.

In another development, Wilson Mwakirungo and Menza Tati hit a brace each as Junior whipped Pioneer 5-1 in the FKF Taita Taveta County League match played at Wundanyi Stadium.

Wilson Mwakirungo opened the score sheet in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute and completed a double in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute.

Peter Ochiombo stretched his in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute for 3-0 lead breather.

Menza Tati netted the fourth goal two minutes later and provided the straw in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute.

Junior FC travel to Mwatate primary, Mwatate to face Desert Warriors in their league match scheduled for October 27.



**Coast Stima FC which participated in this year's FKF National Super League. They are confident to do better the coming season aiming to win it and qualify for the League Cup.**

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# Bumper Entry Set for Baringo Rally Raid!

As the Fly SAX/ Fly-540 Kenyan National Rally Raid Championship enters the second half of the 2018 season, defending Rally Raid Champions Ross Field and Quentin Savage lead the way in their powerful Century Racing buggy, but with two rounds still to go, the championship is wide open.

With two different winners from the first two events the Fly SAX/ Fly 540 championship is proving to be one of the most competitive

national motorsport series in Kenya in 2018.

Mark Glen and Patrick Garner won the opening round in the Loldigaas aboard their Century Racing V8 buggy, continuing on from the domination by these mighty machines which won the 2017 championship.

A close fought round two victory in Naivasha for Ian Duncan and Dez Page-Morris, in their Toyota Prado, stopped the CRT streak but since then most of the South African built buggies have had major upgrades which will make

them even more competitive!

The Baringo Rally Raid, which will start in Mogotio on Saturday 20 October and finish at Lake Bogoria at lunch time on the 21<sup>st</sup>, is being organized by the Rift Valley Motor and Sports Club and promises to be a real challenge for both the competitors and their machines.

Already almost all of the top seeds have entered, with only newly crowned 2018 Kenya Rally Champions, Flash Tundo and Tim Jessop, missing from the entry list.

They have sold their impressive but somewhat troublesome Milner R5 and it remains to be seen if they will have a replacement in time for Round 3!

Throughout the field car and bike competitors have been developing their machines and will be hoping to add their name to the winners circle next Sunday afternoon.

Multiple Kenyan motocross and rally raid champion Shivam Vinyak has been the quickest bike all year and is eager to beat the cars to the top step in the overall classifications.

Spectators are encouraged to be at the Mogotio Equator sign before 11am on Saturday 20 October to receive spectating info for the first 85 kilometre section.

Scouting will also take place at this location, giving everyone the chance to check out the sophisticated machinery.

The first vehicle will start at 2pm and is expected into Lake Bogoria Spa at 3:30pm.

On Sunday there are two stages and easy spectator access very close to the Rally



Carl Tundo and Tim Jessop in a past rally.

# Tundo Savours Fourth 'KNRC Title' in Eldoret

Carl "Flash" Tundo savoured the 2018 KCB Kenya National Rally Championship title after registering his fifth victory of the season.

Carl achieved his feat at the Chemweno farm in Eldoret and candidly admitted it was tough winning the title with his hard pushing adversaries.

"It was a really tough season as the other drivers have been pushing really hard.

Tapio set the pace and imparted an all out attack antics," said Tundo.

His calm and assured march to the podium belied the excitement that was bubbling underneath and it exploded on solid stream of joy at Chemweno prize giving.

This went down in history as his fourth National Championship title and he was overly excited that after breaking the longstanding Shekar Mehta's record of five Safari titles he appeared to close in on Duncan's six KNRC titles.

Flash who was navigated by Tim Jessop in a B13 Mitsubishi Evo10 scooped the top position with a total time of 01:26:46 hours.

It was highly contested championship with

just a 3 seconds difference from his teammate Baldev Chager, who finished with a total time of 01:26:49 hours also in a B13 Evolution.

Kenya Motor Sports Federation has since scrapped the B13 class while drivers compete on a bigger turbo restrictor and sequential gearbox meaning that Tundo and Chager will be compelled to consider Tejveer Rai came in third to seal the podium dash with a cumulative total of 01:29:51 hours in the overall classification timings.

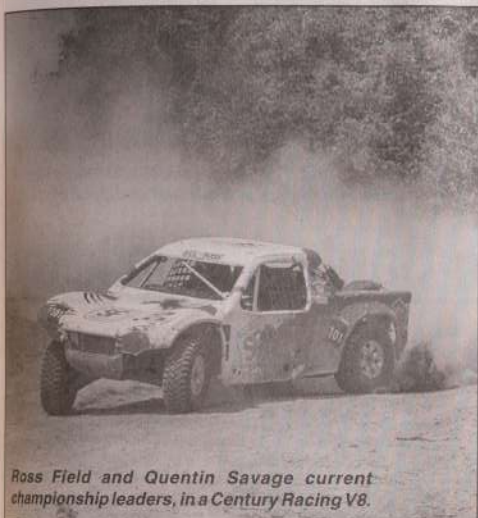
Eric Bengi who swept the roofs in Eldoret came in fourth with a total time of 00:22:09 hours with Amaanraj Rai coming in fifth position clocking a time of (00:22:4 hours) in group N Evolution X.

"I am very honored and privileged to win this year's championship.

"It was a really close call and I didn't expect to win. This year's championship was very competitive and I want to thank the team and all the drivers who participated," said Tundo Flash completes the series with a total of 163 points while Baldev Chager takes second place with a total of 134 points.

The final series of Kenya National Guranak rally championship will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November at the Stoni Athi in Athi-River.

Special Report by Samson Ateka



Ross Field and Quentin Savage current championship leaders, in a Century Racing V8.

## SANLAM CHALLENGE

**FROM BACK PAGE** Niran made sure of a better count back over Alyssa by dropping just a single point on one hole on the back nine through a double bogey on the starting 10<sup>th</sup> with the rest regulation or better, while Alyssa dropped two shots to double bogeys on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Among many acknowledgments of appreciation that the Captain made during his speech at the prize giving, one special mention was for the Green Keeper, Gulam Khaku for heeding the Captain's suggestion of 666.

For those not conversant with golf parlance, it should be clarified that this is not the Beast's Number as commonly understood.

On the golf course, the number signifies three categories of pin positions, namely easy, medium and difficult.

The Green Keeper in fact did one better by providing greater number of easier pin positions, which presumably explains good overall level of scoring, including the Captain's, and thereby achieved the Benthamite utilitarian ideal of "greatest happiness for greatest number" among the golfing population!

Prizes in several winning categories, T-shirts for all the participants, half time refreshments, lunch, tea and finally dinner and drinks from the sponsors rounded off the SANLAM Golf Challenge day.

Many thanks, SANLAM for all that and the promise to come back.

- FULL RESULTS**  
 Overall Winner: Yobesh Oyaro 42 points  
 MEN Winner: Taib Bajaber 40 points  
 Runner up: Omar Lewa 39 \*  
 Third: Muzahim Taib 38 \*  
 LADIES Winner: Christine Ockotch 40 points  
 Runner up: Perviz Bamsley 38 points  
 Best Senior: Pia Swatton 38 points  
 Best Junior: Niran Hirani 36 \*  
 Staff Winner: Humphrey Ndaiga 32 \*  
 Guest Winner: John Paul 29 \*  
 Longest Drive (Man): Vimal Ranpura  
 Longest Drive (Lady): Joyce Massai  
 Nearest to Pin (Man): Mwangi Mburu  
 Nearest to Pin (Lady): Susan Stokes

# England's MCC Beat Kenya Select XI

In a two day match the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) from England beat Kenya Select XI by 10 wickets on Saturday, 13 October, at the Nairobi Gymkhana.

Brief Scores: - Marylebone Cricket Club First Innings: - 305 for 9 declared in 52 overs.

Captain Adam Rouse 105, Tom Lace 57, Callum Haggatt 53, Seren Waters 39, Will Philips 18 and Adam Riley 18 not out. Martin Okoth 4/68, (including a hat trick) Zahid Abbas 3/35.

Kenya Select XI: 64 all out in 19 overs. James Ngoche 18 not out.

Callum Haggatt 7/33 including a hatrick, Adam Riley 1/1.

Kenya Select 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings: - 254 all out in 73.2 overs.

Collins Obuya 70, Zahid Abbas 57, Captain Irfan Karim 39 and Sandeep Adole 36.

Will Philips 5/37, Jack Williams 2/48 and Joe Barrett 1/16.

MCC: Second Innings: 14 for no loss. Will Philips 10 not out and Jack Williams 4 not out.

The match was officiated by

England and MCC accompanied Umpire David Millns and Kenya International Umpire Subhash Modi while the scorers were Brenda Ingasiani and Millicent Adhiambo (East African Cricket Foundation).

David Waters one of the finest cricket administrators and a co-

ordinator said that the Kenyan cricketers had a wonderful opportunity to play against a strong MCC Team which comprised of few English county cricketers and indeed had a wonderful but rare opportunity to play a longer version of two day match.

Local boys must have gained valuable experience according to David Waters.

Tariq Iqbal, official of Kenya Team congratulated MCC for a convincing win over his team.

Tariq Iqbal a former Kenya International Cricketer highlighted by saying after the fine match at least 90 per cent of the Kenyan cricketers had no experience of the two day match with different format of the game.

It was a learning experience for the boys to have a different mindset compared to the normal white ball cricket with coloured clothing which we are used to.

Overall Cricket Kenya in co-ordination with Kenya Kongonis Cricket Club must be congratulated for organizing and hosting the much awaited tour of MCC.

This prestigious Cricket Tour to Kenya has indeed added value to our Cricket in Kenya and more teams are expected to tour Kenya in Future.

According to Harpal Singh Sehmi (Pali Singh) even things were very well organized at Nairobi Club, Nairobi Gymkhana, Rift Valley Sports Club, Nakuru, and Meru.



England Umpire David Millns is seen presenting an England shirt to Kenya International Umpire Subhash Modi after the match. Looking on is Chairman of Kongonis Cricket Club David Waters. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID WATERS CHAIRMAN OF KONGONIS CRICKET CLUB



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Yobesh Oyaro, [2<sup>nd</sup> right], Overall Winner with 42 points, receives a prize from, [from left], NGCC Lady Captain Pauline Gachihi, Patrick Tumbo of Sanlam and NGCC Captain Captain Taib while Christine Ockotch, [right], Lady Winner with 40 points receives a prize from Lilian Onyach of Sanlam during Sanlam Golf Challenge at Nyali Golf and Country Club.

## Yobesh Oyaro Proves His Mettle to Win Sanlam Challenge

After a few false starts, on and off, on again and then off again, the postponements resulting from a variety of reasons enumerated by Captain Taib Bajaber in his welcoming speech, the annual SANLAM Golf Challenge competition finally took off at Nyali Golf and Country Club on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

The competition attracted 122 players, of whom slightly more than the majority, a total of 67 to

be precise, had reasons to be pleased with themselves for having stayed above the poverty line, rising above the score line of the twenties, going into the thirties.

Out of them, three players broke through the ceiling to get into 40s, albeit, two of them, Christine Ockotch and Captain Taib Bajaber being just on the verge with 40 points.

The third, Yobesh Oyaro, perhaps having had enough of the barbs thrown at him of allowing his other half to take the honour of winning too often, determined to prove his own mettle, rising above all in the field, with 42 points to take the

Overall Winner prize.

Yobesh started well with a par on the 1<sup>st</sup> and went on to pick up 9 points in the first four holes, the surplus point coming off a par on the stroking 3<sup>rd</sup> for the thirteen handicapper.

However, illustrative of how the best laid plans can sometimes go wrong, were the next two holes, both of which he blanked, resulting in a big hole in his tally of points, reducing it to a deficit of 3 points at that stage.

Not deterred by this temporary setback, Yobesh steadied himself and picked up 2 points each on the next two holes through one over par and finished the first nine with a bang, birdying the 9<sup>th</sup> for 4 points and a respectable total of 17 points.

It was on the back nine that Yobesh showed his real intent with a superb knock of one under par 34, coming off five straight

pars and a 2 club birdie on the 15<sup>th</sup>, all producing 3 points each, continuing with his par game over the remaining holes out of which the par on the 16<sup>th</sup> was worth 3 points, resulting in a total of 25 points.

In any count back situation, this number would have been quite definitely unbeatable but the eventuality did not arise.

Taib Bajaber and Christine Ockotch shared the next best score but playing in separate categories, there was no contest between them, each taking the top place in their respective categories.

The self confessed "good captain, bad golfer", words which the Captain used to describe himself, had no reason in this particular instance to be apologetic about his game.

His score of 40 coming off 18 points in the first nine, comprised of regulation 2 points on all holes

except the 1<sup>st</sup> which he bogeyed to lose a point but which he made up immediately with 3 points on the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming off a par.

The back nine was even more impressive with nothing less than regulation 2 points on every hole, the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> being better than regulation with 3 points each, the 15<sup>th</sup> off a 2 club birdie producing a total of 22 points.

Christine had an identical break down of 18 and 22 but made in a more up and down manner.

Her 1<sup>st</sup> nine contained a double bogey, on the 4<sup>th</sup> costing her a point and worse a blank on the following hole, the par five 5<sup>th</sup>.

However, her 2 club birdie on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and pars on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> earned her 3 points each to off set the loss, levelling with regulation 18 points.

The back nine had a flying start, another 2 club birdie on the 10<sup>th</sup> adding 4 points to the total straightaway.

Two consecutive pars thereafter and two more, on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> added 12 more points, a total of 16 points over those six holes.

Regulation 2 points each on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> brought the total to 20 and with two singles, off a double bogey on the stroking 16<sup>th</sup> and a bogey on the 18<sup>th</sup> the final total to 22.

On the gentlemen's side, Omar Lewa followed the Captain closely with 39 points in the Runner up position, followed by Muzahim Taib with 38 points in the Third place.

On the ladies side, Christine was followed by two ladies, Perviz Barnsley and Pia Swatton with similar score of 38 and both with identical back nine of 22 points.

On further scrutiny, Perviz got

the better of Pia with her points over the last six holes, resulting from a string of 3 points on the last four holes, adding 2 regulation points on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pia on the other hand picked out her better golf on the last three holes, picking up 3 points each.

She made 3 points also on the 14<sup>th</sup> and even better 4 points on a par on the 16<sup>th</sup> but lost her three surplus points through double bogeys on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Although beaten by Perviz the Lady Runner Up prize, Pia did not end up a loser, her position placing her at the top of the Seniors while the Best overall prize was claimed by Niran Hirani who however had to contend with the regular junior contender Alyssa, both having posted a good score of 36 points.

Niran managed to beat Alyssa with a breakdown of 15 and 21 against Alyssa's 16 and 20.

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### Golf Report by THE DRIVER



Niran Hirani, Best Junior during Sanlam Golf Challenge at NGCC, with 36c/b, receives a prize from George Kuria.

**KENYA TIDE TABLES**  
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**FRIDAY** High Water - 2.15 m. at 12.50 hrs. (12.50 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 13.00 hrs. (1.00 p.m.). Low Water - 1.5 m. at 06.42 hrs. (6.42 a.m.) and 1.2 m. at 19.29 hrs. (7.29 p.m.).

**SATURDAY** High Water - 2.4 m. at 01.51 hrs. (1.51 a.m.) and 2.6 m. at 13.57 hrs. (1.57 p.m.). Low Water - 1.2 m. at 07.49 hrs. (7.49 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 20.11 hrs. (8.11 p.m.).

**SUNDAY** High Water - 2.7 m. at 02.28 hrs. (2.28 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 14.36 hrs. (2.36 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 08.30 hrs. (8.30 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 20.44 hrs. (8.44 p.m.).

**MONDAY** High Water - 3.0 m. at 02.58 hrs. (2.58 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 15.09 hrs. (3.09 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 09.04 hrs. (9.04 a.m.) and 0.5 m. at 21.13 hrs. (9.13 p.m.).

**TUESDAY** High Water - 3.2 m. at 03.27 hrs. (3.27 a.m.) and 3.2 m. at 15.41 hrs. (3.41 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 09.35 hrs. (9.35 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 21.41 hrs. (9.41 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY** High Water - 3.5 m. at 03.55 hrs. (3.55 a.m.) and 3.3 m. at 16.11 hrs. (4.11 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 10.05 hrs. (10.05 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 22.09 hrs. (10.09 p.m.) FULL MOON.

**THURSDAY** High Water - 3.6 m. at 04.24 hrs. (4.24 a.m.) and 3.3 m. at 16.43 hrs. (4.43 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 10.35 hrs. (10.35 a.m.) and 0.2 m. at 22.37 hrs. (10.37 p.m.).

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