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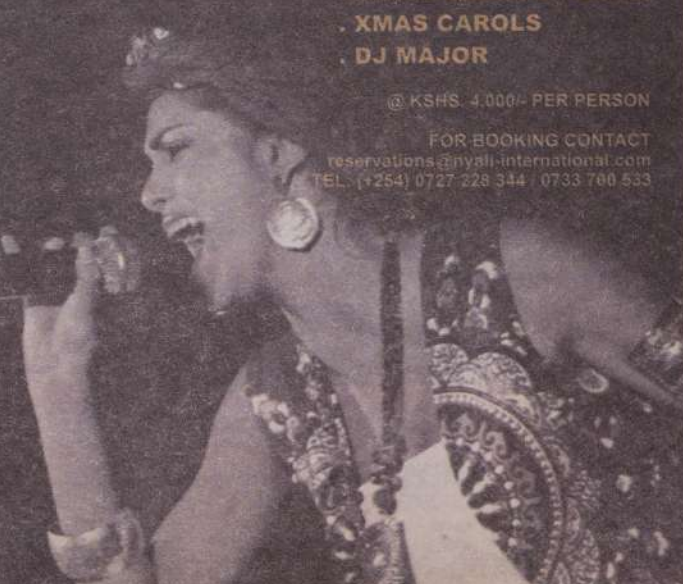
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## FIGHTING FOR WILDLIFE

On a recent patrol of Ngutuni Sanctuary, six people were caught red handed by KWS Honorary Warden Shazaad Kasmani for illegally cutting trees and preparing charcoal for sale in the sanctuary. The perpetrators with 7 bags

of charcoal, spades and machetes were handed over to the Sanctuary Management and a team of rangers was later taken to the site where the charcoal pits were destroyed and put out.

The burning embers from charcoal pits and kilns if not put out could have possibly also led to uncontrolled fires in the sanctuary and also affect Tsavo

East National Park. It has become increasingly apparent that the level of illegal charcoal burning has been on the increase.

While driving along Mombasa road between KWS Bachuma gate and Voi, the number of road side charcoal vendors bordering the magnificent Tsavo East does not leave a lot to the imagination in figuring out where all this coal is coming from.

Although the KWS managed parks have this situation under control considering the vast expanses of terrain they need to protect, illegal charcoal burners and poachers have turned their attention to private game sanctuaries, which are at most times understaffed and have less resources.

A large amount of men, women and even children enter the parks and sanctuaries everyday to illegally cut down trees for firewood and charcoal, while at the same time thousands of cows also decimate the vegetation, which is the primary food source for our wildlife.

Consequently because of the amount of time charcoal burners spend in the bush cutting and preparing charcoal, many of them also resort to preparing snares and traps to hunt wildlife for bush meat.

KWS and Care for the Wild teams have been intensifying patrols and de-snaring operations in the private sanctuaries as a way of offering allied support against the illegal poaching and deforestation wars.

Readers can do their part in preserving the wildlife and its ecosystem by not purchasing charcoal along the Mombasa Road.



Oshwal Academy Mombasa in partnership with the President's Award and Friends of Karura seen in action planting trees in a five days Residential Project at the Karura Forest in Nairobi.

## Oshwal Academy Supports Karura Forest Conservation



OAM PA Participants after their five days residential Project at the Karura Forest - Seen [from left] Unit Coordinator Coach Tom, Ms. Lucy (FKF), Heema Upadhyay, Mohini Maru, Jesal Bhudia, Krina Shah, Bhakti Bhudia, Rushab Shah, Ayan Yarrow, Rajul Shah, Kaashyap Pappu, Tejus Shah, Vivek Majithia, Sausan Burhan, Suhall Sherman, Liza Chula, Assessor Ms Jecinta Ngumo and Teacher Ms Sholastica.



[ABOVE] KWS Honorary Warden Shazaad Kasmani displaying confiscated charcoal and materials to sanctuary rangers. [RIGHT] Putting out the embers at the charcoal pits to prevent uncontrolable fires in the park. Photo by Shazaad Kasmani.

PHOTOS BY SHAZAAD KASMANI

## The Nissan Qashqai SUV Range Launch

The Nissan Qashqai range of five and seven seater SUVs was launched by DT Dobie at a fun evening with guests invited to make the town a playground.

They fired paint balls at murals of Nairobi to paint the town.

In a brief introductory speech, Philippe Delunsch, the DT Dobie Sales and Marketing Director said, "Nissan is a pace setting motor vehicle manufacturer and there have been a stream of new model launches since DT Dobie was appointed the sole franchise distributor in 1964.

"But the introduction of the Qashqai five and seven seater SUVs has been a landmark event."

"I say this because it ranks as the first new Nissan with a name that many people find difficult to pronounce and spell, but it is a great name for a fun to drive and fun to own SUV."

"When the DT Dobie team was given the task of launching the Qashqai we laughed. What a name!

"Then we got down to work and took a good look at the latest Nissan SUVs. We were immediately struck by the stylish appearance and personality of the Qashqai."

He concluded, "The Qashqai range starts from 3.6 million shillings inclusive of VAT which gives the buyer an SUV for the price of a saloon car.

"A wonderful encouragement to have the fun of owning the stylish Qashqai."

Usha Nagpal, the DT Dobie General Sales Manager for Nissan, highlighted the specifications for the Qashqai five and seven seater SUVs which are powered by a fuel efficient two litre petrol engine with multipoint fuel injection.

The combination of all round independent suspension and a spacious well equipped interior give comfort for driver and passengers in the town and on long journeys.

Equipment includes keyless and central locking system, power one touch windows, rain sensing wipers and full auto air conditioning. The FM radio and CD player has six speakers and the audio controls are located on the steering wheel for the convenience of the driver.

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**IF YOU** thought that director Peter Jackson was done with the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy you are mistaken.

With writers Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Peter Jackson, Guillermo del Toro have adapted J.R.R. Tolkien original masterpiece and created *The Hobbit - An Unexpected Journey* that opens in two and three dimension at the NYALI CINEMAX this week.

From the main swashbuckling characters we now delve into the midget world of the Hobbits and the main man who is Bilbo Baggins.

Erebor, the dwarf kingdom has been lost to the dragon Smaug.

Gandalf the Grey, enjoins Bilbo with thirteen other dwarfs

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Within the goblin tunnels, Bilbo meets his nemesis - Gollum.

Martin Freeman, Richard

Armitage, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis, Hugo Weaving, Cate Blanchett, Christopher Lee, Ian Holm, Elijah Wood and Orlando Bloom take the lead in this action packed thriller that all *Lord of the*

**CINEMAS with Anjum Asodia**

*Rings* fans will just love. *Rise of the Guardians* with the voices of Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin and Isla Fisher is the second new film at the NYALI CINEMAX. In this film you will see all

your favourite heroes like Santa, the Tooth Fairy, Easter Bunny, Sandman and Jack Frost.

An evil spirit called Pitch wants to take over the world and put fear into the heart of every child.

Enter our heroes who will rally together, each with his own super power to defeat Pitch and his vile plans.

*Rise of the Guardians* will also be screened in two and three dimension.

Khiladi Kumar has now

become *Khiladi 786* aka Bahattar Singh, a con man who pretends to be a cop to marry the sister of the biggest don in the area.

With Akshay Kumar are Paresh Rawal, Himesh Reshammiya, Asin, Mithun Chakraborty, Raj Babbar and Mukesh Rishi.

Also going strong in three and two dimension is Disney's *Wreck It Ralph*.

Aamir Khan and Farhan Akhtar's *Talaash* has received mixed reviews.

While some people love the film, there are many who feel that an Aamir Khan film should have been a notch higher.

Kareena Kapoor and Rani Mukherjee are the female protagonists in this murder, mystery, thriller.

You can still catch up with *Hotel Transylvania, Twilight - Breaking Dawn Part 2, Jab Tak Hai Jaan, Student of the Year, Skyfall* and *Finding Nemo*.

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## 'Dubai Film Festival' Opens With Sheikhs And Glamour

DUBAI (Xinhua) - The 9th edition of the Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF) opened here Sunday night with a gala evening screening of the Ang Lee-directed movie "Life of Pi."

The eight-day DIFF was inaugurated in Dubai's luxury resort Madinat Jumeirah by Sheikh Majid Al-Maktoum, chairman of the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, and in the presence of a members of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) government.

Also starring on the red carpet in the luxury resort Madinat Jumeirah was Australian actress Cate Blanchett who became famous for her leading role in "Elizabeth I of England" and who arrived for attending the gala screening of "Life of Pi", the fantasy movie produced by academy award-winning, American-Chinese director Ang Lee.

The 3D multi-dimensional film "Life of Pi", which features an Indian boy who survives a natural disaster on a boat together with a Bengal tiger, is the opening film of the DIFF which screens 158 movies from over 60 countries in 43 languages.

Present were also the three Indian stars of the movie Suraj Sharma (who plays Pi), Ms. Shrivanthi Sainath and Adil Hussain.

Sainath said in an interview with TV channel Dubai One that it was a great adventure to act in a movie directed by such a great director like Ang Lee. The eight-day DIFF will run through Dec. 16

and will also feature Hitchcock with Hollywood stars Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren who play the legendary film director of thrillers and his wife.

Also in 3D will be shown "Le Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away," a fantasy story with actors from the world-famous circus from Montreal, Canada.

The film features a separated couple that has to go through an artistic and magical journey to find each other again.

The Chinese movie "1942," directed by Feng Xiaogang, deals with the horrors of the Japanese occupation of China's Henan province during World War II.

As always, this year's DIFF also promotes Arab movies under the label Muhr Arab competition.

Since the foundation of the DIFF in 2006, 227 films have been screened under the Muhr scheme.

This year's noteworthy movies are "Al Sherka" (The Scream) from Khadija Al-Salami, featuring the role of Arab women in Yemen during the Arab turmoil and "Layali Bala Noom" or "Sleepless Nights," a joint Arab-French production showing the tragic impact on Lebanese society during the 15-year civil war from 1975 to 1990.

According to Abdulhamid Juma, chairman of DIFF, film productions increased by 8 percent year in year in 2011 and the emirate aims to grab a growing share of the global film industry which is valued at 622 billion U.S. dollars.

**Special Report by Correspondent**

## Lohana Sports, Cultural Festival

The much awaited 32nd. Lohana Sports and Cultural Festival, jointly funded by East African Lohana Centres and hosted by Shree Lohana Mahajan Dar es Salaam will take place in Dar es Salaam during the Christmas holidays - 22nd to 26th December, 2012, confirmed Subhash Modi, Hon. PRO of the Festival.

Teams from Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Kampala, Mwanza and Dar es Salaam and few teams from overseas will participate in various sports and fight it out for the top honours in Bridge, Darts, Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Throwball, Cricket and Football, Golf, Mini Marathon and Swimming Gala.

According to Festival Secretary General, Manish Rughani the Annual General Meeting will also take place during the festival.

All the centres have been extremely busy preparing for

the festival.

With less than two weeks to go to the kick off for the 32nd Lohana Sports & Cultural Festival the momentum is at its peak and enthusiasm and eagerness from all Centre's and participants is at an all time high! Festival Website is: <http://www.lscfea.org>

Subhash Modi said about 1500 people are expected to attend the festival from East Africa and around the world.

It will be the largest gathering of the Lohana Community in East Africa.

The Lohana Community have produced many international sporting stars around the world and they have brought honours to respective country and to the Lohana Community.

Vikram Kanji (Chairman of Shree Mombasa, Lohana Mahajan) and Nitiksha (Hon. Secretary of Shree Lohana Mahajan Mandal) confirmed Mombasa will full participate in the sports and cultural activities with over 100 people taking part and supporting the festival.

Natubhai Nathwani, the first Secretary General of the Festival is pleased with the Festival preparations and offered his best wishes for the success of the festival.

Sachin Dawda, chairman of Nairobi Lohana Youth League confirmed Nairobi Centre will also be fully participated in the sports and cultural activities, with nearly over 150 taking part and supporting the festival.

Vinay Dawda of Kampala said Kampala Centre are also coming in big numbers to support and participate in the festival.

Kisumu's Lohana Chairman Kaushikbhai Panchmatia said though they will be coming in small numbers but their support will be here as ever before.

Nakuru's Lohana Mahajan's chairman, Rameshbhai Thakkar is also supportive of the festival and his centre will also send few teams for sports and cultural events.

Mwanza and Dar es Salaam will also be at their full strength at sports and cultural activities.

### STARCAST GEMINI KILIFI

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Going abroad is a distinct possibility. You love the comforts of home, but being too relaxed can dull your creative edge. Head for an exotic destination that is of the best tourist trail.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Spending time with friends will teach you something valuable. Everybody has different dreams. You yearn for a prestigious career while your best friend prefers an intimate relationship.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) You're not interested in making a lot of money. It's easy for you to make ends meet when you have a fun job. Excessive status symbols leave you cold, and you'd rather make your own outfits than buy designer clothes.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) You have a terrific memory for names and faces. This will come in handy when you go to a party. Recognising someone you met long ago will impress a talented artist. The two of you could join forces and create something truly unusual together.

**Aries** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20) Although you're just as assertive as ever, you're learning to work behind the scenes. Adopting a low profile allows you to be a little more creative than usual.

**Taurus** (Apr. 21 - May 21) You have to make money to feel secure. Depending on others for income makes you nervous. If a loved one offers to financially support you for a short period of time, do it. You need a break from the old routine, if only to reconnect with a cherished dream.

**Gemini** (May 22 - June 21) Work involving advertising and telecommunications will be successful. It's easy for you to connect with the public, because you can anticipate its wants and needs. Don't be surprised if you get a call from someone you knew long ago.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 21) You're not interested in performing any old job. You want a position that allows you to care for others in a meaningful way. Working with children, animals, or elderly people are among the possibilities. If you're satisfied with your current career, take up a hobby that draws on your nurturing instincts.

**Leo** (July 24 - Aug. 23) Teaching others to express their creativity gives you tremendous pleasure. When you were growing up, certain forbidding adults tried to suppress your imagination. Luckily, you were too smart to listen.

**Virgo** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) An important executive needs your help with a private matter. Although you don't like mixing personal and professional lives, you're willing to make an exception in this instance.

**Libra** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) One of your many specialties is creating beautiful environments. People are able to relax and have fun around you, thanks to the care you give to their comfort. You always have a cool drink and comfy chair ready for visitors.

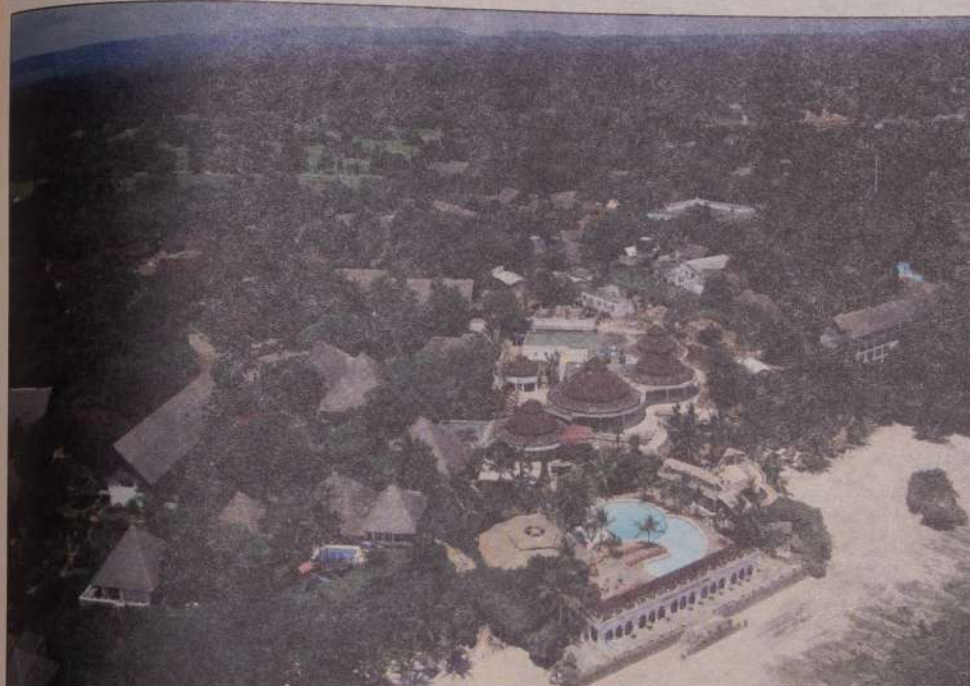
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You're the type who actually prefers a demanding job to a boring one. If you're not busy, your mind turns to dark thoughts that can be self-defeating. That's why you need a career with an edge to it.

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Aerial glimpse of the new-look Leopard Beach Resort and Spa. The four circular "Bomas" housing the Kalani Coffee WiFi Lounge, The Horizon Restaurant with enlarged terraces offering increased and much better, magnificent views over the Indian Ocean and the new active cooking stations and buffet ranges. The more square stand alone smaller roof is the new air-conditioned Chui Grill extension. In the back of the property are "The Residences" - a new villa development due to open early next year.

## Leopard Beach Hotel And Spa

**FROM FRONT PAGE** position on Diani Beach among tropical gardens overlooking the Indian Ocean, the resort has extensively upgraded accommodation and facilities making

it the preferred destination for holidaymakers and business travelers alike.

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as well as 20 suites, cottages and luxurious private villas.

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To stay ahead of the competition, Leopard Beach has recently embarked on a major renovation programme following the May 30th fire which destroyed the laundry, kitchens; lounges as restaurants.

The popular Horizon Restaurant and adjoining Kalani Coffee Lounge have being refurbished and extended and now boast large, sweeping terraces offering panoramic ocean views.

### Award Winning 'Chui' Grillroom

Even the award-winning Chui Grill has been improved; the popular Chaîne des Rôtisseurs restaurant has being extended to offer guests a cool, air-conditioned and smoke-free dining section.

And there's a new addition to the Chui family, Wines & Whiskers - a classical wine bar with an impressive stock of southern hemisphere wines.

With five restaurants, stunning bars, a large free-form pool, the Uzuri Spa and a new villa complex, this is a truly magnificent and cosmopolitan resort.

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# Thirty Four Years' Ago

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**'ASSISTANT MINISTER** of Tourism and Wildlife Clement Lubembe told the annual general meeting of the Kenya Hotel Keepers and Caterers Association that it was essential to maintain international standards to sustain growth in the tourist industry, reported *Neta Peal*.

He was accompanied by Coast Fisheries Director **Norbert Odera**, Coast Tourism officer **Clement Nyamongo**, and the Domestic and Hotelworkers' Union Coast Area secretary **Joseph Omolo**; he also apologised for the absence of Tourism Minister **Mathews Ogutu**.

'*Jesus Opens Nyali Disco*' headlined a tongue-in-cheek story about Spanish musician **Jesus Marrocan** who was completing the new 'Hole In The Wall' nightclub at Mombasa's Nyali Beach Hotel.

'*Make No Mistake My Fur Is Fake!*' was the lapel badge worn by **Lady Michaela Denis** reported Nairobi correspondent **Ivor Davis**, who noted that this world famous conservationist (now resident in Mombasa), while supporting the Government's recent ban on hunting insisted:

"(To make the hunting ban effective) a crackdown is needed on illegal sales of ivory and elephant hair to prevent further poaching".

**Mukesh Rajani** was to manage a talented 18-strong Mombasa Sports Club Cricket team on a 25-day tour of India, assisted by **Manhar Shah**, captain **Kirit Doshi** and vice captain **Fakru Babla**.

**Mwai Karani** was the popular winner of the 'Jamhuri Day' Tournament hosted at Nyali Golf and Country Club, reported columnist '**Centi Kumi**', 'Best Lady' was **Frances Cook** and 'Best Gross' **Paddy Rainford**.

KENYA Cinema was showing Walt Disney's '*Jungle Book*', NAAZ the new re-release of '*Gone With The Wind*', REGAL '*The Sweeney*' and at CHOIX it was **Hema Malini** and **Dharmendra** in '*Raja Jani*'.

Letter writers included **Rainer Bornof**, **Samwel Hamisi**, **David Hurd**, **Juma Mwayani** and Coast horticultural expert **Brian Perkins**.



**Hema Malini and Dharmendra**

# Why Isn't Any Politician Or Minister Doing Anything To Solve Coast Water Problems

We should now be bracing ourselves against an epidemic of cataclysmic proportions due to the non-availability of water in Mombasa and all its environs.

Cholera, dysentery, typhoid and several water borne diseases are guaranteed, given the circumstances in which people live here.

How did this situation develop over the years? Were there no planners who could have looked ahead and who could have foreseen this state of affairs?

By transferring or arranging the management of water from

one company to another will never solve this perennial problem. Is this situation politically motivated? Why isn't any politician or minister doing or saying anything about this development?

I have lived in several mega cities in Arizona and California which are undisputed desert areas, and yet the management and availability of water is guaranteed to everyone at all times.

If for some reason the flow of water is going to be shut even for half an hour, residents are notified.

Any period longer than a half

hour would be deemed a crisis!

You cannot fool all of the people all of the time, and our oft gyrating and hopping politicians who seem to take all of us for granted by inducing us to sing and dance like apes to their lies and false promises at their rallies must wake up.

Many of us are better educated intellectuals who can discourse on Descartes, Diderot, Kafka, Wole Soyinka, Dr. Martin Luther King, Einstein, Darwin and even James Baldwin.

Whoever you are 'Bwana Politician' please do not take all of us for fools and know that action speaks louder than words.

What is the function of the Auditor General over all the CDF funds for the development of various counties?

Why are donors simply dishing out huge sums of monies to be embezzled and never put to any development of infrastructures

and the myriad problems afflicting this country due to corruption and inefficiency?

Why when these crimes are exposed, the culprits are never tried and punished?

The problem of water has been allowed to persist for decades with that infernal attitude:

"I am alright Jack, and every thing will take care of itself"

No politician or leader feels the pinch, as each one of these gentlemen is a "Muheehimwa".

The water problem affects the poor and middle class Wamanchi.

This malaise affects many African countries, it is unheard of in Europe, or the Americas and the main reason is contained in the words: "grand corruption" albeit corruption is every where; but here it has gone beyond the limits of tolerable and acceptable norms.

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## 'WHEN' WILL THERE BE ENOUGH WATER

I have received very good news about water consumption in Mombasa.

The Mzima springs, Baricho and Marere water supply will be a thing of the past.

These sources are inadequate to fulfill the needs of Mombasa and its environs.

We are told that every location with the coming of the new constitution and the type of governance we will have under governors and senators, will dig boreholes everywhere and will provide members of the public with more than adequate CLEAN water.

I don't know if this is a campaign gimmick to garner votes from us

or the truth? I am always skeptical of such promises.

We haven't seen a drop of water in one whole month in Ganjoni and I am convinced that there is never going to be any.

The taps have run dry and are getting rusty.

When I asked a wise old man of this predicament which is continuing for a quarter century now, he said to me that this will be a permanent *status quo*.

While to resolve this simple issue would have been an instant thing at the snap of ones fingers during the Colonial Administration of yore, the same cannot be seen to happen today because of vested interests, corruption and greed.

There is enormous money to be made in creating a crisis of this nature.

There is a new water company which has taken over the delivery of water, namely The Mombasa Water Supply and Sanitation Co. Ltd.

When I complained to them, an official promised me that by early next year, water will be so abundant, that there will be a risk of flooding and death by drowning in some areas of Mombasa.

I was assured that there are CDF funds and huge funds from the donor communities to permanently take care of this problem.

The present scarcity of water he assured me will be a thing of the past.

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## Nostalgic Thoughts Splendid View Café

I was one of the few first customers, to have snacks, at Splendid View Café in 1976.

I remember Mr and Mrs Butt and their boy who was young then. They used to serve just Bajia and Viazi initially and all the rest came later on i.e. the delicious chicken tika.

Stavros nearby was doing well and people like Shiraz Albain and the Shankar electronics brothers were regulars.

I remember the plain and drab interior. Just few plastic chairs and tables. But the owners were polite and welcoming.

They used to live upstairs next to Hari Krishna flat.

It took them time assimilate into the Mombasa society but later on ended up being part of the elite.

The area was clean and quite. Almost every one in the area new the other.

I witnessed as they expanded slowly to the left of the café.

First they took the original Kenya auto spares shop from a certain Bajaber young man who went to Saudia.

Then slowly expanded further by taking further shops.

The place advertised itself because one of the few manual car wash was being conducted opposite the café.

Further to the left where fatemi building/ Polana Hotel is used to be a huge empty land where buses from Tanga/ Moshi/ Arusha used to pick and drop passengers.

Bus companies like Tangamano transport and Tamt.

By the way I last week saw the Omani Owner of Tamt here in Oman. He is still alive.

Tamt offices were opposite the municipal public health office which is the original Lady Grigg hospital.

I came on holiday last June to Mombasa after many years and found the place completely changed.

Particularly the area I wrote about above.

The reason I was attracted the café by then, was, they were cheaper compared to the Stavros café nearby.

As a young man the shilling or two difference mattered to me. Above all it would secure me a movie ticket at Regal cinema to watch Bruce lee. Oh, Nostalgia!

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## SUCCESSFUL MOUSTACHE AUCTION

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• We had a very successful moustache auction during the November event last month and raised shs 700,000/= for charity, half going to the Mount Kenya Trust for the preservation of the ecosystem on the mountain and the other half to Bomu Hospital for the men's cancer screening programme.

'November' is a worldwide movement and you would would like to know more about it Google the word "November".

Everyone had a great time and your ancient Commodore was sold for the amazing sum of shs 200,000/=.

If you would like to see how he did it go to our Facebook page "MYCM", or our website:

[www.mombasayachtclub.org](http://www.mombasayachtclub.org)

which has recently had a facelift thanks to our new member Wencke.

• Sailing has now been changed from Sunday to Saturday afternoons with the first start at 3.00 p.m.

The sailors will now be having their tea after sailing on the new terrace, creating more space

on the main verandah for Social members to relax, so come and join us.

We are reducing the number of bookings we accept for weddings on Saturdays to avoid inconvenience to members and in future you will always be advised well in advance if the Club House is to be closed for a function.

The covered area beyond the pool will always remain open if the Club House is closed and tables and chairs will be put out for the sailors to have tea and to provide a food and bar service for members.

• The swimming pool is very popular with adults who like to swim and wind down after work and families love Sunday afternoons, when a BBQ is provided and our Animator Barak entertains the children.

Tables and chairs are put out for parents in the shade on the magnificent new lawns and whether you want activity, or peace and quiet, there is something for everybody.

• Come and try all the wonderful new facilities at your Club during this festive season.

**Chris Soper**, Commodore, Mombasa Yacht Club.  
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# GPS Devices To Monitor Delays Along Kenya-DRC Road

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- East Africa countries have deployed global positioning system technology to monitor delays along the key road that serves most of the landlocked members through Kenya.

Cargo transporters from the coastal city of Mombasa in Kenya to Democratic Republic of Congo will use GPS devices to monitor causes of delays along the road to provide evidence of what needs to be done to streamline transport along that route.

Delays in road transport from

Mombasa to the DRC has been cited as one of the factors contributing to the difficulty of doing business in East Africa region.

Delays are often caused by police road blocks, delay at custom offices, poor road network among other factors.

The road generally referred to as the North Transport Corridor is the lifeline of landlocked countries like Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

The launch in Mombasa on Friday is meant to generate scientific and factual data that will be used by the regional governments to understand and

eliminate all the causes of delays through the transport route.

The project was launched by the Transit Transport Co-ordination Authority of the Northern Corridor.

The project is known as the Transport Observatory Project.

It will monitor performance along the Northern Corridor through identifying total time delays from all possible causes as a means towards establishing evidence to be used in eliminating the delays.

The delays will be analyzed using a set of indicators disaggregated by cause, location, date, time of day as well as, define parameters such as direction of travel, nationality of vehicles and types of cargo.

Information analyzed from this process will be disseminated to partner states through various government agencies, private sector and civil society organizations and the media, with the view of informing decision making, problem solving and policy formulation towards the improvement of the Northern Corridor's performance.

"Ultimately, this is expected to

have an impact on improving the business environment in the region by reducing the costs of transport, the costs of doing business and leading to the improvement of livelihoods in the East Africa Community region and for the Northern Corridor Member States," said Mr Donat Bagula, the Executive Secretary Transit Transport Co-ordination Authority of the Northern Corridor.

The improved performance of the Northern Corridor, through its trade infrastructure, is critical to East Africa's economic prosperity, as it is the main corridor through which import and export merchandise enters and exits the region.

The project is supported by Trade Mark East Africa, which delivered 100 GPS kits to the Kenya Transport Association (KTA) so that data can be collected through the KTA members to assist in developing the 25 indicators so far identified.

These indicators include monitoring of time wastage along the trade routes associated with multiple stoppages, identification of the causes of these delays, indicators on costs and fees

charged at various points on the Northern corridor at the port of Mombasa, borders, weigh bridges and the transit route.

This data once analyzed will provide informed and evidence-based opportunities for the development and implementation of policies towards resolving these delays for cost effective operations.

"Improvement in the quality and efficiency of the corridor's infrastructure, starting from the Port of Mombasa to the weigh bridges, the pipeline, the rail ways and the border posts is a key and critical intervention that will lead to the reduction of costs of transportation and to lowering the cost of doing business in the region," said Trade Mark East Africa's Deputy Chief Executive Officer David Stanton.

He said the Transport Observatory Project is an important mechanism that can be used to monitor corridor performance in order to highlight opportunities for further improvement to the benefit of all East Africans.

The project will also ensure that policies passed on the Northern Corridor are based on evidence and can be monitored to see whether the problems have been resolved or not so that further corrective action can be taken.

The project will assist members of KTA to identify non-tariff barriers along the Northern Corridor said Jane Njeru, the CEO of the Kenya Transporters Association.

"The project will also assist KTA to perform advocacy for our members from an informed perspective," she said.

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BELLA	14/12/2012 06:00	CMA
JANRITSCHER	14/12/2012 11:00	RSS
MSC DENISSE	14/12/2012 06:00	MSC
MSC LANA	14/12/2012 06:00	MSC
JUEMETRADER	14/12/2012 06:00	CMA
HERMESARROW	14/12/2012 06:00	MAE
SALIS	14/12/2012 06:00	SSA
STADT SEVILLA	16/12/2012 06:00	CMA
JUJSTRADER	16/12/2012 09:00	MAE
MARIE DELMAS	17/12/2012 06:00	CMA
MSC CHIARA	17/12/2012 06:00	MSC
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LSS SUCCESS	14/12/2012 06:00	EAC
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ETERNAL ACE	15/12/2012 08:00	ISS
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## New Ideas To Help Spur Economic Development

**NAIROBI (Xinhua)** -- Kenya needs to adopt more innovative ideas in the social, economic and political spheres of life to propel the country's development to greater heights as the East African nation marks 50 years of independence in 2013, according to the country's Revenue

Allocation leader, writes *Chrispinus Omar*.

Commission of Revenue Allocation Chairman Micah Chesere said time is ripe for the country to scale up the adoption of new and appropriate technological innovations to drive the much needed growth.

"It is a shame that nearly 50 years after independence, we still have millions of Kenyans who go to bed hungry.

"We still have thousands of youth who are still unemployed," Chesere told the Google Week dubbed "ThinkKenya 2013".

"Yet, this is a land of plenty, a country where opportunities abound in all sectors of the economy.

"We need to collectively wake up and work out ways of harnessing the potential that exist in this country and innovation is the answer," he said.

The ex-Central Bank governor said several historic events such as the promulgation of the new constitution, which has in turn led to the setting up of various bodies such as the Commission of Revenue Allocation, are proof that this shift is possible.

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If fully implemented, he expressed confidence that these initiatives will steer the country in the path of prosperity, equitable and sustainable development.

At the center of this transformation, he noted, is Information and Communication Technology (ICT) which can unlock the potential in all the key sectors of the economy such as education, agriculture, commerce, government services among others.

"Recent statistics show that one in every three Kenyans is connected to the internet.

"It is therefore imperative that both the public and private sectors find ways of engaging their audience."

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Traditional cake mixing at Nyali International Beach Hotel and Spa - The Team of Chefs of Nyali International Beach Hotel and Spa seen here all set for the traditional X-mas cake mixing for the festive season.



SUZUKI BIKES FOR G4S - Car and General Trading Nairobi Branch Manager Abel Gakenyi [right] and Suzuki Motor Corporation Assistant manager Ryohi Natsume [left] shows the features of one of the Suzuki DR 200 motorbikes to the Head of Fleet Duncan Turk at G4S when the company delivered the bikes.



Guillaume Hirbarren, Orange's product and services marketing manager [left], Telkom Kenya CEO Mickael Ghosseln [centre] and Amit Kapoor from Wikimedia Foundation's mobile partnerships division. Orange and Wikipedia partnership seeks to enhance access to information and knowledge. Orange is working to ensure that there's more information about Kenya and other African countries on Wikipedia.



Retired Mothers of S.O.S Village in Mombasa led by a former Village Director Mr. Simon Njuguna [right] cuts a cake during a colorful ceremony organized by former S.O.S Village Children to honor them and appreciate their services. The ceremony was graced by the Director of Family Seven Foundation Gideon Odhiambo who is also a former village child. PHOTO BY TITUS MUSAU

## World Aids Day With WASHA

Sarova Whitesands against spread of HIV and Aids team (WASHA), join the world during the World's AIDS Day on 1st December 2012. The day is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. The theme this year was 'getting to Zero in new infections, mortality, stigma and discrimination'. Seen Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa Human Resource Manager, Ms Dorcas Waweru is joined by WASHA members in handing over water donation to National Aids Council Coast Region Technical Officer Shutaro Shunai in support of world's Aids day. WASHA team (Whitesands against the spread of HIV and AIDs) also joined the rest of the stake holders, partners and local community at Tanonoka grounds Mombasa to celebrate the world aids day.



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The end of another year looms! They say that the older you get the faster time passes, certainly seems true as far as I am concerned.

A reminder of our past: "Coastweek Nov. 24-30 1978: Author John Jewel gave a presentation on 'Mombasa - The Friendly Town' to a gathering of the newly formed Friends of Fort Jesus". Still going strong! A tribute to those early pioneers!

We (the council) have all been very busy selling our wonderful calendars.

They are going very well but we would urge you, the members, to promote them as much as you can as we are relying on the profit from the calendars to fund some projects in 2013.

One project is the conserving and mounting of the Joy Adamson fish paintings which have been stored out of sight for safety's sake for the last 15 years or so.

I am told by one of our members that these paintings were done by Joy Adamson in 1946 at Kiunga. They are 80 in number.

He says that Liwali Ali Bin Salim bought the collection and presented them to the Fort Museum on condition that they would be exhibited in Mombasa.

He was enquiring where they were?

They had previously been housed in the old library but were moved when the library moved to the Old Law Court.

After a good deal of investigation they were discovered safe in Mombasa!

So now we would like them to see the light of day so we can all enjoy them but we need to make sure they are properly framed and preserved as part of our heritage.

This might be quite costly! So please promote our calendars to your friends, your relations and anyone else you know.

The 12th Lamu Festival was held in November with all the usual excitement of Dhow and Donkey racing, traditional dancing, games etc.

The Festival was started in 2001 and despite some setbacks it has taken place every year since.

It was well supported by EU, UK and by embassies of France, Germany, Poland and Spain.

We congratulate all the Friends of Lamu who made the festival

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such a success.

Maina Kiai's film "The Lamu Project: Development or Disaster" was shown on the last day highlighting the bulldozing of a large area of

Hardly surprising that migrants are getting fewer and fewer!

As we fight the destruction of forests with our tree planting it is discouraging to hear of the huge skyscraper stockpile of charcoal

welcome his successor Rev. Ben Humphries to our membership.

FFJ has a very lovely entry on Facebook courtesy of Doris Schuale. You can visit the site even if you don't do Facebook yourself.

With that I wish all our Christian Friends a happy and blessed Christmas and everyone else I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Don't let the Mombasa traffic, especially the matatus and tuktuks, drive you mad. Do not fall foul of the punitive new traffic act!

Marlene Reid (Chairman) URGENT NEED:

Watamu Turtle Watch (which we just visited) have sent an appeal for a microscope for the marine scouts, either as a donation, or to buy for a reasonable price.

This is needed for the start of the Marine Scout Programme in Jan. so the microscope is needed by mid-Dec at the latest.

If you can help this very worthy community project please contact M Reid 0720 949195 or e-mail:

donreid@africaonline.co.ke



Seen [from left] FJM Chief curator, Mbarak Abdulqadir with Marlene Reid, Taibali and Mohammed Ramzan, French Consul, Mombasa. PHOTO: STEVE OKOKO

mangroves upon which the local Lamu economy depends.

With the building of the new super highway, deep water berths, large airport etc we can only hope that this 12th Festival is not going to be the last!

We must try to get this film to feature in our programme.

On the environmental front there seem to be many alarming trends. Urgent e-mails have been circulating about wholesale slaughter of thousands of birds in Lebanon despite 1995 ban on hunting which is now totally ignored.

Apparently birds of all shapes and sizes, many of them on their migrating passage, are being shot, the bigger and rarer the species the better.

Two dead Pelicans being proudly displayed is quoted. Hunters are of all ages, some as young as ten years!

There is a desperate urgency for international environmental agencies to give all the support they can to the Lebanon Eco Movement which despite all their efforts are not able stop this horrendous carnage.

As Lebanon lies at the crossroads between Europe, Asia and Africa most birds migrating from Europe to Africa and vice-versa pass by this route.

worth \$40 million in Kismayu, product of Somalia's now devastated mangrove forests.

Despite an embargo, kilns have kept on burning. The UN have banned the export of charcoal but one feels it is rather a case of closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

We also see alarming amounts of charcoal being sold in Kenya.

On a happier note Kenya Forest Services has launched a new national forest mapping system for accurate reporting on the status of our forests.

This will replace the more outdated methods which do not give such accurate information. Hopefully this new system will enable KFS to formulate better policies for forests.

The remote sensing technology will map the forests accurately and will map out the various activities in the forest.

The Government of Japan generously provided the wherewithal under the Forest Preservation Programme for the new system.

Nov. saw us saying 'goodbye' to long-term member Fr Michael Sparrow, padre of the Mission to Seamen. While we shall miss Michael very much we also

## Newsletter Notes From The Friends Of Fort Jesus

### PAST PROGRAMME

Calendar Launch Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Thanks to all members who attended the 2013 Calendar launch and to all who bought our calendars and have persuaded their friends to buy them.

The calendar is really beautiful and the pictures are nostalgic of by-gone days and the splendour of some of the old buildings, not to mention the cleanliness of the roads at that time.

A view of Digo Road, (Salim Road as it was then), can hardly be recognised. After going to buy my fish in the Old Town and finding Karama's where I have

been going for the last 30 years surrounded by Mbati in readiness for destruction, I feel we need to keep records of what it 'used' to be!

The power point presentation of some of the FFJ photographic collection and the presentation to the Museum by FFJ of relevant software for digitisation of the collection gave a special emphasis to the event.

Mr Kassim Omar, Ag. Head of RISSEA represented Dr Farah, the NMK Director General and gave a good address appreciating the co-operation between the Museums and FFJ.

The Chief Curator Mr Mbarak was also in attendance.

Snacks were as delicious as always, prepared by Essa Khediwallah. Please keep on promoting the calendar.

Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Watamu Turtle Watch

When the bus finally arrived, being one hour late, we made haste to get to Watamu and despite the programme being much delayed the Watamu Turtle staff were gracious and gave us a warm welcome, a very informative tour and the highlight of the trip allowed us to participate in the release of a Green Turtle back into the ocean.

Some of our heftier men helped to carry the turtle in a sling down the beach and once the turtle felt the water lapping around its feet

it almost gave a leap and disappeared so quickly into the waves. It was a wonderful experience both for the turtle and for us. This was a superlative day out. As well as enjoying ourselves we made a much needed contribution to the school fees of the school children in the area.

PHOTO: MARLENE REID



Green turtle on its way to the ocean.

### Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Bird Walk

A walk in Haller Park can always provide some pleasant surprises.

In addition to all the usual lovely birds we saw Whalberg's Eagle, African Harrier Hawk, Eurasian, Black Crowned Night Heron, Striated Heron, Golden Oriole, female Black Cuckoo Shrike, Yellow Fronted Canary and Woolly Necked Stork. A total of 30 species.

We did try to see the Giant Kingfisher which had been seen at the fish ponds quite a bit lately but although we watched and waited near to a large hole where we think he roosts, we were not lucky. Maybe he saw us but we did not see a shake of a feather from him. Maybe next time! Thanks to Lafarge for allowing us access.

### Tues. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - Poetry Evening

It was a pity that so few members came to this splendid event. All the ones who did come said how much they had enjoyed it despite not being particularly interested in poetry.

We were privileged students of Oshwal and our Member Mr Pata who happens to be heard there.

All the young poets of LAMDA and very professional renditions both poems they had we their favourite poems.

A visiting 'community' Tony Hillier, was visited read some great poems Mtwapa. He had captured the very essence that community.

Meloney and her poems of they had written Patricia Scott and Martin

Peter Wiles rounded evening with a good read the Kipling poem "If" keep your head when all else is losing theirs..." At of mine!

The theme for the evening "Miracles" and while poems were not on this really was a miracle evening, the miracle to this young talent. An with a difference!

### FUTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 7.15p

From: African Environment Foundation Wildlife Film And Dogs' - Filmed in Park in Tanzania this concentrating on Cat families: "Is the lion the Beasts amongst all animals of the Ruaha Park in Tanzania? Leopards and Wild Dog packs. Both of these have their own way of side by side".

A really lovely film, beautiful wild park community of that area your diary! Don't miss Sat Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Bird Walk.

Meet at the roundabout turn-off to Haller Park roundabout on the road Rd leading to Bambu (Factory) at 4 p.m. Leave just as soon as so we do not miss at time.

Bring binoculars have them (we few spare pages notebook and useful so you can see clearly (but speedy).

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Sat Dec. 15 Christmas Whitesands H 10 a.m.

FFJ will be having this sale to sell cafe any other of our products.

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Mombasa International and Cultural Festival Dec 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> at M Drive and other venues around Mombasa.

Organised by (Research Institute Studies of Eastern Theme is "Towards Co-Existence Through

Watch out for projects so that you have an audience of 1 targeted especially for youth and women.

FOR JANUARY - see the project Pamoja Project.

We have been visited since Dr Gituru talk to us on the carbon derived from mangroves on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> details in Jan. News

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Clothes-pin	Substitute doctor	Left-hand page of a book	Swiss-style potato cake	Important cricket matches
Immature eel				Client, eg
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Harpreet "Hapz" Sagoo and Harvinder Dhanjal "Haru" as they speed off in their Sadolin Paints Subaru N10.

# 'ONKAR RAI' WINS COAST RALLY HELD IN MOMBASA

Onkar Singh Rai, co-driven by Raju Chagger, emerged the winner of the season-closing GA Insurance Rally which ended in Mombasa last Sunday.

The Nakuru-based speed merchant achieved the feat in his old Subaru Impreza N12 contraption which he used in clinching the KNRC Division 2 Championship in 2011.

Onkar, who resides in Nakuru,

led his Kabras Sugar Racing teammate Anish Chouhan to a 1-2 finish while homeboy Sudesh Hirani "Hakuuz" sealed the podium dash in the ex-Raaji Bharij Subaru N10.

Mombasa's Khalid Yusuf, driving his son's (Naveed Khalid) Toyota Levin stunned all and sundry, not only for his uncanny knack to outpace powerful Subarus, but also for winning the 2WD Class in fourth overall position.

Synergy Gases driver Paras Pandya (Subaru N10) settled for fifth, Hapz Sagoo (Sadolin Paints Subaru N10) sixth and Jitendra Davda "Jitu" (Toyota Marino) seventh.

Special Report by Samson Ateka

Reigning Kenya 2WD Champion Nadeem Kana finished 8th overall and 2nd in the formula two class.

Onkar had this to say following the emphatic victory.

"We hadn't driven the N12 for long so it was a much different car to drive, I wasn't happy with my driving today (Sunday) but still happy with the win and especially happy it was a Kabras 1-2 podium finish.

"It was a tough rally. Had a few offs which led to a puncture on the 64km stage so we lost a lot of time. But it was fun trying to get that time back," Onkar said.

Naushad Kara led the rally by a 40seconds margin on the long stage before the engine of their Subaru 12 packed up.

Other casualties were Vicky Singh (Subaru) and Victor Okundi (Toyota Vitz).

Vicky broke a shock just before service and could not make it past CS4.

"So we had to retire with a broken rear left shock. Vicky was driving very well, we were lying 3rd overall going into service," navigator Shameer Yusuf said.

Anish Chouhan showed good pace sitting with Ravi Soni for the first time.

"I stood in for Kallish (Chouhan) at Anish's request.

"Anish is my new Team

Manager for 2013 as I sit with Boldy (Baldev Chager) next season, so it was a good way for me to go have fun and also acclimatise with my new team.

"I am glad that in my first rally with Kabras Team, we came number 1 and 2," said Soni.

Anish was all smiles. "We got the fastest stage time in the 64km stage, which was very nice, smooth and flowing.

"I would like to thank my sponsor Kabras. Sugar and Tejveer Rai for allowing me to use his car," said Anish.

Okundi was all smiles despite his exit.

"This was really a driver's fairy tale (co-driver's auditions). In my opinion, those were the best 15 minutes of our season. We overcooked a fast left which, compounded by busted brake pipes, gave us quite a scare," said -Okundi.

Full Results: 1. Onkar Rai / Raju Chagger (Subaru N12) 1h48m09s

2. Anish Chouhan/ Ravi Soni (Subaru N10) 1h51m13s

3. Sudesh Hirani / Yusuf Pasta (Subaru) 1h57m09s

4. Khalid Yusuf / Absalom Aswani (Toyota Levin) 2h03m34s

5. Paras Pandya / Falgun Bhojak (Subaru N10) 2h04m14s

6. Hapz Sagoo / Harvinder Singh (Subaru N10) 2h04m25s

7. Jitendra Davda / Prakash Jetain (Toyota Marino) 2h06m39s

8. Nadeem Kana / James Mwangi

9. Harrison (Subaru) 2h07m10s

## COAST BRIDGE with C.P. SHAH

In the following hand East-West would have defeated the slam contract but it did not go their way.

DEALER: WEST NORTH-SOUTH VULNERABLE BIDDING:

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

West thought that because of his partners support in Hearts, either South or North must be void in Hearts.

In an effort to cut down ruffs in either hand led a Trump.

Declarer drew Trumps in two rounds, then tested Clubs.

NORTH

♠	Q	10	3
♥	4	3	
♦	J	10	9 5 3
♣	K	7	5

WEST

♠	7	2		
♥	A	Q	7	5 2
♦	K	Q	4	
♣	J	8	2	

EAST

♠	9			
♥	K	J	10	9
♦	A	8	7	6 2
♣	10	6	4	

SOUTH

♠	A	K	J	8	6	5	4
♥	8	6					
♦							
♣	A	Q	9	3			

When they proved to split 3-3, he was lucky to cash the thirteenth Club and discard a Heart from Dummy.

He conceded a Heart ruffed the Diamond return, ruffed a Second Heart with Dummy's remaining Trump and claimed his double slam.

## Bandari FC To Sign On Gor Mahia's Goalkeeper

Bandari Football Club is believed to have approached their former goalkeeper, Wycliffe Kasaya to rejoin the team after signing for Gor Mahia last season.

Other teams interested in signing Kasaya are AFC Leopards and new-comers Kakamega Homeboyz.

Kasaya was one of five players Gor Mahia released to play for their clubs of their choice and the goalkeeper confirmed that the three clubs have shown interest to sign him.

"It's true Bandari, Homeboyz and AFC Leopards have shown interest to sign me but I'll make my final decision next week," said Kasaya who signed for Gor from Bandari early this year.

Gor Mahia Secretary General George Bwana was quoted by futaa.com to have confirmed his club having released the five players on the recommendations of the team's technical bench.

"With the advice from the technical bench, we have decided to part with the five," said Bwana who mentioned Wycliffe Kasaya, George Midenyo, Kevin Ochieng, Ilubu Imbem and Oscar Mbugua as the dropped players.



"Satyrichthys Welchii - Robust Armored-Gurnard"

## RARE GURNARD CAUGHT OFF KIKAMBALA COAST

THIS UNUSUAL creature was brought in by fishermen off Kikambala and was photographed at the Moorings Restaurant near Mtwapa Village on the Kenya North Coast.

It measured about 25 cms in length and looked like it had been dead for some time.

From photo books it looked like a variant of a GURNARD - but is missing the top dorsal fin. Also it was difficult to find any fish with a similar nose structure?

Thanks to the internet at these two sites

<http://tullertonclark.com/Blog/?p=223>

<http://www.fishbase.org/Identification/specieslist.php?famcode=581&areaco>

It was possible to identify the fish as a Gurnard or "Satyrichthys Welchii - Robust Armored-Gurnard".

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MOMBASA AND NAIROBI

# MOYAS Share Spoils With Soccer Queens

Defending champions MOYAS stormed into the quarter finals of the National Jamhuri Women Peace Cup Competition after they cancelled a 2-0 deficit to share the spoils with Soccer Queens in their last preliminary match played at Tudor Day ground.

Soccer Queens took early lead in the 10th minute through Phisika Laura and Rosemary Ndicho doubled the lead in the 33rd minute.

MOYAS came back a rejuvenated side after breather and equalized through Cheris Avilian in the 54th and 56th minutes. After playing three matches, MOYAS top Pool 'C' log with seven points on level with Soccer Queens but with a superior goal difference. MOYAS and Soccer Queens have qualified for the quarter finals.

MOYAS are pooled alongside Soccer Queens, Junior Stars and Sevalma United, all from Nairobi.

Bandari earned three vital points without kicking a ball after

dark horses Massive Queens failed to show up at Ronald Gideon Ngala primary school ground.

Massive Queens, who have conceded 20 goals after taking a 0-13 beating by St. Johns High and 0-7 thrashing by Vipingo United last Saturday and Sunday respectively, chose to skip the match to avoid embarrassment.

"Massive Queens were lucky to skip the match. We lost an opportunity to increase our goal aggregate," said Bandari Ladies coach, Oliver Bango. Bandari Ladies join St. Johns High School from Group B into the quarter-finals.

Bandari Ladies completed Pool 'B' in second position on the log with seven points on level with St. Johns High but with an inferior goal aggregate.

Hosts Spedag Ladies boosted to register a morale boosting 1-0 victory over Thika Queens from Central Province in a Pool A match played at Mombasa Polytechnic ground.

Smarting from a 0-1 loss to Soccer Sisters, Spedag took lead in the 24th minute through

Martha Karemi.

In another Pool A match played at the same venue Thika Queens drubbed Soccer Sisters 3-1.

After playing two matches, Spedag are placed second on the log with three points on level with Thika Queens but with inferior goal difference.

Spedag are grouped in the Pool of death alongside Soccer Sisters, Thika Queens and QCP.



Hosts Spedag Interfreight FC are seen posing for a group photo during one of their matches. The team is preparing itself in next season's Kenya Women Premier League.

## Rudisha Pays Tribute To Coach

By Ben Ochieng NAIROBI

(Xinhua) -- "I want to thank my coach, Brother Colm O'Connell, who is in the house, for making me the great athlete that I am. Without him, I would not be where I am today."

Those were the words of David Rudisha, the 800m Olympic champion and world record holder to his coach during the Sports Personality of the Year Award ceremony held late last week in Nairobi to honor Kenya's achievers of 2012.

During the occasion, Rudisha was declared Kenya's Overall Sports Personality of the Year and also Sportsman of the Year; decisions that might probably have swayed the panel of judges due to the champion's performance at the London Olympics where he became the only athlete to break a world on the track in London.

Rudisha stormed to the finishing line in a time of 1:40.91 and the blistering pace he set helped pull all but one of his fellow 800m finalists to a personal or national best.

The 23-year old Rudisha is a product of a highly successful training regimen set up by an Irish Catholic priest from Cork County, Colm O'Connell.

He is the latest in a long line of

world and Olympic champions and world record holders produced by a regime first set up at St. Patrick's School, Iken by the 64-year old teacher.

"I became a coach by default. I came as a geography teacher in 1976 with no background in running coaching," the bespectacled gentleman with thinning grey hair told Xinhua in an interview.

O'Connell says when a fellow teacher, Pete Foster, who was running an athletics programme at the school left for home the following year, he wanted somebody to take over from him.

"I came here on a three-year contract and 35 years later, I am still here. I had no formal coaching so I learnt from the athletes, by them telling me how they wanted to be coached. That's how I became a coach."

He was a good student and in the fullness of time, O'Connell has coached over 500 runners, out of which four have emerged as Olympics and 25 as world champions in addition to world record holders.

His first Olympic gold medal winner was 21-year Peter Rono who achieved the feat during the 1988 Seoul Games to become the youngest winner of the Olympic gold medal, during which he beat veterans like Steve Cram of Britain.

Soon after four other Olympic champions and 25 world champions soon followed in quick succession.

During the last world championships in Daegu, South Korea, out of the 17 medals Kenya won, 10 of the medalists passed through his hands.

"I have always concentrated on the development of young athletes because that's where the supply line is. I have always kept the production line going."

The list of those who have passed through his deft fingers read like who-is-who of Kenyan athletics.

They include Paul Ereng' (800m Olympic Champion), Wilson Boit (former 3000m Olympic steeplechase champion and world record holder) and Moses Kiptanui (former 3000m Olympic steeplechase champion and world record holder).

Others are Wilson Kipketer (former 800m record holder) and Ibrahim Hussein (former winner of Boston, Chicago, New York and Hawaii marathons) and Janeth Jepkosgei (former world 800m champion) the list is endless.

Despite the success of his charges, O'Connell shuns the limelight and has never been pointed to see any of his charges win a major championship medal.

"I have never been to an Olympic Games or World Championship. It's not a priority for me to be there," he added.

Even the emergence of his most successful and sensational of his charges in the name of David Rudisha did not tempt the coach to be present at London 2012 and was contented with watching his protege on television.

"I first spotted Rudisha as a 14-year old in 2004. His main selling point for me was not so much his talent, but his determination."

However, last October, the pair probably for the first time out of their African base, Rudisha and his mentor appeared together in Dublin where O'Connell received an honorary degree from Dublin City University.

And for all his efforts, how much does he get paid? "Nothing. I receive nothing from the athletes. It is my joy and pleasure when I see them excel in life because of athletics."

## Harambee Stars Set To Tackle Burundi

Kenya, with a completely different set of players from the ones who reached the final of the Cefaca Tusker Challenge Cup in Uganda play guests to Burundi in an international match in Bujumbura on Sunday.

It will be a huge test for the national team coach, Henri Michel who said he was uninterested in the Cefaca Senior Challenge Cup and therefore dispatched James Nandwa, with an assortment of players, to represent Kenya in the annual 12-nation event.

Michel remained in Nairobi, training another squad which confronts Burundi in the 2014 CHAN (African Nations Championship) qualifiers.

The first leg earlier set for December 1, while the Challenge Cup was in progress (November 24 - December 8), was deferred by CAF (African Football Confederation).

Burundi's CHAN team therefore competed at the Challenge Cup without distraction and looked an all-round good side that was eventually eliminated on post-match penalties by Zanzibar in the quarter-finals played at Lugogo ground in Kampala.

The Kenyan boys who lost 1-2 in a thrilling final with Uganda grew better each day, the benefit of playing five matches in 15 days clearly showing.

But, in contrast, it will be a team without match practice that Michel will be taking to Bujumbura to take on a "warmed up" Burundi.

"All I know is that we are confident of playing well against Kenya," said Mossi Yussuf the Burundi Football Association technical director who said their aim is to go past Kenya and contest for a CHAN finals place against Sudan in next round.

Burundi is under Egyptian coach Mohamed Lofly and includes striking danger man and Captain Selemani Ndikumana who scored three times at the Challenge Cup.

The rest of the team is a mix of experience and promising youth.

The return leg of the tie will be in Nairobi on December 29.

## Uganda, Kenya Win In Africa Women Cricket

KAMPALA (Xinhua) -- Hosts Uganda and Kenya on Sunday battled strongly to make it two wins each in the on-going Africa Under 19 Women Cricket tournament that entered Day 2.

After losing to Botswana and beating Kenya on Saturday, Uganda were in winning form as they saw off Rwanda. Mary Nalule and Gebrebe Chandiru picked 13 and 7 runs respectively for the hosts, while Betty Mukunzi and Coudine Uwase had 7 and 6 respectively.

Kenya beat defending champions Tanzania in another match played at the Lugogo Oval. Tanzania tried to chase Kenya's 76/9, but failed at 69/10. Daisy Wairimu picked 19 runs, while Jane Achieng had 17 for Kenya. Tanzania's batting had Esther Wales 3/12 and Aha Ibrahim 3/14.

Mozambique suffered a second loss of the tournament after Botswana overpowered them at the Kyambogo Oval. Botswana who maintained their lead in the standings won the toss and put on 82/2, and the Mozambique women fought hard but fell at 81/8. Mozambique had Fatima Jao Guiruro and Maria du ceul Martine score 15 and 10 runs respectively. The Botswana team that won their third game had Betsani Olebogeng score 25 runs and Jacqueline Kgang 20 runs.

## Aniz, Simon Battle On Greens

FROM BACK PAGE Any slackness, any loss of that resolve in the last few holes would cost one of them the top place.

It was Aniz who held on and prevailed over Simon.

By his own account, having started with not a very impressive first nine, scoring just 15 points, at half time Aniz accepted it was not going to be his day, even rang his wife to expect him home early, only to find a sudden change in fortune with a two club birdie on the 10th adding 4 whole point, raising his score to 19 points and giving him a good fighting chance.

Highly elated, Aniz even admitted to have succumbed at this point to the normal golfer's reflex of composing the winner's speech, till he remembered the warning against it given by Joyce Lanxe in her speech last week, steadied himself and refocused on the game, adding 17 more points on the next 8 holes, through 4 pars, two of which on stroking holes 16th and 18th which resulted in 3 points each, for a total of 21 points for the nine.

With this breakdown of 15 and 21 Aniz had no problem beating Simon Maina who had started well with 19 points but could not continue the momentum and added only 17 points in the back nine, bogeys on the 10th and 12th costing him 1 point each, offset only partly by 3 points off a par on the stroking 16th.

Both Aniz and Simon would have had to give way to one player who in fact stood over

and above them, with 37 points, the best score in the field. That honour belonged to Mathew Wahome who however had to defer to his seniors and be content with the Best Junior prize.

Like Aniz, Mathew also made a slow start on the front nine, with the blanked 4th, taking 16 points but went on to add 21 points on the back nine with a haul of 12 points coming on four holes, off two birdies, the first on the 11th and the second, a two club birdie on the 18th and pars on the stroking holes 13th and 16th, steady 2 points on four holes, losing just 1 point to a bogey on the 14th.

Simon would have found himself relegated even further below the Runner up position, for there were two other players, John Mburu and Suhell Hamada, sharing the same score as Simon's but with better count back.

However, the age factor worked against these two players too, both falling in the Junior category and so out of reckoning for the prize line up.

From the Junior category, four players produced the next best score of 35. Nicholas Soares leading the band with best count back, followed by Said Hamada, Jeremy Wahome and Emmanuel Lumatete, in that order on count back, a testimony to the high hopes placed on this category to do well in the forthcoming Nyali Open Championship.

On the Men's Winners list, Simon was followed by Dominic Makau and Shabbir

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**SATURDAY** High Water - 3.8 m. at 05.11 hrs. (5.11 a.m.) and 3.2 m. at 17.44 hrs. (5.44 p.m.). Low Water - 0.0 m. at 11.30 hrs. (11.30 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 23.29 hrs. (11.29 p.m.).

**SUNDAY** High Water - 3.6 m. at 05.53 hrs. (5.53 a.m.) and 3.2 m. at 18.28 hrs. (6.28 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 12.10 hrs. (12.10 p.m.).

**MONDAY** High Water - 3.4 m. at 06.35 hrs. (6.35 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 19.11 hrs. (7.11 p.m.). Low Water - 0.4 m. at 00.14 hrs. (12.14 a.m.) and 0.2 m. at 12.51 hrs. (12.51 p.m.).

**TUESDAY** High Water - 3.2 m. at 07.19 hrs. (7.19 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 19.58 hrs. (7.58 p.m.). Low Water - 0.6 m. at 01.01 hrs. (1.01 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 13.33 hrs. (1.33 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY** High Water - 2.9 m. at 08.04 hrs. (8.04 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 20.50 hrs. (8.50 p.m.). Low Water - 0.8 m. at 01.51 hrs. (1.51 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 14.17 hrs. (2.17 p.m.).

**THURSDAY** High Water - 2.5 m. at 08.55 hrs. (8.55 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 21.52 hrs. (9.52 p.m.). Low Water - 1.0 m. at 02.49 hrs. (2.49 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 15.07 hrs. (3.07 p.m.).

NOTE: Standard Port is Kilindini. ADD 40 minutes for Lamu and ADD five minutes for Malindi. 'No Change' for Kilifi and Diani.

## National Ladies Hockey Team Clinch African Title

National Ladies Hockey League Champions are this year's winners of the African Cup of Club Championships title.

The pan African tournament, that was held in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, from December 1 to 9, 2012, saw the country's top ladies hockey team trounce Customs of Ghana 4-2, in post match penalties, to clinch the title they last won in 2009.

According to the team coach, Jos Openda, the team was psychologically and physically prepared for the tournament.

"We were very dedicated to our training and the team was very ready to face off the rest of Africa," said Openda.

Moreover, the steady and calculated inflow of new players into his squad has seen a successful transition from the old guard, as the team prepares itself for next year's local season.

This approach was echoed by the Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer for Orange, Vincent Camadro, during a hockey kit handover ceremony before the team left for the tournament, where he commended Openda for demonstrating leadership though his futuristic approach that has seen him nurture new talent, ensuring consistency in the player pool by attracting the best talent from



Orange Hockey Ladies team after their win over Ghana in post match penalties.

across the country.

"We are very proud of our team for living up to its promise of bringing the trophy back home.

This is indeed testimony that our team is by far, the best in the country and now in Africa," added Camadro.

The ladies were held to a 1-1 draw by fellow Kenyan Team, Strathmore Scorpions.

They thereafter drew 1-1 against last year's champs Heartland Queens of Nigeria before settling for a barren draw with Customs of Ghana.

The team was to thrash hosts Bulawayo 4-1, before seeing off Reformers of Ghana 1-0.

The week-long African Cup of Club Championships at the Khumalo Hockey Stadium moves to Accra, Ghana, next year.

## Aniz, Simon Battle On Greens

DURING THE STEEL MAKERS GOLF DAY AT NYALI GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Last week in this column, we considered at some considerable length the importance of focus in the game of golf, focussing on how you want to play the shot that needs a long carry over an expanse of water or height to clear the tree in front of you or the shot that needs to go over the bunker and land on that small, narrow target where the hole is located or, finally and most importantly, how to judge the line and pace on the putting green to make sure the ball finds that mostly elusive hole.

In fact it is just about every shot in the round that calls for focus. So, after you have given



Aniz Popat (left) overall winner during Steel Makers Golf Day at NGCC, receives a trophy from Steel Makers Chairman Rasik Patel. PHOTO COURTESY OF GILBERT ONCHOKE

your full concentrated focus on how you want to play the shot, what next?

What you need then is that strong steely resolve to go through and execute the shot.

That iron will, the nerves of steel is what 120 golfers had to muster at the Steel Makers Golf Day played at Nyali Golf Country Club on Saturday, 8 December 2012.

The competition was so close for the Steel Makers Day Open prize, the final outcome had to be decided between identical score of 36 points, produced by Aniz Popat and Simon Maina.

For a better count back, Popat had to hold on to that steely determination right up to the last stroke at the ball.

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