**EDUCATION | Next round of talks set for September 30**

**TSC in race to meet teachers’ pay demand**

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**Local groups might lose titles to their ancestral land**

**BY NATION REPORTER**

Indigenous communities Lamu County might lose titles to thousands of acres of their ancestral land.

This comes after the National Lands Commission, which sits a tour of the county today, inspected all ranches and investigation, declared irrevocable titles held by 22 companies illegal.

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**Team to name State House plot grabbers**

**BY NATION REPORTER**

The National Land Commission yesterday said big names in government and politics were behind the grabbing of land in State houses and lodges.

NLC chairman Muham- mad Swazuri said a list of those behind the grabbing out of state land will be made public once investigations were complete.

Talking to the Nation by phone, Dr Swazuri (below) said the commission’s of- ficers were looking at registration details of plots hived off from State lodges and putting final touches on a report that will reveal the owners of the land in question.

"I can confirm that big names were involved in the illegal allocation of land in Mombasa, Eldoret and Cherangany in Ki- talle, Trans Nzoia County, and immediately we are through with investiga- tions, Kenyans will get to know who is behind this scam," he said.

"We have nothing to hide and just like the list of the 22 com-

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**Sh25m set aside to boost former national school**

**BY NATION REPORTER**

The government has set aside Sh25 million for the rehabilitation of Garbatulla Secondary School in Isiolo County.

Speaking during a fundraising by the institution on Saturday, Deputy President William Ruto said the school would receive the first bite of Sh12 million next week.

Mr Ruto said the Sh25 million would be used to revamp the school’s facilities and infrastructure.

"We want Garbatulla to look like a national school," he told the Deputy President, who was accompanied by Isiolo Governor Godana Doyo.

He blamed the school’s poor and deteriorating academic performance on lack of leadership.