

UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Family seeks answers after journalist killed

By MICHAEL OLLINGA

Eldoret-based journalist and proprietor of a regional paper "The Mirror Weekly" John Kituyi was yesterday evening killed at Pioneer estate.

Grief stricken family members gathered at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital mortuary to help identify the body. His widow Esther Kituyi, travelled from their Naitiri home in Bungoma County where she stays with most of their children to identify her husband's body.

According to the family, Kituyi was walking towards home in the evening when the assailants pounced on him, hitting him severely on his head.

Angela Kituyi, the third born daughter said she received a call from a boda boda operator familiar to the slain scribe saying his father was seriously injured and had been rushed to Reale Hospital. "I received a call at around 8:30pm from someone, who said they had found my father bleeding on the head. They said they had taken him to hospital. We rushed to the hospital and found doctors trying to resuscitate him," said a tearful Angela.

She said the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Reale was fully booked prompting them to take an ambulance to Eldoret Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Kapseret MP Sudi, who was at the morgue to condole with the family, raised concern over rising insecurity in the area.

"We want the police to conduct their investigations thoroughly on this incident," Sudi said.

Kituyi, 61, is survived by seven children, and once worked for The Standard Group before moving on to establish *The Mirror Weekly*.

NAKURU COUNTY

No Labour Day fete as officials, leaders stay away

By MERCY KAHENDA

As the Head of State led senior government and labour union officials in marking Labour Day celebrations in Nairobi, in Nakuru things were quiet.

Nakuru's Afraha Stadium, which has hosted the event in the past years, was deserted.

Instead, preparations for a two-day tournament for women Football Kenya Federation were in high gear. The few workers who turned up appeared confused as they tried to figure out what was happening.

There was no official from Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu), county leaders or labour officers to give direction on the workers' day.

Florence Chepkorir, the treasurer of Maendeleo ya Wanawake in the county who turned up for the event, said she was surprised to be met by an empty stadium.

"I came here to celebrate Labour Day but I am surprised that there is no such event. It looks like the stadium workers are preparing for a sports event. We are disappointed because this is an important day. This is a forum where we learn more about challenges that affect employees in various sectors," said Chepkorir.

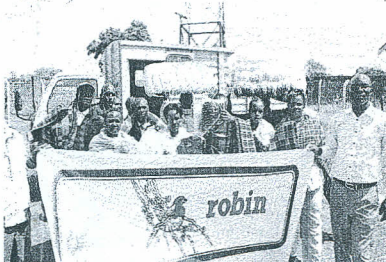
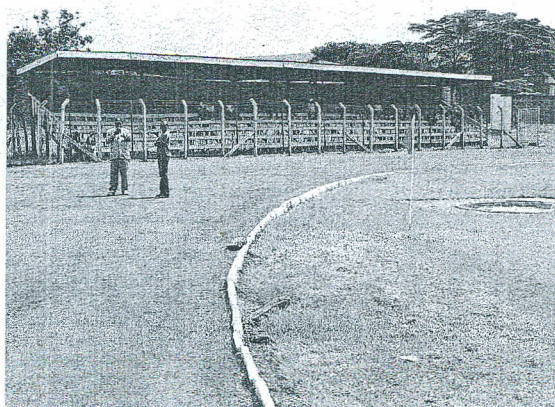
She called on national organisers to ensure the celebrations take place as expected on the material day.

"Counties should take advantage of Labour Day celebrations to share the successes in various sectors and how to improve those lagging behind," she added.

Elisha Kwendo chief shop steward at Spin-Knit regretted that companies were not able to showcase their products on Labour Day.

Kwendo said, workers had prepared for the big day only to be told that there would be no celebrations in Nakuru.

"We cannot have everybody trav-



Part of the diaspora at Afraha Stadium yesterday. LEFT: Spin-Knit workers display their products which they were to showcase at the Labour Day celebrations.

[PHOTOS: KIPSANG JOSEPH/STANDARD]

elling to Nairobi to celebrate Labour Day. It is unfortunate even despite having been assured by officials that the celebrations were to be held here, they decided to travel to Nairobi without communicating that to us," he said. He called on trade unions affiliated to Cotu and county leaders to

ensure the day is celebrated in counties every year.

According to him, the platform offers a powerful forum where manufacturers showcase their products to boost their sales and workers' grievances are addressed.

NAIROBI COUNTY

UoN sets Sh5 billion for hostel project

By DAVID NJAAGA

University of Nairobi (UoN) has set aside more than Sh5 billion for the construction of students' hostels.

The new buildings will house an extra 10,000 students who have been forced to look for accommodation outside the campus.

The Director of the University's advancement Johnson Kinyua, said the move will address the ever increasing demand for accommodation for new students.

"We expect the project to kick off in August," he said.

Kinyua said part of the money will go into scholarships and research at the institution.

He was speaking at the sidelines of the launch of the UoN Education Alumni Chapter at a Nairobi hotel yesterday. Also present was the university's Vice Chancellor Prof Peter Mbithi.

ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

Man killed in clan clashes over land

By FRED KIBOR

Tension is high at Kiptiriam, Marakwet East Sub County after one person was killed over a land dispute pitting two rival clans. The deceased succumbed to a bullet injury while two people sustained serious wounds after the clans clashed over land. Kabichol clan is alleged to have extended its boundary into the Kapseret territory prompting the later to react. Area Sub County assistant commissioner Alaso Hussein said police have been deployed in the area to restore calm.

"The locals should adopt peaceful dispute resolution mechanisms to avoid loss of lives," said the administrator. The injured are recuperating at Kapsowar Mission Hospital while the body of the deceased is at the hospital's morgue.

NAROK COUNTY

Senate team approves Mara audit report, clears governor

By STANDARD REPORTER

The Senate committee has adopted a special report by the Auditor General on the collection of revenue in the world famous Masai Mara Game Reserve.

The Special Audit Report of the Auditor General on allegations of control weakness in revenue collection by Narok County Government clears Governor Samuel Tunai's government of any wrong-doing in the procurement of revenue collection provider Kenya Airport Services (KAPS) agent for the Eastern wing of the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

A monthly management report indicates that KAPS collected Sh1.3 billion to the county government in the six months under review, a significant improvement from the Sh1 billion collected in the same.



Governor Samuel Tunai

The report also confirms that the Mara Conservancy remits revenue to the county revenue accounts in circles of 15 days.

The report also notes that the termination of a contract of Equity Bank Ltd, and the appointment of KAPS was done procedurally and "in accordance with law."

"Due process was followed by the Narok County Government to procure the services of KAPS Ltd," says the re-

port. The termination of the Equity Bank Ltd service was effected after its smart revenue collection system malfunctioned and caused delays to tourists visiting the Mara.

Further, it says there was no evidence to support the claims of malpractice or revenue leakages from the country's biggest tourist attraction. The audit was done after a petition by Narok Senator Stephen Ntutu. It was also established that claims of conflict of interest against Mr Tunai were unfounded because he ceased being a director of the Mara Conservancy long before he became governor.

Mara Conservancy was picked in 2001 by the defunct County Council of Trans Mara to "operate, promote, collect and maintain the Mara Triangle." It utilises part of the revenues "to carry out operations" and remits the remainder to the county government.

KAJIADO COUNTY

Korean NGO in Sh50m classes project

By PETERSON GITHAIGA

A Korean organisation has built 11 classrooms worth Sh50 million in a local school in floodokilani ward, Kajiao County.

President and founder of Good Hands International Organisation Taegong Song Wol Ju handed over the facility to Governor David Nkedianye in a ceremony attended by hundreds of locals and Maasai leaders.

Speaking during the occasion, Yu said his organisation has also supported several water projects at Inkinyie area of Kajiao County.

Oloolera Taegong Primary School project was started last year and it is third educational institution in Kenya to be supported by the Korean NGO.

The spiritual leader was accompanied by the Korean deputy head of mission in Kenya, You Ki-Jun.