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Naromoru Level IV Hospital progress



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Naromoru Level IV Hospital in progress. The project is 45 % complete.

(By Lydia Gichuki)

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga inspected the construction progress of Naromoru level IV Hospital in Naromoru town, Kieni East sub-county.

This multi-million project which was launched by the governor four months ago is a project jointly funded by County Government of Nyeri and World Bank under the Kenya Devolution Support Programme (KDSP) at a cost of Ksh 335 Million. It will take about 20 months to be complete.

The construction of this three-storied 175-bed-capacity hospital will host key departments including;

General OPD, Casualty, Pharmacy, laboratory, Maternal and Child Health unit, specialized clinics, maternity, inpatient wards (medicine, orthopedic, surgical) and two operating theatre.

At the time of the inspection, three floors out of the intended four were half-way done. This hospital will guarantee provision of surgical and inpatient services and ultimately contribute to decongestion of the Nyeri County Referral Hospital.

Afterwards, he visited Naromoru Health Centre where he interacted with the patients and staff of this health facility with a keen interest on the service delivery.

Nyeri Elimu Fund bursary forms available

Nyeri Governor H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga on behalf of the County Government of Nyeri would like to inform Nyeri county citizenry that application for the Nyeri Elimu Fund starts on 2nd Dec 2019.

All needy students are urged to apply and are requested to fill the Bursary Application forms to be picked from ward administrators' or MCAs' offices.

After filling these forms, the applicants should return them to these same offices before 20th December 2019.

Students joining Form One are also encouraged to apply whereby they will fill and return the forms after receiving their Secondary school admission letters.

This fund will be of great benefit to students in ensuring a smooth learning process.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
SPORTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

COUNTY ELIMU FUND BURSARY

Bursary application for students
in colleges, polytechnics, secondary schools,
universities and special schools
starts on 2nd December 2019.

Bursary forms to be picked from:
1) Ward Administrators' offices,
2) MCAs' offices.

For more information visit Fund Administrators' Office Block C, 2nd floor room no 2118B.



Nyeri Town bus termini is now over 32% complete

(By Lydia Gichuki)



Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga conducted a routine inspection on the progress of the Nyeri Town Main Transport Termini at the Asian Quarters.

The Ksh 600 Million project which was launched on June this year by Governor Kahiga is a partnership between the County Government of Nyeri and the World Bank through the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP).

When complete, this Termini will have various components including:- 240 Matatu, Bus, Taxi, TukTuks loading and offloading bays, 1,000 business stalls. 100 booking bays, 40 parking bays, 98

passengers waiting bay, five sanitation blocks, High capacity elevated water tanks, Modern solid waste chamber., Police post, KPLC sub- station, 0.369 hectares for garages, 0.13 hectares – open air market.

The project shall be completed in two phases with the first phase accomplishing the bulk of the works.

Phase 1 will be complete within one (1) year by the end of which we shall have: 230 matatu loading and offloading bays, 31250m² – cabro paved roads, 600 business stalls, 40, public parking bays, 40 booking booths , 20 passengers waiting bays, three sanitation blocks and a revenue office.

The World Bank will continue financing this project for the next five years where they will be injecting Ksh 236M annually toward the completion of the project.

Upon completion the terminus will decongest Nyeri town and create employment to over 0.6 Million people. This is one of the flagship projects that is expected to transform Nyeri to a world class status.



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Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with the Korean Scouting team – World Scout Parliamentary Union in his office.

Korean Scouting Delegation pays a courtesy call to the Governor

(By Frida Kingori)

Nyeri prides herself in being the home to Lord Baden Powell's grave, the World Scouts Founder and every year, scouts from all over the world travel thousands of miles in pilgrimage to come and visit his final resting place to pay homage to the chief scout of the world, the patriarch of the Scouting Movement.

As the scouting patron of Nyeri County, Governor Mutahi Kahiga had the honor of hosting Korean delegates led by Lee Ju-Young, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Korea, who are part of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) ahead of the WSPU Africa Assembly set to be held in Nyeri in October 2020. The union is an independent association of parliamentarians, who are members of National Scout Parliamentary Associations existing in almost 100 countries worldwide, and their members are Members of National Parliaments.

The WSPU Africa Assembly which is scheduled to happen in October 2020 aims to strengthen the image and profile of scouting as a world's leading educational youth movement and secure support, partnerships for its youth programme and sustainability through legislation, advocacy and financing.

Governor Kahiga expressed his pride in WSUP for

taking up the mantle in ensuring that scouting remains an anchor on which the youth can exercise their duty to God, to others and to themselves. He stated that the County Government of Nyeri will work in liaison with WSUP to grow Nyeri into a scouting city. He also stated that the WSPU Africa Assembly will be considered in the next financial year's budget in order to cater for the auspicious event.



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From left Gender CEC Esther Ndung'u , County Secretary Ben Gachichio, Nyeri nominated MCA Hon Patrick Mutahi, World Scout Parliamentary Union Executive Director Poppin Misoi and Trade CEC Diana Kendi.

Nyeri Municipal Board citizen forum



PHOTO | ANDREW KARIUKI

Nyeri Municipal Board Manager Perister Kigwa addressing attendants during the citizen forum held in Nyeri town.

(By Andrew Kariuki)

The Nyeri Municipal Board held a public participation meeting where issues of garbage collection, town beautification, management of traffic and actualizing the Nyeri Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan (ISUDP).

The citizen forum chaired by the board Chairman Jeremiah Ichaura was an open forum to discuss the changes expected next year.

The Nyeri Bus Termini which is being constructed at Asian Quarters is a joint project between the County Government of Nyeri and World Bank under the Kenya Urban Support Programme. Already, Sh 236 million has been released for the project for the first phase. The whole project will cost Sh 600 Million.

The project which is still ongoing is scheduled for completion in June next year. Upon completion, the termini will compose of 100 stalls, 250 matatu parking bays, waiting areas, washrooms and changing rooms (inclusive of the physically challenged persons), a police station and efficient access roads.

Peter Mundia (CAPHO/ County Solid Waste Management Officer) highlighted on the ways the county government has set up means of garbage collection, re-use mechanism and the need to dispose the waste properly so as to conserve the environment.

Your say...

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Marafiki Fc
We say thank you 🙌 H.E Mutahi Kahiga for your continued support 🙌 towards sports in nyeri county 🙌 the perimeter fences you are putting to some busy stadium will help home teams to earn some cash to facilitate for there game requirements through gate collection 🙌 keep working 🙌 our able governor 🙌🙌🙌

Denrake Maksi
I can observe that Mutahi is emphasizing more on development and I appreciate him for the hardwork. But my governor please look on ways that can solve unemployment in this great county hence ensure all T. T. I are operating effectively.

Top Fan Joseph Maina Githemba
Aya athuuri ni a wakini thiini wa county yakwa ya Nyiri 🙌 Ni ndirona Governor wakwa Mutahi Kahiga,hamwe na patron wakwa Njaramba Wanjii,na angi aingi 🙌 ngaigua ndi na gikeno muno unduire witu ugithii na mbere,nani thaai,kirume nyambo 🙌🙌

Ezan Muriuki
I thank God for you. God knew our problems in Nyeri and He sent you. When I see these developments I honour my governor. We need to see more developments. Thank you governor

Peter Muriuki
conglats Mr.Kahiga you are doing a good job.You have also improved nyeri markets ...and many other projects.Those who have eyes can acknowledge that.

David Karani
Let the truth be said. Unlike his predecessors, this Governor is really working na ako kwa ground. Good job Governor Mutahi Kahiga

MC Amos Wa Githungo
Thumb up our county captain HE Mutahi Kahiga we are proud of you
The only dispensary in Thegu River ward kindly equip it

Commissioning of Maragima bridge



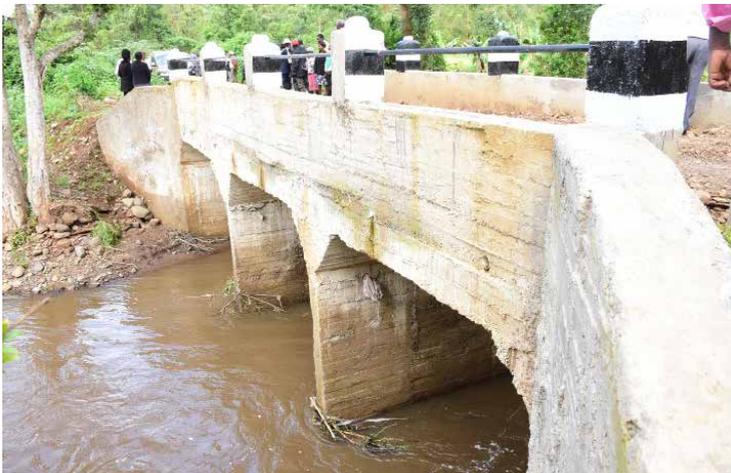
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Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with Kieni East sub-county leaders commissioning Maragima bridge in Thegu River ward.

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga commissioned the Maragima Bridge in Thegu River ward in Kieni East sub-county. The bridge has helped reduce the distance from Maragima, Tagwa, Graceland, Karundas to Chaka town.

This will be of benefit to the residents of the area as it will open up the area to improved service provision by the County Government of Nyeri, as well as provide the residents with an opportunity to expand their businesses as they can now transport agricultural produce to Chaka Town.

The County Government of Nyeri funded the construction of the bridge to curb the overflowing of Thegu River.



The Maragima bridge which has been constructed by County Government of Nyeri.



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Some of the 96 initiates who graduated recently in Tetu during the rite of passage ceremony.

Tetu rite of passage ceremony

(By Jackline Gikunju)

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga joined Mwaki Wa Njogu-ini Association during their graduation ceremony in celebrating the rite of passage of 96 initiates. The graduation ceremony of 'Riika Ria Ngiri Njeru' (new thousand currency age set) was held at Ihururu Academy, Tetu sub county.

Governor Kahiga thanked the Association elders for the good work they are doing in embracing the Agikuyu culture and pledged to give them the full support as a government. The Governor urged the people to maintain their Agikuyu culture, to uphold their cultural values and maintain peaceful relations amongst each other.

He also urged the initiates to maintain moral values and shun companies that may influence them negatively. At the same time, he challenged the women elders (Nyakinyua) to instill good morals unto the young girls by holding such programs. The Governor promised that his government will support two initiates who are from poor backgrounds. The initiates will also be supported in matters of education. He was accompanied by the association patron Njaramba Wanjii and local leader Karinga Munuhe.



Training avocado farmers and extension officers



PHOTO | WACHERA BRENDA

Extension officers and farmers from Nyeri County listen keenly during the training at Eland Hotel.

(By Wachera Brenda)

Extension service providers and farmers along the avocado value chain in Nyeri County met at Eland Hotel for a two-day knowledge seeking training. This training was facilitated by Business Innovation Facility (BIF) in collaboration with the County Government of Nyeri.

Extension service providers were trained on effective avocado production practices that will help achieve quality fruits. Areas trained on included; ecological requirements for avocado farming, field management practices as well pest and disease management.

Farmers on the hand were urged to join and form farmer groups. Group approach helps maintain sustainability of projects as well as relay relevant feedback which helps extension officers and development organizations to understand farmers' situations and improve the services they provide.

BIF is a UK Aid funded programme whose objective is to provide advice and technical assistance. It mainly focuses on activities that could tangibly expand opportunities for economically challenged people and engage them as producers, suppliers, workers, distributors and consumers or even as innovators.

Avocado is an important value chain for the people of Nyeri County. Proper training and advice on production methods and effective marketing strategies will greatly boost avocado production in the county.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION

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TENDER NOTICE

Bids are invited from eligible and qualified firms for supply, delivery and installation of submersible, solar powered borehole pumps in various wards in Nyeri County.

	TENDER REFERENCE	NEG. NUMBER	TENDER DESCRIPTIONS	ELIGIBILITY	BID BOND
1.	CGN/WE&NR/14/2019-2020	760278	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR KIMAHURI IN KIENI EAST SUB COUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	50,000
2	CGN/WE&NR/15/2019-2020	760286	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR NYANGE IN KIENI EAST SUBCOUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	50,000
3	CGN/WE&NR 16/2019-2020	760294	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR KIBOYA IN KIENI WEST SUB COUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	40,000
4	CGN/WE&NR 17/2019-2020	760301	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR EXPAGES IN KIENI WEST SUB COUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	42,000
5	CGN WE&NR /18/2019-2020	760307	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR KAAGA IN KIENI EAST SUB COUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	21,000
6	CGN WE&NR /19/2019-2020	760315	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR NDIMAINI IN MATHIRA EAST SUB COUNTY, SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE	OPEN	42,000

Interested bidders must meet all the conditions as indicated in the tender document for each category and can view and download the documents free of charge from the County website (www.nyeri.go.ke) and/or the IFMIS tender portal: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke using the unique IFMIS negotiation number indicated above.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES

NYERI COUNTY VACCINATION PROGRAM

STARTING FROM 5TH NOV - 20TH DECEMBER, 2019



Goats & Sheep
@20/-
Anthrax
Black Quarter



Cattle
@30/-
Lumpy Skin Disease
Anthrax
Black Quarter



Dogs, Cats & Donkeys
@10/-
Rabies

CONTACT;
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County Government of Nyeri
Department of Agriculture

MISSION: Protect our Livestock through Vaccination and Dog Population Management.
#TulindeMifugoWetu



PHOTO | WARDA NOOR

Environment CEC Fredrick Kinyua addressing the opinion leaders on the proposed waste transfer station and composting project.

Garbage consultative meeting

(By Warda Noor)

The County of Nyeri through the Department of Water, Environment, Natural resources and sanitation held its first consultative PAP meeting to discuss the proposed waste transfer station and composting project at Eland Hotel, Nyeri Town.

The project aims at managing waste in Nyeri County in a bid to protect the environment and the health of the

population. The County government of Nyeri urges its citizens to take personal responsibility by adopting home waste management methods such as reusing reusable material and reducing improper waste disposal habits.

The county is looking forward to have a more engaging public participation meeting on the project in an effort to share views and solutions with the Nyeri residents

Meeting of the draft plan of the Nyeri County spatial plan

The County Government of Nyeri, through the Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urbanization held a follow-up meeting with experts from Two EMS Consultant Associates on the draft County Spatial Plan (CSP) at Green Hills Hotel, Nyeri Town. A Spatial Plan is a framework for organizing and distributing local activities in a way that helps attain both national and county objectives.

Speaking at the meeting, CEC Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urbanization Dr. Kwai Wanjaria insisted on the importance of the CSP to all county departments, as all developments, physical or otherwise, take place on land. He added that sessions involving all stakeholders (Technical teams, County Assembly and public) should be organized to further the CSP.

Kenneth Mwaita, NLC Coordinator urged for the need for participatory planning, as it allows for easier tapping of potential and mitigation of challenges within the county.



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IGRTC team pays courtesy call to the Governor



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IGRTC team when they paid a courtesy call to Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga.

(By Frida Kingori)

H.E Governor Mutahi Kahiga had the privilege of hosting the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee team in his office ahead of the handing over of the Assets and Liabilities Report to the County Government of Nyeri.

The IGRTC team lead by Chairman Professor Mutahi Karega is tasked with establishment of a framework for consultation and co-operation of National and County governments and through this, the Intergovernmental County Committee was formed, to ensure amicable transfer of assets and liabilities relating to devolved functions from the National Govern-

ment to the county governments.

To this end, the IGRTC has compiled the Assets and Liabilities report for Nyeri County and is set to hand it over to the National Treasury for accountability and give insight to better appropriation of funds in support of devolution.

Governor Kahiga maintained that the County Government of Nyeri has embraced documenting and record keeping in all its departments of all properties owned to maintain accountability and uphold integrity. He also stated that the County Government of Nyeri is ready to forward all reports of assets promptly when required for transparency.

He stated that the County Government of Nyeri will liaise with IGRTC to reclaim public property in the wrong hands in order to put these assets to good use and to be of benefit to the citizens of Nyeri County.

Governor Kahiga highlighted that Nyeri County is among the counties that have cleared pending bills and is therefore ready to uphold this great accomplishment by working together with the committee as corruption is a killer of development.

Also present were County Secretary Ben Gachichio, MODA Mercy Karanja and Nyeri County IGCC member Robert Kang'ethe.

Nyeri County Public Service Board handing over ceremony

(By Njambi Mugo, Frida Kingori)

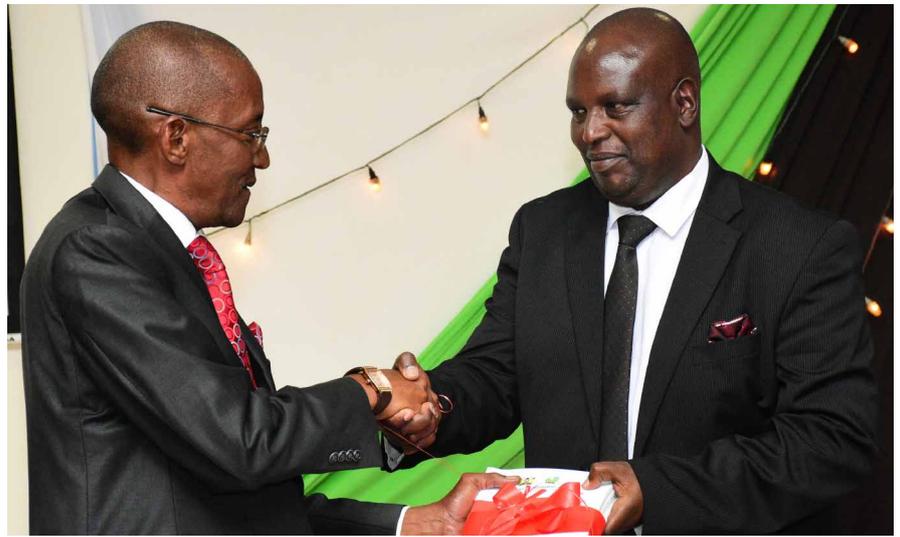
Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga witnessed the handing over of office to the new Nyeri County Public Service Board (CPSB) members by the pioneer CPSB board. The new members who took office on November 14th 2019.

The new County Public Service board comprises of the following:
 Paul Kimondo Kariuki - Chairman
 Jane Kanario Kiraguri. – Vice Chairman
 Benson Gichohi Ngure - Member
 John Wambugu Kihonge - Member
 Serah Muthoni Githaiga - Member
 Halima Ali Mayow - Member
 David Kiriri Ruga – Secretary.

They took over from Ag. Chairman Geoffrey Mahinda (*pictured left*), Beatrice Githaiga, Shelomith Nderitu and Anthony Ndonga (Secretary) who served in the board for a period of six years.

Governor Kahiga thanked the pioneer board for its tremendous achievements despite the many challenges faced. He highlighted the successful roll-out of the annual internship programme, which has seen the 2nd cohort of interns being absorbed by the County

Government of Nyeri for the year 2019-2020 as one of the board's key accomplishment. The new Nyeri CPSB was appointed after a successful vetting by the County Assembly of Nyeri. The board will be tasked with estab-



lishing offices, hiring, promotion, taking disciplinary measures of the staff among other duties like reducing the soaring wage bill. Governor Kahiga also urged the newly sworn in CPSB to work diligently, in accordance to the laws and to steer away from graft.



PHOTO | PETER WANGARI

Nyeri Governor H.E Mutahi Kahiga with both outgoing and incoming Nyeri County Public Service Board members during the handing over ceremony.

Governor Kahiga's Trajectory

Opinion piece by Ndirangu Gachunia



Governor Mutahi Kahiga has learnt the art of governance really fast. He is straddling Nyeri County like a pro full of confidence, completely unperturbed by his ever scheming detractors. His mantra seems to be the more mess he inherited the more radical he needs to get and the bigger the challenge the bigger the opportunity. He sits pretty at the top among the best in Kenya after Nyeri was rated number two only after two years of his leadership from the low of 47 that the locals had become accustomed to.

Finally, the man who occupies the corner office in town hall no longer need to apologize to cynics why he is the boss. The reason why Governor Mutahi is phenomenal is because he came on board mainstream politics as an outsider having honed his political skills from KNUT. He shattered the myth of big name entitlement politics that defines the politics of Nyeri for time immemorial.

There were even discussions on some quarters on whether he should be sworn in as governor after the death of his boss Dr Gakuru. Barely two years down the line the governor have gone through a complete make over and mastered the art of government. He inspects his newly recarpeted town roads with so much ease to the amazement of residents creating an aura of a leader that is going places.

His demeanor displays a man who is at ease with himself in both his former world as a teacher and his new world of power and privilege. He comfortably alternates from flying with the high and mighty to attending funerals of a little known Marson from the Karundas home quarries where he is highly celebrated and adored as a local. His sharp dressing and mastery queen's language has become the story of the primary

school teacher who has broken glass ceilings and it seems so natural to him.

The Nyeri governor must have read and internalized Tony Blairs manual of attaining and keeping power. He took over the reigns of power from a dysfunctional former government that was plagued with infighting between executive and assembly.

He has showcased the dividends of peace by running a government harmoniously without distractions. His genius move came when he decided not to disrupt the late Wahome Gakuru's cabinet but embraced them and own them. This gave Nyeri people hope and calm that all was not lost. He treated MCAs like true partners in his government. He is among the few governors that actualized the idea of a ward fund when he parted with 30M for every ward.

Nyeri has been lauded as one of the only four counties who opened up budgets by the International Budget Partnerships Kenya by publishing 5 out of the 6 documents assessed by the IBPK transparency survey.

Nyeri has also increased revenue collection by 100m a first since devolution started. Being a teacher his hand in the employment of all ECDE caregivers and massive investment in ECDE centers is his signature achievement in his first year of service. He has been known for hands on management that has transformed every facet of Nyeri County.

In every nook and cranny of Nyeri there is a testament of Governor Mutahi work from a robust road network to all ten departments that are working well-oiled machine reflecting the dedication and discipline of the man at the helm.

Ndirangu Gachunia is the Economic Advisor to the Governor.