



USALAMA

Newsletter

A PUBLICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

ISSUE 12 | 23rd - 29th August, 2021

UPDATE ON BACKLOG OF CAR PLATES AND LOG BOOKS

It is good news for motor vehicle owners following the confirmation that the backlog of applications for number plates at the **National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)** will be cleared within the next two weeks.

Interior Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), **Amb. Hussein Dado**, appeared before the **National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security** and clarified that the situation was caused by a delay in the delivery of raw materials due to supply chain disruptions occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Correctional Services, which is the institution mandated to make car plates in the country, paid for the consignment back in April, but the supplier couldn't service the order within the timelines agreed due to longer custom export clearances and strained manufacturing and logistics lines.

However, the consignment has been delivered to the Kamiti Maximum Security Prison, and the institution is working off-the-clock in the production of the plates with a view to clearing the backlog within **fourteen days**.

Motor vehicle dealers and owners have had to contend with congestion at the Port of Mombasa, but NTSA recently asked the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to authorize the release of all vehicles duly registered and issue the owners or dealers with e-stickers upon verification of the registration status of such vehicles.

In addition, printing of log books has also begun at the Government Printer after a

brief pause caused by the breakdown of a specialized security machine whose spare parts had to be imported. The backlog is expected to be cleared within the shortest time possible.

Since the resumption of printing last week, a total of **40,000 (forty thousand) logbooks** had been printed and duly collected by NTSA as **August 24, 2021**.



JOINT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE PEACE



The **National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA)** has inked an agreement with the **National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC)** on long term strategic partnership and collaboration for joint advocacy activities in social cohesion and peace building.

Drawing from their mandates, both

organizations have mapped out the key areas of partnership which will transcend the electioneering period in the country. Speaking during the MoU signing ceremony, NACADA Chief Executive Officer, **Victor Okioma**, **underscored the need for concerted effort** in the fight against substance use and abuse as one of the triggers of instability.

"Research the world over shows that alcohol and drugs are outright aggravating factors for conflict and disorder hence curtailing the principle of cohesion and social integration. As the country readies itself for the general election next year, it is important for those of us involved in advocacy to focus our energies on addressing the issues threatening lack of peace before, during and after the polls," said Okioma.

NCIC Chair **Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia** highlighted

the NCIC's mandate as the key pillar in activities geared towards rallying the country towards nationalism.

"Drugs and other substances of abuse have continually been flagged as some of the reasons why youth engage in conflict which eventually undermines harmony and social cohesion. We are proud of this and commit our support to the engagement and look forward to working with our counterparts with a view to promoting peace in the country," he said.

Among some of the areas that the two organizations will collaborate in include carrying out joint select community outreach activities, promotion of media-based alcohol and drug abuse and peace advocacy campaigns as well as undertaking joint research activities to inform strategy and policy.

RAMPING UP SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL 2022 ELECTIONS

Since 2008 when the government of Kenya ratified the zero-rate importation of motorcycles (with engine capacity below 250CC), the boda boda sector has progressively transformed our public transport and created an avenue for legitimate sources of income for hundreds of young people.

However, the industry has also been a soft target for some politicians seeking to incite the youth to violence, especially during the electioneering period.

Interior Cabinet Secretary, **Dr. Fred Matiang'i**, has said the government has developed an engagement framework seeking to coordinate

support from development partners and donors to sensitize boda boda operators against criminality and political violence.

"We want our administrators across the country to begin working with youth groups and Faith Based Organizations to make our



young people key pillars of sustainable peace,” Dr. Matiang’i said.

shaping governance and democracy in our country,” he said.

He was speaking during the **64th General Assembly** of the **National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCKK)** at the Jumuia Conference Centre in Limuru.

Dr. Matiang’i divulged that the government has mapped out all insecurity prone hot spots in the country to inform allocation and deployment of security resources before, during, and after the elections.

Through the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), NCKK and other non-state actors, the government is progressively reactivating community dialogues in various counties. The Cabinet Secretary also reiterated that there is adequate preparedness to facilitate peaceful elections and challenged Kenyan youth to reject political persuasions anchored on violence, division, negative ethnicity, and dangerous sloganeering.

The CS also called for responsible use of social media amid growing concerns over hate and vitriol spewed online. Citing Kenya’s progressive democracy, the CS was categorical that the government won’t gag any form of free speech in the country, but warned that the law will be applied if and when the red line on the use of the Internet is crossed.

“We are committed to see to it that not a single bullet is shot, no mwananchi is hurt, and every Kenyan has the opportunity to take part in

He was accompanied by Chief Administrative Secretaries, **Dr. Mercy Mwangangi** (Health), **David Osiany** (Trade) and **Zack Kinuthia** (Sports).

NTSA INTENSIFIES USALAMA BARABARANI CAMPAIGN

Did you know that almost **3,700 people are killed globally** in road crashes every day? That translates to approximately 154 fatalities every hour, and more than half of the victims are pedestrians, motorcyclists, and cyclists.

Programme, which is funded by the European Union. After a year of successful implementation, the Authority has rolled out a multi channeled road safety campaign on 55 radio and television stations targeting road users such as transport operators and pedestrians to sensitize them about safe use of roads.

In an effort to promote road safety in the country, the **National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)** launched the Usalama Barabarani/Safer Roads

The programme will be piloted in six counties, namely; Makeni, Nakuru, Kericho, Kisumu,

Kakamega and Nairobi. For effective communication, the messaging was developed predominantly in local languages found in the specific counties. The campaign will also be supported through various talk shows in the local languages and highly visualized digital

communication across the NTSA social media pages and the radio/Television station platforms.

Remember, road safety starts with you. The next victim could be you or someone close to you.

KENYA-JAPAN COLLABORATION IN ROAD SAFETY AND BORDER SECURITY



Immigration Services **Alexander Muteshi** held discussions with Japan’s Deputy Chief of Mission, **Yasuhisa Kitagawa**, on how to enrich partnerships between the two countries.

Among the key outcomes of the meeting was the

Kenya and Japan are keen on strengthening their bilateral ties that have yielded collaborative efforts in tackling various issues.

commitment by Japan to support Kenya in addressing border security, road safety and traffic management.

On Wednesday, **PS Dr. (Eng.) Karanja Kibicho**, Inspector General of Police **Hillay Mutyambai**, and Director of

This will be done through direct funding and support in advancing education and public information about the foregoing issues.

You can easily reach the Kenya Coast Guard Service (KSGS) on Twitter. Simply follow them through [@OfficialKCGS](#) and start interacting with them.



The Service was formally launched by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta in November 2018 to keep our seashores safe from aggression and illegal commercial activities. Its officers have also been conducting search and rescue services.

@OfficialKCGS

FOLLOW US

MASHINANI CORNER

Two brewing dens immobilized and some **620 litres of kangara** destroyed this week. We laud our security team in **Kaminiambo village, Kitutu Central Sub-**

county in Kisii for the sustained war against illicit brew in the area. To the Assistant Chief, **Mzee Simon Mbwayo**, and community policing members, job well done! No relenting.

VISIT THE WEBSITE



Ministry of Interior & Coordination of National Government
Harambee House, Harambee Avenue
P.O Box 30510 - 00100, Nairobi.
Tel: +254-20-2227411



@InteriorKE



@InteriorMinistryKenya