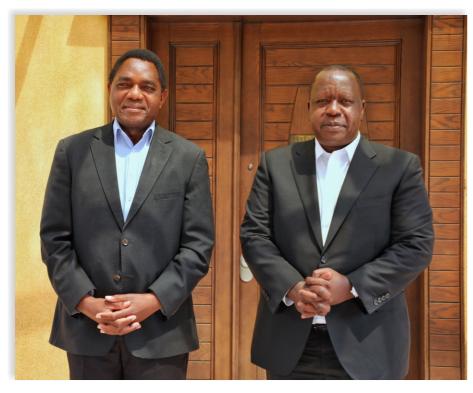


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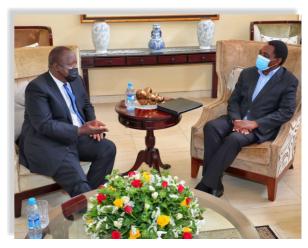
DELIVERING A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



r. Fred Matiang'i jetted to Zambia on Thursday morning with a special message from H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta to his counterpart, President Hakainde Hichilema, who was recently sworn into office.

The trip was also meant to seek Zambia's support for Kenya's candidature for the post of the Secretary General for the Commonwealth of Nations.

Kenya is rooting for the Cabinet Secretary for Defence, **Amb**. **Monica Juma**, for the office in the organization comprising the United Kingdom and 53 of her former colonies. Some of the influential members include Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, and South Africa among others.



BRACE FOR DECISIVE ACTION, LAIKIPIA CRIMINALS WARNED

he government's patience in using soft approaches to solving Laikipia insecurity has finally reached its breaking point. On Friday, Interior Principal Secretary Dr. (Eng.) Karanja Kibicho announced that the government will begin immediate implementation of a resolution that will be arrived at during a National Security Advisory Council (NSAC) meeting on Saturday morning.

"The CS issued an order, but we haven't seen the desired response. We have tried persuasion and diplomatic approaches in vain. The Regional Commissioner is on the ground negotiating on our behalf, but nothing positive seems forthcoming. This is a matter we are now taking very seriously," Kibicho said.

Following the recent attack by suspected bandits that left one man dead and a 12-year-old girl nursing gunshot wounds, Dr. Kibicho questioned local leaders' commitment to peace efforts in the area and warned that decisive action will be taken to protect the lives and property of the residents.

The PS was speaking in Kirinyaga County after concluding an inspection tour of the ongoing civil works at Wanguru Stadium, the venue for this year's Madaraka Day celebrations. On behalf of the National Celebrations Steering Committee, the PS exuded confidence the facility will be ready in time for the event on October 20th.

"Only a few people knew this stadium until recently when we began undertaking these construction works. Our goal is to make the day successful

and leave KirinyagaCounty with aworking stadium," he said.

In 2015, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta issued a directive that counties host two of the three national holidays on a rotational basis with a view to showcasing the investment opportunities available at the

counties to national and international attention.

Kirinyaga will join the counties of Nakuru, Machakos, Meru, Nyeri, Kakamega, Mombasa, Narok, and Kisii that have played host to the celebrations.

The team of PSs had earlier inspected the rehabilitation of Kirinyaga County Headquarters where the County Commissioner's official residence and a State Lodge will be located.



SHARPENING BODA BODA RIDERS



On February 15, 2021, a multiagency team comprising the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and the National Youth Service (NYS) began imparting the requisite riding skills to operators following the launch of the National Boda Boda Riders Training Programme in the counties of Kiambu, Machakos and Kajiado.

Last week, **more than 304 riders** were tested in **Namanga** and **Kajiado**, and all but four passed.

The programme, which was part of the comprehensive National Boda Boda Action Plan conceptualized to streamline the sector, was announced in 2020 by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta during the launch of the Boda boda Investment Scheme in Pumwani.

he boda boda sub-sector has transformed the lives of thousands of young men and women across the country but simultaneously earned a notorious reputation for its anarchic modus operandi. We all know or have encountered infamous unruly operators who have besmirched the image of the industry, but the government is out to put things back in order.

The exercise will be rolled out progressively across the country with the support of NYS driving school, which is reputable for producing the best drivers in the country.

MASHINANI CORNER



ur security teams on the ground have been checking off the boxes on the war against illicit brew and drug and substance abuse.

This week, we salute our officers in **Kodumo East**, **Homa Bay County**. On **Friday**, they raided an infamous brewing den along the banks of **River Sondu/Miriu**, **Karateng village**, when the brew was just about to simmer. Led by the area **Assistant Chief**, the team tipped a total of **200 litres** of **kangara** and approximately **five litres** of **changaa** and destroyed the brewers' material tools of trade.

The culprits escaped with their skills, but the war rages on!



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