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KONZA TECHNOPOLIS

The counties of **Kajiado**, **Makueni** and **Machakos** have partnered with the National Government to begin operationalization of the 73,000-acre Konza Technopolis. The partnership was sealed through an MoU signed by **Gov. Joseph Ole Lenku**, **Deputy Governors Eng. Francis Maliti** (Machakos) and **Adelina Mwau** (Makueni), and Cabinet Secretaries **Joe Mucheru** (ICT), **Najib Balala** (Tourism), and **Farida Karoney** (Lands). The signing

ceremony was witnessed by Interior CS, **Dr. Fred Matiang'i**, at Harambee House. The agreement paves the way for proper planning of the belt of new urban development and the creation of a sustainable and resilient smart city.



MARTHA KOOME TAKES THE REINS

H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta formalized the appointment of **Lady Justice Martha Koome** as the new Chief Justice through **Gazette Notice No. 4705** on May 19, 2021. This followed JSC's unanimous

recommendation and the adoption of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee's vetting report by the National Assembly. She takes over from David Maraga, who retired after attaining the age of 70.



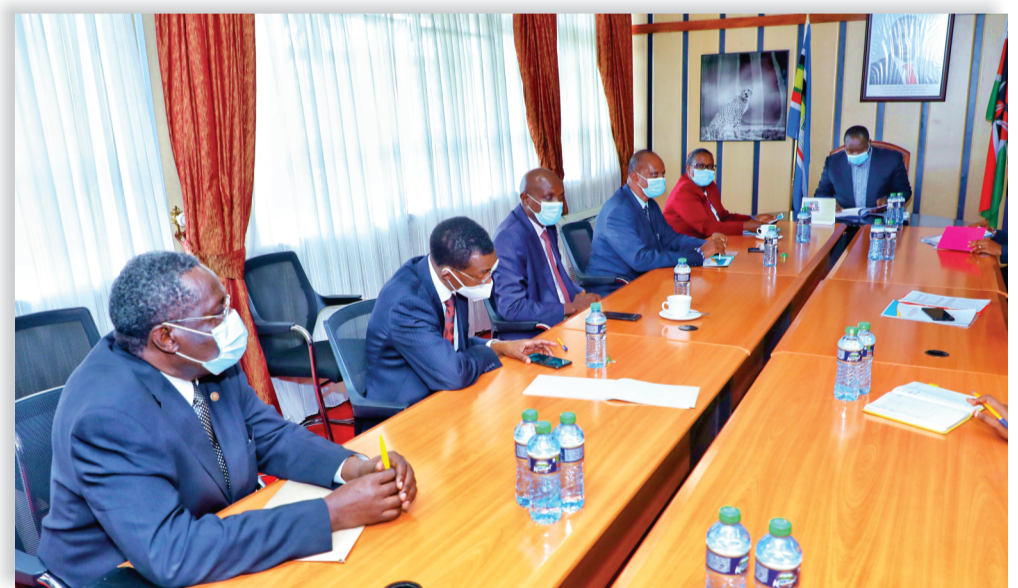
MADARAKA DAY PREPARATIONS



In line with the presidential directive that national holidays be held in the counties on a rotational basis, **Kisumu City** will play host to this year's **Madaraka Day celebrations** on June 1. The National Celebrations Committee,

chaired by **PS Karanja Kibicho**, continues its routine inspection of the venue of the event (**the Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground in Kisumu**), which is currently undergoing rehabilitation.

IPOA'S STEADY PROGRESS



The **Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA)**, led by its **Chair Ann Makori**, held a meeting with **Dr. Fred Matiangi** to apprise him of its progress in delivering its mandate and efforts towards fast-tracking the ongoing police reforms. The Board

attributed the improved turnaround in investigations and prosecution of cases to direct support and cooperation from the Ministry of Interior and other institutions in the criminal justice system, including the ODPP, NPS, and NPSC among others.

ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT

In response to the impact of COVID-19 on prison population, the Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Fred Matiangi, held consultative meetings with the **National Community Service Orders Committee Chairperson**, and agreed to undertake an urgent nation-wide prison decongestion exercise. The Department of Probation and After Care Service has been preparing **social inquiry reports** for around **6,000 eligible prisoners** who are expected to have their sentences reviewed by the High Courts in favour of community service, probation or other noncustodial options.

Individualised assessment of

prisoners will be done by Probation Officers to inform the Social Inquiry Reports. Some of the factors that will be considered are: period served, behaviour while in incarceration, nature of offence committed, and views of victims and the community. Prisoners held for attempted murder, arson, human/child trafficking, drugs trafficking, sexual offences and other related offences will not be eligible for the exercise. Upon release, offenders whose sentences will be reviewed to noncustodial sentences will be supervised by Probation Officers and their reintegration will be done with assistance from government administrators at the grassroots.



FAREWELL MR. KIROGO



Stephen Kirogo, the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, passed away on **Friday, May 14**, while undergoing treatment at the Nairobi Hospital. He has previously served as the Principal Administrative Secretary/Assistant Secretary to

the Cabinet in the Presidency and Cabinet Affairs Office. Dr. Fred Matiang'i represented the Head of State at the requiem mass, which took place on Thursday, May 20, at All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi.

MASHINANI

CORNER

The Chief, Assistant Chief and police officers in **Homa Bay County** raided a brewing den in **Ringa area** and poured out over **840 litres of kangara** and **15 litres of chang'aa**.

The team will sustain such targeted operations as part of the government's zero-tolerance policy in the war against illicit liquor and drugs.



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