

Gunmen kill businessman in cold blood

NAIROBI COUNTY

By CYRUS OMBATI

A businessman was shot dead as his family watched from their Ngong town home.

Nicholas Njeru, 43, was killed by gunmen who raided his home on Wednesday night. They left without stealing anything.

Police are investigating the motive behind the killing.

Mr Njeru ran a petrol station and was a real estate dealer in Ngong town.

The gang is said to have waylaid Njeru just outside his gate as he drove home and held the family hostage for a short while before killing him.

Separately, police yesterday revealed that a man killed along Limuru Road last Tuesday was an acquaintance of a suspect killed in an attempted raid on the Nairobi home of National Land Commission chairman Muhammad Swazuri.

Stephen Mwangi was shot 13 times by unknown people on his way home from burial arrangements for Oliver Karango, who was killed at Dr Swazuri's home. Police said Mr Karon-go was a small-time land dealer who worked with Mr Mwangi.

Karango's motive for entering Swazuri's residence remains a puzzle to police. Friends who were with him on the day he died are yet to be locat-

SPATE OF KILLINGS

- On Monday night, businessman Alfred Njau was shot eight times by gunmen along the Ruiru-Ruai bypass

- On September 27, surveyor Onesmus Mutinda was shot dead while driving on the Ruiru-Kiambu bypass

- On October 4, land dealer Jared Ochok was shot in Umoja estate by gunmen along Manyanja road

- Police said they collected 35 spent cartridges

ed but police said they were injured when Swazuri's guard fired at them.

Mr Mwangi is among five people so far killed in Nairobi in the recent past over land deals.

Detectives from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations said Mwangi had left Grace Villa Restaurant in Ngara, where the funeral meeting was, heading for Muthangari when he was shot dead.

Police claimed Mwangi had failed to issue land buyers with title deeds and decided to wind up a company he ran.

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Ninety-year-old Solomon Kimkung with a copy of his favourite newspaper at a bookshop in Kapsokwony, Bungoma County. Mzee Kimkung walks for over 5km each morning to Kapsokwony town to read 'The Standard', his newspaper of choice since the 1950s. [PHOTO: DANIEL PSIRMOI/STANDARD]

NAIROBI COUNTY

Ombudsman: Appoint Knec, KICD bosses



Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi

By AUGUSTINE ODUOR

Pressure mounted yesterday on Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi to appoint a substantive head to the helm of the Kenya National Examinations Council (Knec).

Commission on Administrative Justice chairperson Otiende Amollo said his office had received numerous complaints over the pending appointment of a Knec chief executive officer.

He also said similar complaints had been forwarded to his office over the appointment of a Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) chief executive officer.

"The commission examined the matter and was of the considered view that the delay was inordinate and amounted to flagrant breach of the law," read part of the communication from Mr Amollo.

He said the inquiries by the Ombudsman's office were prompted by anonymous complaints to the effect that the Education Cabinet secretary had failed to make the appointments despite receiving the names of the top three candidates in each case over three months ago.

Assembly wants Loresho land grabber brought to account

NAIROBI COUNTY

By JOSPHAT THIONGO AND OSMAN MOHAMED

The Committee on Water and Sanitation has recommended action against a private developer alleged to have grabbed public land in Loresho ward.

The committee recommended the county government should immediately demolish a building being put up on the land, which had been earmarked for a water and sewerage company in Loresho.

The report containing the recommendations was fully adopted by the House on Wednesday afternoon after it was tabled by committee chairman Alex Otieno.

The document was prepared after a fact-finding mission, following reports from the area ward representative that the land on which a reservoir is located had been grabbed by a private developer.

Mr Otieno said the property in question had been identified for con-



Nairobi County Assembly members in session

struction of another reservoir that would increase Nairobi's water supply.

Once the building is demolished, the county government and, by extension, Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company, is expected to fence off the land and put up signboards indicating ownership.

Although the members of the county assembly adopted the report, they took the committee to task, asking them to name the private developer so he could be prosecuted.

High Court judge adjourns Murungaru, Githongo case

NAIROBI COUNTY

By CAROLINE RWENJI

A defamation case against former Governance and Ethics Permanent Secretary John Githongo will be heard in the next three weeks.

High Court judge David Onyancha rescheduled the case to November 17 after Mr Githongo asked for an adjournment to attend to a personal matter.

Githongo is in court after former Internal Security minister Chris Murungaru sued him nine years ago for allegedly defaming him.

Murungaru wants Githongo to pay him damages, saying a dossier prepared by Githongo in 2005 that linked him to the Anglo Leasing scandal and that was widely circulated in the media ruined his reputation and destroyed his political career.

The case, whose hearing ran for two days, saw Murungaru question his being mentioned adversely in the Anglo Leasing scandal in a manner that created the impression that he



Former Governance and Ethics Permanent Secretary John Githongo

benefited from the corruption.

"My question for the past 10 years has been provide the evidence," Murungaru challenged his accuser.

Murungaru said linking him to the scandal affected him adversely since the UK and US issued bans restricting his travel.

He said no reason was given but after probing the issue further, he was told the bans were due to his direct or indirect connection to the scandal.

MURANG'A COUNTY

Students riot over phones

By BONIFACE GIKANDI

Kibage Secondary School students yesterday rioted and destroyed property after a teacher confiscated three mobile phones.

The students broke window panes in the lower classes following the teacher's decision to forward the phones to Githumu Police Station.

The school management called in police to confront the rioting students when they became more rowdy. County acting Police Commander Johnstone Limo said the phones were suspected to have been sneaked into the compound by this year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination candidates.

"Three candidates have recorded statements with police in Githumu after they were caught with the mobile phones, which are banned in the school compound," said Mr Limo.

Limo said the school would remain under police guard to ensure safety of property.