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NEWS ON A COUNTRY

[Garissa residents up in arms against companies mining gypsum \(The Star\)](#)

Residents of Diiso 2, Ramey, Shahio and Libahley are up in arms against companies mining gypsum in the area. Speaking to the press on Thursday, they said their efforts to have the companies suspend their activities in the area due to several concerns raised have not bore fruit. Among the issue they raised include environmental degradation that causes hazardous dust from the mining sites that has left several people with chest complications.

[How state will spend billions to grow Isiolo \(The Star\)](#)

The national government has embarked on its journey to transform Isiolo county into an economic hub. On Tuesday, Trade CS Moses Kuria said the Kenya Kwanza government received Sh42 billion from Afriexim Bank and the African Finance Cooperation to fund two major projects. From the funds, Sh28 billion will go to the completion of the much-awaited abattoir, which has remained unfinished for the last 16 years.

[President William Ruto arrives in Mokowe, Lamu County \(Nation\)](#)

President William Ruto arrives in Mokowe, Lamu County, where he will open the county commissioner's office and present cheques to the fishing community in the area.

[I didn't say 60% of Mandera controlled by Shabaab, says governor \(The Star\)](#)

Mandera Governor Mohamed Khalif on Saturday denied a statement attributed to him that al Shabaab controls almost all of the county. On Friday, a TV station reported that Khalif had said 60 per cent of Mandera is under the control of al Shabaab terrorists. The interview was done on the sidelines of a one-day security conference in Wajir town on Thursday to discuss Kenya-Somalia borderland security.

[Marsabit parents warned against holding their children at home \(The Star\)](#)

Parents and guardians in Marsabit County still holding their children at home have been warned of dire consequences if they failed to take them to school as directed by the government. Speaking at Kargi in his two days development tour in Laisamis constituency on Saturday, chief of staff and Head of the public service Felix Koskei said education is a fundamental right to every child.

[Tana River leaders oppose asbestos disposal site in the county \(KBC\)](#)

A section of Tana River County leaders have opposed a proposal for an Environmental Impact Assessment study report for the proposed asbestos disposal site in the Minjila area within the Garsen constituency.

[Turkana West demands for cross-border trade facilities \(The Star\)](#)

Residents of Turkana West want an upgraded border post facility at the Nadapal-Nakodok area and a fully functional Lokichoggio airport. The demands were raised during a three-day engagement meeting held by the Physical Planning department on the 2023-33 County Spatial Plan. The residents also called for robust infrastructure that would restore the former bustling town of Lokichoggio and boost economic opportunities.

[Kenya-Uganda cross-border water project launched to foster peace and development in Pokot \(NTV\)](#)

It is a reprieve for residents in remote villages as the Kenya-Uganda cross-border water project is launched to minimize conflicts among border-warring communities in the region. The multi-million-shilling water borehole drilling project undertaken by Pokot Outreach Ministries (POM) in partnership with Harvesters International organisations will boost clean water supply and improve livelihoods and development in the semi-arid region.

[Swarms of locusts destroy crops in West Pokot County \(standardmedia.co.ke\)](#)

A new wave of locust swarms is spreading in West Pokot County which could precipitate a food crisis. The pests have ravaged acres of maize and beans in Pokot North and Pokot Central sub-counties, causing panic among residents. The locusts have invaded Weiwei and Lomut wards in Sigor Constituency, attacking crops such as peanuts, mangoes and all other vegetation around the area.

[Water, food shortage ravaging border villages in West Pokot \(NTV\)](#)

In a distressing turn of events, several villages along the West Pokot and Turkana border are facing a severe water and food crisis due to an extended period of drought in the region. The prolonged dry spell has led to acute water shortages, dwindling pastures, and a shortage of food, leaving residents in dire need of humanitarian aid.

OTHER

[Gov't To Spend Ksh.25 Billion On Completion Of Isiolo Slaughterhouse \(citizen.digital\)](#)

The government is expected to finish the Isiolo export abattoir in the next 18 months which has remained unfinished for the last 16 years. Sixteen years after its construction, the Isiolo international abattoir is expected to be completed in the next 18 months with the trade and investment ministry stating that they have received the required funds to finish the project.

[Non-locals in Mandera decry security threats, hiked fares \(the-star.co.ke\)](#)

We not only have to grapple with insecurity but with the high cost of transport as well, non-locals living in Mandera have protested. Mandera county is located 1,300 kilometres away from Nairobi. However, due to its unstable security, fares remain nightmarishly high. Consequently, non-locals cannot travel in and out of the county at will. The few who could afford a plane ticket can no longer buy one after fare was increased from Sh10,000 to Sh25,000.

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POLITICS

[Court Of Appeal Dismisses Petition Challenging Election Of Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi \(citizen.digital\)](#)

Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi has been granted relief after the Court of Appeal on Monday dismissed a petition seeking to challenge his election. A three-judge bench dismissed the petition on grounds that it offends rule 6 of The Court of Appeal (Election Petition) Rules, 2017 which requires that all appeals be initiated by way of a notice of appeal.

ECONOMY

[Wajir West MP wants Sharia banking laws applied without restrictions \(standardmedia.co.ke\)](#)

Islamic banks could soon be allowed to fully implement Sharia banking principles without seeking exemptions from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK). The Central Bank of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2023 seeks to establish a regulatory framework for Islamic banks and financial institutions, to be expressly recognised under the Central Bank of Kenya Act.