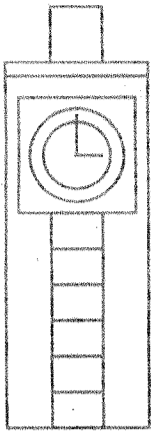


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★ **WITH** September admissions around the corner, thousands of students who qualified to join university are wondering why their admission letters have not been released by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service. KUCCPS promised the 10,000 students who qualified for admission to universities would receive their letters to be placed in private universities in accordance with the University Act 2012. Students admitted to private universities have been waiting, whereas their colleagues who were admitted to public universities now know which courses and specific university to report to. Maybe **President Uhuru Kenyatta** (pictured) and his tough-talking **Education CS Fred Matiangi** should put pressure on those concerned to ensure letters of admission to universities are released on time to help parents prepare students to report in September.

★ **THE** Nairobi woman representative race early campaigns appear to be well under way. The creative sloganeering and the brazen posturing have begun. "Miss B Tosha" has joined "Bae wa Nairobi" and others in the same vein. But Corridors is told of a serious contender who has previously almost single-handedly shifted the narrative from whining about the Jubilee administration to a solutions-oriented discourse. She is a well-connected Jubilee activist, some know her as simply 'Headgirl'. Media savvy, highly intelligent and articulate, she does not hesitate to argue her point of view in a number of high-profile Op Eds in the newspapers. She intends to bring the same ability to articulate issues from

a solutions perspective to bear on Nairobi's many problems that concern women. "Heads-up for Headgirl" is just one of her heads-and-shoulders above the rest of the field slogans.

★ **TWO** senior police officers are a worried lot: This is after a report compiled by major investigating agencies, including the Kenya Wildlife Service, pointed accusing fingers at them for ivory that was seized in Thailand after being shipped from Mombasa. The ivory was apparently part of a consignment that had been seized in Mombasa and linked to convicted smuggling kingpin **Mohamed Faisal**. Informers say the two senior officers pocketed Sh12 million to facilitate the passage of the ivory. It is also alleged the President has been briefed on the progress on the probe and it is a matter of time before he demands action on those named.

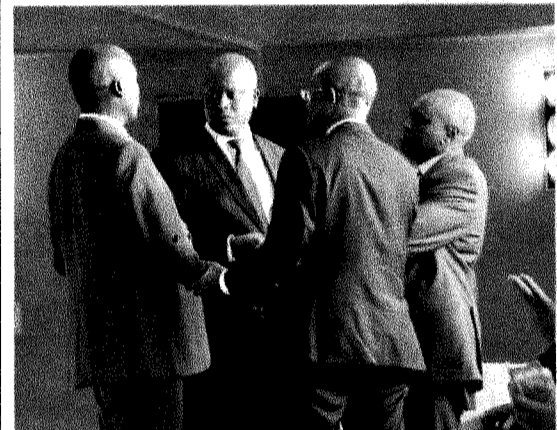
★ **A** chairman of a Nairobi private members' club who doubles as a broker for the rich in the city is a man under siege after he was adversely mentioned as allegedly threatening whistleblowers. The man, who boasts of his connections in high offices, has been caught like a deer in headlights. Corridors is told the Jack-of-all-trades broker is a worried man because his 'expertise' may land him in hot soup after being involved in a high-profile graft case against a senior commission chief. It is said the broker was warned earlier against getting involved in the matter, but adamantly pushed on to get the money out of it as usual.

★ **JUNIOR** officers in the Police Service are asking their bosses Inspector General Joseph Boinnet and National Police Service chairman Johnston Kavuludi to rein in errant middle-level colleagues who are championing tribalism in the service. They claim the issue of tribalism is slowly becoming a major impediment in police operations and want their bosses to demystify tribal supremacy. Negative ethnicity has given some top officers such a big head they feel that they own the service more than all others.

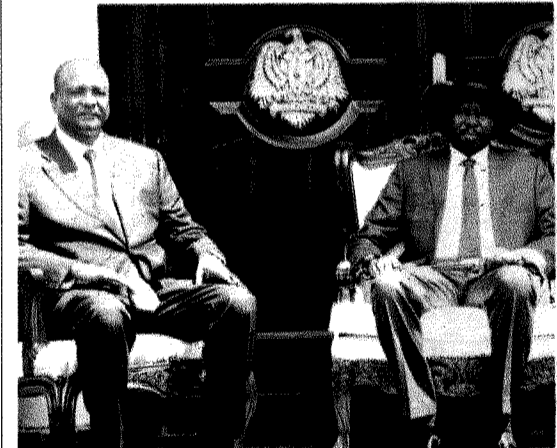
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Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi and Mombasa Senator Hassan Omar at the Senate yesterday / HEZRON NJOROGE



MPs Julius Melly and Kanini Kega with Family Bank CEO David Thuku and lawyer Cecile Miller at Parliament Buildings yesterday / HEZRON NJOROGE



South Sudan First Vice President Taban Deng Gai and President Salva Kiir at the Palace in Juba yesterday / REUTERS



Westlands MP Timothy Wanyonyi donates Sh729,000 to Kangemi Polytechnic yesterday / CHRISPINUS WEKESA

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