

PARENTAL JOY

# Asunta's son is HIV-negative

Victory as boy born of parents with the deadly virus gets a clean bill of health

By LUCAS BARASA

**M**s Asunta Wagura is a happy woman: Her baby son has turned out to be HIV-negative although both his parents have the virus that causes Aids.

Ms Wagura, who has gone public about her HIV status, yesterday walked a tight rope when she went to a Nairobi hospital to find out the fate of her two-month-old baby. And after the testing, the son named

Joshua, turned out to be HIV-negative, throwing Ms Wagura into cries of joy. She described it as simply the longest wait, and her happiest moment in life.

"I'm relieved he is okay," she said and with the confirmation, she became one of the first HIV-positive women in Kenya, who had gone public and given birth to an uninfected baby.

The result is also a big boost to the war against HIV/Aids and a lesson to many that HIV-positive mothers could still give birth to healthy babies by taking proper protective measures.

For those who do not know her, Ms Wagura is a 41-year-old woman who has lived with HIV for 19 years.

In 2003, Ms Wagura, who is the executive director of the Kenya Network of Women with Aids (Kenwa) desired to get

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pregnant although she already had three children — a son and two adopted daughters. (Her son, Peter, was born three years into her HIV-positive diagnosis).

After she tested positive, her boyfriend convinced her the results were a lie and they moved in together. She conceived and gave birth to Peter.

Ms Wagura was, however, not prepared for the wrath that came her way when she shared her dream with the public.

She particularly remembered during an interview with *Nation's Living Magazine* last month two fiery messages from enraged women: "How can you even think of it?" asked one. "That is so selfish of you, to bring a child into the world to die," said the other.

The hostility made her contemplate having the baby in Uganda.

## Cigarette firm wants Moi son case dismissed

By NATION Reporter

A cigarette manufacturer and a law firm yesterday asked the High Court to throw out a defamation case filed against them by retired President Moi's son, Gideon.

According to British American Tobacco and Kaplan and Stratton Advocates, the Baringo Central MP has failed to prosecute the case, which has been pending in court for eight years.

The case was filed on September 22, 1999, and was last handled in court on December 19, 2003, lawyer Gitonga Murugara told judge Onesmus Mutungi.

Mr Moi has not explained the cause of the delay in handling the case and was only stirred into action by his clients' application seeking to have it dismissed, Mr Gitonga further explained.

"We are asking this court to dismiss this case for want of prosecution. It has not been prosecuted for the period of three years having been filed in 1999 and still pending, eight years down the line," Mr Gitonga said.

### Sword of Damocles

He added: "It has been hanging over our heads like the proverbial Sword of Damocles." He said the long delay was exposing the two respondents — BAT and Kaplan and Stratton — to an unfair trial and they would suffer prejudice as a result.

But in a rejoinder through Mr Jimiro Kibet, Mr Moi urged the court to disregard the application saying he was not aware the case was not being prosecuted by the lawyers previously on record for him.

His relationship with his advocates "broke down" shortly after the 2002 General Election and he had not been kept abreast of matters regarding the case.

And matters have not been helped by the same lawyers' refusal to release the MP's file to enable another advocate come on record, the court heard.

"The plaintiff had no inkling whatsoever that his then advocates were not taking any steps in the prosecution of the case."

"The only time he became aware that nothing was happening was when he was served with an application by the lawyers that they were ceasing to represent him," Mr Kibet explained.

The judge will make a ruling on the case on March 27.

## PROPERTY TUSSLE

### Guracha suit woman accuses opponent of causing delays

By NATION Correspondent

One of the women fighting for the control of former Moyale MP Guracha Galgalo's estate yesterday accused her rival of attempting to forestall the hearing of the dispute.

Ms Bernadette Okotu Shama, through her lawyer, Mr Alfred Nyandieka, told a court that a move by Ms Rehema Dida Jaldesa to have the hearing of the case adjourned to allow her file additional affidavits, was a delaying tactic.

"There is a lot of delaying tactics by the applicant (Ms Jaldesa)," Mr Nyandieka told the trial judge, Lady Justice Kalpana Rawal in Nairobi.

The lawyer was responding to an application by Ms Jaldesa's lawyer, Mr Cecil Miller, to be allowed to file the additional affidavits.

Mr Nyandieka wondered why Ms Jaldesa had not complied with a court order of January 30, requiring her to file the affidavits within three days.

He, however, told the court he was not objecting to the additional documents

being filed as long as Mr Miller did that within three days.

Mr Miller wanted to file the additional documents so that he could bring out crucial facts to the case, which, he said, were left out in the initial application.

Ms Jaldesa has moved to court to challenge a temporary authority granted to Ms Shama to run the estate of the Mr Galgalo.

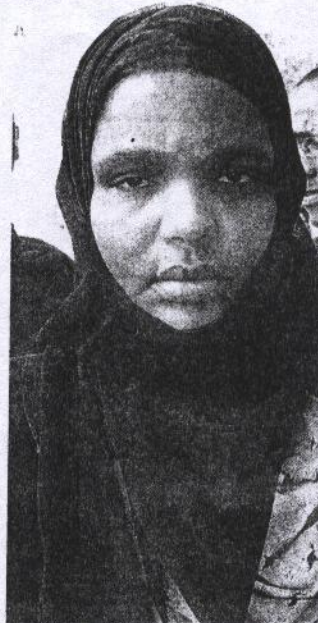
Mr Miller added that the truth of the matter may not be established adequately if they were not allowed to bring up the additional issues.

One of the issues, Mr Miller said, was Ms Jaldesa's alleged earlier marriage to another man.

The court allowed Mr Miller to file the affidavits and serve them on Mr Nyandieka by Monday next week.

The case was scheduled for hearing next Wednesday.

Dr Galgalo died on April 10, last year in a plane crash at Marsabit, together with five other Members of Parliament and other people during a peace mission to the troubled area.



Ms Bernadette Okotu Shama, the widow of former Moyale MP Guracha Galgalo, in a Nairobi court yesterday during the hearing of a case where she has been sued over the administration of her husband's estate. Photo: PAUL WAWERU



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All the rates defaulters are hereby requested to appreciate this good gesture by paying all their outstanding rates before or on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2007. A chance to save so much money rarely comes on a platter like this one.

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DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	APPROVED MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD	3 YRS	MEAN GRADE B+ & ABOVE PER REGULATION
CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	APPROVED MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD	2 YRS	MEAN GRADE B+ & ABOVE PER REGULATION
DIPLOMA IN HEALTH RELATED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	3 YRS	MEAN GRADE C- & ABOVE
CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	KSMST	1 YR	MEAN GRADE D+ & ABOVE
CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	KSMST	18 MONTHS	MEAN GRADE D+ & ABOVE
DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY HEALTH	KSMST	3 YRS	MEAN GRADE C- & ABOVE
CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH	KSMST	2 YRS	MEAN GRADE D+ & ABOVE
MANAGEMENT COURSES (FULL TIME & EVENING COURSES)			
DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION / MARKETING	K.N.E.C	3 YRS	MEAN GRADE C- & ABOVE
CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION / MARKETING	KSMST	1 YR	MEAN GRADE D+ & ABOVE

Limited partial SCHOLARSHIP (tuition fee) is available for Diploma in Pharmacy & Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology students (for Board only)

Those who are interested can come for interview between 9<sup>th</sup> FEB 2007 and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 (Except Sundays & Public holidays) from 9.00am to 5.00pm at Central Member's Hospital Ltd, Thika.

Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 intake for May 2007 intake.

Bring with you the original certificates. Ksh. 500/- for the processing of the application & if possible be accompanied by a parent or a guardian.

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