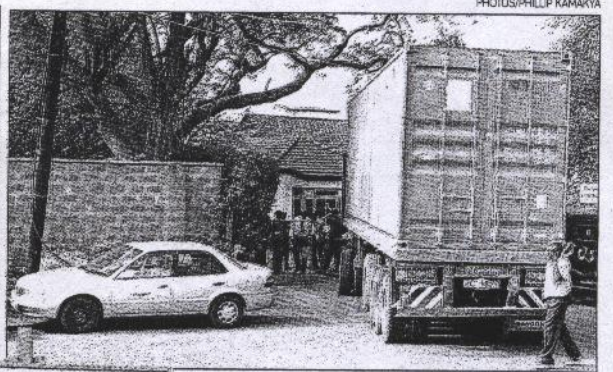


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GREENGATES KINDERGARTEN

NARROW ESCAPE

Onlookers watch in disbelief at a truck whose driver lost control at Old Parklands Road off Waiyaki Way and veered off the road ramming into Green Gates Kindergarten. No one was injured as all the children had gone home.

Guracha wife acted illegally, court told

BY NELLY THECE

A WOMAN claiming inheritance of over Sh50 million worth of property of Moyale MP Guracha Galgalo, left her husband immediately he issued Talak, according to the Islamic law on marriages and divorce, a court heard yesterday.

The court heard that Rehema did not wait for the customary three months to end before leaving her husband.

She later filed a divorce petition in the High Court and attached a marriage certificate from the assistant registrar of marriages in Sheria House.

But efforts by Rehema's lawyer Mr Cecil Miller to produce the affidavit and a copy of a marriage certificate to the court as exhibits were heavily contested by Mr Alfred Nyandieka, acting for Galgalo's first wife, Bernadette, saying they were forged.

But Mr Miller told the court that it was disrespectful for Mr Nyandieka to claim that an advocate with the High Court of Kenya could produce forged documents in court.

Justice Daudi Onyancha set a ruling to determine whether the documents being used to prove Rehema's case would be accepted or rejected by the court.

The ruling and further hearing on the case continues on October 2.

CIVIL SERVICE PAY RISE IS BEING WORKED OUT

BY MAXWELL MASAVA

THE Government is expected to announce the newly revised salaries for civil servants by the end of this month.

The new salaries aimed at narrowing the gap between the lowest paid Government worker and their highest paid counterparts has been awaited eagerly following the promise by minister in charge of Public Service, Moses Akaranga.

The minister announced on Tuesday that the revised salaries for employees in job groups A-L and M-N would be announced once other modalities were concluded.

Targeted to benefit are civil servants in job groups J, K, L, M and N. A majority of them are diploma and degree holders who have acquired vast experience in handling administrative and technical duties. Presently they earn between Sh18,000 to Sh30,000.

Those below these grades are basically auxiliary staff ranging from job groups A upwards. They include clerical officers, secretaries, drivers and office messengers who back up the operations done by the professional, technical and administrative staff. They earn about Sh7,000 to Sh9,000 per month and it is expected that the revised scheme will see them earn a

little more. The minister revealed this as he addressed senior managers in the public service taking a senior management course at the Kenya Institute of Administration in Nairobi.

He said employees in groups M and N, who include the middle level officers, would also see their salaries revised to narrow the gap the difference with those in job groups P.

Currently, employees in groups M and N earn about Sh40,000 whereas those in group P earn about Sh70,000. Group P consists of government managers like the under-secretaries in ministries and district commissioners.

However, Mr Akaranga said those earning above job group P will not benefit from the revised salaries.

At the same time, Mr Akaranga announced that the government will from next year introduce very tough performance contracts for police officers. He said the approach would be one way of addressing insecurity in the country.

The minister wondered how insecurity could rise in the country, with the current strong network of the provincial administration and police formations.

He announced that last year's performance indi-

cators for each ministry will be released in October this year and warned permanent secretaries whose ministries would have performed below par that they risked being sacked.

The last time civil service salaries were increased was in August 2005 when then Public Service Minister William Ntimama announced a 14 per cent, on average, pay rise to avert a threatened strike.

The civil servants union had been

holding out for a 600 per cent pay rise across the board.

This year's pay rise percentage has yet to be announced.



Akaranga

NAIROBI IN BRIEF

Pakistani found without papers

CITY COURT: A Pakistani national was yesterday charged in court with being in the country illegally. Mr Arif Sardar was also charged with failing to register as an alien contrary to the Alien Registration Order. Mr Sardar was arrested by police last week where he produced an identity card that showed he was not a Kenyan citizen. He pleaded guilty and was fined Sh20,000 or three months in jail.

Ethiopian sued over passport

CITY COURT: An Ethiopian national charged with possessing and using a passport belonging to a German national was yesterday fined Sh70,000 or 12 months in jail after he pleaded guilty. Mr Matya Johannes was arrested at JKIA as he tried to enter the country with a passport belonging to Ghirmal Asmelash.

Two deny stealing goods

MAKADARA: Two men said to have stolen household goods worth over Sh6,000 was yesterday released on a bond of Sh50,000 with a surety of the same amount until November 23 when the case continues. Joseph Muthiani and James Enoi are alleged to have committed the crime in Mlolongo.

Mutava to retire early

NAIROBI: NCKC Secretary General Rev Mutava Musyimi yesterday announced his early retirement and named Rev Peter Karanja as his successor. Rev Karanja is the provost at the All Saints Cathedral. Rev Musyimi has served in the position since taking over from Dr Samuel Kobia in the early 1990s.

Group wants shoot order withdrawn

BY FATMA NOOR

A LOBBY group has called for the withdrawal of the shoot to kill orders issued by internal minister John Michuki earlier this year in the crackdown on crime and further demanded the sacking of policemen they claimed

had been implicated in extrajudicial killings.

Release of Political Prisoners (RPP) accused the police of being behind the recent killings of five men whose bodies were found in the bush near a shooting range in Athi River.

RPP executive coordina-

tor Stephen Musau yesterday took the force to task and said: "The police are the ones responsible in the Kitengela killings and dumping of the dead bodies."

But as the RPP went public with their view of the unexplained deaths, police commissioner Major-General

Hussein Ali released a statement defending the force.

"We are carrying out our own investigations into the killings. ... and so far, we have findings that we don't wish to disclose at this point because doing so will prejudice our case," Maj-Gen Ali said.

In a broader report they released yesterday, RPP revisited the police operation in Mathare Valley as they tracked down members of the outlawed Mungiki sect and said too much force had been used. They also mentioned recent incidents of people who had disappeared.