

DEMO | Three policemen accused of role in death of bar waitress

Officers hurt as mob storms station

Residents free suspects who had been booked for petty offences

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A mob stormed a police station, beat up the commander and freed some suspects in protest against the death of a bar waitress at the hands of officers.

The estimated 3,000 people descended on Olenguruone Police Station in Nakuru County on Wednesday at 10am, and proceeded to release three suspects who had been booked the previous night for petty offences.

Two armed policemen were injured when stones were hurled at them. They were taken to Kerinet Hospital.

Police boss David Wambua also faced the wrath of the angry residents when he tried to stop them from forcing their way into the police station. He received several kicks and blows from the mob.

Hit several times

Windows were smashed and the national flag torn.

Business came to a standstill when the protesters barricaded the Olenguruone-Kiptagich road with stones, handcarts and tyres.

Mr Richard Rono said a postmortem examination on his daughter, Ms Mercy Chepkoech Rono indicated that she was hit several times on the head



CHRONOLOGY

Woman 'jumped' out of vehicle

July 11: News of bar waitress's death spreads and residents demand the arrest of the police officers involved.

July 12: Kuresoi South police boss David Wambua says the woman jumped out of a moving vehicle as she was being taken to the station.

July 16: Residents run riot within the station.

Suspected officers transferred to other stations.

and shoulder.

He said a report by the government pathologist differed with claims by policemen that the waitress jumped out of a moving police vehicle while drunk.

The residents ignored pleas by District Commissioner Cyrus Gatobu to remain calm as the issue was being investigated. They shouted down officers called to calm the situation.

After a meeting that lasted almost two hours, the Kuresoi District Security Committee told the residents that they had decided to transfer the officers accused of killing Ms Rono.

Mr Gatobu, Mr Wambua and Administration Police commander Solomon Mutungi

sent belongings of the three suspected officers to an unknown destination. However, the residents claimed the officers had not moved except their belongings.

They continued to hurl stones

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Anti-riot police officers block protesters from entering the Olenguruone Police Station in Kuresoi South, Nakuru County, on Wednesday.

at the police officers.

Kuresoi South MP Zakayo Cheruiyot and Nakuru Deputy Governor Joseph Rutto called on residents to remain calm, saying they had lodged a complaint with the Independent Police Oversight Authority.

The residents demanded an independent investigation to establish the role played by three police officers believed to have thrown the woman out of a speeding van.

BRIEFLY

NAIROBI

Kaparo among 32 listed for cohesion team slots

Former Speaker of the National Assembly Francis ole Kaparo and ex-Tourism minister Morris Dzoro are among 32 candidates shortlisted for commissioner positions in the National Cohesion and Integration Commission. The National Assembly's Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, chaired by Mr Samuel Chepkonga, is expected to interview 16 candidates today and the rest on Monday. Former chairman of the commission Mzalendo Kibunja is also seeking to be a commissioner.

SIAYA

Knec sued for grade 'Y' in Form 4 exam

A man has taken the Kenya National Examinations Council to court for awarding his son a 'Y' without giving reasons. Mr Benedict Wanyama wants the council to be compelled to grade his son Evans, who sat last year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination at Sawagongo High School in Siaya County. Mr Wanyama said the problem concerns the Business Studies paper. A 'Y' is awarded when the council concludes that a student cheated in an examination.

NAIVASHA

Group claims Uhuru backing land scheme

Police in Naivasha are investigating a group soliciting money from residents, claiming that President Kenyatta will help them acquire land. The group, calling itself Uhuru Mashinani, has been demanding Sh500 from villagers. It says the cash is the registration fee that will secure their stake in the land once it is bought. Naivasha sub-county AP boss Robinson Maingi said he had received complaints about the group. "We are trying to establish whether they are genuine or not," he said.

Tobiko wants case against bank bosses thrown out

BY NATION CORRESPONDENT

A case filed against National Bank chairman Mohammed Abdirahaman Hassan and managing director Munir Sheikh Ahmed was rushed to court before the police concluded investigations, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Mr Victor Mule, a deputy prosecutor, said the Director of Public

Prosecutions, Mr Keriako Tobiko, was opposed to a private prosecution against the two bank directors by a former senior employee.

Mr Mule and lawyers Cecil Miller and George Oraro for Mr Ahmed and Mr Hassan respectively, urged principal magistrate Enock Cherono not to allow former bank company secretary Leonard Gethoi Kamweti to proceed with the private prosecution case.

Mr Miller has filed an objection to the private case saying "he is acting in bad faith while the case is incompetent and devoid of merit".

Contempt of court order

He also told Mr Cherono that Mr Kamweti was "in flagrant contempt of a court order issued by Lady Justice Rose Ougo on January 16, 2014".

Mr Oraro has also attacked the in-

tended criminal prosecution, saying "it is contrary to public policy and interest and is actuated by malice on the part of Mr Kamweti".

Mr Kamweti claims he was sacked because of commencing disciplinary action against a cousin of the two bank chiefs.

Mr Cherono directed Mr Kamweti to reply to the objections and scheduled the hearing for September.



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