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NATIONAL: 15 MAY, THREE KILLED IN AN AL SHABAB ATTACK IN MANDERA

Media sources indicate that in the later hours of Monday 15 May, suspected Al Shabab fighters carried out an attack in the Omar Jillow area, Mandera County killing three people including a local security administrator. Two National Police Reservists are believed to have been kidnapped. The Kenya military has enhanced operation in the area

[Constellis Security Source / Daily Nation](#)



NATIONAL: 15 MAY, GOVT SECURES \$3.59 BILLION MORE FROM CHINA TO EXTEND SGR TO KISUMU

President Uhuru Kenyatta secured an additional \$3.59 billion from China to extend SGR from Naivasha to Kisumu. Uhuru secured the amount that will be available immediately at a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday.

[The Star](#)

NATIONAL: 15 MAY, KNCHR MOVES TO SUPREME COURT TO BLOCK POLITICIANS WITH “INTEGRITY ISSUES”

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) is reported to have appealed to the Supreme Court with concerns about the integrity of politicians ahead of the general election on 8 August 2017. The KNCHR is seeking an advisory opinion from the court on standards and guidelines that should apply to leadership and integrity. It wants aspirants with questionable reputations barred from the election as many of those who won the just-concluded party primaries cannot pass integrity tests.

[The Star](#)

NATIONAL: 15 MAY, BUNGOMA, NAIROBI WORST AFFECTED BY PRIMARIES VIOLENCE / BRIBERY – KNCHR

A report released on Monday by the KNCHR indicated that Bungoma and Nairobi counties recorded the highest number of incidences of violence and bribery during party primaries concluded recently. According to the study conducted between April and May, Bungoma accounted for 23 and 25 per cent of all cases of violence and bribery reported in 224 centres across 33 counties with Nairobi recording 11 and 17 per cent. regarding violence during primaries, Turkana county was third at 12 per cent followed by Mombasa, Migori, Kisumu, Kisii, Kirinyaga, Kericho, Isiolo, Tana River and Nakuru counties all accounting for six per cent of the cases.

[Capital FM](#)

NATIONAL: 15 MAY, KDF COMMENCE MONTH-LONG RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The nationwide recruitment of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) personnel commenced on Monday and will run for a month with those targeted including servicemen, constables, and tradesmen. According to the schedule, the exercise will begin in Nyeri, Laikipia, Bomet, Samburu, Narok, West Pokot, Kwale, Lamu, Kiambu and Taita Taveta Counties. According to Vice Chief of Defence Forces Lieutenant General Joseph Kasaon, adequate measures have been put in place to ensure that the recruitment for 3,000 officers countrywide is corruption-free.

[Capital FM](#)

NATIONAL: 15 MAY, IEBC RECEIVES NAMES OF 11,309 CANDIDATES

Names of at least 11,309 candidates who will be fielded by various political parties in the August polls have been uploaded on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) portal. So far the IEBC has listed 8 presidential candidates, 180 gubernatorial aspirants, 258 senatorial candidates, 260 female representative candidates, 1,470 MP and 9,133 seeking MCA seats. The list excluded the 4,950 independent candidates who had sought clearance ahead of the August polls.

[Citizen Tv](#)

NAIROBI: 15 MAY, TWO CARJACKING INCIDENTS CARRIED OUT IN LAVINGTON BY CRIMINAL GROUP

On 14 May, a resident was carjacked and driven to an unknown location after he was accosted by armed men while being dropped by a taxi at his gate along Covenant Drive in Lavington. Sources indicated that the vehicle that was trailing the victim had been also carjacked along Gatanga Road with a family on board. The family was robbed of cash and other valuables before being abandoned at the gate. The man and the taxi driver were later abandoned along Brookside Drive after being robbed of cash and forced to withdraw more funds from an ATM.

[Constellis Security Source](#)

COASTAL/MOMBASA

TAITA TAVETA: 15 MAY, POLICE PROBE CLAIMS OF MUNGIKI EXTORTION IN MINES

The County Security Committee summoned the head of security at Bridges Mining, Philip Syengo, to shed light on the presence of Mungiki supporters (a religious and ethnic cult) in mining fields. County Commissioner Kula Hache said recent claims by the security head in the media that Mungiki had taken over mines in the region was a security threat to potential mining investors.

[The Standard](#)

UP COUNTRY

LAIKIPIA: 15 MAY, SUSPECTED POKOT BANDITS BURN HOUSE IN FRESH RAID ON OL MAISOR RANCH

On Sunday night, suspected Pokot bandits burned a house in a fresh attack on Ol Maisor ranch in Laikipia. The invaders fired several shots in the air before burning the house.

[The Star](#)

LAIKIPIA: 15 MAY, POLICE RECOVER TWO FIREARMS FROM AN ILLEGAL HERDER

On 15 May, police in Laikipia recovered two firearms from illegal herders' Manyatta at Ol Maisor ranch. The firearms were suspected to be government issued.

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NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

SOUTH SUDAN: 15 MAY, OVER US\$1.4 BILLION NEEDED FOR SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEES IN 2017

The UN Refugee Agency and the World Food Programme urged donors to step up support for desperate refugees fleeing South Sudan. Humanitarian agencies are seeking US\$ 1.4 billion to provide life-saving aid to South Sudanese refugees in the six neighbouring countries until the end of 2017.

[UNHCR](#)

SOUTH SUDAN: 15 MAY, U.N. ACCUSES UKRAINE OF SUPPLYING SOUTH SUDAN WITH ARMS

A United Nations panel of experts has accused Ukraine of supplying South Sudan with weapons. The U.N report, mentioned the case of an Ilyunshinil-76 aircraft that was transported from Ukraine to Uganda on 27 January. Border areas between South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda were key entry points for arms to Juba, the U.N panel of experts report stated.

[Sudan Tribune](#)

UGANDA: 15 MAY, POLICE DEPLOYED AS UNRA STARTS EVICTIONS ALONG KAMPALA-ENTEBBE ROAD

More police officers were deployed along Kampala- Entebbe road as Uganda National Roads Authority took a whip on encroachers of the road reserve. More than 1,000 buildings on Entebbe Road are to be demolished.

[AllAfrica](#)

TRAVEL ADVISORIES

1. **Australian Government:** <http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/countries/kenya>
Updated: 24 April 2017
2. **Canadian Government:** <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/kenya>
Updated: 02 May 2017
3. **French Government:** <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays/kenya>
Updated: 08 May 2017

4. **UK Government:** <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/kenya>
Updated: 24 April 2017
 5. **United States Government:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/kenya-travel-warning.html>
Updated: 13 January 2017
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FORTHCOMING KEY EVENTS 2017

1. 11 May – 09 June 2017: Voter verification exercise
2. 26 May – 24 June 2017: Ramadan
3. 28 - 31 May 2017: Nominations for County Assembly Ward Representative Elections (elevated threat of political violence, gang-related activities, petty crime and traffic disruptions in both urban and rural locations)
4. 01 - 02 June 2017: Nominations for National Assembly and Governor (elevated threat of political violence, gang-related activities, petty crime and traffic disruptions in both urban and rural locations)
5. 13 - 14 June 2017: Sustainable Properties Africa Conference and Exhibition (SPACE), Nairobi
6. 08 - 10 June 2017: International Manufacturing Expo at the KICC, Nairobi
7. 08 August 2017: General Election
8. 26 - 28 Oct 2017: 20th Edition of the Kenya International Trade Exhibition at the KICC, Nairobi

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