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PHOTO STORY

President William Ruto views the building plan of the Nakuru affordable housing project in Bondeni yesterday. With him are Yusuf Taheral, Mohammed Hassanali and Abdulkadir Hasanali of Kings Developers

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FOLLOWED BLOOD STAINS

Suspect leads cops to alleged grave of missing Ugandan

CYRUS OMBATI/ Police are guarding a shallow grave believed to be a place where a missing doctor could be buried in Kabras, Kakamega county.

Dr Gideon Wamasebu Simiyu, 62, has been missing for a week since he was abducted as he traveled to Kenya for unknown mission.

On February 10, a suspect led police to the Machemo area where they discovered clotted blood.

Police followed blood stains to a river bank where a shallow grave had been dug.

Police suspect, Dr Simiyu was killed and buried there after his kidnappers failed to receive Sh4 million they wanted.

A team of police guarded the grave from Saturday to Monday when they sought a court order to dig and exhume the body.

Kakamega North subcounty police commander Paul Mwendwa said a suspect led them to the site.

He said preliminary investigations had shown the doctor traveled to Kenya a week ago in the company of a man who claimed to be a pastor.

The doctor reportedly traveled to Kenya by public transport and told his family he was headed for Kakamega.

Simiyu later sent a distress call to his relatives, saying his life was in danger. He asked for Sh4 million to save his life. The relatives say it was the last time he communicated with them. He is the one who led authorities to where the grave was. Police said a suspect who had been using the doctor's mobile phone number to send extortion text messages to relatives was arrested.

PARTY LEADERSHIP

Kenyatta isolated, Odinga gets tough with 'saboteurs'

Seven ex-Jubilee MPs support Nakuru NEC meeting to oust Kioni

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Retired President Uhuru Kenyatta continues to get isolated in his Mt Kenya backyard, even as Azimio chief Raila Odinga cracks the whip on eight rebels in his ODM party.

A day after Uhuru vowed Jubilee will not exit Azimio coalition, seven former Jubilee MPs on Monday jointly ganged up against their party leader. The seven are in support of about 30 Jubilee MPs and a section of National Executive Committee members who want secretary gen-

eral Jeremiah Kioni and vice chairman David Murathe ejected from the party leadership.

Speaking in Nairobi, the former lawmakers said they also support the delinking of Jubilee from Azimio.

Maoka Maore (Igembe North), Jude Njomo (Kiambu), Mercy Gakuya (Kasarani), Mugambi Gachoki (Othaya), Jonah Mburu (Lari), Kihara Kimari (Mathioya) and Wachira Kabinga (Mwea) demanded a meeting of the Jubilee delegates to ratify the Nakuru resolutions to pave way for the revamping of the outfit.

"We are bona fide members of the

Jubilee Party and we want to declare our full support for the resolutions of the Jubilee NEC meeting held in Nakuru," Jomo said.

"A meeting will be held soon to ratify the changes and revamp the party."

Interestingly, the MPs were part of Uhuru's inner circle and strongly backed Raila's 2022 presidential bid.

On Monday, they declared the former ruling party was not part of the anti-government rallies being organised by the opposition.

Their remarks come days after Uhuru said Jubilee will not work

with President William Ruto's Kenya Kwanza.

As Uhuru came under more pressure, Raila's ODM issued show cause letters to eight of its members who defied the party's position and held a meeting with Ruto at State House. ODM has maintained that it does not recognise Ruto and his Kenya Kwanza government.

The eight are Kisumu Senator Tom Ojienda, MPs Felix Odiwuor aka Jalang'o (Lang'ata), Mark Nyamita (Uriri), Caroli Omondi (Suba South), Gideon Ochanda (Bondo), Elisha Odhiambo (Gem), Paul Abuor (Rongo) and Walter Owino (Awendo).

The defiant move by lawmakers to meet President Ruto at State House and pledge their allegiance has infuriated the ODM boss, who has declared he better remains with fewer troops than a big team of 'traitors'.

ODM chairman John Mbadi confirmed to the Star the party has issued show cause letters in line with the complaint lodged by Migori Senator Eddy Oketch.

AFTER DIVORCE SUIT

Court allows Linturi to evict MP Kitany from Runda home

ANNETTE WAMBULWA/ Aldai MP Maryanne Kitany may be evicted from the Runda home she shared with Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi before their bitter fallout more than six years ago.

John Mutwiri Mbijiwe of Bealine Auctioneers had filed a notice of motion dated February 7, seeking orders to allow them to evict Kitany from the house.

Bealine Auctioneers filed the application alongside Linturi, who was the second applicant.

The auctioneers are not going after Kitany because of any debt but they have been contracted by Linturi to evict her from the house, which he claims belongs to him.

Kitany has been enjoying the rights of the house due to court orders barring Linturi from evicting her. But after the ruling on their marriage, Linturi went after the house which they both laid claim to in their court papers.

In an amended order signed on February 13, the commercial court

gave auctioneers the green light to evict Kitany from the home. This was after the High Court in January declined to give her orders stopping Linturi from evicting her from the house.

In the order, which was initially issued on February 7, magistrate Wendy Micheni directed the OCS Runda police station to provide security to the auctioneers in evicting Kitany.

"That the OCS Runda police station or any other officer from the station of the rank above the assistant inspector of police be and hereby ordered to provide security and police assistance in evicting Hon Maryanne Kitany from House no 16 Ridge County Villas in Runda Estate," the order reads.

In September, magistrate H Nyaga, now a High Court judge, ruled that Kitany was never married to Linturi, as she alleged.

During their divorce hearings, Kitany claimed that she helped Linturi to build the house in Run-

da and even a rural home in Meru, which Linturi denied.

Nyaga had ruled in Linturi's favour saying there was no marriage between the two.

Kitany had claimed in her court documents that they had a customary marriage in her home but the court said that marriage cannot be recognised in the Kenyan law. She attached photographs showing Linturi at their home where he had allegedly gone for their traditional marriage ceremony.

Nyaga said that from evidence produced Linturi was in a monogamous marriage with Mercy Kaimenyi and could not hold any other form of marriage.

In January, Justice Maureen Odera declined to give orders stopping her eviction pending determination of her appeal.

The judge dismissed an application by Kitany seeking temporary orders to be allowed to continue living in the Runda house.



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ADDENDUM III

Reference is made to Tender **No. THIWASCO/046/RWOTP/2022-2023**: Upgrade of Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project Phase II, which appeared on My Gov, printed by the Star Newspaper, our website, and on the Public Procurement Information Portal on **January 10, 2023**.

THIWASCO wishes to make amendments in the tender and therefore interested and eligible bidders are urged to obtain further information and clarifications that have been uploaded in our website www.thikawater.co.ke and also in the Public Procurement Information Portal (PPIP).

The bid closing/submission date and time has also been extended from **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 11:00am** to **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 11:00am**.

Yours faithfully

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