

NEWS GENERAL

MENTION ON NOVEMBER 19

Judge stops directive asking refugees to surrender passports

CYRUS OMBATI / A judge yesterday issued a conservatory order staying the decision of the State directing all refugees and asylum seekers to surrender their passports within 30 days.

Justice Bahati Mwamuye also injunctioned the state from taking any adverse action.

This follows a case filed by the Refugee Legal Networks and Semhar Weldemichael Haile.

“That pending the inter partes hearing and determination of the application dated 28/10/2024, a conservatory order be and is hereby issued staying the 1st Respondent’s (the Commissioner of Refugee Services) decision/directive/notice dated 30/09/2024 directing that all refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya shall surrender the passport from the country of origin within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision/directive/notice,” read the order.

“That pending the inter partes

hearing and determination of the application dated 28/10/2024, a conservatory order be and is hereby issued restraining the respondents, their agents, servants, associated agencies and any public body that acts with them under a multi-agency framework from taking any adverse decision or action against any refugee or asylum seeker who has not complied with the decision/directive/notice dated 30/09/2024 directing that all refugees and asylum seekers in Kenya shall surrender the passport from the country of origin within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision/directive/notice.”

The case shall be mentioned on November 19.

Those sued include the Commissioner of Refugees and State Law Office.

The Commissioner, John Burugu, said he issued the order in line with international refugee laws and the Refugee Act of 2021.

COMMISSIONER ISSUED THE ORDER IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAWS AND THE REFUGEE ACT OF 2021



PHOTO STORY

US Ambassador Meg Whitman when she was hosted by Radio Africa Group chairman Kiprono Kittony in Trans Nzoia county where they discussed opportunities for partnership between Kenya and the United States yesterday

/HANDOUT

GRINDING TO A HALT

Counties crisis: MPs form mediation team

Parliament had approved allocation but introduced amendments following withdrawal of Finance Bill

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Counties are in dire straits following the National Treasury’s delay in disbursing funds, worsening the cash crisis in the devolved units.

This is even as lawmakers have formed a team to unlock the revenue impasse.

Cumulatively, the counties are yet to receive more than Sh100 billion for August, September and October.

The Star has established that several counties are teetering on the brink with crucial operations nearly to a halt.

The Senate and the National Assembly have clashed on the revised Division of Revenue Bill, 2024.

While the National Assembly wants the devolved units to get Sh380 billion, the Senate has stood its ground, insisting that the counties be allocated Sh400.1 billion.

Initially, Parliament had approved the allocation of Sh400.1 billion but soon introduced amendments

following the withdrawal of the Finance Bill, 2024.

The development has triggered a mediation with the Houses sending names of nine members each to sit in the team.

From the Senate, Speaker Amason Kingi has picked Edwin Sifuna (Nairobi), Mombasa’s Mohamed Faki, Richard Onyonka (Kisii), Eddy Oketch (Migori), Mandera’s Ali Roba and Julius Murgor (West Pokot) to sit in the mediation committee.

Others are Nominated Senator Veronica Maina, Nyeri’s Wahome Wamatinga and Danson Mungatana (Tana River).

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang’ula has fronted Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro, who is also the House’s Budget and Appropriations Committee chairman.

Others are Mary Emaase (Teso South), Tongaren’s John Chikati, David Ochieng (Ugunja), David Kiplagat (Soy), Otiende Amollo (Rarieda) and Wajir’s Fatuma Jehow.

Also on the mediation committee are Makali Mulu (Kitui Central) and Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula).

RESPONSE TO OUTBREAK

Kenya, Uganda cross-border polio vaccination reached 6.5 million kids

JOHN MUCHANGI / The recent polio vaccination exercise, conducted jointly in Kenya and Uganda, reached more than 6.5 million children, according to a tally.

In Kenya about 3.5 children were vaccinated, although the exercise was marked with cases of adverse reactions to the vaccine, which the Ministry of Health said it is investigating.

The exercise took place between October 2 and 6, in response to

a recent outbreak of circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Type 2 in Kenya and Uganda.

The vaccination campaign took place in Nairobi, Busia, Bungoma, Turkana, Trans Nzoia, West Pokot, Kiambu, Machakos and Kajiado.

The WHO has praised the two countries, saying the joint exercise ensured that children under five in these vulnerable areas were reached effectively, reducing the chance of cross-border virus transmission.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH STATE DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

TENDER NOTICE

1. Proposed Upgrading of Mt. Elgon Sub County Hospital, Bungoma County,

Tender No. MOH/SDMS/OT/01/2024 - 2025 (IFMIS Negotiation No. 1667789)

2. Proposed Construction of Kegonga Level IV Hospital, Kuria East, Migori County,

Tender No. MOH/SDMS/OT/02/2024 - 2025 (IFMIS Negotiation No. 1667773)

3. Proposed Construction of Level 3A Hospital in Khwisero, Kakamega County, Tender No:

MOH/SDMS/OT/03/2024 - 2025 (IFMIS Negotiation No. 1667843)

- 1.1 The State Department for Medical Services invites tenders from eligible bidders for the above tenders.
- 1.2 Interested eligible candidates may obtain a complete set of tender documents with detailed qualification criteria at the State Department for Medical Services website: www.health.go.ke, the Public Procurement Information Portal and IFMIS portal supplier.treasury.go.ke and search using the **unique IFMIS Negotiation Number** provided against the tenders.
- 1.3 Tenders shall be quoted in Kenya Shillings inclusive of all taxes and shall remain valid for 126 days from the date of opening of tenders.
- 1.4 Completed tender documents shall be submitted through the **IFMIS SUPPLIER PORTAL: www.supplier.treasury.go.ke** as per the requirements contained in the tender document so as to be received on or before **Friday 8th November, 2024 at 11.00 am. East African time.**
- 1.5 Interested eligible candidates may obtain further information and inspect the tender documents at the State Department for Medical Services, Afya House, Cathedral Road 5th Floor, Room 514B.
- 1.6 Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the candidates or their representatives who choose to attend at State Department for Medical Services GTZ Board Room Afya House Nairobi, Cathedral Road.
- 1.7 Any late tender will be rejected.

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For: **PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**