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MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL



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As the Patron of this Newsletter and a proud member of the National Police Service (NPS) family, I am deeply honored to introduce this latest edition, which captures a season of transformation, resilience, and unwavering commitment within the Service.

In this edition the NPS showcases powerful reflections on our mental health agenda, a subject central to the wellness and effectiveness of our officers. It affirms that behind the badge lies a human being—deserving of care, compassion, and support. From the Mental Health Awareness Campaigns to the strategic separation of chaplaincy and psychosocial care, we reinforce our belief that wellness is the foundation of professional excellence.

We also celebrate milestones such as commissioning the CBK Police Housing Complex and the Airwing's certification as an Approved Maintenance Organization—hallmarks of reform reaffirming our path towards a modern, well-equipped, and people-centered police service.

National prayer services, grassroots tours, and international sporting triumphs remind us of our officers'spirit, discipline, and sacrifice. Each story is a testament to the dedication that powers our mission and vision for a secure, compassionate, and just society.

Let this issue serve not only as an archive of progress but also as an inspiration for what we continue to strive toward: accessible, responsive, professional, and accountable policing.

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With immense pride, I welcome you to Issue No. 15 of the National Police Service Magazine—an edition that documents not only achievement but heart, humanity, and hope.

Within these pages, we delve into a broad

spectrum of themes: the transformative power of sports as seen in the historic league victories by Kenya Police FC and Bullets FC, the frontline efforts in Gender-Based Violence response, and PC Julius Mwenda's extraordinary journey of environmental advocacy that has earned him international acclaim. These are stories of resilience and innovation led by officers who go beyond the call of duty.

The National Police Service's strategic vision, as captured through the NPS Strategic Plan 2023–2027, continues to unfold with impressive momentum. From specialized leadership courses to regional disarmament efforts through RECSA, our officers are becoming architects of regional peace, champions of dignity, and guardians of justice.

As the editor, I draw inspiration from the authenticity and sincerity of the voices represented in this issue—whether it's in the laughter of an athlete at the EAPCCO Games, the resolve of a commander at NPLA, or the silent strength of a survivor receiving support from a well-trained officer.

Thank you for reading, reflecting, and standing with the men and women of the National Police Service.

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Unmasking Mental Health In The Line Of Duty

"Mental health is not a destination but a process. It's about how you drive, not where you're going."

Noam Shpancer, Psychologist

ach May, the world pauses to reflect, educate, and act during Mental Health Awareness Month—and this year, the National Police Service (NPS) is proud to join the global community under the 2025 theme: "Unmasking Mental Health."

For police officers, whose daily duty intersects with trauma, high-pressure scenarios, and emotional strain, mental wellness is not just a personal matter; it is a national imperative. The NPS has swiftly recognized and appreciated this by responding with unwavering commitment, laying the foundation for a resilient, compassionate police service.

Under the visionary leadership of Inspector General Mr. Douglas Kanja, the NPS has pioneered initiatives to embed mental health into the heart of policing. The launch of the NPS Psychological Counselling Policy was a watershed moment that formalized support systems for officers across Kenya.

In 2020, the policy gave rise to the Directorate of Chaplaincy, Counselling, and Psychosocial Support—a landmark move to decentralize mental health services and bring them closer to those who need them most. A dedicated leadership team steers this directorate:

- Dr. Vincent K. Makokha, AIG Kenya Police Service
- Mr. Julius Kangentu, SSP -Administration Police Service
- Mr. Mwai Munene Assistant Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations

Together, they have mobilized psychologists, chaplains, counselors, and imams nationwide, delivering holistic wellness programs directly to officers and their families.

The NPS has formed strategic alliances with accredited medical facilities for care, training, and rehabilitation to amplify its reach and impact. A groundbreaking partnership with Africa International University and the Disability Mainstreaming Foundation of Kenya birthed the Psychosocial Support Training Programme, which equips officers with the tools to understand, manage, and overcome mental health challenges.

In an age of rapid digital transformation, the NPS is at the forefront of integrating technology for mental wellness. Early-stage collaborations are underway to launch an Alpowered psychological support app designed to increase access to care for officers stationed in Kenya's most remote areas.

Meanwhile, ongoing programs include:

- Regular mental health screenings
- Rehabilitation programs
- Group and individual therapy sessions
- Loss and grief counseling for bereaved families of fallen officers
- Trauma debriefing for officers after hospital discharge

A structured "Return-to-Duty" strategy ensures that injured or traumatized officers are psychologically supported before rejoining active Service.

The NPS recognizes that mental health is about treatment, early detection, and prevention. Routine counseling needs assessments across all units to help detect conditions like depression, trauma, and PTSD.

Special attention is given to senior commanders who may suffer from vicarious or secondary trauma. These leaders undergo customized counseling and awareness training to ensure their emotional health is also prioritized—because the wellness of those who lead directly impacts the morale of those who serve.

"The Inspector General's progressive agenda to transform policing to its utmost excellence begins with mentally healthy officers."

Beneath every uniform lies a human being with emotions, struggles, and the need for care. The NPS continues to break stigma, build resilience, and foster a culture of support—championing the idea that mental wellness is integral to national security.

As the NPS celebrates Mental Health Awareness Month, it remains deeply committed to creating a safer, more compassionate police force and society.



IG Presides Over the NPS Commanders' Conference at NPLA Ngong'

Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Douglas Kanja, today, June 5, 2025, hosted and presided over the National Police Service Commanders' Conference at NPLA Ngong'. He was accompanied by the Deputy Inspectors General of the Kenya Police Service, Mr. Eliud Lagat, and the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, alongside the Director Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Mr. Mohammed Amin.

The conference brought together senior police commanders, including directors of various directorates, formation commanders, and regional commanders across the Kenya Police Service, Administration Police Service, and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.

The high-level conference provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on key policing priorities, including strategic command and decision-making in law enforcement, leadership ethics and integrity, police accountability, multiagency collaboration, community-centered policing, and media and public relations.

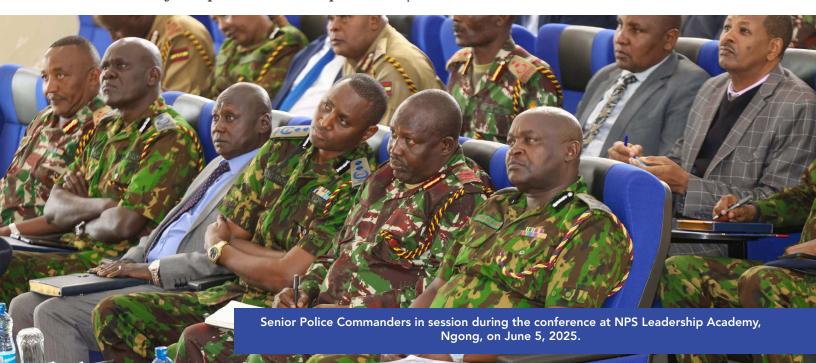
Quoting the former President Mwai Kibaki, "Leadership is a privilege to better the lives of others." IG Kanja emphasized the importance

of leading by example, upholding integrity, and striving for excellence in Service. He reiterated that commanders' conduct must reflect the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and respect in all public interactions, describing policing as a service to the people, not an imposition of authority.

IG Kanja underscored the critical role of police commanders in implementing the National Police Service Strategic Plan 2023–2027, urging them to translate its objectives into meaningful outcomes that enhance policing nationwide.

Furthermore, IG Kanja called for establishing clear communication channels and routine evaluation of police practices to ensure all officers adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards.

He added that the National Police Service remains steadfast in its commitment to building a professional, well-equipped, and people-centered Police Service dedicated to serving with honour and integrity.



CBK Police Housing Officially Opened In Industrial Area, Nairobi

DIGNIFIED LIVING FOR NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE OFFICERS

President Ruto Commissions CBK Police Housing Complex in Nairobi

n 3 June 2025, the Inspector General of Police, Mr Douglas Kanja, joined His Excellency Dr William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, to officially commission and hand over the new Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Police Housing Complex located in Industrial Area, Nairobi.

The state-of-the-art residential facility is the product of a strategic partnership between the Central Bank of Kenya and the National Police Service (NPS), formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding that has also birthed other landmark initiatives, including the National Police Leadership Academy in Ngong'—a premier institution for training police commanders.

The CBK Police Housing Complex comprises 210 fully furnished flats—200 two-bedroom units and 10 three-bedroom units—designed to provide quality and comfort for officers assigned to CBK. Beyond housing, the facility features a modern gymnasium and a day-care centre, reinforcing the NPS's

commitment to enhancing the welfare and working environment of its personnel.

Speaking at the event, President Ruto lauded the CBK-NPS collaboration as a powerful demonstration of how inter-agency partnerships can effectively address long-standing challenges. He underscored the importance of dignified housing in restoring the pride and morale of police officers, many of whom have historically endured inadequate living conditions. The President termed the project a benchmark for future government-led housing initiatives.

The ceremony was attended by a host of senior government and security officials, including Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Hon Alice Wahome; Principal Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Dr Raymond Omollo; Principal Secretary for the National Treasury, Dr Chris Kiptoo; Principal Secretary for Housing and Urban Development, Hon Charles Hinga; CBK Governor, Dr Kamau Thugge; and Nairobi Governor, Hon Johnson Sakaja.



H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, tests gym equipment alongside IG Douglas Kanja during the official handover of the new CBK Police Housing Units in Nairobi's Industrial Area – 3 June 2025.

Spiritual Nourishment For Disciplined Services

A Nationwide Celebration Of Faith, Duty, And Unity



Disciplined Service Officers during the Annual Joint Prayers and Thanksgiving Service for uniformed and disciplined services and their families.

n an inspiring display of unity, faith, and gratitude, officers from Kenva's disciplined services. including the Kenya Police Administration Service, Police Service, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Wildlife Service. Kenva Kenya Forest Service and Kenva Prisons Services their families came together across the country to participate in a series Annual Joint Prayers and Thanksgiving Services. These ceremonies, held in different regions throughout the year, served as moments

of spiritual renewal, moral encouragement, and national reflection for officers committed to protecting and serving the nation.

Under the theme "God strengthens and keeps me secure" (Psalms 18:32), the services were a testament to the divine foundation upon which the role of disciplined services is anchored, highlighting the importance of spiritual nourishment in the line of duty.

Central Region

Held at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral in

Nyeri, the Central Region's Thanksgiving Service brought together personnel from Kenva the Police Service, Administration Police Service, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Prisons Kenya Service, Wildlife Service. Kenva and Kenya Forest Service. Presiding over the mass was His Lordship Bishop George Muthaka, Bishop of Garissa Diocese, and the Chaplaincy leader for Uniformed and Disciplined Services. He commended officers for their selfless calling to serve, protect, and uphold justice.

Bishop Muthaka emphasized the guiding principles of (Service), Huduma Haki (Justice), and Huruma (Mercy), urging officers to conduct their duties with integrity, fairness. and compassion. The Chief Guest, Acting Central Regional Commissioner Mr. Joshua Nkanatha, lauded the event for enhancing morale and mental wellness while expressing gratitude to stakeholders like Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their continued support.

Upper Eastern Region: Embu, Meru, and Tharaka Nithi

Disciplined officers and their families from Tharaka Nithi, Meru, and Embu counties gathered at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Parish, Embu, for a solemn thanksgiving service led by Rt: Rev. Peter Kimani Ndung'u, Bishop of Embu Diocese. The Service paid tribute to the tireless commitment of officers to public safety, peace, and security.

Bishop Ndung'u encouraged officers to remain steadfast in their noble mission, reminding them that their work is an active response to God's call, a source of hope and reassurance for the nation.

Coastal Region: Mombasa and Malindi

Across the Coast, thanksgiving services drew extensive participation from counties including Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu, and Tana River. In Mombasa, the Service held at the Tudor Pastoral Centre brought uniformed services and their families together to pray for peace, unity, and national cohesion.

Bishop Muthaka, also leading the coastal services, emphasized that spiritual teachings support the enforcement of law and order by inspiring human dignity, hope, and rehabilitation.

Meanwhile, in Malindi Bishop Muthaka presided over another vibrant mass at St. Anthony's Cathedral Church, attended by officers from Kilifi, Tana River, and



Disciplined Service officers marching during the Central Region Annual Joint Prayers and Thanksgiving service at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral, Nyeri, on May 24, 2025.

Lamu Counties. The event also marked a ceremonial handover of pastoral coordination duties from the Kenya Wildlife Service to the Kenya Forest Service, underscoring inter-agency cooperation and continuity in spiritual programming.

Deputy County Commissioner of Malindi, Mr. David Lusava, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, highlighted the value of such gatherings in reinforcing discipline, faith, and community spirit.

North Eastern Region

Garissa hosted its regional Service at the Cathedral Catholic Church. In his sermon, Bishop Muthaka paid tribute to the sacrifices of security officers, reminding them that their daily Service requires courage, moral integrity, and a deep connection to their families, who are the pillars of peace and

resilience.

He called upon officers to strengthen family bonds and uphold the sanctity of their duty as protectors of both the Constitution and the human spirit.

Across all regions, these thanksgiving services provided a spiritual anchor for the country's disciplined services. Through prayer, worship, and encouragement, officers were reminded of their divine purpose to serve with courage, compassion, and humility. The events also reinforced the role of faith-based institutions as partners in peace-building, moral guidance, and national cohesion.

As Kenya continues to navigate security challenges and societal transformation, the collaboration between the Church and the disciplined services remains a cornerstone of resilience, unity, and hope.



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Kenya Forest Service Deputy County Conservator of Forests Nairobi, Mr. Ambrose Genga (left), Inspector Kuloba (right), Kenya Re Group Managing Director Dr. Hillary Wachinga & Lenana School Principal and students.

enya Reinsurance Corporation Limited, a State Corporation under the National Treasury and Planning Ministry, proudly supports the Presidential directive to plant 15 billion trees by the year 2032. This initiative aims to restore approximately 10.6 million hectares of degraded land across Kenya, contributing significantly to climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable livelihoods.

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2024/2025 financial year. This initiative aligns closely with it's (ESG) strategy, which places sustainability and responsible corporate citizenship at the core of our operations.

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NPS Strengthens GBV Case Response Through Officer Capacity-Building Training



PS – Parliamentary Affairs, Ms. Aurelia Chepkurui Rono, during the closing ceremony of addressing participants at the GBV Case Management and Shelter Linkage course closing, NPS Leadership Academy, Ngong', April 3, 2025.

s part of its ongoing commitment uphold human rights and promote professional policing in line with the National Police Strategic Plan Service (2023-2027), the NPS has intensified efforts to combat Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through targeted officer training. On April 3, 2025, the NPS marked a significant milestone by completing a capacity-building for 365 police officers from counties, focusing on

GBV case management and linkage to survivor shelters. The training occurred at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), Ngong.

This milestone builds on multi-agency meeting held on November 5, 2024, which convened government entities, civil society organizations. faith-based institutions, development and community partners, leaders address to root causes of GBV and enhance support systems for survivors. The meeting : identified key action areas that have since informed police response strategies, including strengthening first responder capacity, survivorcentered service delivery, and legal accountability mechanisms.

Conducted in partnership with the Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC)—a renowned institution in GBV prevention, treatment, and advocacy—the course covered critical modules, including the role of law enforcement in GBV prevention, survivor-

centered case management, investigative techniques, and officer self-care and wellness. GVRC also emphasized the importance of traumainformed policing and interagency collaboration in handling GBV cases.

The official closing ceremony was presided over by Ms. Aurelia Rono, Principal Secretary of the State **Department for Parliamentary** Affairs, on behalf of Ms. Ann Wang'ombe, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action. In her remarks, she commended commitment of officers and reaffirmed the government's dedication to eliminating GBV. She noted that police officers, as first responders, play a critical role in shaping survivors' pursuit of justice and healing. She said the country can foster a safer and more just society by equipping them with the right tools.

Ms. Rono applauded the leadership of the National Police Service for integrating gender-responsive policing institutional into its priorities. She emphasized government's ongoing commitment working to collaboratively with stakeholders to ensure a coordinated and sustained approach to addressing GBV.

Aligned with Strategic Pillar 4 of the Strategic Plan 2023–2027, which focuses on police reforms and the welfare of officers, the NPS continues to embed officer

wellness and mental health support across all its training and operational programs. The Service recognizes that effective policing begins with a mentally fit and emotionally resilient workforce. To this end, the NPS is scaling psychosocial support up systems, peer counseling programs, and access to trauma-informed care ensure that officers especially those handling complex and emotionally demanding cases like GBV receive the care they need.

Through these efforts, the NPS reaffirms its strategic goal of building a modern, responsive, and community-focused police service anchored in professionalism, accountability, and protecting all citizens.



Participants engaged in a training session during the GBV workshop at NPS Leadership Academy, Ngong.



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Milestone In The Skies

NPS Airwing Now a Certified Maintenance Organization



DIG KPS Mr. Eliud Lagat, Airwing Commandant, Capt. James Kabo, SAIG, and Mr. Masaud Mwinyi, SAIG, cut a celebratory cake during the NPS Airwing AMO accreditation ceremony at Wilson, April 24, 2025.

he National Police Service (NPS) Airwing has achieved a historic officially milestone, attaining certification as an Approved Aircraft Maintenance Organization (AMO) by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA). Celebrated on April 24, 2025, following formal accreditation on April 9, this achievement marks a turning point for the unit and symbolizes a renewed commitment to safety, professionalism, and operational excellence. With this certification, Airwing has been authorized to independently conduct aircraft maintenance, repairs, and inspections in full compliance with the stringent regulations set by KCAA. The accreditation affirms Airwing's technical competence and aligns with the Service's ongoing reform agenda, particularly

transforming police units into modern, selfreliant institutions capable of delivering world-class Service.

Speaking during the celebration on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, the Deputy Inspector General of the Kenya Police Service, Mr. Eliud Lagat, commended Airwing for this remarkable accomplishment. He highlighted the impact the certification will have on the unit's operations, noting that it will significantly reduce aircraft downtime and enhance the fleet's readiness for national security and public safety operations. Lagat emphasized that the move reflects a strong commitment to safety and efficiency, further strengthening the NPS's capacity to respond to emergencies swiftly. He also noted that the certification

will technical: support personnel's development and continuous training, laying the groundwork for a highly skilled and self-sustaining workforce. The milestone. he added, is a clear step towards transforming NPS centers institutions into of excellence, in line with 2023-2027 the Service's Strategic Plan.

At. the helm of this transformation is the Airwing's Commandant. Captain James Kabo, SAIG, who expressed pride in his team's resilience and dedication. He credited the success to the collaboration between officers, engineers, technicians, and support staff, describing the journey as one marked by discipline, focus, and unity. Captain Kabo reaffirmed Airwing's long-term vision of becoming a regional hub for aviation excellence, capable meeting local and regional aviation support demands reliably and precisely. This certification, he noted, is not just a technical badge of honor but a bold statement of intent—one that sets the tone for a new era of innovation and accountability within the police aviation sector.

Since its establishment in 1949, the NPS Airwing has supported nationwide enforcement law and emergency response efforts. Its core functions include aerial surveillance, crime prevention, disaster response, and search and rescue missions. However, in recent years, the unit's effectiveness been : has

severely hampered by a shift in control and systemic challenges. In December 2020, an executive order transferred the Airwing's operations to the National Support Department (NASD) under the Ministry of Defence, citing alleged mismanagement and poor oversight. Aircraft availability sharply declined during this period, with multiple crashes and widespread unserviceability reported. Police aircraft were often unavailable for urgent operations, undermining the Service's capacity to respond to emergencies.

The Airwing's return to control followed police recommendations made by the Justice (Rtd) David Maraga-led Taskforce Police and Prison Reforms. The task force acknowledged past management challenges but emphasized that stripping the NPS of its aviation unit was not sustainable solution. it recommended Instead, reestablishing internal systems supported by robust oversight, adequate and adherence funding, to KCAA regulations. The return of Airwing, coupled with the successful AMO certification, represents the implementation of those reforms—anchored accountability, institutional capacity building, and renewed purpose.

Obtaining AMO certification from KCAA is rigorous and governed by the Civil Aviation (Approved Maintenance Organization) Regulations, 2018. It involves five comprehensive phases: pre-application, formal application, document evaluation, demonstration and inspection, and final certification. Through this process, Airwing proved its ability to meet the highest aviation safety and standards. maintenance demonstrating readiness in terms of infrastructure, personnel, systems, and compliance. As an AMO, the unit now holds a license to carry scheduled maintenance modifications and aircraft, engines, airframes, and aviation components, ensuring aircraft are safe and airworthy at all times.

This achievement demonstrates what we can accomplish when vision, leadership, and teamwork converge. With AMO status secured, the NPS Airwing is again positioned as a vital pillar in Kenya's security architecture—ready to rise to every challenge with renewed strength and confidence. The certification affirms the Airwing's growing role in national development and underscores the National Police Service's broader commitment to excellence, professionalism, continuous improvement in service delivery. As the Airwing's helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft take flight, they now carry more than law enforcement personnel they have the spirit of reform, resilience, and a mandate to protect and serve from the skies.

Redefining Support For Police Wellness



Group photo: Senior NPS officers from the Directorate of Chaplaincy, Counselling, and Psychosocial Support with officials from the Counsellors and Psychologists Board, State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ministry of Health, at Afya Annex, Nairobi, on May 5, 2025.

landmark effort а reform internal to mental health support systems, the National Police Service (NPS), through the Directorate of Chaplaincy, Counselling, and Psychosocial Support, convened high-level а consultative meeting with the Counsellors and Psychologists Board under Department the State for Public Health and Professional Professional Standards. Ministry of Health. The team held the meeting on May 5, 2025, at Afya Annex, Nairobi.

The forum brought together mental health experts and

senior Service representatives to align the NPS's internal psychosocial care with national mental health Discussions standards. focused on various issues, including the registration and licensing of mental health professionals, ethical practices and supervision in counseling, integrating digital platforms for telepsychology, and establishing professional frameworks to support trauma recovery in policing.

During the forum, Dr. Vincent Makokha, AIG, emphasized the critical role of psychosocial services, stating, "Robust psychosocial

structures are not a luxury in policing—they are a necessity."

The consultative meeting follows transformative а directive issued on April 3, 2025, by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja Kirocho, to redefine strengthen internal and wellness services. Among the introduced changes is the clear separation Chaplaincy of (which provides spiritual care) from Psychosocial Support (which focuses on clinical mental health care).

To improve access and

responsiveness, psychosocial services are being decentralized to all medical facilities within the NPS. The new model also embraces a client-centered approach, allowing officers to choose between chaplaincy, counseling, or a combination of both based on their needs.

The facilitators clearly outlined the distinction between the two services. Psychosocial

support refers to mental wellness and trauma counseling provided by professionals such as counselors, psychologists, and psychiatrists using

"Robust psychosocial structures are not a luxury in policing they are a necessity."

evidence-based methods. On the other hand, Chaplaincy offers spiritual guidance and religious support delivered by faith-based leaders through prayer, pastoral care, and scripture-based methods. While psychosocial care is open to all, regardless of faith, Chaplaincy supports those seeking spiritual direction. The Inspector General affirmed, "Psychosocial support must be professional and science-based; chaplaincy must remain

spiritual and voluntary."

Voices from the forum reinforced the importance of this collaboration. Dr. Joel Wamalwa, Registrar of the Counsellors and Psychologists Board, stated, "We are proud to partner with NPS in building ethical and licensed mental health practice within policing."

This engagement marks the beginning of a new era in police wellness. It paves the way for improved access to licensed mental

health professionals, de-stigmatizing mental health care in policing and creating a professionally governed ecosystem for officer wellbeing. Most importantly, it affirms the NPS Strategic Plan 2023–2027 implementation, which identifies mental wellness as a core strategic priority. As captured succinctly in the final reflections of the forum: "Mental health in NPS is no longer an afterthought. It is a strategic priority."



Participants during a consultative session between the NPS Officers from Directorate of Chaplaincy, Counselling, and Psychosocial Support and the Counsellors and Psychologists Board under the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, Ministry of Health, at Afya Annex, Nairobi, on May 5, 2025.



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Transforming Command

NPS Strategic Leadership And Command Course Takes Shape At NPLA, Ngong'



Interior CS Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen giving a lecture to NPS officers during the County Commanders' Strategic Leadership and Command Course No. 1/2025 at NPLA Ngong, April 23, 2025.

he serene and focused environment of the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), Ngong, came alive this April as it hosted the County Commanders' Strategic Leadership and Command Course No. 1/2025, a highleadership level program aimed at sharpening the strategic capacities of senior police officers within the National Police Service (NPS).

Bringing together 79 senior officers drawn from the Kenya Police Service, Administration Police Service, and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the

course represented a bold stride towards enhancing the effectiveness, accountability, and professionalism of police leadership at the county level. The curriculum integrates critical including areas, strategic thinking, leadership ethics, operational command, public engagement, and contemporary security dynamics.

One of the most notable highlights of the course the historic lecture was delivered by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration. Hon. Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, on April 23,

2025. Marking a first in the institution's history, Hon. Murkomen became the first sitting Cabinet Secretary to deliver a lecture at the Academy.

In his engaging session on transformational leadership, the CS underscored the importance of visionary leadership in policing, encouraging commanders to manage and inspire their teams.

"The ability to create a shared vision among team members is the primary trait of a true leader," remarked the CS, calling on commanders to



Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, DIG-APS, presents a certificate of participation to Ms. Tabitha Ndanu, CP, during the closing ceremony of the County Commanders' Strategic Leadership and Command Course No. 1/2025, held at NPLA Ngong' on April 25, 2025.

continuously mentor others while upholding the values of professionalism and integrity.

He reaffirmed the government's support for accelerated modernization, policy, and legal reforms within the police service, noting that NPLA will remain pivotal in achieving this transformation.

On April 16, 2025, Inspector of Police. General Douglas Kanja, delivered a powerful lecture on the strategic direction of the NPS, highlighting key outlined pillars in the NPS Strategic Plan 2023-2027. The IG emphasized modernization the infrastructure, adoption of technology in policing, and the welfare of officers as central to achieving effective service delivery.

IG Kanja also strongly emphasized ethical leadership, mental health support, and public accountability as fundamental to restoring and sustaining public trust.

"Our officers' mental and physical wellbeing is a strategic priority. Leaders must be approachable, present, and responsive to the needs of their teams," he asserted.

Complementing the IG's strategic vision, Deputy Inspectors General Mr. Eliud K. Lagat (KPS) and Mr. Gilbert Masengeli (APS) delivered impactful lectures tailored to operational realities and leadership development.

Addressing officers on

adaptive leadership, DIG Lagat emphasized that effective policing in modern times requires situational awareness, tech-savviness, and community-centered engagement.

"True leadership is not about being in charge, but about taking care of those in your charge," he noted, quoting Simon Sinek.

He challenged commanders to adopt leadership styles responsive to the unique demands of their environments while maintaining ethical standards.

In his lecture "Protective Security for National Stability," DIG Masengeli delved into the geopolitical security landscape, emphasizing the link between

border security and internal peace.

"The safety of a Nation lies not only in its weapons but in vigilance, integrity, and cooperation of those who guard borders and protect its people," he reflected.

His session provided valuable perspectives on evolving security threats and the critical role of collaboration in addressing them.

In alignment with reforms under the Strategic Plan, the Secretary of Administration/Accounting Officer, Ms. Bernice Lemedeket, led a Capacity Micro-Assessment at NPLA conducted by Deloitte & Touche LLP. This evaluation aimed at bolstering administrative efficiency, financial integrity, and human resource practices, positioning the Academy for future partnerships and donor engagements.

Further demonstrating the Academy's holistic approach to leadership development, the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Case Management Training also included the participation of strategic commanders alongside 356 other officers from 21 counties. The training equipped the officers with essential tools to respond to GBV cases

and strengthen survivor-centered policing effectively. The closing ceremony, presided over by the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Parliamentary Affairs, Ms. Aurelia Chepkurui Rono, underscored the government's commitment to ending GBV through a coordinated, multi-stakeholder approach. DIG-KPS Eliud Lagat, who was also present, challenged officers to be vigilant in protecting survivors, speaking out against harassment, and ensuring justice for victims across all ranks and regions.

The Strategic Leadership and Command Course at NPLA is more than a training program. It is an investment in the future of policing in Kenya. The course reaffirms NPS's commitment to professionalism, reform, and excellence in public safety by equipping senior officers with the leadership competencies needed for effective command and ethical governance.

As the officers return to their counties, they do so with knowledge, a renewed sense of mission, clarity of vision, and the strategic tools needed to lead a modern, peoplecentered police service.



NPS Spokesperson, Mr. Muchiri Nyaga, AIG, while delivering a lecture to participants of the County Commanders' Strategic Leadership and Command Course No. 1/2025 at NPLA Ngong' on April 4, 2025.

RECSA AT 20 Kenya Champions Regional Disarmament Agenda



H.E. Dr. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, delivering keynote during the 20th RECSA commemoration and destruction of illicit small arms at NPLA Ngong', 3 June 2025.

n a grand and symbolic event hosted at the National Police Leadership Academy, Ngong', Kenya reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to regional peace and security through the public destruction of over 6,000 illicit firearms. The event, which marked 20 years of action by the Regional Centre on Small Arms (RECSA), was presided over by H.E. President Dr. William Samoei Ruto, who led the ceremonial lighting of the confiscated weapons.

"A firearm in the wrong hands is not just a weapon; it is a direct assault on the safety of our citizens, the stability of our society, and the peace we have worked so hard to build,"

— H.E. Dr. William Ruto, President of Kenya

The destroyed cache, consisting of illegal arms recovered between 2022 and 2025, symbolizes the country's relentless fight against gun-related violence and crime. This event was not only a celebration of RECSA's 20-year journey but a bold statement on the collective will of African nations to pursue a gun-free society.

RECSA Executive Secretary Mr. Jean-Pierre Betindji described the destruction of firearms as "a vital act of peace and progress," applauding Kenya's leadership. He noted that beyond symbolic gestures, such actions enhance public safety, trust in security agencies, and development prospects.

"This moment shows what is possible when nations come together for a common goal. A safer, stronger Africa starts with fewer guns and greater cooperation,"

— Mr. Jean-Pierre Betindji, Executive Secretary, RECSA

The theme of the anniversary, "Two Decades of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons: Lessons, Challenges and the Road Ahead," encapsulates the spirit of RECSA's work: learning from the past, consolidating gains, and building sustainable peace.

What is RECSA?

The Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States (RECSA), is an intergovernmental organization mandated to coordinate the implementation of the Nairobi Protocol (an international agreement aimed at preventing, combating, and eradicating the illicit manufacturing, trafficking, possession, and use of Small Arms And Light Weapons (SALW) in the Great Lakes region and the Horn of Africa).

Its mission is to prevent, control, and reduce

small arms and light weapons (SALW) proliferation across 15 member states, including Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Rwanda, and others.

For two decades, RECSA has advanced regional peace through:

- Arms marking and tracing initiatives
- Capacity building and policy coordination
- Destruction of illicit firearms
- Engagement of state and non-state actors in arms reduction efforts

The National Police Service (NPS) remains a key strategic player in RECSA's success in Kenya. Through intelligence-led operations, community policing, and direct involvement in arms recovery missions, the Service has consistently delivered on its mandate to rid communities of illegal firearms.

Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, who joined the President at the destruction ceremony, emphasized the



Service's enduring commitment, stating that the National Police Service stood firmly with RECSA's mission, and that disarmament and arms control were not optional but the cornerstone of any sustainable security framework.

NPS's ongoing collaboration with RECSA reflects the national priority of addressing insecurity and contributing meaningfully to the continent's peace infrastructure.

As part of the celebrations, RECSA convened its 16th Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting in Nairobi, bringing together police chiefs and top security officials from member states. Officially opened by Interior Cabinet Secretary Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, the forum served as a platform to exchange insights, align strategic plans, and renew commitments to disarmament.

"RECSA's efforts have played a critical role in stabilizing our region. Kenya stands ready to deepen its collaboration to build a safer and more secure continent," — CS Kipchumba Murkomen

The officials also hosted a commemorative dinner on June 12 at the Safari Park Hotel in honor of RECSA's 20-year milestone. The event was attended by dignitaries from across Africa, with Dr. Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary for Interior and Chair of the RECSA TAC, as chief guest.

He commended the organization's progress while stressing the need for innovation, adaptability, and strategic partnerships to confront emerging security threats.

As the region looks to the future, Kenya, through the unwavering efforts of the National Police Service and other partners, remains a beacon of stability and a driving force in the mission to end gun violence.





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COMESA YELLOW CARD SCHEME



Group Managing Director Dr. Hillary Wachinga and Mr. Calven Mutyavaviri during the launch of COMESA digital yellow card USSD application.

he COMESA Yellow Card Insurance Scheme is a Regional Third-Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme. The Scheme has membership of 13 countries, namely: Burundi, DR Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Scheme operates through a network of National Bureaux, (which are Government designated). Their work is to Supervise and Administer Scheme operations at National level. The current National Bureaux of Kenya is Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Limited.

This card is recognized by member countries as a third-party motor vehicle protection in accordance with the laws of the Member States. The legal liability cover offered under this Scheme is limited to the statute provisions on road traffic third party liability

limits of the country being visited and in which an accident occurs.

The Scheme was established through a Protocol signed in 1986 to address the challenges of barriers to transport and trade development in the region.

The objectives of the Scheme include

- To Facilitate smooth movement of Motor Vehicles in the COMESA region.
- To provide at least a minimum guarantee of compensation of compensation to third party road accident victims.
- To provide a common system for claims settlement across borders of all member states participating in the Scheme.
- Works as an instrument of regional integration and the realization of common insurance practices and laws for the common benefit of the motoring public.

The Scheme is one of the most successful trade and transport facilitation instruments with the following benefits:

- It is inexpensive and economical: only one card covers several member countries.
- Provides wide coverage (Bodily injury, death and property damage with extension to cover emergency medical expenses)
- Provides business opportunity for participating Insurance companies.
- Reduces delays in cross border movement of vehicles.
- Provides a simple common system for claims settlement and
- Enhances movement of people, goods and vehicles across borders (trade facilitation)

Currently, over 220 insurance companies are involved in the issuance of Yellow Card covers, with more than 250,000 cards issued annually.

The National Police Service has long been a critical partner in enforcing road safety and compliance across our national road network and border crossings. In support of this important mandate, an innovation has been introduced that promises to enhance verification of Comesa Yellow Card cross-border motor insurance: **the COMESA Yellow Card USSD verification service**, which was officially launched in Kenya in June 2025.

Introducing the USSD Verification Tool: *384*254#

The newly launched USSD verification application is a game-changing digital solution aimed at supporting real-time, paperless, and fraud-proof Yellow Card insurance checks. In Kenya, the service is accessed by dialing *384*254# on the Safaricom network, completely free of charge. Once a user enters a vehicle registration or Yellow Card number, the system confirms the policy status within seconds.

This innovation is particularly beneficial to police officers and border enforcement agents, who can now verify a Yellow Card on the spot, using a basic mobile phone, no smartphone or internet connection required.

Why This Matters to Police Officers

- Real-time verification at checkpoints and border posts means less delay and more confidence in assessing a vehicle's insurance compliance.
- The system reduces the risk of fraud, helping officers detect fake or expired Yellow Card document with ease.
- It supports safer roads, as uninsured vehicles can be quickly identified and dealt with according to the law.
- It boosts efficiency: Officers no longer need to call insurers or wait for documents; the system response is instant and secure.

The National Bureau of Kenya, (Kenya Reinsurance Corporation Ltd), in partnership with the Insurance Regulatory Authority and National Police Service, have already trained enforcement officers in Namanga, Malaba, Busia, and Lunga-lunga border points on how to use the tool effectively.

The Way Forward

The USSD verification tool is part of the broader digital transformation of the Yellow Card Scheme. Following the successful rollout in Kenya, the service is being expanded across all COMESA Yellow Card member countries, with country-specific short codes. Enforcement officers across the region will eventually have the same easy access to verification tools, ensuring consistency, trust, and safety in cross-border travel.

As the National Police Service continues to modernize its operations and embrace innovation, the integration of this USSD tool into routine road checks and border operations is strongly encouraged.

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IG Kanja's Mount Kenya Familiarization Tour

A Commitment To Grassroots Policing And Officer Welfare

"A true leader must always be willing to listen and find solutions, not stay quiet when challenges arise."

hese words came to life as the Inspector General (IG) of the National Police Service (NPS), Mr. Douglas Kanja, led transformative а familiarization tour across the Mount Kenya region. The series of impromptu, unannounced visits between April 2 and April 4, 2025, underlined his leadership philosophy: engaging with officers at all levels, seeing the situation on the ground firsthand, and providing solutions that bridge gaps in service delivery, welfare, and policing standards.

From Nyeri to Meru, Laikipia, and Tharaka Nithi Counties, IG Kanja visited various police stations and camps, many without prior notice, allowing him to observe the authentic state of infrastructure, operations, morale, and welfare.

The tour started with surprise inspections at Kiamariga and Karatina Police Stations in Nyeri County. The IG, accompanied by top senior officers, engaged directly with the officers, inspecting key operational units such as the report and inquiry office, station armory, and cells. He emphasized the importance



IG Douglas Kanja addressing police officers at Laikipia County Police Headquarters during an impromptu visit on April 3, 2025.

of professionalism, strong community relations, and digital literacy as the NPS transitions into fully digitized operations. IG Kanja urged officers to uphold Article 244 of the Constitution of Kenya, which promotes transparency, discipline, and respect for human rights.

Later that evening, he visited Mweiga Police Station in Kieni West. He inspected facilities and addressed the officers on matters of personal discipline, drug and substance abuse, financial planning, and mental health. A light-hearted but impactful session ensued, openly discussing family values and welfare. He reminded officers of the ongoing crackdown on illicit brews and the significance of their enforcement role.

On April 3, the IG and team traveled to Timau Police Station and Lolomarik Police Meru County. Camp in Lolomarik Camp, established in 2024 to combat cattle significantly rustling, has region's improved the security, as confirmed by grateful residents. During the inspection, IG Kanja addressed officer welfare, water supply concerns. and the need for continued community collaboration to sustain peace. He also emphasized financial prudence mental and crucial wellness as successful policing.

In Nanyuki, Laikipia County, IG Kanja visited the County Police Headquarters host to the Nanyuki Police Station and POLICARE center, where senior county commanders received him. He directed officers to familiarize themselves with both the National Police Service Strategic Plan 2023–2027 and the Maraga Taskforce Report, which are vital tools in navigating the ongoing police reforms. He commended the officers' Service and reaffirmed support for their welfare, particularly mental health.

POLICARE Centre, within the Laikipia County Headquarters, is a specialized unit dedicated to supporting survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). IG Kanja praised the initiative, noting that survivorcentered justice and dignified handling of SGBV cases remain core to the NPS's modern policing goals.

The IG's Mount Kenya tour culminated on a high note on Friday, April 4, 2025, with the official opening and handing over of the Chuka Police Line Housing Project in Tharaka Nithi County by His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto. The President, received by IG Kanja and Deputy IG of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, unveiled 60 newly constructed housing units comprising 12 two-bedroom houses and 48 bed-sitters (studio apartments)

Initiated in January 2020 and completed in June 2024 under the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development, the project is a milestone in the government's pledge to construct 27,000 police housing units. President Ruto emphasized the importance of decent housing in improving police productivity, efficiency, and morale.

In his remarks, IG Kanja expressed heartfelt gratitude to the President and government, calling the project a "testament to the government's enduring commitment to police welfare." He pledged that the National Police Service would continue to serve with discipline, honor, and dedication.

The Mount Kenya familiarization tour was not just a series of inspections but a reaffirmation of leadership, presence, and direction. IG Kanja's approach, rooted in transparency, direct engagement, and problem-solving, has reinforced the NPS's core values and the strategic vision outlined in the NPS Strategic Plan 2023–2027.

By prioritizing officer welfare, embracing digitization, addressing community security concerns, and promoting mental health, the Inspector General has laid a strong foundation for building centers of excellence in all areas of policing across the country.



APS CHAMPIONS PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH FREE MEDICAL CAMPS

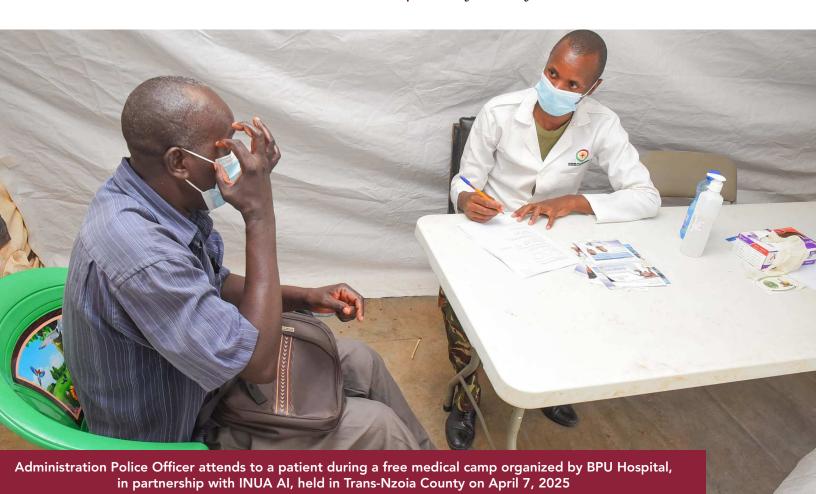
beyond security, Administration Police (APS), Service through Border its Police Unit (BPU), has taken significant strides in promoting community welfare and strengthening police-citizen relations through a series of free medical camps. These initiatives, held in Garissa and Trans-Nzoia Counties, have touched the lives of thousands, delivering critical healthcare services to underserved communities while promoting a model of compassionate policing and inclusive development.

From June 9 to 13, 2025, Garissa County played host to a five-day free medical camp organized by the BPU Hospital in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health,

n a bold demonstration of service the County Government of Garissa, and beyond security, Administration Police Service (APS), through its Border which successfully attended to over 3,300 Police Unit (BPU), has taken significant les in promoting community welfare the County Government of Garissa, and various development partners. The camp, which successfully attended to over 3,300 patients, was lauded as a landmark initiative integrating security with social welfare.

The official closing ceremony, held on June 13, was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon. Aden Duale, E.G.H., who praised the Administration Police Service for their forward-thinking approach to public service.

"This initiative reflects a new era in policing—one that embraces humanity, community care, and national development. I commend the Administration Police Service, particularly the Border Police Unit, for recognizing that a healthy society is the foundation of a secure



nation," said CS Duale.

He further commended the multi-agency collaboration, including county officials, local administration, and civil society actors, stating that the medical camp was a living example of the power of partnership in addressing community needs.

During the ceremony, the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, CBS, OGW, SS, underscored the camp's objective of enhancing trust between law enforcement and the public.

"This medical camp is not just about treating ailments—it is about healing relationships, building hope, and reinforcing the role of police as true servants of the people. We are here not only to enforce the law but to uplift the community," he said.

In a gesture of solidarity with the vulnerable, DIG Masengeli also donated assorted foodstuffs to needy families in the region, further reinforcing the humanitarian face of modern policing.

The event drew a high-profile delegation of national and county leaders, who offered heartfelt commendations. Garissa Governor Nathif Jama, praised the APS for their inclusive vision and commitment to peoplecentered development.

"We are grateful to see our security officers step into roles as caregivers and community builders. This camp has given hope to thousands and is a true testament to what can be achieved when we work together," Governor Jama remarked.

Simultaneously, the Border Police Unit extended its humanitarian mission to Saboti, Trans-Nzoia County, where it partnered with INUA AI, a local non-governmental organization, to deliver another free medical camp from March 24 to April 6, 2025.

The two-week initiative, which served over 1.500 families, offered a range of health services including general medical check-ups, dental care, maternal and child health, and health Notably, education. camp emphasized preventive healthcare, mental health, and nutrition awareness. underscoring holistic а approach to community wellness.

"We want to show that policing is not just about maintaining law and order. It's about standing with communities in their moments of need, and empowering them to live healthier, safer lives," stated BPU Training College Commandant, Mr. Isaac Alimaa, SAIG.

These medical camps mark

a significant evolution in the philosophy of policing Kenya. By stepping into the health sector, the Administration Police Service redefining its mandate to include community resilience, social just, and public health. The initiative also plays a crucial role promoting peaceful coexistence, especially in regions that have historically faced security and development challenges. As these camps gain momentum, the message is clear: policing in Kenya is transforming, and at its heart lies a deep commitment to service, compassion, and community empowerment.

The Administration Police Service has pledged replicate such initiatives in other counties as part of its Corporate Social ongoing Responsibility efforts and its broader mission to build a secure, healthy, and united nation. The collaborative spirit extended to professional medical volunteers, local leaders, and police officers who worked tirelessly side by side to deliver essential services.

With the resounding endorsement from the health sector, political leadership, and community members, these camps have not only alleviated suffering but have planted seeds of hope and collaboration that will bear fruit for years to come.



Kenya Reinsurance Corporation (Kenya Re)

Strengthening Resilience, Empowering Lives



IG Douglas Kanja receiving a cheque from the Group Managing Director Kenya Re Dr. Hillary Wachinga during a partnership meeting ahead of NPS athletics championship at ICT3 Boardroom.

Reinsurance Corporation enya Limited is a multinational company and a leading provider of reinsurance solutions across Africa, middle East and Assia, offering reliable risk management support to insurers. With its strong financial foundation and decades of industry experience, Kenya Re is committed to driving sustainable growth and resilience in the insurance sector.

Kenya Reinsurance Corporation operates three core business classes—*Life, Non-Life, and Retakaful*—and maintains offices across Africa, including its Head Office in Nairobi, Kenya, and regional offices in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), Kampala (Uganda), and Lusaka (Zambia).

Capacity Building through Kenya Re Academy

In 2023, the Corporation launched the Kenya Re Academy to provide specialized training for stakeholders across the insurance and reinsurance industry. The Academy has enhanced professional skills, promoted compliance and innovation, and supported the development of a future-ready industry through diverse, trend-aligned courses.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Kenya Re is committed to creating positive social impact through CSR initiatives in education, health, environmental conservation, and disability inclusion. As the corporation expands across Africa and Francophone markets, it remains anchored in resilience, innovation, and shared prosperity.

Through its Niko Fiti platform, Kenya Re has made a significant impact on the lives of thousands of Kenyans living with disabilities. This initiative not only provides assistive devices but also empowers individuals to lead more independent and productive lives.

The Niko Fiti platform has facilitated the distribution of a variety of assistive devices, including wheelchairs, prosthetic limbs, white cane and hearing aids, tailored to meet the specific needs of individuals. These devices are essential for daily activities, allowing users to navigate their environments more easily and enhancing their quality of life.

Many beneficiaries report a newfound sense of independence, enabling them to pursue education and employment opportunities. In addition to providing assistive devices, Niko Fiti has created income-generating opportunities for beneficiaries. Training programs in various skills—ranging from

crafts to small business management—equip individuals to start their own ventures. This not only fosters economic independence but also encourages social integration.

In March this year 2025, the initiative extended its support to over 75 police officers who have been maimed in the line of duty. These officers, who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting the public, face unique challenges after their injuries. Niko Fiti provided them with assistive devices, rehabilitation programs, and psychological support. This holistic approach ensures that these officers can reintegrate into society and continue to lead fulfilling lives.

Through the Niko Fiti platform, Kenya Reinsurance Corporation is not just providing assistive devices but is also fostering an inclusive society where every individual, regardless of their physical challenges, can thrive and contribute. The initiative exemplifies the power of corporate social responsibility in transforming lives and building a more equitable community.



Strengthening Policing Capacity



Dr. Mwangi Wanderi, SAIG, Director of Human Capital Development – NPS, receives a memento from INTERPOL's Mr. Ommaney Chinyungurwa during the official official opening of the Instructor Development Course and INTERPOL Policing Capabilities Programme, Course No. 1/2025, at the Boma Hotel, Nairobi on April 28, 2025.

he National Police Service (NPS), in collaboration with INTERPOL, has launched a transformative initiative under the Project Soteria umbrella aimed at boosting the capacity police officers to combat Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, Harassment and (SEAH), particularly in aid organizations and vulnerable communities. The initiative, rooted strengthening in accountability frameworks. implemented has been **INTERPOL** through the Policing Capabilities

Programme and Instructor Development Course No. 1/2025, which officially ran from April 28 to May 9, 2025, at the Boma Hotel, Nairobi.

Project Soteria. named after the Greek goddess of safety and restoration, underscores a global call action: safeguarding vulnerable populations and upholding justice through competent, well-trained, and community-sensitive policing.

The training brought together 20 participants drawn from key law enforcement

arms of the NPS: the Kenya Police Service (KPS), the Administration Police Service (APS), and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI). It was organized through the INTERPOL National Central Bureau (NCB) in Nairobi, marking a significant step in integrating global policing standards and investigative tools into local practice.

Delivering remarks on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, the Director of Human Capital Development, Dr. Mwangi Wanderi, praised INTERPOL's efforts in equipping Kenyan officers with critical skills to detect, report, and investigate SEAH cases. He reaffirmed NPS's commitment to transforming policing operations into centers of excellence through strategic partnerships and global cooperation.

The course unfolded in two primary segments:

- The first week focused on enhancing technical proficiency in INTERPOL's systems—alert mechanisms, criminal databases, and other investigative tools key to identifying and responding to SEAH incidents.
- The second week centered on instructor development, preparing participants to act as multipliers

by integrating their new knowledge into national police training curricula and cascading it throughout the ranks.

In addition to in-class sessions, the trainees participated in a teambuilding excursion at Hell's National Gate Park in Naivasha, Nakuru County, on May 3, 2025. The exercise fostered team cohesion, promoted mental wellness, and immersed officers in local cultural heritage through a visit to the Maasai Cultural Centre. These experiences reinforced INTERPOL's values of respect, integrity, innovation, and cultural awareness, which are vital for community-focused policing.

The official closing ceremony on May 9, 2025, also held at the Boma Hotel, was presided over by the Director of the Directorate of Training and Research, Mr. David Birech (SAIG), who emphasized the program's sustainability. He noted that empowering officers as trainers ensures continuity in combating SEAH, bridging gaps in response, and holding perpetrators accountable. especially those in positions of power.

As the course concluded, the NPS reiterated its unwavering commitment to enhancing through capacity partnerships with regional and international bodies like INTERPOL. Through such collaborations. Service seeks to elevate the law enforcement standard in Kenya and position its officers at the forefront of tackling modern security threats.



Dr. Mwangi Wanderi, SAIG, Director of Human Capital Development – NPS, addressing participants of the SOITERA INTERPOL Policing Capabilities and Instructor Development Course No. 1/2025 at the Boma Hotel, Nairobi.

Pedaling Towards A Greener Future

Pc Julius Mwenda's Inspiring Journey In Environmental Advocacy



of the most fulfilling aspects of police work is the opportunity to make a positive difference in the community by fostering and security safety driving meaningful change by leveraging the access and reach that police officers have to community members in all segments of society.

Police Constable (PC) Julius Mwenda is one of many police officers who has seized this opportunity, turning a passion for cycling into a platform for advocating for

environmental conservation through adopting sustainable practices to minimize negative impacts on our planet.

iourney His toward environmental stewardship Athwana High began at School, where he was elected patron of the environmental club. The position was the perfect platform to encourage his fellow students to take personal responsibility for protecting the environment initiating projects by such as school gardening and recycling drives that integrated sustainability into their daily routines.

After High School, Mwenda's love for cycling, which began over 15 years ago, only deepened, leading him to establish KingsMind Cycling Foundation—a community of cycling enthusiasts united by a pursuit of fitness.

What started as a recreational pursuit eventually evolved into a critical medium for his advocacy. Recognizing the power of collective action, he rallied his fellow cyclists to champion environmental



harmful emissions and promotes cleaner, more sustainable waste disposal practices. PC Mwenda aims to improve its sustainability by integrating solar energy.

His work, which has earned him numerous other accolades, has set a new benchmark for eco-conscious waste disposal, which he hopes will be adopted nationwide and beyond. Over the years, he has undertaken numerous projects, including tree-planting drives in Meru, Machakos, Kirinyaga, and Embu counties. Most recently, he was part of a team that undertook a 200km ride to Nanyuki on April 18, where they planted at least 2,000 trees.

Mwenda's efforts have attracted strong partnerships with stakeholders such as the County Government of Machakos, Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Tana and Athi River Development Authority (TARDA), and supportive colleagues who have been essential in mobilizing resources and building momentum for his cause.

As KingsMind Cycling Foundation continues to grow, its impact has expanded beyond environmental advocacy to include road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users, in collaboration with Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA), National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), E-Bikes Africa, among others.

The foundation also champions mental wellness, working with groups such as Ikokay Africa and the Suicide Awareness Team to create spaces for open dialogue and community support where the participants have an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations.

Looking ahead, the foundation is preparing for its most ambitious project yet: cycling from Kenya to Brazil for the upcoming 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) this November. A team of elite cyclists, including members of KingsMind, will undertake a symbolic journey to raise global awareness about climate action and sustainable living.

Indeed, PC Julius Mwenda's journey is one of

transformation and purposeful action. From his humble beginnings in Muthara, Tigania East, Meru County, he has risen to global recognition for his work in environmental sustainability, proving that real change happens with vision's transformation into action.

The National Police Service recognizes and applauds PC Julius Mwenda for setting an example and providing solutions for caring for the planet in which we exist. It serves as a potent reminder and a compelling call to play our parts to make a change in mitigating the devastating impact of global warming and climate change on people and the planet by embracing sustainable practices - such as proper collection and waste disposal - especially at a time when the Inspector General of Police is steering the Service towards excellence in all aspects.

As we move forward, PC Mwenda's work is not only an inspiration to us all and an encouragement to join this noble cause and be part of the solution but also a significant step towards achieving President William Ruto's goal to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 reducing greenhouse emissions, stopping and reversing deforestation.



EAPCCO GAMES ETHIOPIA



EAPCCO,ETHIOPIA: IG Douglas Kanja receives a commemorative jersey from Mr. Demelash Gebremichael Weldeyes, Commissioner General of the Ethiopian Federal Police, during an official visit to the EAPCCO Games in Addis Ababa, April May 3, 2025.

Police he National Service (NPS) of Kenya proudly represented the nation at the 5th Edition of the East Africa Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (EAPCCO) Games, held from April 27 to May 4, 2025, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The games brought together law enforcement officers from seven member states: Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Sudan, and Djibouti for a week of spirited competition, camaraderie. regional integration through sports.

The Kenyan delegation, comprising 108 officers, was flagged off on April 16, 2025, in a colorful ceremony that reflected the high hopes placed on the team. Director of Interpol Kenya, Mr. Ibrahim Jillo, AIG, led the delegation, including top sports directors and officials from within the NPS. Team Kenya competed in five disciplines: athletics, darts, boxing, handball, and shooting, building on the country's strong performance as first runners-up in the 4th edition held in Rwanda.

Ethiopia's Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Temesgen Tiruneh, officiated the opening ceremony at the iconic 25,000-capacity Abebe Bikila Stadium. In his address, Tiruneh emphasized the power of sports in uniting nations and fostering peace, especially in combating terrorism and transnational organized crime.

Kenya wasted no time making a statement on the track, clinching its first gold in the men's 4×400m relay courtesy of William Rayian, Kipkorir Rotich, Erastus Mbaruka, and Eric Kimathi. From there, the medal tally soared. Star performers such as Abel



NPS team led by Mr. Ibrahim Jillo, AIG, Director of INTERPOL Kenya, during the flag-off of the 5th Edition of the EAPCCO Games at Jogoo House on April 16, 2025.

(1500m),Daniel Kipsang Simiu Ebenyo (10,000m), Millicent Ndoro (100m), and Erastus Mbaluka (400m)powered the team to multiple podium finishes. In the field events, Roseline Rakamba dominated the women's while discus, Duncan Kinyanjui showcased prowess in the men's javelin.

By April 30, Kenya led the medal standings with an impressive nine gold, four silver, and seven bronze medals. The final medal count at the close of the games stood at 16 gold, 25 silver, and 20 bronze, placing Kenya in a respectable second position overall, narrowly behind hosts Ethiopia.

The closing ceremony on May 3 was held at the Addis Ababa Sports Academy Indoor Complex Arena, graced by Inspectors General participating from the countries, including Kenya's own IG, Mr. Douglas Kanja. Themed "Partnering for Peace and Security in Countering Transnational **Organized** Crime through Sports," the games underscored the importance of regional police cooperation bevond battlefield-through mutual respect, shared experience, and physical excellence.

IG Kanja congratulated Team Kenya for their outstanding performance, discipline, and commitment, urging officers to carry the same energy and integrity into their Service to the nation. He noted that the games showcased sporting talent and strengthened regional bonds essential in combating modern security threats such as cybercrime

and terrorism.

Later in the evening, Kenya's Ambassador to Ethiopia, H.E. George Morara Orina, hosted the team for a medal presentation ceremony at his residence. In his address, Amb. Orina praised the athletes for raising Kenya's flag high and exemplifying the unity and resilience of the country's law enforcement.

The National Police Service remains committed to nurturing talent within its ranks and using sports as a tool for diplomacy, wellness, and regional solidarity. With renewed zeal and stronger partnerships, Kenya looks forward to the next edition of the EAPCCO Games and continues to uphold the values of Service, unity, and excellence.

NPS Teams Shine Bright at the KVF National League Finals

GSU Reclaims KVF National League Title in Style

he General Service Unit (GSU) men's volleyball team has been crowned the 2024/25 Kenya Volleyball Federation (KVF) National League champions following a dramatic and commanding performance in the season's final playoff series.

After falling short in recent seasons, GSU finally secured the top spot, reclaiming the title with a thrilling straight-sets victory (25-19, 25-21, 25-22) over Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) in the decisive Game Three at the Kasarani Gymnasium on Sunday, June 8, 2025.

The finals followed a fiercely

contested best-of-three series. GSU started strong, taking Game One on Friday with a 3-0 sweep (25-21, 25-22, 30-28), but stumbled on Saturday when KPA forced a rubber match with a 3-1 win. However, the disciplined paramilitary side returned renewed focus with and firepower to dominate the final clash, sealing the series 2-1 and reclaiming their glory.

Earlier in the season, GSU had also edged out defending champions Kenya Prisons in a pulsating five-setter—a win that signaled their championship ambitions. Their success is a testament to relentless training, strategic

discipline, and unwavering team spirit. As the Kenya Volleyball Federation aptly said, "They've always come close, but this time, they finished on top."

In an equally remarkable performance, the DCI Volleyball Queens announced their arrival on the big stage by clinching a historic silver medal in the women's KVF National League.

Since its formation in 2018, the DCI women's volleyball team has steadily risen in strength and reputation. Their 2024/25 campaign culminated in a finals debut where they challenged



volleyball giants Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) to the wire in a best-of-three series. In Game Two, the Queens forced a five-set thriller, narrowly falling to the more experienced Pipeline side.

Despite finishing second, DCI's maiden appearance in the finals was a breakthrough moment for the squad. Their spirited fight, resilience, and tactical execution won admiration across the volleyball fraternity.

The DCI squad also bagged individual accolades, with Sarah Namisi crowned Best Server and Sharon Jeruto named Best Outside Hitter. Four players— Namisi, Peninah Barasa, Mercy Iminza, and Vivian Vukutsa—were named to the provisional national team, Malkia Strikers.

Coach Patrick Sang expressed pride in the team's performance, calling it "just the beginning" for the Queens. Team Manager Neddy Kilimo echoed his sentiments, noting, "Now that we've tasted silver, we're setting our sights on gold."

The thrilling three-day KVF League Finals brought fans to the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, from Friday, June 6, to Sunday, June 8. Opening matches saw the DCI Queens face off against Kenya Pipeline in a 2 pm clash, followed by the high-voltage GSU-KPA encounter later in the afternoon.

Spectators enjoyed a thrilling volleyball showcase of power, passion, and precision. The atmosphere was electric as the Titans collided in a series that met every expectation.

KVF With the season concluded, GSU turned its attention to defending its crown. At the same time, DCI aims to build on its momentum at the upcoming Volleyball Kenya Cup Tournament and its firstappearance at the Volleyball Club African Championship.

The National Police Service takes immense pride in the achievements of both teams, whose performances underscore the power of dedication, teamwork, and the growing sports culture within the Service.

One fan summed it up: "Champions aren't made in comfort. They're forged in challenge, rise through failure, and shine through persistence."



Triumph On Two Fronts

Police Fc And Bullets Fc Make History In Kenyan Football



Kenya Police FC team celebrating after being crowned 2024/25 Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League Champions at Ulinzi Sports Complex, Nairobi, on June 22, 2025.

The National Police Service celebrating (NPS) is extraordinary season of football dominance after Kenya Police FC and Kenya Police Bullets FC clinched top honors in the 2024/25 Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League and Women's Premier League, respectively. The dual victories mark a historic for the **NPS** moment sports fraternity and the national football landscape, showcasing the power of discipline, structure, resilience synonymous with

police service.

The story of Police football dates back to 1987, with the formation of the first team, Nakuru Police, competing in the Kenya Super League. Though relegated in the early 1990s, a resurgence came in 1996 under the stewardship of Mr. Nvale Munga, then an instructor at the National Police College, Main Campus - Kiganjo. Recruiting young recruits like Chris Oguso, now CEO of Kenya Police FC, and footballers like Charles Omondi Korea and Kennedy Okello, the team pushed through the ranks to Premier League status in 1998 before another relegation in 2001. Some of the players moved on to form Red Berets at the General Service Unit headquarters.

For several years, police football lay dormant after the disbandment of Red Berets in 2003. However, a pivotal moment occurred in 2014 when two constables PC Francis Kahungu Mwangi, PC Gerald Marangu and the Staff Officer Public Relations Kenya Police Service (SOPR KPS) Mr. Jared Ojuok, SSP,

then a chief inspector of police reignited the dream, prompting renewed institutional support. The turning point came under the current administration led by Executive Chairman Mr. Nyale Munga, with strong backing from the Ministry of Interior, the Inspector General of Police, and other key stakeholders.

After years of strategic growth and disciplined management, Kenya Police FC achieved its first-ever FKF Premier League title in the 2024/25 season. The team sealed the victory with a thrilling 1-0 victory over Shabana FC at Kenyatta Stadium, Machakos, on 15 June 2025. The decisive goal, headed in by defender Brian Okoth, came in the 77th minute and sparked celebrations across the NPS and football community.

The triumph was not a fluke. It crowned a season of consistent performance, where the team accumulated 65 points, six ahead of rivals Gor Mahia FC. Their journey in the top tier since promotion in 2021 has been marked by steady improvement: from 9th place in their debut season to back-to-back 3rd place finishes, and finally, champions.

Football Kenya Federation confirmed the title a week later in a dramatic 1-1 draw with Gor Mahia at the Ulinzi Sports Complex. A tactically commanding second-half performance, including a goal from substitute David Okoth, underlined Police FC's depth and composure under pressure.

The club has also distinguished itself off the pitch. It is currently the only FKF Premier League club with audited financial records, demonstrating transparency and professionalism.

Matching their male counterparts stride for stride, Kenya Police Bullets FC under the leadership of the team manager Madam Beatrice Kiraguri, and the Police Bullets FC Coach Beldine Odemba delivered a resounding statement by winning the 2024/25 FKF Women's Premier League title with a dominant 4-0 performance over Trinity

Starlets FC at Afraha Stadium, Nakuru.

The match, played on 25 May 2025, was a masterclass in attacking football. Star striker Becky Okwaro stole the spotlight with a brilliant hat-trick, while Murang'a opened the scoring just before halftime. The Bullets' fluid teamwork, tactical control, and relentless pressure underscored their supremacy throughout the season.

This emphatic win not only secured their place at the summit of women's football but also completed a historic league double for Kenya Police football, affirming NPS' growing stature as a powerhouse in national sports.

President William Ruto hosted both teams at State House, Nairobi, in a show of national appreciation on 24 June 2025. During the breakfast meeting, the President congratulated the players and technical staff for their commitment to excellence in Service. He also commended the leadership behind the success, including the Patron Dr. Raymond Omollo, Deputy Patron also Inspector General of the National Police Service Mr. Douglas Kanja, and Chairman Mr. Nyale Munga, SAIG, team coaches and team managers —for building and sustaining a high-performance environment.

The President pledged continued government support in infrastructure, logistics, and talent development, urging the private sector to join in elevating sports in Kenya.

The success of Kenya Police FC and Kenya Police Bullets FC is a testament to the National Police Service's evolving role in society. Beyond enforcing law and order, the Service nurtures talent, promotes wellness, and strengthens community bonds through sports. The motto "Policing Through Sports" has never rung truer.

As the trophies shine in the cabinet and fans celebrate across the country, the legacy built by Kenya Police football is only just beginning. With vision, discipline, and unwavering support, the blue tide keeps rising on and off the pitch.



H.E. President Dr. William Ruto and IG Douglas Kanja visit the housing unit of PC/W Milka Njoki Mburu, located within the newly commissioned 60-unit development at Chuka Police Station, Tharaka Nithi County, on April 3, 2025.



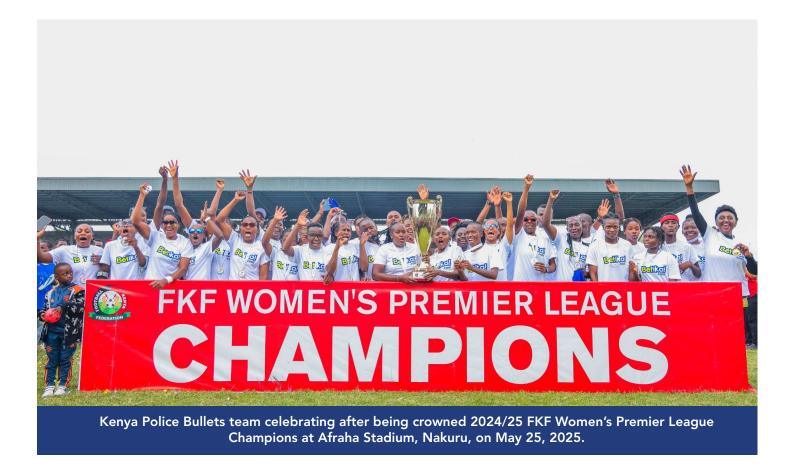
Interior CS Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen waters a tree during his visit and lecture to NPS officers attending the County Commanders' Course No. 1/2025 at NPLA Ngong, April 23, 2025.



IG Douglas Kanja inspects a quarter guard during his official visit to the EAPCCO Games in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on May 3, 2025.



The IG Douglas Kanja and the Group Managing Director of Kenya Re, Dr. Hillary Wachinga, fitting assistive devices on a police officer.





athletics championship at ICT3 Boardroom on May 20, 2025



Hon. Shakeel A. Shabbir (MP, Kisumu Town East), IG Douglas Kanja, and Mr. Eliud Lagat DIG-KPS during the ground-breaking ceremony of Migosi Police Station, Kisumu on April 11, 2025.



Mr. Ojuok, SSP and President of the IPA Kenya, plants a tree during the launch of a major environmental initiative at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), Ngong, on 24 April 2025.



Project SOTERIA trainees during a team-building exercise at Hell's Gate National Park, May 3, 2025.



DCI Volleyball Queens Team in action during a past match



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