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MR. JAPHET KOOME EBS, HSC, NDC 'K'
INSPECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE
& PRESIDENT OF AFRIPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear readers, it is my pleasure to share with you the 8th issue of the National Police Service (NPS) Newsletter. The past three months have seen NPS engage in a myriad of activities that have been vital in ensuring that we effectively and efficiently achieve our policing mandate of maintaining law and order.

In this 3rd Quarter issue, we commemorated those who lost their lives in the August 1998 US Embassy bombing. While appreciating the remarkable strides we have made since that fateful day, we strive to find lasting solutions to terrorism. This resolve stands firm in our commitment to protect the lives of all peace-loving and law abiding Kenyans.

In the last three months, I held various sessions engaging with our officers various counties including Lamu, Garissa, Turkana, Nyeri among others. The zeal and determination by which our Officers serve our country amidst challenging and extremely difficult circumstances is incredible. I wish to thank all our partners who have supported NPS.

Chandaria Foundation, for over 20 years has partnered with NPS, through the Chandaria Bravery Awards, an event held annually to honor our gallant Officers for their exemplary service to the Nation.

Officers who were honored during the Chandaria Bravery Awards are just but a representation of many others who put their lives on the line every day to protect the lives of Kenyans. I extend my gratitude to each and every Officer dedicated to serving our beloved country.

In the past three months, NPS sustained the fight against the sale of illicit brews, drugs and distribution of counterfeit goods across the Country. Our multi-agency security operations and collaboration with members of public has been crucial in arrest of suspects and destruction of such brews. As a Service, we are aware of the negative impact of consumption of illicit alcohol and narcotic substances, and we remain resolute in our unwavering commitment to eradicating this menace.

The period under review also offered a wonderful opportunity for us to interact with members of public during the just concluded Nairobi and Mombasa International Trade Fairs. Our officers demonstrated a high level of professionalism during the events, taking time to explain what the NPS is all about. I thank all who took the time to visit our stand and share their feedback. I also commend all the exhibitors from the NPS for their exemplary performance which earned the Service several awards in different categories.

Finally, I wish to once again, congratulate all NPS Officers, led by Cpl. Moraa, for their sterling performance during the World Athletics Championships and World Athletics Road Running Championships in Budapest and Riga respectively. They echoed the importance of integrity in service delivery as reflected by the core values of NPS.

Please enjoy your reading.



**DR. RESILA ONYANGO, PhD, HSC
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Dear Colleagues and Esteemed Readers,

As we extend a warm invitation to interact with us through the 8th Edition of our Newsletter, it is my pleasure to have your audience as we share with you our engagements over the last quarter. In this 3rd quarter of NPS Newsletter 2023.

It is truly an honor to have your continued support as we share our significant endeavors and milestones achieved over the preceding quarter. In this edition, we provide you with a glimpse into the dynamic initiatives undertaken by NPS.

We are genuinely grateful for your active involvement not only on this platform but also across various mainstream and social media channels.

Encouraging your active participation, we cordially invite particularly NPS Officers to contribute creative works for possible inclusion in upcoming editions. Whether it's an insightful article, photo or captivating artwork, your contributions are highly welcomed.

As always, your feedback remains invaluable to us. We encourage you to continue engaging with us on our social media platforms, fostering a vibrant community of mutual exchange and support.

My sincere gratitude to our partners the Media for their continued support.

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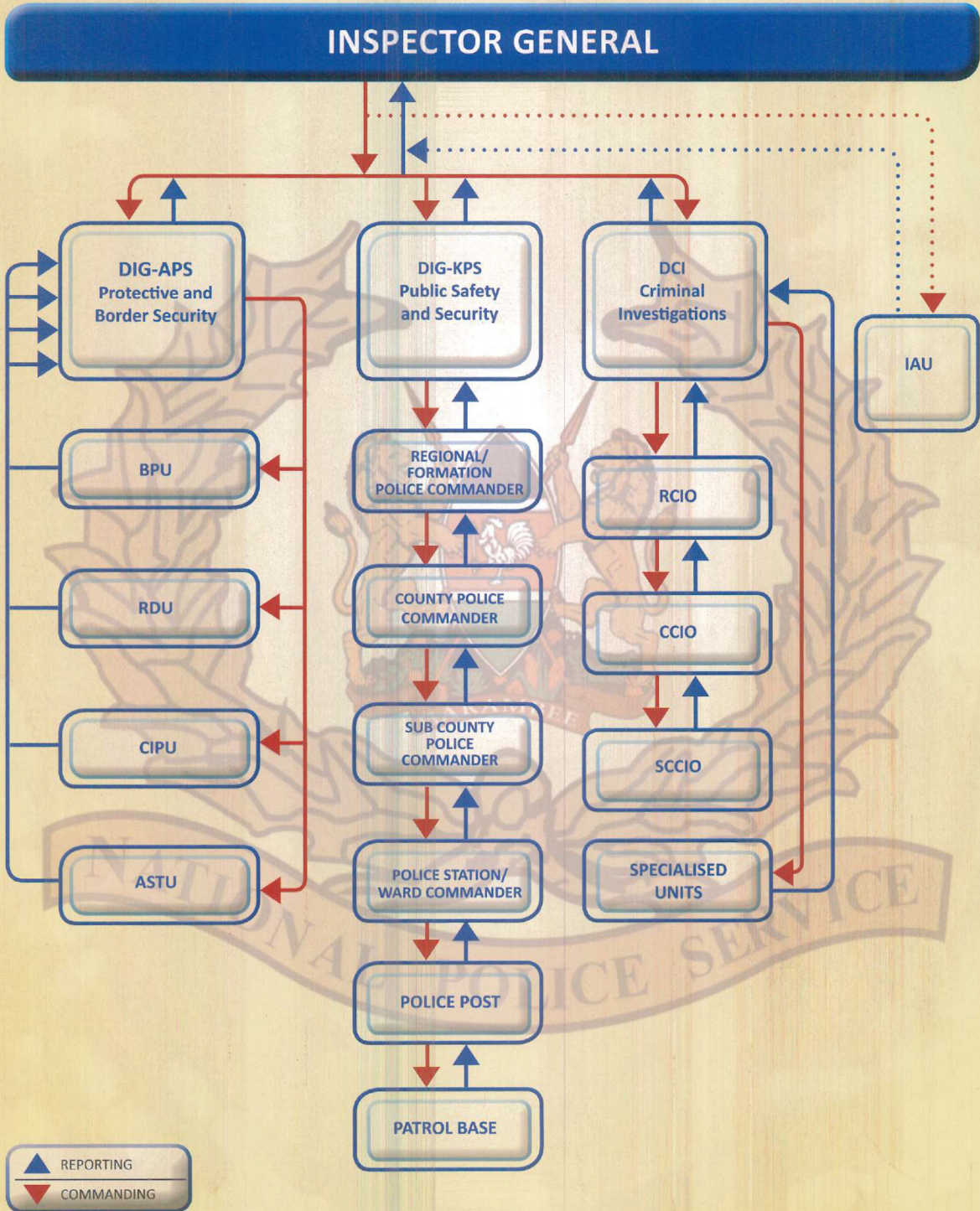
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Strengthening National Security: Kenya's ongoing battle against terrorism



CS Kindiki arrives in Lamu County for the opening of the Lamu East Sub County Headquarters accompanied by the Coast Regional Commander Mr. Kenneth Kimani, AIG

Terrorism remains a significant global challenge with far-reaching consequences. From the loss of innocent lives to the disruption of societies and economies, its impact lingers in the form of enduring psychological scars, haunting survivors long after the harrowing events have faded into history.

Kenya, like many other nations, has grappled with the scourge of terrorism. On August 7th, 1998, 224 lives were lost, and over 5,000 people suffered injuries in a shocking act of terror, when Al Qaeda terrorists bombed the US Embassy Nairobi. This tragic event served as a wake-up call for the Country and the East African region at large, prompting Governments to take proactive steps in counter terrorism.

Kenya has since made significant strides in its

preparedness and response to terrorism and violent extremism with the government investing heavily in the training and equipping of security personnel to terrorism threats.

As we commemorated those who lost their lives and were injured on the 1998 attack, NPS reaffirms its unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our nation's citizens having put in place strict measures to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

One critical development following the 1998 attack was the establishment of the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit (ATPU) under the Directorate of Criminal Investigations. The ATPU is tasked with preventing, disrupting, and investigating terror-related cases. This specialized unit has played a vital role in enhancing Kenya's security landscape.



IG Koome arrives in Lamu for a multi-agency security assessment meeting

Recently, officers from the ATPU's Emergency Response Team (ERT) underwent rigorous mobile tactical operations training. This training, conducted in partnership with the United States Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) program was aimed to bolster the ERT's operational capabilities. Such collaborations with international partners underscore the importance of global cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

NPS closely collaborates and cooperates with other national, regional and international security organs to gather and share intelligence and identify potential threats. To this end, NPS has adopted technology crucial for surveillance,

communication monitoring, data analysis which has been crucial in detecting suspicious activities and individuals.

Additionally, NPS has established a Counter Violent Extremism program that focuses on identifying those involved in extremist ideologies and offering alternative paths.

In recent months, Kenya has faced heightened terror threats and violent extremism, particularly in the coastal region, with Boni Forest serving as a notorious hideout and escape route for terrorists. Plans to demarcate a clear boundary between the forest and human habitation aim to aid security officers in separating law-abiding citizens from potential threats. Further,

security agencies have enhanced patrols in the Northern Eastern and Upper Coastal regions to detect and neutralize any planned terror attacks.

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Professor Kithure Kindiki, emphasized the importance of public cooperation in the fight against radicalization, violent extremism, and terrorism when he made a visit to Lamu County where he attended the official opening of Lamu East Sub-County Headquarters, a measure meant to enhance security in the area.

Notably, the police-public partnership has been instrumental in these efforts. This cooperation has seen citizens reported suspicious activities, which has in turn been



important in proactive policing and making arrests. In one case, a terror suspect was apprehended in Dagoretti, Kiambu County, with incriminating evidence on their mobile phone, including radicalization materials linked to the Al-Shabaab network.

In Moyale, two terror suspects were nabbed by security agents as they tried to find their way into Somalia. Three more suspects had been arrested a fortnight earlier in Garissa after members of the public reported their presence at Karakora area within Garissa County. Several others have been charged with various offences under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (No. 30 of 2012).

While the commitment to combat terrorism extends beyond arrests and operations, our Country remains steadfast in its commitment to countering terrorism and violent extremism. Recent legislative measures, such as the signing of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023 by His Excellency President William Ruto reflect the nation's dedication to strengthening its counter-terrorism responses.

The Country has also temporarily delayed reopening its border points with Somalia to strengthen the fight against cross-border movement of terrorists and criminals. In addition, during a visit to Ifo 2 and Dagahaley Refugee camps in the Dadaab Complex, CS Kindiki announced the government's plan to shift its refugee management policy from encampment to integrated settlement to prevent the infiltration and exploitation of refugee spaces by terrorists and criminals. These efforts aim to complement military interventions and security operations against terrorism, radicalization, and violent extremism.

As the NPS continues to align its strategies with international best practices, we remains vigilant and unwavering in its pursuit of a safer and more secure future for all Kenyans. The fight against terrorism is an ongoing battle and despite the challenges, we are determined to win for the sake of peace, stability, and prosperity.



CS Kindiki, accompanied by DIG APS Mr. Noor Gabow and Commanding officer SOG Mr. Masengeli meets security officers during a visit to Mulango, Isiolo County



Well done officers, security guaranteed at the africa climate summit

In September 2023, Kenya played host to the maiden edition of the Africa Climate Summit 2023. The high-profile event took place from the 4th to the 6th of September and it ran in parallel with Africa Climate Week 2023 (ACW 2023) whose culmination was on the 8th of September, the events were held at The Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi. His Excellency President William Ruto, CGH delivered the closing remarks at the closure of the summit. Several Heads of State and at least 14,000 delegates and dignitaries from the continent and across the globe attended the event which was pivotal in addressing Africa's increasing exposure to the effects of climate change and global warming.

During the preparatory meetings preceding the ACS2023, The Principal Secretary Internal Security and National Administration, Dr. Raymond Omollo had a security briefing with the Diplomatic Corps, International Organisations, and security personnel. A multi-agency team of at least 4,000 officers drawn from various security services was put together for the critical role of ensuring the safety of all participants. Officers in particular from the traffic department were at hand to provide the necessary support, directions, and guidance to motorists ensuring that there was seamless flow of traffic.

Recently, climate change has proven to be an increasing socio-economic security threat and its effects have led to clashes over control of fertile land, expansive grazing fields, and access to water points. In turn, these competitions have triggered tension, disputes, and displacement of people.

For their exemplary performance in securing the meeting, H.E. Dr. William Ruto, the President and Commander in Chief of Defence Forces, commended NPS Officers, in a letter that was escalated to the e commend all the security teams and other actors who played a critical role in ensuring the summit ran smoothly and void of any security-related challenges.



Traffic 1, Nairobi Mr. Vitalis Andege, CP on official duty during the the Africa Climate Summit, 2023 event at KICC



Strengthening collaborations towards better policing



IG Koome exchanges gifts with the INTERPOL Executive Director of Police Services at Mr. Stephen Kavanagh at NPS Headquarters, Nairobi

The Inspector General of Police has received several courtesy visits from various foreign delegations and non-state actors over the past three months. These courtesy calls have been crucial in the strengthening of bilateral collaborations between the National Police Service with such actors and agencies for the betterment of law enforcement.

On the 31st of August, the Inspector General of Police held discussions with Mr. Stephen Kavanagh who is the Executive Director of Police Services at the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL). Their discussions explored the continued cooperation that NPS and INTERPOL have had including joint trainings, capacity building, joint operations through INTERPOL projects. Notably, through the DCI, Kenya became the first Nation within the Eastern Africa Region to be connected to INTERPOL International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database.

Mr. Kavanagh's visit comes after the earlier visit by INTERPOL President Maj. Gen. Dr. Ahmed Nasir Al-Raisi, reaffirming the continued cooperation between NPS and INTERPOL.

The Inspector General received the German Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Amb. Sebastian Groth. The continued positive bilateral cooperation between Kenya and Germany were among the discussions, with the Inspector General pointing out the German GIZ Programme that has immensely contributed to the training of NPS officers particularly in crime scene management and investigation.

Further, the Inspector General received a courtesy call by the Israeli Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Michael Lotem. The two discussed a wide range of issues ranging from training programs to and adoption of technology in policing.

A team from the World Bank and a representative from the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) Mr. Duncan Kibogong also paid a visit to the IG. Mr. Sveta Milusheva led the delegation in the discussion which focused on modalities of collecting data on traffic accidents so as to improve road safety in the country.



NPS Receives basic forensic kits from German Cooperation



NPS receives 500 Basic Forensic First Responders' kits from German Cooperation (GIZ)
L to R Mr. John Kamau , Mr. Ulrich Jaenen, Madam Rosemary Kuraru, Mr. David Njagi and Mr. Musita Anyangu

The National Police Service on 5th July 2023 received 500 Basic Forensic First Responders' kits from the German Cooperation (GIZ). The kits were handed over by Mr. Ulrich Jaenen and received by the Director Human Capital Development & Administration, Madam Rosemary Kuraru, SAIG at the NPS Headquarters, Jogoo House 'A'.

Also present were Director Reforms, Mr. John Kamau, AIG; Director Planning & Finance, Mr. David Njagi, AIG and NPS Spokesperson, Dr. Resila Onyango, AIG.

Police officers are among first responders to any crime scene. It is envisioned that the kits will be useful in facilitating the ability of the Officers

to effectively address emergencies, provide assistance to those in need and investigate crimes. With items like first aid supplies, Crime scene barricade tape, Body fluid collection kits, and personal protective equipment, these kits equip police officers with the resources necessary to respond swiftly and with greater efficiency therefore enhancing public safety and the officers' ability to fulfill their crucial roles in the community.

The GIZ has partnered with NPS in various other areas including specialized training in Crime Scene and Forensic Investigation in a bid to transform the Police Service to provide more professional services, be closer to the communities they serve and enhance its capacity to enforce the rule of law.



NPS shines at the Nairobi and Mombasa shows



Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Musalia Mudavadi awarding a trophy to NPS Officers led by NPS Spokesperson, Dr. Resila Onyango, AIG Madam Joyce Musoga, CP (KPS), Mr. Benard Nyakwaka, AIG (DCI) and Mrs. Betty Kipng'eno, CP (DCI) during the ASK Nairobi International Trade Fair

The National Police Service has for the longest time participated in the Agricultural Society of Kenya's International Trade Fair. This year was no exception as we set up for the Nairobi and Mombasa Shows. His Excellency President William Samoei Ruto, CGH on the 27 September 2023 officially opened the Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF) 2023 at the Jamhuri Show Ground. The one-week Trade Fair attracted over 500 Exhibitors from diverse sectors including Security, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Education, Housing, Finance, Hospitality, among others showcasing cutting-edge technologies and innovations.

In his opening remarks, His Excellency the President emphasized that the event is a vital opportunity to have a conversation

on a broad variety of subjects, which define the government's transformation Agenda. Moreover, it provides an opportunity to engage with a broader regional, continental, and global audience. NPS plays a vital role in preserving the peace and maintaining law and order so as to enable all our nation's economic activity across all sectors.

This year's event themed "Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth" presented an opportunity for NPS to interact with members of the public, giving a deeper insight about NPS mandate, and specializations within NPS.

The Show offered a one-stop opportunity for the public, particularly children to understand the operations of NPS units/Formations among them, The K9 Unit and the Presidential Escort



Unit under the Kenya Police Service, NPS Airwing, DCI Child Protection Unit, INTERPOL, Border Police Unit under Administration Police Service, Integrated Command Centre (IC3) .

Earlier, the Deputy President, His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua officially opened the Mombasa Show on 7th September. NPS had the pleasure of hosting the DP at our stand where he expressed his delight following the excellent display by exhibitors from various NPS Units further commending the Police for diligent execution of their duties.

NPS received several awards for exemplary performance in different categories at both events including the coveted Branch Chair Commendation Trophy at the NITF, position one for 'The best stand that promotes National Cohesion and Integration Development' and second position for 'Best Government Social Functions during the Mombasa event where the Deputy President presented the trophies to the Coast Regional Police Commander Mr. Kenneth Kimani, who received them on behalf of the Inspector General.

The Mombasa show, which began on the 6th of September and concluded on the 10th, was a tremendous success.

NPS reaffirms its commitment to improving service delivery having taken into account the valuable feedback received from the public during the two public engagements.



The Deputy President H.E Rigathi Gachagua at the NPS stand during the ASK Mombasa International Trade Fair



Sustained crackdowns against illicit brews and and substance abuse

The relentless fight against illicit brews prohibited drugs, and circulation of contraband goods by National Police Service officers continues to bear fruits. This follows concerted efforts by police, members of the public, and the National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) which has led to multiple successes across the country including the confiscation of drugs and arrest of suspects.

Illicit drugs and narcotics have had far-reaching implications in the lives of many Kenyans with the youth being th most affected. These neative effects include increased crime, violence, diseases, and infections among others.

Some of the successful operations that were conducted by our officers include the seizure of uncustomed goods and second-generation alcoholic drinks that were nabbed in Nakuru, Muranga, Nyeri, and Kiambu counties. During these operations, several consigments of counterfeit alcoholic brands were seized, among them Ferrari, People's Choice, Moon Ice and Sweet Berry. Further, fake Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) stamps and uncustomed goods were impounded.

Another major success was the recovery of drugs and millions of cash in Kariwa Slums, Nairobi County by a multi-agency team. During the raid, four suspects were apprehended and 173 pieces of blended cannabis sativa and 42 cartons each containing 200 pieces of cigarettes were recovered.

NPS lauds members of the public for the continued sharing of information which has led to the arrests and halted the circulation of contraband goods. NPS encourages the public to continue reporting persons who they suspect of involvement in these vices to nearby police posts and stations. These reports can also be made through our toll-free numbers 999, 9,11, 112 and #FichuaKwaDCI 0800 722 203.



Some of the counterfeit alcoholic drinks seized in Ngatho, Muranga County



One good turn deserves another



IG Koome engaging with Dr. Manu Chandaria and Mr. Kaushik Shah from the Chandaria Foundation

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist and the first president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999; he once said "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

Those inspirational and intelligent words are perfectly embodied by 20 Police officers drawn from the Kenya Police Service, Administration Police Service, and Directorate of Criminal Investigations who were recently recognized and awarded for acting with remarkable bravery in the execution of duty.

The gallant officers were feted during the 35th

Manu Chandaria Bravery Award ceremony held on 13th September 2023 at the National Police Service Headquarters, and graced by the Inspector-General-NPS Mr. Japhet Koome, EBS, HSC, ndc (K) and Philanthropist, Dr. Manu Chandaria.

IG Koome lauded Dr. Chandaria and his Foundation for the recognition of outstanding Police Officers whose courage and selflessness go far above and beyond the call of duty through the awarding of the coveted Chandaria Bravery Awards. He also congratulated the awardees for their great perseverance and immense inner strength when faced with difficult and life-threatening circumstances.

In his remarks, Dr. Chandaria commended the officers and expressed his gratitude to all NPS



Officers for their commitment and selfless service to the Country, noting that "police are the reason we sleep comfortably because they are out on duty while we are sleeping", said Chandaria.

Among those fetted were Officers that rescued of two American citizens from an Al-Shabaab attack along Witu-Hindi Road on 28th December 2022. Others were Officers that successfully fought and defended Quick Response Camp (QRF Khorof Harar Camp) which was under attack by the Al-Shabaab militants on 8th August 2022.

Other incidents where the Officers exhibited exceptional bravery were in anti-narcotic operations, combating banditry, and recovery of firearms, ammunition, and Rocket Propelled Grenades.

To qualify for the Chandaria Bravery Award, Chandaria Foundation calls for the names of Officers that exhibited acts of bravery while on duty during a specified year. The Services then

forward the names of their nominees, citing evidence of the acts of bravery, and the final list is compiled at

NPS salutes the recipients of the 2022 Manu Chandaria Bravery Award for the extreme courage and initiative displayed in the performance of their duty. This is a great inspiration to us and hence the Service urges all police officers to emulate them for better service delivery.



IG Koome commends CI Robert Gituma a General Service Unit (GSU) officer, during the 35th Manu Chandaria Bravery Award 2023



IG Koome officially opens station commanders' course at Main Kiganjo Campus



IG Koome has a word with SGT Praxides Ayuma after promotion to her current rank

IG Mr. Koome expressed his confidence in the officers' dedication and their capacity to discharge the mandate of NPS efficiently in their new capacities. The Police Chief reiterated the Service's mandate to serve and protect saying nothing will get in the way of NPS to fulfil its Constitutional duty.

The cohort of 750 coursemen in Kiganjo undertook a two months's course.

A similar course was also opened by the Director DCI, Mr. Mohammed Amin at the NPC-Embakasi "A" Campus (former APTC Embakasi) their Administration Police Service counterparts.

The DCI congratulated the platoon commanders for their well-earned promotions, reminding them that their appointments came with greater responsibilities and expectations from the members of the public.

The Inspector General - Mr. Japhet Koome on August 8th officially opened the Station Commanders' Development Course No.1/2023 at the National Police College- Main Campus-Kiganjo, where he was received by the Commandant NPC Kiganjo, Mr. Nyale Munga. Traditionally, promotion to the rank of a Chief Inspector is never preceded with a course, and doesn't require a course thereafter. Unlike in the past, Station Commanders now control Appropriation in Expenditure (AIE). It therefore became imperative that all the newly promoted Chief Inspectors be trained on financial management and their new roles as station commanders. In his address to the Coursemen and women at Kiganjo,



Station Commanders' Development Course No.1/2023 officers during the course opening ceremony at the National Police College-Main Campus-Kiganjo

AT A GLANCE



Ethiopia Commissioner General Mr Demalash Gebre Michael with the DCI Director Mr. Mohammed Amin being taken through a bomb disposal procedure by Philip Mnyoto, CP head of DCI Bomb Disposal Unit at the DCI National Forensic Lab



Officers pose for a photo in the proposed Kenya Police uniform during public participation at Police Pavilion, South C



From L to R: Dr. Resila Onyango NPS Spokesperson, Mr Stephen Kathuli Nairobi CIPU Commander, Mr. Adamson Bungei Nairobi Regional Commander and Mr. Peter Njeru Nairobi Regional DCIO during the Africa Climate Summit at KICC



Patron of the Ushiriki Wema Foundation Mrs. Tessie Mudavadi matching with Kenya Police band during a tree planting event held at NPC Main Campus Kiganjo in partnership with NPS



IG Koome engaging with the Deputy Commandant NPS Airwing Chief Pilot James Kabo, AIG at Wilson Airport



Officers who completed AMISOM peacekeeping mission pose for a photo with Madam Rosemary Kuraru



NPS Officers post excellent results in the World Athletics Championships

The world witnessed the highlight of the 2023 Athletics calendar during the just concluded World Athletics Championships held in Budapest, Hungary from the 19th to the 27th of August 2023. Amongst the contingent of athletes representing Kenya were athletes drawn from the National Police Service. As has been the norm, NPS athletes did not disappoint. At the end of the Championships, Kenya was ranked position 5 globally having garnered a total of 10 medals. Among the ten medals, five medals were won by NPS officers; 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 2 Bronze Medals.

Mary Moraa continued with her blistering form as she tactically led the 800M race to claim the Gold Medal. Her compatriots from the NPS; Beatrice Chepkoech and Daniel Simiyu Ebenyo settled for Silver medals in the 3,000M steeplechase and 10,000M races respectively. In addition, Beatrice Chebet and Abraham Kibiwott took third

positions in the 5000M and 3000M steeplechase respectively to claim the Bronze medals.

Moraa's exploits were recognized by the Inspector General National Police Service, Mr. Japhet Koome. She met the IG at his office where he congratulated her and fellow NPS athletes and further advised them to observe sports discipline and shun all forms of malpractice, particularly doping.

His exploits at the prestigious Diamond League series included wins in the Monaco Diamond League by notching 9.92 and another impressive win at the Zagreb at the Boris Hanzekovic Memorial 2023 men's 100M. Omanyala also settled for the second position at the 2023 Gala dei Castelli Bellinoza World Athletics Continental Tour.

Our officers showcased their dominance again on the streets of Riga, Latvia during the inaugural World Athletics Road Running Championships. Beatrice

Chebet once again stormed to victory to claim a gold medal at the Women's 5KM notching a time of 14.35. In the men's half marathon, Daniel Simiu grabbed the silver medal timing 59.14 after an impressive display of sportsmanship, as he allowed his compatriot Sebastian Sawe to cruise to the first spot.

Mary Moraa further posted impressive results to win both the Silesia Diamond League and the Lausanne Diamond League.

Beatrice Chepkoech's prowess at the 3000M steeplechase continued as she settled for podium finishes of positions one and two in the Lausanne and London Diamond Leagues respectively. Her compatriot Beatrice Chebet notched a world-leading time of 8:24.05 to win the Xiamen Diamond League.

Athletes Wycliffe Kinyamal and Abel Kipsang had splendid performances too at the Diamond League series, Kinyamal outshone a group comprised of experienced athletes in 800M to win the esteemed Monaco Diamond League. Kipsang meanwhile settled for positions two and three at the Silesia and Zurich Diamond Leagues.



IG Koome awards Moraa Corporal on merit in his office



All set, as Police FC rolls into the new Football Season

After an eventful Football Kenya Federation Premier League (FKF-PL) 2022-2023 season, that culminated in Police FC grabbing the third spot and amassing 64 points, the team's preparations for the 2023/2024 season have been impressive. Initial plans for the pre-season was the event dubbed "fans vs. fans" football match held on 22nd July at Police Sacco Stadium. The event brought together the team's supporters to interact with the players and some of the club's officials. In addition, registration of new fans and the formation of a fan soccer team was the highlight of the day. All these were in tandem with Police FC's objective of realizing its motto of "Policing through sports."

There have been new faces in the team this season, Dr. Vincent Makokha, AIG is the new team manager. Mr. Makokha, an avid supporter of the team hopes to ensure the team's welfare is well taken care of to achieve a fruitful season. A notable addition to the team is the new head coach Zdravko Logarušić whose vast experience will be pivotal this seasons. Sakim Babu has been appointed as the assistant coach. In addition to bolstering the club's quality and depth, the team has made multiple signings which include; Tyson Otieno, Kenneth Muguna, Rashid Toha, and Tito Okello.

In preparation for the new season, the team also participated in a series of friendlies locally and in Tanzania and Rwanda. Some of the teams faced include league rivals Mathare FC, Rayon FC from Rwanda, and Tanzanian sides Namungo FC and Singida FC. The team emerged victorious in Rwanda and the friendlies in Tanzania ending in a stalemate. While the men's Police team prepared for the new season, their female counterparts' preparations have also been in top gear, Kenya Police Bullets thrashed TUK Ravens FC 6 nil, in preparation for the 2023/2024 FKF Women Premier League.

Further, six players from Police FC caught the eyes of both Kenya and South Sudan National Team coaches and were called in to represent their respective nations in friendly matches. Abud Omar, David Ochieng, Kenneth Muguna, and Patrick Matasi represented Kenya while Rashid Toha and Tito Okello were included in the South Sudan National Team.



Francis Kahata in action at a past game
Photo Courtesy



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