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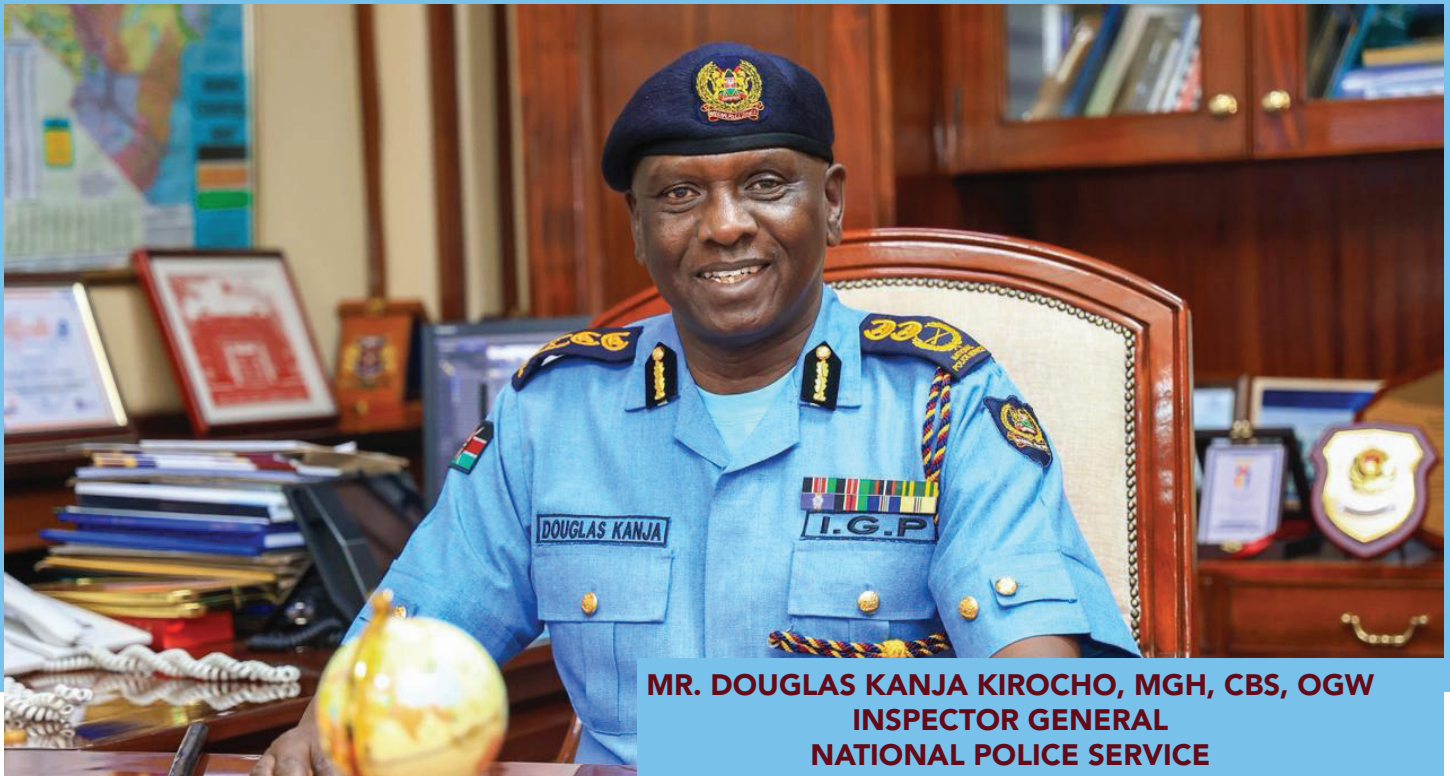


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MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL



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It is with great pride that I present this 20th edition of our National Police Service (NPS) Newsletter. As a Service, we continue to make strides in fulfilling our constitutional mandate as stipulated under Article 244 of the Constitution of Kenya.

First and foremost, I hail the successful pass-out parades of our newest cohort of NPS officers. These momentous occasions were presided over by His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya. I extend my deepest appreciation to the National Government and the Ministry of Interior for their unwavering support. My gratitude also goes to our dedicated instructors and trainers for their excellent stewardship of the recruits during the nine months and to the families of our new officers whose support was crucial. To our new police constables, welcome to the noble calling of public service.

In our pursuit of modernization and efficiency, we are already witnessing great progress through the rollout of the Live-Scan Multi-Biometric Identification System (MBIS). This technological milestone marks a massive leap forward in our service delivery having drastically cut the processing time for Police Clearance Certificates (PCC) from an average of 14 days down to just 24 hours and through speeding up the criminal investigation capabilities through fast, accurate and seamless forensic identification. The MBIS also will enhance seamless Integration with Criminal Justice Actors through ensuring real-time identity verification and swift intelligence sharing.

Let me take this opportunity to reassure all Kenyans that our country remains safe and secure. The National Police Service is fully committed to maintaining law and order. Even as we look ahead, I want to affirm our preparedness for the upcoming 2027 General Elections. We are proactively putting measures in place to guarantee a peaceful, secure and democratic exercise for every citizen.

Our achievements and successes continue to amplify through strategic collaborations. I extend our appreciation to all strategic partners of the NPS.

We recognize the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), through whose cooperation with the U.S. Embassy, we have seen the successful construction of 16 classrooms at the National Criminal Investigations Academy (NCIA). Furthermore, our robust multi-agency cooperation has led to significant breakthroughs in national security, including the recent nabbing and destruction of a large consignment of methamphetamine.

Furthermore, I celebrate enduring partnership on the Chandaria Bravery Awards and appreciate the Chandaria Foundation for over 30 years of partnership in recognizing and honoring the sacrifices of our brave officers.

I am also proud of the successful official return of the flag by our courageous NPS officers who were deployed to the multi-national security support mission in Haiti and laud all the officers for the immense courage, discipline and being good ambassadors of the NPS and our country.

Dear readers, we recognize that public trust is the cornerstone of effective policing. The NPS is firmly committed to improving our communication with the public through our newly revised NPS Communication Strategy. This framework will foster transparency, bridge the gap between the police and the community and ensure timely, accurate information sharing.

In this edition, we also celebrate our victories outside policing. I highly commend our NPS men's and women's Kabaddi teams for their dominant performance at the regional games in Burundi. I affirm the unwavering commitment of the NPS to continuously support all our sportsmen and women as they nurture their talents and represent both the NPS and the national flag.

Finally, my compliments go to the Editorial Team for the production of this 20th informative newsletter, capturing the true spirit and milestones of our Service.

To all officers, let us remember to 'Serve with Dignity'

MESSAGE FROM PUBLISHER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the July–September 2026 edition of the National Police Service Quarterly Newsletter, which brings you highlights of the activities, achievements and milestones of the Service during the third quarter of the year.

The quarter was marked by continued efforts to strengthen professional, accountable and people-centred policing. Across the country, our officers remained steadfast in maintaining law and order, preventing and combating crime, protecting life and property, and engaging communities in addressing security concerns.

The Service also continued to advance the modernisation and professionalisation of policing through investment in technology, forensic services, specialised investigations and capacity development. The expansion of training opportunities and strengthening of institutions such as the Criminal Investigations Academy reflect the Service's commitment to equipping officers with the competencies required to respond to an increasingly complex security environment.

As preparations for the 2027 General Election continue, the Service sustained efforts to strengthen preparedness, coordination and engagement with stakeholders. Building professional partnerships with the media, communities and other institutions remains an important component of fostering public confidence and supporting peaceful and secure democratic processes.

The quarter also witnessed progress in the implementation of structural reforms within the Service, alongside continued emphasis on community policing and partnerships. We have also taken time to recognise officers whose courage, leadership and dedication exemplify the values of service to the people.

Beyond conventional policing, this edition captures the diverse engagements of the National Police Service, including participation in the 2026 Mombasa ASK Show and the achievements of our sporting teams. These activities provide valuable opportunities to interact with the public, showcase the capabilities of the Service and strengthen teamwork and camaraderie among officers.

As the Directorate of Corporate Communications, we remain committed to telling the story of the National Police Service accurately, responsibly and in a manner that enhances public understanding of our mandate and activities. Through timely and factual communication, we will continue to strengthen the connection between the Service and the communities we serve.

I commend all officers and staff for their dedication and commitment to duty throughout the quarter, and appreciate our partners and members of the public for their continued cooperation and support.

I invite you to read this edition and join us in reflecting on the work being undertaken across the Service to enhance safety,

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NPS WELCOMES THE NEXT GENERATION OF OFFICERS IN SPECTACULAR 2026 PASS-OUT PARADES



His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, inspects the General Service Unit recruits' Parade during their Passing-Out ceremony at the National Police College Embakasi 'B' Campus, accompanied by the Parade Commander, Mr. Daniel Karamushu, SP, on September 18, 2026.

The rhythmic thud of boots hitting the parade grounds in perfect unison echoed across the historic grounds of the National Police College Main Campus in Kiganjo, the National Police College (NPC) Embakasi 'A' Campus, and the NPC Embakasi 'B' Campus, signaling a powerful addition of personnel for the National Police Service. Donning splendid ceremonial uniforms, the parades across these training institutions captured the attention of the entire nation.

These monumental pass-out parades marked the definitive moment when thousands of recruits shed their trainee status to formally join the ranks of the National Police Service (NPS) as Police Constables, ready to defend the Constitution and protect the citizens of Kenya. A pass-out parade is far more than a ceremonial graduation; it is the ultimate crucible of transition and the foundational pillar of law enforcement continuity. For the National Police Service, these parades represent injecting fresh energy, updated tactical training, and robust numbers

into public safety; they serve as an enduring symbol of the state's uninterrupted commitment to law, order, and duty.

The flawless execution of the drills on the parade squares painted a vivid picture of the recruits' grueling nine months of intensive physical, mental, and tactical conditioning. Every sharp salute, synchronized march-past, and unyielding posture reflected an extraordinary standard of discipline and dedication; this was also after numerous rehearsals. Having endured weeks of rough-terrain survival tactics and rigorous physical endurance tests, the recruits stood as a testament to absolute perfection. Not a single step was out of line, and not a single movement was delayed, illustrating a level of professionalism that reassured the nation of their readiness to confront any security challenge with absolute precision.

President's Message

Presiding over the historic ceremonies, the key message came from the head of state, His Excellency President William Ruto, who commended the new officers for answering the patriotic call to service. The Head of State emphasized that the new police constables' authority is derived strictly from the Constitution and must be exercised with the utmost responsibility, fairness, and respect for human dignity. The President also reiterated the Government's commitment to continuous security sector reforms to improve welfare and operational efficiency, noting that tangible improvements to the National Police Service, such as the introduction of the Usalama Cover under the Social Health Authority (SHA) and the rollout of redesigned general-duty uniforms, are integral components of a comprehensive, broader police reform programme.

Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen echoed these sentiments, affirming that the government remains fully committed to modernizing police infrastructure, expanding housing, and enhancing the welfare of officers to optimize operational efficiency. CS Murkomen further noted that the newly trained officers were not merely numbers, but an invaluable additional resource to the NPS. He lauded the quality of the graduating cohort, observing that the constables are well trained, which he attributed to the revised and modernised training curriculum tailored to counter evolving security threats.

The CS also underscored the pivotal role of the newly formed National Government Administration Police Unit (NGAPU) in securing the nation, emphasising that the deployment of NGAPU is central to boosting grassroots security in the country.

Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja warmly welcomed the cohort into the NPS family, challenging them to cultivate strong, trust-based relationships with civilians while maintaining unwavering integrity and firmness in the execution of their daily duties. IG Kanja affirmed that the recruits had been comprehensively trained and were ready to serve the country as members of the National Police Service. The IG appreciated the invaluable support extended to the NPS and urged the graduating officers to serve all persons in accordance with the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

Key messages resonated from the Deputy Inspector General – KPS, Mr. Eliud Lagat, and the Deputy Inspector-General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli; they affirmed the absolute readiness of the recruits to deploy and noted that the graduating cohort has undergone rigorous, modern, and comprehensive training. DIG Gilbert Masengeli challenged the constables to embrace their new status as law enforcers and reminded the recruits that as police officers, they must drop old tendencies to serve the nation effectively.



His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, presents a trophy to Recruit Constable Wycliffe Kyalo, who emerged Best in Academics, during the Passing-Out Parade at the National Police College Main Campus, Kiganjo, on August 28, 2026.

Key Events Before the Pass-out Parades

Before the pass-out parade at the NPC Main Campus, Kiganjo, President William Ruto witnessed the launch of the new official police uniform. The President said the change is a core part of ongoing police reforms. Additionally, the Head of State presided over the college's modernization project, an initiative fully funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to elevate training standards at the Institution.

Before officiating the graduation ceremony at NPC Embakasi 'A', the President led a dignified remembrance by placing a wreath of flowers at the monument for fallen officers, a symbolic gesture to honor the memory of the brave men and women in uniform who had lost their lives in the line of duty.

Addressing the gathering during the tribute, President Ruto emphasized that the departed officers were not merely statistics, but true national heroes who embody the core values of patriotism and bravery. He noted that their ultimate sacrifice is key in ensuring that Kenya remains safe and stable.

The ceremony also marked a historic moment of international pride as the President formally received the Kenyan Flag back from the troops deployed to the United Nations-backed mission in Haiti, led by former MSS – Haiti Mission Commander Mr. Godfrey Otunge, SAIG. The return of the flag signified the official conclusion of their tour of duty and their safe repatriation.

In his address to the returning contingent, President Ruto commended the troops for their exceptional conduct abroad, praising them for being courageous ambassadors of Kenya on the global stage. He lauded their willingness to heed the international appeal to help stabilize Haiti, noting that their discipline, resilience, and professionalism have firmly projected Kenya as a vital pillar of global peace and humanitarian support.

The Parade Commanders at a Glance

Leading a passing-out parade requires months of rigorous preparation, absolute precision and an extraordinary level of discipline and patience to synchronize thousands of recruits before the Commander-in-Chief. The parade commander is the heartbeat of the entire ceremony. They do not merely shout commands; they hold the ultimate responsibility for the parade's safety, alignment, and timing.



The parade commanders;

Mr. Daniel Kipkemboi, HSC, SSP assisted by Mrs Monicah Onyango, ASP (NPC Main Campus Kiganjo,)

Mr. Abraham Kemboi HSC, SSP, assisted by Ms. Fridah Nzano, ASP, (NPC Embakasi 'A' Campus) and

Mr. Daniel Karamushu SP, assisted by Sarah Chemtai, HSC, SP, (NPC Embakasi 'B' Campus.)



To Your Duties, Time to Deliver on the Oath

For the families who had spent months praying, waiting, and offering long-distance encouragement, seeing their sons and daughters stand tall in uniform was a profound, unforgettable milestone. An immense and diverse portfolio of crucial responsibilities awaits these new Police Constables as they report to their respective stations across the country.

They are stepping directly onto the frontline to combat contemporary security threats, ranging from sophisticated cybercrimes and transnational terrorism to banditry and urban crime. They will play a vital role in community policing, traffic management, and safeguarding critical national infrastructure, among a wider range of duties. Indeed, the splendid passing-out parade marks the end of rigorous training, but it is only the beginning of a lifelong commitment to public safety.



ADVANCING SERVICE DELIVERY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY: NPS LAUNCHES AND SECURES INTERNATIONAL FORENSIC ACCREDITATION



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, assists a member of the public with biometric registration during the launch of the Multi-Biometric Identification System (MBIS) at the DCI Headquarters on July 23, 2026.

The National Police Service enhanced its investigative and service delivery capabilities with the launch of the Multi-Biometric Identification System (MBIS) – ABIS Version 5 and the accreditation of the Forensic Evidence Management Unit (FEMU) of the National Police Service Forensic Laboratory on 23 July 2026.

Unveiled at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Headquarters, the two developments brought together advanced biometric technology and internationally recognised evidence management standards, supporting key stages of the criminal justice system from identification and investigation to prosecution.

The ceremony was presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, who described the achievement as a defining moment in the transformation of Kenya's security architecture, marking a shift towards a modern, science-driven and citizen-centred justice system and a Police Service more responsive to the needs of Kenyans.

Hon. Murkomen said the upgraded system reflects the Government's efforts to modernise the Service and enhance its responsiveness to the needs of

citizens. He reaffirmed the Government's support for investment in modern infrastructure, technology and human capital as part of efforts to build a more capable, efficient and accountable security sector.

The launch of MBIS – ABIS Version 5 introduced enhanced capabilities for biometric identification, criminal records management and the processing of Police Clearance Certificates. Under optimum operating conditions, the upgraded system has reduced Police Clearance Certificate processing time from an average of up to fourteen days to approximately twenty-four hours. It has also streamlined biometric enrolment and identity verification, improving the speed and accuracy with which information is processed.

A live demonstration at the ceremony showed how the platform captures and verifies biometric information while streamlining the processing of Police Clearance Certificate applications.

By linking biometric information with criminal records, MBIS gives investigators, prosecutors and other criminal justice actors more timely access to reliable identity information. It also supports the identification of repeat offenders and enables prosecutors and judicial officers to establish relevant criminal histories.



At the same event, the Forensic Evidence Management Unit received its accreditation certificate from the ANSI National Accreditation Board, recognising its conformity with international standards for the management of forensic evidence.

The accreditation followed a rigorous assessment of the Unit's policies, procedures and technical competence in the reception, tracking, storage and dispatch of forensic exhibits. The recognition makes FEMU Africa's first internationally accredited forensic evidence management facility and reinforces the systems in place to preserve the integrity of forensic exhibits throughout their lifecycle.

Effective evidence management is fundamental to the credibility of criminal investigations. By ensuring that exhibits are properly received, documented, stored, tracked and released, the accredited framework reinforces the chain of custody and provides greater assurance regarding the integrity of evidence ultimately presented before the courts.

Hon. Murkomen noted that the developments would enable investigators to act more quickly on critical leads while facilitating faster access to justice. He also underscored the importance of linking MBIS with other institutions to support faster identity verification and real-time intelligence sharing, including in efforts to advance cross-border security cooperation.

Speaking at the event, the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, said the developments enhance the capacity of the National Police Service to deliver professional, accountable and evidence-driven policing. He added that investment in technology and forensic capability must translate into better outcomes for the public, urging officers to safeguard the new systems and assets while maintaining high standards of professionalism, integrity and accountability.

IG Kanja also expressed appreciation for the support of the Government of Kenya and the contribution of development partners to the advancement of the

Service's forensic and technological capabilities.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Renson Ingonga, said the accredited evidence management framework enhances the integrity, independence and credibility of forensic evidence. He noted that the framework also promotes impartiality by reducing unnecessary interaction between investigators and forensic analysts, helping minimise the risk of bias or compromise. He added that timely access to previous convictions would be particularly relevant in cases involving repeat offenders and could assist courts in considering sentencing where applicable.

The Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr. Mohamed I. Amin, said the launch of MBIS and the accreditation of FEMU form part of the DCI's efforts to build a modern investigative capability anchored on scientific excellence, technological innovation and internationally recognised practices. He noted that the two developments address complementary aspects of criminal investigations: MBIS enhances the reliability and accessibility of identity information, while FEMU accreditation reinforces the handling and traceability of forensic evidence.

The National Police Service continues to invest in systems that support timely identification, sound investigations, reliable evidence and efficient administration of justice. By combining modern biometric technology with robust forensic evidence management, these investments provide a stronger foundation for effective investigations and more responsive service delivery.

Also present were the Chairperson of the National Police Service Commission, Dr. Yuda Komora; the Commissioner General of the Kenya Prisons Service, Mr. Patrick Aranduh; the Director General of eCitizen Services, Amb. Isaac John Ochieng; NPS Accounting Officer/Secretary Administration, Ms. Bernice Lemedeket; the Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli; alongside other senior security officials, development partners and Government representatives.

NPS STRENGTHENS PREPAREDNESS FOR THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTION



Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja gives remarks during an Elections Security Roundtable with national stakeholders on September 2, 2026

With the August 2027 General Election approaching, the National Police Service (NPS) has intensified preparations to ensure that security planning keeps pace with the demands of the electoral cycle. The preparations are anchored in the commitment to ensure professional, impartial and accountable policing that enables every Kenyan to participate in the electoral process in a secure, peaceful and lawful environment.

To guide this effort, the Service has developed an Election Security Preparedness Roadmap, aligned with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Election Operation Plans 2025–2027. The Roadmap provides a structured framework for security planning and operations from the pre-election period through the election itself and into the post-election phase.

It defines the security responsibilities of the NPS throughout the electoral cycle, including the protection of electoral materials, polling stations, tallying centres, IEBC personnel and other critical election infrastructure, while providing for the maintenance of law and order and the protection of the rights of all citizens.

The Roadmap prioritises close coordination with the IEBC, and other stakeholders, building the capacity of officers, strengthening early-warning mechanisms as well as aligning security operations with electoral laws and IEBC processes. It also provides for collaboration with other security agencies, constitutional commissions, independent offices, oversight institutions, civil society and communities.



Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja, Deputy Inspector General- Kenya Police Service Mr. Eliud Lagat, Deputy Inspector General- Administration Police Service Mr. Gilbert Masengeli and Director of Criminal Investigations Mr. Mohamed I. Amin join other stakeholders during a multi-sectoral joint press briefing on preparedness for the OI Kalou By-Election held on 16 July 2026.

At the operational level, it strengthens coordination of command, public order management, human rights compliance, strategic communication, stakeholder engagement and community partnerships.

The Roadmap adopts a comprehensive election security management process covering assessment, planning, operational preparedness, early warning, deployment, monitoring and evaluation. This approach enables the Service to anticipate potential threats, identify emerging risks early and put in place appropriate measures to prevent, mitigate and respond to incidents that could disrupt the electoral process. Implementation commenced in September 2026 and will continue through the post-election period in 2027.

The Roadmap was presented by Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja during the National Elections Security Roundtable Consultative Forum held at Serena Hotel on 2 September 2026. The forum brought together key institutions and stakeholders involved in the preparation and delivery of the 2027 General Election. IG Kanja reaffirmed the Service's readiness to commit the necessary personnel, capabilities and resources to support a free, fair, peaceful and credible election. He emphasised the importance of early planning, professional and impartial policing, intelligence-led approaches, continuous training and close coordination across the Service and with partner institutions.

The implementation of the Roadmap will be through the Election Security Arrangement Programme (ESAP), which coordinates the efforts of the IEBC, NPS, Judiciary, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) and other relevant stakeholders.

The Inspector General was accompanied at the forum by Deputy Inspector General, Kenya Police Service, Mr. Eliud Lagat; Deputy Inspector General, Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli; Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr. Mohamed Amin; and other senior NPS officers.

For its part, the IEBC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting specialised training for security officers on electoral law and election-related offences. The Commission is supporting this effort through tools including the Election Security Handbook, police role cards and an investigative guide for election-related offences.

Building National Consensus for Peaceful Elections

Election security preparations have extended beyond formal security structures to broader national dialogue on peace, cohesion and democratic participation. The Principal Assistant to the DIG-APS Mr. Masoud Mwinyi, SAIG, represented the Inspector-General at the National Stakeholders' Convention on Democratic, Credible and Peaceful 2027 Elections held at Ufungamano House, Nairobi.

Convened by the Kenya Religious Leaders Forum, bringing together the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB), National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK), Evangelical Alliance of Kenya and Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM), the two-day convention provided a multi-sectoral platform for assessing national preparedness and identifying practical measures to safeguard peace, national cohesion and credible democratic participation.

Participants from religious organisations, civil society, the media, private sector, women's organisations, youth groups and other sectors examined the respective roles of institutions and citizens before, during and after the elections.

Speaking on behalf of the Inspector-General, Mr. Mwinyi reaffirmed that NPS operations would remain anchored in professionalism, impartiality, accountability, respect for human rights and adherence to the rule of law. He emphasised the importance of early security planning and sustained multi-agency and multi-stakeholder collaboration, while reminding Kenyans that public safety and national security are shared responsibilities.

The Service further reinforced this message during the Amani Conference, held on 14–15 September and organised by the NCIC. Addressing participants, DIG-APS Mr. Gilbert Masengeli called for stronger collaboration among institutions, security agencies and citizens to safeguard a peaceful electoral process.

These engagements underline the NPS approach to election security as a national undertaking that extends beyond policing to include peacebuilding, public confidence, responsible citizenship and protection of constitutional rights.

Responsible Communication Ahead of 2027

Effective communication remains an important component of the Service's election preparedness strategy. The NPS recognises the media as a critical partner in helping the public understand policing operations, electoral security arrangements and the responsibilities of different institutions. Speaking during the Missing Voices Annual Journalists' Training at Voyager Beach Resort, Mombasa, in September, the Director of Corporate Communications, Mr. Muchiri Nyaga, AIG, highlighted the shared responsibility of the NPS, media, civil society and the public in strengthening accountability and safeguarding public confidence ahead of the 2027 General Election.

He urged journalists to verify information and clearly distinguish allegations from established facts, particularly during the electoral period when inaccurate or unverified information can have significant consequences for public confidence and security. The Service is also using its digital platforms to maintain direct engagement with the public.

Going forward, communication will remain a core institutional capability, supporting timely and coordinated responses, strengthening relationships with stakeholders and ensuring that citizens have access to accurate, accessible and trusted information.

The preparations of the Service extend well beyond election day. They encompass the protection of peaceful political activity, candidates, electoral officials and the public; safeguarding of electoral materials and infrastructure; prevention and investigation of electoral offences; effective management of public order; and timely response to threats that may arise before, during or after the polls.

All police officers are urged to maintain close engagement with communities and stakeholders, uphold human rights and the rule of law, and ensure that policing remains professional, non-partisan and responsive to the changing security environment. The breadth of these preparations reflects the Service's understanding that election security is a continuous process requiring early planning, coordinated action, informed decision-making, professional conduct and sustained engagement with citizens and institutions.

The National Police Service will continue to strengthen partnerships, build the capacity of its personnel, refine its operational readiness and maintain open channels of communication with the public and stakeholders. The overarching goal is to safeguard the electoral process while ensuring that every citizen can exercise their democratic rights freely, peacefully and securely.



Principal Deputy to the Deputy Inspector-General of the Administration Police Service (APS), Dr. Masoud Mwinyi, SAIG, delivers his remarks during the National Stakeholders Convention on Democratic, Credible and Peaceful 2027 Elections, held at Ufungamano House, Nairobi on October 1, 2026

BUILDING CAPABLE, PROFESSIONAL AND RESPONSIVE POLICING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP



The Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Douglas Kanja presents a souvenir to Italy's Minister for the Interior, His Excellency the Hon. Matteo Piantedosi, during his visit to the National Police Service Headquarters, Jogoo House 'A' on July 2, 2026,

The National Police Service (NPS) continues to recognise that lasting security gains are built not only through internal reform, but through deliberate, sustained engagement and strategic partnerships. From foreign governments and development partners to civil society organisations, government agencies, local institutions and other stakeholders, partnerships have become a cornerstone of the Service's strategy for transforming every police service point into a Centre of Excellence, in line with its Strategic Plan (2023–2027). The Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, and senior NPS leadership engaged a diverse range of partners, reaffirming that security is a shared responsibility.

In one of the quarter's most significant engagements, Inspector General Kanja, on 2 July 2026, hosted Italy's Minister for the Interior, His Excellency the Hon. Matteo Piantedosi, and his delegation at the NPS Headquarters, Jogoo House 'A'. Minister Piantedosi called for coordinated action against transnational organised crime, particularly through disrupting the financial networks behind drug trafficking, strengthened cooperation with INTERPOL, and enhanced investigations into financial and economic crimes, including asset recovery. He also raised the need for closer collaboration on migrant smuggling and human trafficking, citing the International Training and Education Programme for Africa (ITEPA) as a

key platform for building the operational capacity of African police services. The Minister further reaffirmed Italy's commitment to supporting Kenya's counter-terrorism efforts through continued training and capacity-building.

IG Kanja, in turn, expressed appreciation for Italy's longstanding support to the Service, particularly in specialised training, and welcomed Italy's backing for technology-driven policing, including the integration of the Integrated Command, Control, Communication and Coordination (IC4) System. He also sought continued support for the establishment of the Nairobi Metropolitan Police Unit and called for expanded collaboration in training, joint operations, intelligence sharing and capacity-building. The Inspector General was accompanied by Secretary Administration/Accounting Officer Ms. Bernice Lemedeket, DIG-KPS Mr. Eliud Lagat, DIG-APS Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, and Director of Criminal Investigations Mr. Mohamed I. Amin.

With the General Election on the Horizon, Collaboration Anchors Police Readiness

As the country turns its attention to the 2027 General Election, the Service has moved early to strengthen the partnerships that will be critical to peaceful, credible and inclusive polls.

Central to this effort has been sustained engagement with human rights organisations and civil society, recognising their important role in promoting accountable, responsive and community-centred policing.

On 29 July 2026, IG Kanja hosted a delegation from Amnesty International Kenya and various Civil Society Organisations for a courtesy call aimed at strengthening collaboration on rights-based policing, public safety and preparations for the 2027 General Elections. Discussions centred on accountability, community policing, support for peaceful public assemblies, and identifying practical areas of collaboration in line with the Constitution and the rule of law.

The Inspector General described the partnership as a valuable platform for rebuilding public trust and advancing the Service's reform agenda, particularly capacity-building and digitisation. Amnesty International Kenya Executive Director Mr. George Morara acknowledged the positive working relationship between the NPS and civil society, and highlighted the need for continued collaboration on election security preparedness and rights-based approaches to emerging threats, including criminal gangs. He was accompanied by representatives from Amnesty International Kenya, The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), International Alert, and the Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU).

This broader preparedness effort has also extended to capacity building, with IG Kanja hosting a delegation from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), led by Dr. Simiyu Warunga, at NPS Headquarters on 20 August 2026. Discussions explored areas of collaboration in strengthening the capacity, professionalism and preparedness of police officers through targeted training, with a focus on community policing and social cohesion, human rights-based policing, communication integrity and digital literacy.

The proposed training areas are designed to strengthen officers' ability to engage effectively with communities, uphold human rights and professional standards, and respond confidently to the evolving digital environment. By equipping officers with these skills, the initiative will help strengthen public trust and reinforce the Service's capacity to provide a safe, secure and conducive environment for electioneering activities ahead of the 2027 General Election.

Supporting the Officer Behind the Service: NPS and Affordable Housing Board Advance Plan to Improve Police Housing

Effective policing ultimately depends on the wellbeing, motivation and preparedness of the officers entrusted with protecting the public.

Recognising that a well-supported officer is better placed to serve with professionalism and dedication, the Service has continued to advance initiatives that strengthen officer welfare, including access to decent and affordable housing. IG Kanja led renewed efforts to enhance officer welfare through improved access to affordable housing, following a meeting with the Principal Secretary, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Charles M. Hinga, and members of the Affordable Housing Board (AHB) at NPS Headquarters. The engagement focused on expanding opportunities for officers to benefit from the Affordable Housing Programme, alongside ongoing investments in institutional housing.

IG Kanja reaffirmed that officer welfare remains a key Service priority, describing access to quality housing as fundamental to building a motivated and professional police force, and committed to ensuring officers are properly sensitised on the programme. PS Hinga noted that honouring the men and women who safeguard the nation begins with ensuring they live in dignified and secure homes, adding that approximately 45,000 affordable housing units are expected to be ready by December, presenting officers with a significant opportunity for homeownership. The meeting was also attended by AHB Chief Executive Officer Mr. Joe Mutugu, Chairman Mr. Jeremiah Simu, and other Board and Service officials.

Strategic Partnerships Drive Infrastructure and Operational Growth

Beyond investments in its personnel and internal capabilities, the Service has continued to benefit from strategic partnerships that are strengthening infrastructure, technology and operational capacity. Support from international partners has enabled the Service to modernise key facilities, equip specialised units and enhance its ability to respond to increasingly complex and transnational security threats.

UK Government Donates Vehicles to DCI to Boost Fight Against Transnational Crimes

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) received a fleet of operational vehicles from the Government of the United Kingdom, delivered through the British High Commission under the East Africa Border Security Programme. The handover, marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, was flagged off by DCI Director Mr. Mohamed I. Amin and British High Commissioner to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Matt Baugh OBE.

The High Commissioner described organised immigration crime as a shared threat that exploits vulnerable people and funds wider organised crime, noting that the vehicles would give the Counter Organised Immigration Crime Team the operational reach needed to investigate, intercept and dismantle criminal networks.

He reaffirmed the UK's long-term commitment to the partnership, working alongside implementing partners including Mercy Corps and Valar.

Mr. Amin described the occasion as a milestone in the Kenya-UK partnership, noting that the vehicles would strengthen the Service's ability to respond to human trafficking, migrant smuggling and document fraud, and thanked the British Government and its implementing partners for their continued support to Kenya's law enforcement capabilities.

DCI Receives Operational Vehicles from the U.S. DEA to Strengthen the Fight Against Drug Trafficking

The DCI also received operational motor vehicles donated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) through the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi. Director of Criminal Investigations Mr. Mohamed I. Amin thanked the U.S. Government for its continued partnership, noting that modern drug trafficking networks exploit technology, international transport systems and porous borders, making international collaboration essential. The vehicles are expected to boost the operational mobility of the Anti-Narcotics Unit, supporting surveillance, intelligence-led operations, rapid response and coordination with local and international partners. Mr. Amin urged officers to use the donation with professionalism and accountability in the fight against narcotics trafficking and transnational organised crime.

UNODC and INL Support Modernisation in Kiganjo

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) have continued to support the transformation of the National Police College Main Campus, Kiganjo, through investments in technology, infrastructure and institutional capacity.

Funded by INL and informed by a 2022 needs assessment, the modernisation project is upgrading key training facilities at the College, including the gymnasium, dining halls, kitchens, shooting ranges and library, while equipping them to meet global standards. UNODC Programme Manager Ms. Luz Maria Guzman noted that the initiative followed a comprehensive review of the College's asset management, information technology and communication systems. The scale of the investment was further underscored on 28 August 2026, when President William Ruto presided over the groundbreaking of the modernisation project.

A Shared Commitment to a Safer Kenya

As the NPS advances its vision of becoming a professional, efficient and responsive Police Service, while transforming every police station and service point into a Centre of Excellence, sustained collaboration will remain critical to turning this ambition into tangible results. Anchored in trust, shared goals and mutual accountability, these partnerships are helping build a Service that is better equipped, more responsive and better prepared to meet the security needs of the country and its people.



DCI Director Mr. Mohamed I. Amin receives the keys to one of the operational motor vehicles donated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) through the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi on July 22, 2026.

THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS ACADEMY RECEIVES NEW 16-CLASSROOM TRAINING BLOCK TO EXPAND INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY

The National Criminal Investigations Academy (NCIA) on 17th September, 2026, officially took over a newly constructed 16-classroom training block, significantly expanding its institutional capacity to deliver professional and specialised training in criminal investigations.

The state-of-the-art facility was constructed with strategic support from the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) Counter Drug Element (AFCE) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The official handover ceremony was presided over by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja Kirocho,

and attended by senior National Police Service (NPS) leadership, representatives of the United States Government, and other strategic partners.

The 16 new classrooms are designed to increase concurrent trainee capacity, accommodate a wider range of specialized courses, and provide a highly conducive learning environment. The block will support continuous professional development, facilitate crucial inter-agency training, and solidify NCIA's position as a premier regional centre for professional investigative knowledge and skills.



Confetti falls to celebrate the opening of a 16-classroom training block as the Inspector-General of the National Police Service, Mr. Douglas Kanja, and the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) representative, Major General William Temple, look on during the ceremony on September 17, 2026.

During the commissioning, Inspector General Mr. Douglas Kanja Kirocho extended his sincere gratitude to the U.S. Government and AFRICOM for their timely support. He emphasized that the infrastructure represents a concrete affirmation of international cooperation aimed at equipping officers with the skills necessary to meet public expectations.

"This facility must be properly maintained and entrenched firmly into the Academy's long-term plans," stated the Inspector General. "More than that, the competencies that officers will acquire from here must show up in their work in the field. We want to see investigations conducted with professionalism, integrity, objectivity, and respect for the rule of law. Evidence should be gathered and analysed in a manner that holds up in court."

The Deputy Inspector General of the Kenya Police Service (DIG KPS) congratulated the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) on the milestone, noting that the infrastructure directly boosts the core philosophy of establishing police stations as Centres

of Excellence. Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) Director, Mr. Mohamed Amin, highlighted how the project directly addresses the directorate's core mandate, stressing that case files and convictions rely heavily on individual officer competence.

U.S. officials present at the event underscored the depth of the bilateral law enforcement partnership. A representative from AFRICOM, Major General William Temple, commended the NCIA as a flagship institution and a critical center of excellence for investigative training, emphasizing shared investments in the people who protect communities. A representative from the U.S. Embassy's law enforcement community, the Regional Security Officer US Embassy, Ms. Corynn Stratton, added that effective law enforcement serves as the true foundation for the rule of law, stability, economic growth, and public trust.

The National Police Service reconfirmed its long-term commitment to leveraging this partnership to foster continuous learning, institutional cooperation, and professional growth across all ranks.



The Director DCI, Mr. Mohamed I. Amin (right), and the National Criminal Investigations Academy (NCIA) Commandant, Mr. Ibrahim Jillo, AIG(left), receive the ceremonial dummy key during the opening of a 16-classroom training block at NCIA on September 17, 2026

ADVANCING POLICE TRAINING FOR MODERN POLICING



Recruit police Constables undergo Skill-At-Arms lesson at Magadi Field Training Campus

The National Police Service continues to invest in the knowledge, skills and professional development of its personnel, recognising that effective policing depends on officers who are well trained and equipped to respond to an increasingly complex and evolving security environment. From basic recruits' training to advanced and specialised courses, the Service continues to develop training programmes that equip officers with the competencies required for their respective roles and responsibilities.

Last year, the Service, in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), undertook a comprehensive review of its training curriculum, informed by a countrywide Training Needs Assessment that identified skills requirements and areas for improvement across NPS institutions. It sought to ensure that police training responds to changing operational demands, evolving forms of crime and contemporary policing standards, while reinforcing professionalism, ethics, human rights and people-centred policing.

The revised curriculum now provides a modernised and reform-aligned framework for NPS training institutions, incorporating the knowledge, competencies and practical skills required to address emerging security

challenges. It also promotes greater consistency in training across the Service and prepares officers for the realities of modern policing, while aligning police training with national priorities and international policing standards.

Building on this foundation, NPS concluded the nationwide rollout of the INTERPOL Policing Capabilities Foundation Course across its training colleges, supported by Project Soteria. The course introduced officers to international policing tools and cooperation mechanisms, including INTERPOL databases, Notices and Diffusions, as well as approaches to combating transnational crime and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence. Introducing these capabilities gave them an understanding of international law-enforcement cooperation and equipped them to share information, support cross-border investigations and respond to crimes that increasingly extend beyond national jurisdictions.

Sensitisation and Awareness

Alongside formal training programmes, the Service also conducted sensitisation sessions for officers undergoing basic recruits' training across NPS training colleges.

The sessions covered areas including disability, inclusion and resilience, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and financial responsibility.

The sessions complemented recruits' technical and operational training by addressing the wider responsibilities of policing and the realities officers may encounter in their experiences as members of communities. Sensitisation on disability, inclusion and resilience, for instance, emphasised the importance of treating every person with dignity, compassion and respect, while SGBV and CVE sessions equipped recruits with greater awareness of emerging social and security challenges. Financial responsibility further encouraged sound personal financial practices as officers prepared for service.

Together, these sessions reinforced the understanding that effective policing requires more than physical preparedness and operational skills; it also calls for sound judgement, respect for human dignity, inclusion and responsible conduct in the discharge of duty.

Specialised Training

Beyond foundational police training, the Service provided focused technical and practical training for officers serving in specialised operational roles.

In August, the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. Onesmus Kipchumba Murkomen, presided over the 11th Special Operations Group (SOG) Graduation Ceremony in Isiolo County, marking the completion of a rigorous seven-month Special Operations Tactical Course. The course equipped officers with advanced capabilities in tactical operations, leadership, counter-terrorism, survival, combat tracking, marksmanship and operational planning, preparing them for complex and demanding operational assignments.

Specialised response capabilities were also advanced through the Explosive Incident Countermeasures Course, launched at the Border Police Training Campus, Kanyonyoo, with support from the Government of the United States of America through the Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) Programme. The seven-week intensive course equipped officers with specialised skills for responding to explosive-related incidents and threats. Officers from the Bomb Disposal Unit and the Special Operations Group (SOG) participated and, upon successful completion, qualified as Basic Bomb Technicians, adding to the Service's pool of personnel trained in explosive incident response and specialised operations.

The same institution also hosted the UNITAR Pre-Deployment Training for Medical and Para-Medical Personnel, which commenced on 14 September. The programme was designed to prepare medical and para-medical personnel for deployment through practical sessions covering pre-deployment preparedness, training of trainers, mental health and psychological support. It followed an engagement between UNITAR and the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, which identified areas of collaboration in building police capacity, professionalism and preparedness through targeted training and professional development programmes.



Other specialised courses focused on emerging and complex crimes, including cybercrime, financial crimes, human trafficking and drug trafficking among others. Combining classroom instruction with practical exercises, the courses provided participants with applied skills to identify threats, pursue complex investigative leads, manage evidence, and support evidence-based enforcement. Alongside these specialised programmes, leadership and promotional courses ran concurrently with basic recruits' training at various NPS training institutions, providing officers with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies required for leadership and career progression within the Service.

Developing Training Institutions

The Service also advanced initiatives to develop its training institutions and expand formal recognition of police training programmes. At the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), groundwork for onboarding the Academy as a Constituent College of the National Defence University–Kenya (NDU-K) was laid following the Inspector General's engagement with the leadership of NDU-K. This culminated in the establishment of a technical working committee to guide the transition.

The committee held its inaugural meeting on 2 July 2026, hosted by the Commandant NPLA, Mr. David K. Mathiu, AIG. Bringing together representatives of NDU-K and NPS, the committee considered the academic, legal and administrative requirements for the transition, including curriculum, examinations, training and research, staffing and ICT. The NDU-K delegation was led by Prof. Anne Muigai, while NPS was represented by officers from training and research, reforms, ICT, staffing,

administration and legal functions.

At the National Criminal Investigations Academy (NCIA), efforts to secure registration and accreditation of the Academy's training programmes under the Kenya National Qualifications Framework (KNQF) advanced through ongoing engagement with the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA). During a consultative meeting on 20 August, KNQA provided guidance on the requirements for registering and accrediting identified NCIA qualifications, including the legal framework establishing the Academy and its recognition as a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution.

SAIG and NCIA Commandant, Mr. Ibrahim Jillo, welcomed KNQA's support, noting that alignment with the KNQF would expand recognition of the Academy's programmes and qualifications and provide a formal national framework for specialised criminal investigations training.

Building a Culture of Continuous Learning

The range of programmes undertaken reflects an increasingly diverse approach to police training, while efforts to develop and formally recognise NPS training institutions and qualifications provides a broader foundation, creating stronger opportunities for professional learning and career development. As the security environment evolves, continued investment in relevant knowledge, practical skills and professional development will remain central to preparing officers to deliver lawful, responsive and professional policing to the people of Kenya.



Members of the Technical Working Committee pose for a photograph after their inaugural meeting on the onboarding of the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA) as a Constituent College of the National Defence University-Kenya (NDU-K) on July 2, 2026.

COUNTER-ORGANISED IMMIGRATION CRIME TEAM FLAGGED OFF AT KANYONYOO FOLLOWING INTENSIVE UK-BACKED TRAINING



Mr. Ben Fisher, representing the British High Commission, presents a certificate to a participant upon completion of the Counter-Organised Immigration Crime Course at the Border Police Training Campus (BPTC) on July 24, 2026. Looking on is Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Mr. Mohamed I. Amin and APS Director of Operations, Mr. Jackson Kangani, SAIG (right).

On 24th July 2026, the Director of Criminal Investigations, Mr. Mohamed I. Amin, on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, officially flagged off the Counter-Organised Immigration Crime Team at the Border Police Training Campus (BPTC) in Kanyonyoo, Kitui County. The ceremony marked the conclusion of an intensive, UK-backed training programme and the beginning of the team's operational deployment to border stations across the country.

The COICT comprises 29 officers drawn from across the National Police Service and deployed under the DCI's Serious Crime Unit, forming the first specialised Unit of its kind in East Africa. Their mandate is focused: to combat human trafficking, human smuggling, organised immigration crime, travel document fraud, and other forms of transnational organised crime that exploit Kenya's borders.

The training was delivered under the East Africa Border Security Programme with funding support from the British High Commission and facilitated by experts from the National Police Service in collaboration with partners VALAR and HAART Kenya. The programme equipped officers with intelligence-led investigative techniques, financial investigation skills, source management, investigative interviewing, and case-file preparation, the operational tools required not just to arrest, but to build prosecutable cases that dismantle trafficking networks from the ground up.

The threat the COICT has been established to confront is complex and increasingly transnational. Kenya's position as a country of origin, transit and destination for migration exposes it to organised immigration crime, with border crossing points providing routes exploited by trafficking syndicates and migrant-smuggling networks.

The COICT's intelligence-led approach is designed to interrupt these networks at their operating points, protect victims, and build the evidence chains that bring traffickers before the courts.

Speaking on behalf of Inspector General Mr. Douglas Kanja, Mr. Mohamed I. Amin underscored the importance of continuous professional training in equipping officers to respond to increasingly sophisticated security threats. He congratulated the graduates, reminding them that they were leaving the institution with a greater responsibility to uphold justice and protect the public. He urged the officers to discharge their duties with integrity, courage, professionalism, and accountability, reiterating the National Police Service's zero-tolerance policy on corruption, and assuring the graduates of the Service's unwavering support as they take up their critical role in safeguarding the country's borders.

He hailed the Border Police Training Campus as a centre of excellence that continues to strengthen Kenya's frontline preparedness, and expressed sincere appreciation to the UK Government and all implementing partners for their sustained support in building Kenya's border security capabilities.

Representing the British High Commission, Mr. Ben Fisher commended the longstanding partnership between the Governments of Kenya and the United Kingdom, noting that sustained collaboration in the security sector has significantly strengthened the

capacity of both countries to address emerging cross-border threats. He congratulated the Government of Kenya and the National Police Service on the swift operationalisation of the Counter-Organised Immigration Crime Team, describing it as a landmark achievement and the first specialised capability of its kind in East Africa.

On behalf of the Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, APS Director of Security Operations Mr. Jackson Kangani, SAIG, reminded the graduates that the true success of their training would be measured not by the ceremony, but by its impact in the field, through lives protected, criminal networks dismantled, victims rescued, and safer communities built.

Mr. Amin was received at the BPTC by the Commandant of the Border Police Unit, Mr. Davies Lomwatu, SAIG, and the Commandant of the Border Police Training Campus, Mr. Kiplangat Chirchir, AIG. The ceremony was attended by the NPS Director of Training, Mr. Hassan Aljir, AIG; Taskforce Chairperson, Mr. Lenny Kisaka, AIG; Deputy Commandant of the BPU, Mr. Edward Achola, AIG; KPS Deputy Director of Training, Mr. Julius Muli, CP; Deputy Commandant of the BPTC, Mr. Masisi Kiilu, CP; representatives of the British High Commission; development partners; and other stakeholders supporting the implementation of the Kenya-UK Border Security Programme.



DCI Director Mr. Mohamed Amin poses for a photo with senior officers and representatives from the British High Commission following the flag-off of the Counter-Organised Immigration Crime Team at the British Police Training Centre (BPTC), Kanyonyoo, on 24th July 2026.

NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE ROLLS OUT 2026 AMENDMENT IN SWEEPING STRUCTURAL OVERHAUL



L to R: Deputy Director of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Mr. John Onyango, SAIG; DIG-APS, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli; Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja; Principal Deputy to the DIG-KPS, Mr. Patrick Tito, SAIG; NPLA Commandant, Mr. Kainga Mathiu, AIG pose for a photo with senior Police Commanders during a high-level sensitisation forum at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA) on August 12, 2026

The Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Douglas Kanja, on 12th August, 2026, led a high-level sensitisation forum at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA) in Ngong to officially roll out the National Police Service Standing (Amendment) Orders, 2026 and spearhead critical structural reforms within the police service.

He was accompanied by top police leadership, including the Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli; the Principal Deputy to the Deputy Inspector General, Kenya Police Service, Mr. Patrick Tito, SAIG; and the Deputy Director of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Mr. John Onyango, SAIG.

The National Police Service Standing (Amendment) Orders, 2026, were published as Legal Notice No. 138 in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 189 on 30th July 2026, and completely repeal and replace Chapter 7 of the previous Standing Orders. The amendment introduces an overhauled organizational architecture at the national level, re-defining the establishment, command, deployment, operational guidelines, and oversight responsibilities for all Formations, Units, Components, and DCI Investigative Commands.

The sensitization exercise was launched to explaining structural changes, clarifying command mandates, harmonize service documents, standardize compliance, and upholding legal adherence.

Beyond the SSO amendments, the forum also discussed the newly formed Nairobi Metropolitan Police Unit which specifically address the security pressures driven by rapid urbanization, population surges, and heightened economic activities across Nairobi and its neighboring counties. Operating in close coordination with the County Government of Nairobi, the unit's legal framework is strictly anchored within the Constitution of Kenya and the National Police Service Act.

Addressing senior commanders at the forum, IG Kanja commended the technical teams behind the restructuring but issued a stern warning regarding operational efficiency, particularly as the country approaches the upcoming electioneering period.

"As we gear up for the electioneering period, we are called upon, as the National Police Service, to work with other agencies to ensure that Kenyans exercise their civic rights freely, and in a secure environment," IG Kanja stated. "You are the commanders to supervise, offer direction, and provide the needful command and control in your respective areas of responsibility."

The Inspector General took uncompromising stance on criminal activities and internal misconduct, warning that administrative inaction would no longer be tolerated. He ordered commanders to immediately dismantle all goons and criminal gangs, stating that any officer found tolerating "goonism" or showing indecisiveness would be held personally accountable.

Furthermore, IG Kanja addressed the rising concern of police officers engaging in criminal activities, labeling it a disgrace and a betrayal of the oath of office. He tasked senior commanders with implementing rigorous supervision over lower ranks to identify and eliminate errant officers.

The National Police Service remains resolute to its full commitment to impartiality, professionalism, and strict adherence to the rule of law to guarantee the safety, security, and prosperity of all Kenyan citizens.



NPS Director of Reforms, Mr. John Kamau, AIG, speaks during a sensitisation forum at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), Ngong, to officially roll out the National Police Service Standing (Amendment) Orders, 2026.



Senior commanders of the National Police Service, led by Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja (in blue), during a sensitisation forum on the National Police Service Standing (Amendment) Orders, 2026, held at the National Police Leadership Academy (NPLA), Ngong, on August 12, 2026.

NPS ADVANCES DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR COORDINATED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION



Members of the Technical Working Committee review the NPS Communication Strategy during a working retreat held in Naivasha on August 17, 2026.

For the National Police Service, communication is more than informing the public about police activities. It is an operational function that supports the Service in fulfilling its mandate to maintain law and order, prevent and detect crime, protect life and property, uphold the law and provide security to the public. Given the direct bearing of this mandate on public safety, how the Service communicates matters. Effective communication fosters public confidence, supports police operations, facilitates cooperation and helps protect the integrity of investigations. It therefore must be deliberate, coordinated and aligned with the mandate and strategic priorities of the Service.

This is the basis for the review of the NPS Communication Strategy, which provides a common framework for planning, coordinating and managing communication across the Service. It is intended to ensure that information is accurate, consistent and timely, while balancing the public's right to information with operational security, legal requirements and police protocols. It also provides clear arrangements for communication during major incidents and crises.

The Communication Strategy also supports the NPS Strategic Plan 2023–2027 by translating the Service's mandate and strategic priorities into a coordinated communication function. It positions

communication as an integral part of policing, enabling the Service to inform, listen, engage and respond effectively in support of public safety, accountability and service delivery.

To drive the review, the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, through the NPS Directorate of Corporate Communication, initiated the process to assess the Service's communication landscape and align it with the evolving environment in which policing takes place. The review seeks to establish a communication framework that reflects the realities of contemporary policing, addresses emerging communication needs and provides more effective ways of engaging diverse audiences. It also places greater emphasis on audience-centred communication, moving beyond information dissemination towards meaningful engagement, listening and mutual understanding.

A Technical Working Committee was established to guide the review and development of the Strategy, bringing together officers from Kenya Police Service (KPS), the Administration Police Service (APS), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and Internal Affairs Unit (IAU). The committee also drew expertise from Police Reforms, Legal Services, and Training and Research. The multidisciplinary team is complemented by consultants and experts from the Ministry of Interior and National Administration and the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy.

The process has also received technical support from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and International Justice Mission (IJM), with the working committee undertaking a series of technical sessions to examine the Service's communication needs and develop proposals for the Strategy.

In August, the committee held a working retreat in Naivasha, providing an opportunity for detailed consideration of the Service's current communication landscape, emerging challenges and future needs. The retreat was opened by the Director of Corporate Communication, who emphasised the need for a strategy that responds to the changing

communication environment and supports more effective engagement.

The development process will proceed through stakeholder engagement and consolidation of proposals to ensure that the final Strategy effectively addresses the communication needs of the Service.

Ultimately, the Strategy seeks to position communication as a core part of effective policing; supporting informed public engagement, stronger cooperation, accountable policing and more effective service delivery.

STRENGTHENING POLICE–MEDIA COLLABORATION AHEAD OF THE 2027 GENERAL ELECTION



NPS Spokesperson and Director of Corporate Communications, Mr. Muchiri Nyaga, AIG speaks during the Missing Voices Annual Journalists' Training Programme at Voyager Beach Resort, Mombasa, on September 1, 2026

Effective collaboration between the police and the media is essential to keeping the public informed, promoting accountability and strengthening confidence in law enforcement. Through timely access to accurate information, the media plays an important role in helping the public understand police operations, while the National Police Service (NPS) benefits from platforms through which it can address emerging concerns and communicate its mandate.

Recognising this important relationship, the Directorate of Corporate Communications has continued to strengthen engagement with media practitioners and other stakeholders in the criminal justice system through capacity-building forums, professional dialogue and information-sharing platforms.

A key engagement took place on September 1, 2026, when the Director of Corporate Communications and NPS Spokesperson, Mr. Muchiri Nyaga, AIG, engaged journalists attending the Missing Voices Annual

Journalists' Training at Voyager Beach Resort in Mombasa. The engagement provided an opportunity to enhance professional police-media relations with a focus on elections, security, police accountability, and human rights.

The NPS Spokesperson underscored the value of sustained communication between the NPS and the media, particularly at a time when misinformation and disinformation spreads rapidly. The Directorate of Corporate Communications and the NPS Spokesperson were highlighted as key channels through which journalists can obtain official information and seek clarification on matters relating to the Service.

The engagement also reaffirmed the Service's commitment to professionalism, impartiality, accountability and respect for human rights in the discharge of its constitutional mandate. These principles provide an important foundation for police-media relations, enabling journalists to access official information while maintaining their responsibility to independently verify and scrutinise information.

The Directorate's engagement with the media also extended beyond direct interactions with journalists to broader multi-stakeholder forums. During this period, the NPS joined communications representatives from the criminal justice system and media stakeholders in a two-day capacity-building workshop organised by International Justice Mission (IJM) in Kajiado.

The forum provided an opportunity for participants to examine practical communication challenges affecting the criminal justice sector, with discussions focusing

on election preparedness, countering disinformation, occupational safety, ethical reporting and inter-agency collaboration. Interactive sessions and simulation exercises were used to identify information gaps and strengthen approaches to crisis communication.

The engagements demonstrate the Directorate's approach to media relations as an ongoing process rather than limited to responding to individual news events. By creating opportunities for dialogue and capacity building, the Directorate is helping to establish stronger professional relationships through which information can be shared more effectively and emerging communication challenges addressed collaboratively.

This is particularly important as Kenya prepares for the 2027 General Election, when demand for timely and credible information on security and policing is expected to increase. Sustained engagement provides an avenue for the NPS to communicate its preparedness and operational mandate while enabling journalists to seek clarification and better understand the context within which police operations are undertaken.

The Directorate of Corporate Communications will continue to strengthen these relationships, recognising that credible public information depends not only on what is communicated, but also on the quality of the engagement through which that information is shared. A strong police-media partnership therefore remains an important part of building informed public discourse, supporting accountability and strengthening public confidence in policing.



NPS Communication Team and journalists pose for a photo during the Missing Voices Annual Journalists' Training Programme at Voyager Beach Resort, Mombasa, on 1 September 2026.

HONOURING COURAGE AND SACRIFICE: CHANDARIA FOUNDATION HONOURS HEROIC NPS OFFICERS WITH PRESTIGIOUS BRAVERY AWARDS



Dr. Manu Chandaria speaks during the Chandaria Bravery Awards held at the National Police Service Headquarters on September 19, 2026.

For the men and women who wear the police uniform, courage is in every moment they move towards danger; in the decision to remain at a scene when the risks are mounting; and in the sacrifice to place their own lives on the line to save another. Police work calls for courage in uncertainty, composure under pressure and an unwavering sense of duty.

Every day, officers respond to emergencies, confront criminals, protect vulnerable people, safeguard property and restore order in situations that can change within moments. Many carry out these responsibilities quietly, driven by the oath of service they took and the responsibility entrusted to them.

It is this courage and sacrifice that the Chandaria Foundation sought to honour on August 19, 2026, when it presented the prestigious Chandaria Bravery Award to 20 officers of the National Police Service in recognition of their various acts of bravery and selfless service. The ceremony, held at the NPS Headquarters, was presided over by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, alongside the Chairperson of the Chandaria Foundation, Dr. Manu Chandaria, celebrating officers whose actions demonstrated exceptional courage, discipline, integrity and commitment to protecting life and serving others.

Speaking during the presentation, Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja commended the award recipients for embodying the core values of policing and for going beyond the call of duty to protect others. He also expressed profound gratitude to the Chandaria Foundation for its enduring 30-year partnership and solidarity with the National Police Service.

Dr. Manu Chandaria, who was accompanied by a delegation from the Foundation, also commended the officers for their exceptional dedication. He reaffirmed the Foundation's longstanding commitment to supporting the welfare and morale of members of the police service, acknowledging the demanding responsibilities carried by officers in the course of their duty.

The 20 awardees were recognised for various exceptional acts of bravery, tactical acumen and lifesaving interventions undertaken across various NPS Units and Formations. Their individual experiences reflect the different demands of police work and the split-second decisions officers are sometimes required to make when confronted with perilous circumstances.

The stories of the officers awarded speak to the wider service of thousands of officers who report for duty every day and accept the risks that come with protecting others.

Across the country, officers undertake demanding assignments, respond to emergencies, confront threats to public safety and stand alongside communities during some of their most difficult moments.

Recognition through the Chandaria Bravery Awards has, over the years, served to boost officers' morale while affirming the values at the heart of professional policing: courage in the face of danger, integrity in the exercise of authority, discipline in challenging circumstances, and compassion towards those who most need protection.

For the 20 officers honoured this year, the award is a tribute to moments when duty demanded more than the ordinary and they responded with courage. The National Police Service congratulates all the recipients and celebrates their courage, sacrifice and distinguished service to the people of Kenya.



Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, and Chairperson of the Chandaria Foundation, Dr. Manu Chandaria, pose for a group photograph with senior officers and recipients of the Chandaria Bravery Awards at the NPS Headquarters on August 19, 2026.

LEADING THE CHARGE: THE UNYIELDING SPIRIT OF FORMER MSS MISSION CHIEF OF OPERATIONS IN HAITI, MR. STEPHEN KIPRUTO CHEBET, MBS, HSC, AIG



MR. STEPHEN KIPRUTO CHEBET, MBS, HSC, AIG

When the international community needed boots on the ground in Haiti, Kenya answered the call with resolute determination. At the helm of the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission in Haiti stood Mr. Stephen Kipruto Chebet, MBS, HSC, AIG, as Chief of Operations, whose unwavering discipline and steadfast resolve upheld Kenya's reputation on a volatile foreign stage beset by armed gang violence. He is currently the Eastern Regional Police Commander.

Long before assuming the mantle of Chief of Operations for the MSS Mission in Haiti, Mr. Chebet's foundational years began in Barwesa Division, Baringo County, where he was born and raised. His academic trajectory commenced at Muchukwo Primary School, proceeded to Bartolimo Boys High School, and culminated in a Bachelor of Education in Arts from Moi University, specialising in Mathematics and Economics. His professional career initially unfolded in the classroom, teaching at Bartolimo Boys High School and Nakuru High School; institutions that cultivated his innate sense of discipline and leadership, gradually refining the tactical patience essential for commanding a global security operation.

His transition to the National Police Service (NPS) came about in 2001, when he enlisted and completed foundational training at the National Police College, Embakasi 'B' Campus. Demonstrating an enduring commitment to professional development, Mr. Chebet has since participated in numerous capacity-building programmes across several nations, including the United States, China, and Rwanda.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Chebet has served in nearly every region of Kenya. His postings have ranged from commanding operations in the historically banditry-prone North Rift to undertaking security assignments in the North Eastern and Coastal regions, in addition to his tenure as Director of Operations at the General Service Unit (GSU) Headquarters. These extensive deployments, both as a platoon and company commander, gave him a deep understanding of security dynamics and police operations, while reinforcing the importance of coordinated, intelligence-led action in disrupting criminal networks and responding to complex security threats.

Notably, Mr. Chebet authored the operational order implemented under Operation Maliza Uhalifu: a multi-agency security crackdown designed to eradicate banditry across the North Rift. He maintains that integrity, unwavering dedication to service, and close collaboration with local communities remain indispensable pillars of effective policing.

Mr. Chebet's transition from decades of domestic law enforcement to the international arena, assuming the role of Chief of Operations for the Kenya-led MSS Mission in Haiti, marked a seminal chapter in his career. He recalls that comprehensive pre-deployment assessments, conducted by the NPS, were pivotal in shaping the delivery of their policing mandate in Haiti. Furthermore, substantial investment was made in mental resilience through structured operational counselling sessions, delivered by experts to bolster troop confidence and operational readiness.

Despite widespread scepticism regarding the integration of NPS officers with troops from other contributing nations, Mr. Chebet reflects with pride on the seamless coordination achieved with the Haitian National Police (HNP) and regional partners—a collaboration that demonstrated that tactical preparedness transcends linguistic and cultural differences. He commends the standardised pre-deployment training programme, crafted by Kenya as the lead nation, which mitigated doctrinal disparities and operational cultural variances among multinational forces.

Building trust with the local populace and supporting the institutional reconstruction of the Haitian National Police remained paramount objectives for the NPS. These were accomplished through coordinated joint patrols, combined operations, and sustained community engagement. This approach also reconciled the dual imperative of countering gang activities whilst ensuring robust civilian protection.

Commending the MSS leadership, particularly Mission Force Commander Mr. Godfrey Otunge, SAIG, and the entire contingent, for their exemplary dedication, professional conduct, and adherence to international policing standards with due regard for human rights,

Mr. Chebet highlights several notable milestones achieved by the Mission. These include: the recapture of the International Airport; the recovery of the Police Academy from gang control, facilitating successive cohorts of basic recruit and promotional training; the repossession of the National Sea Port; the securing of the National Hospital and the Palace; the reopening of main supply routes linking Port-au-Prince to other departments; the reclamation of significant areas within the Artibonite Department and ultimately, a marked overall improvement in the security climate, enabling the reopening of educational institutions and the gradual resumption of public services.

For Mr. Chebet, effective management of the MSS operations command cell necessitated meticulous attention to three core principles: tactical synergy, operational fluidity, and close multinational collaboration. Seamless functioning of the cell further demanded strategic discipline, rapid decision-making, and agile adaptation to Haiti's highly volatile environment.

Even as the MSS transitioned into the Gang Suppression Force (GSF), Mr. Chebet asserts that the operational framework established by the MSS will serve as an enduring blueprint for a more secure Haiti. Indeed, his steadfast leadership as Chief of Operations forged a pathway toward lasting stability, demonstrating that his commitment to operational excellence extends far beyond Kenya's borders.

Reflecting upon the final departure from Haiti, he notes that the widely circulated images of Haitian civilians blocking the Kenyan convoy underscored the profound human connection forged between officers and the local community; a poignant testament to the impact of NPS efforts in restoring normalcy.

His subsequent transition from MSS Chief of Operations to his current capacity as Eastern Region Police Commander represents a seamless progression within an already illustrious career. He assumes this pivotal leadership role prepared to fortify regional security, guided by the same operational excellence and unimpeachable integrity that have consistently defined his service.

"Security is a shared responsibility, and every stakeholder, particularly the police and citizens, must play their respective roles," Mr. Chebet avers, a statement that encapsulates his selfless dedication.

A recipient of the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), the Head of State Commendation (HSC), and a special appreciation award for his contribution to the MSS Mission, Mr. Chebet's tenure in Haiti stands as a testament to his remarkable discipline and devotion.

The National Police Service extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Stephen Chebet, MBS, HSC, AIG, for his selfless dedication to duty and his distinguished service, both at home and on the international stage.



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Former MSS Mission Chief of Operations, Mr. Stephen Kipruto Chebet, MBS, HSC, AIG, addresses National Police Service (NPS) officers during a pre-patrol briefing at the MSS - Base in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

THE OCS KABARNET, CHIEF INSPECTOR SHAMSA ABEDI, HONoured FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY-DRIVEN POLICING



Chief Inspector Shamsa Abedi, Officer Commanding Station (OCS), Kabarnet Police Station, receives an award from the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) on July 1, 2026, in recognition of her leadership in addressing illicit alcohol and drug abuse and improving safety in Kabarnet.

The National Police Service (NPS) celebrates the remarkable achievements of Chief Inspector Shamsa Abedi, the Officer Commanding Station (OCS) of Kabarnet Police Station, whose dedication to community-centred policing has transformed security within Kabarnet and earned her national recognition.

Born in Koibatek Sub-County, Baringo County, Chief Inspector Abedi enlisted in the National Police Service on 23rd March 2002. Throughout her distinguished career, she has served at various stations, including the GSU Training School, Voi, and Kitui, steadily rising through the ranks to her current position as OCS of Kabarnet Police Station.

Since assuming command, Chief Inspector Abedi has championed community policing as the cornerstone of crime prevention and security management. By fostering strong partnerships with residents, local leaders, the County Government, and other stakeholders, she has institutionalised regular consultative forums to identify and address emerging security concerns collaboratively.

Her leadership has significantly strengthened trust and cooperation between the police and the community. Through the enhanced community policing framework, members of the public now willingly share timely information, enabling the police to respond more effectively to security threats and maintain law and order.

One of her most notable achievements has been the sustained fight against narcotics and illicit brews. Through coordinated operations and close collaboration with the community, this vice has been reduced significantly, contributing to a noticeable decline in crime and restoring hope among residents, particularly the youth of Kabarnet.

Within the station, Chief Inspector Abedi has promoted accountability and improved performance by identifying the strengths of individual officers and assigning responsibilities that best match their capabilities. This people-centred leadership approach has enhanced teamwork, service delivery, and operational effectiveness.



Her journey, however, has not been without challenges. At the onset of her leadership, she encountered resistance from sections of the community, largely driven by perceptions surrounding female leadership and initial scepticism towards community policing. Through consistency, professionalism, and open engagement, she earned the confidence and support of the public, demonstrating that effective policing thrives on partnership and mutual trust.

Chief Inspector Shamsa Abedi was honoured by the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) on 1st July 2026 for her exemplary leadership in combating illicit alcohol and drug abuse and transforming the once crime-prone “Zombie Street” area in Kabarnet into a safer neighbourhood.

She encourages young police officers to embrace policing as a calling that demands selflessness, integrity, quick and sound decision-making, humanity, and empathy.

“Policing requires passion because the work we do has a direct impact on the lives of the communities we serve. A peaceful and secure society creates an environment where every other aspect of development can thrive,” she says.

The National Police Service congratulates Chief Inspector Shamsa Abedi on this well-deserved recognition and commends her exemplary leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the public.

NPS SCOOPS THREE TOP AWARDS AT 2026 MOMBASA ASK SHOW



Officers of the National Police Service celebrate the awards won during the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) International Show held at the Jomo Kenyatta Showground in Mkomani, Mombasa, from August 30 to September 6, 2026.

The National Police Service (NPS) achieved a historic milestone at the Coast Branch 2026 Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) International Show, clinching three top institutional awards for excellence, technological innovation, and public engagement. The six-day event, which concluded on 6 September 2026 at the Jomo Kenyatta Showground in Mkomani, Mombasa, served as a premier platform for the NPS to deepen its community policing ties and showcase its modernization milestones.

Aligned with the national theme, “Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth,” the NPS exhibition demonstrated how modern law enforcement, digital technology, and infrastructure security create the stable environment necessary for economic prosperity. The showcase forms a core part of the Service’s ongoing Strategic Plan 2023–2027, which prioritizes citizen-centric service delivery.

The award-winning pavilion drew thousands of patriotic citizens alongside high-profile dignitaries, including Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, and Tanzania’s Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Hon. David Silinde, MP. Both leaders highly commended the exhibiting officers for their exceptional professionalism and interactive demonstrations.

The expansive pavilion featured a unified presence from the Kenya Police Service (KPS), the Administration Police Service (APS), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), and the Internal Affairs Unit (IAU). Visitors engaged directly with specialized tactical and support formations, including: the National Disaster Management Unit (NDMU); the Anti-Narcotics Unit (ANU); the Forensic Fingerprint Identification Bureau; the Border Police Unit (BPU); the Anti-Stock Theft Unit (ASTU); the Security of Government Buildings and VIP Unit (SGB); the Directorate of Chaplaincy, Counselling and Psychosocial Support; the Directorate of Community Policing; and the Directorate of Police Reforms, among others.

Following rigorous judging, the Service secured first-place trophies for Best Government Social Functions Stand and Best Stand in Display and Presentation of Security Services Under Government Organisations, as well as third place for Best Stand Embracing Information Technology and Communication Systems. The awards were received on behalf of the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, by the Director of the Internal Affairs Unit, Mr. Paul Mumo, AIG.

In a practical demonstration of its commitment to accessible justice and administrative efficiency, the NPS established an on-site processing center for Police Clearance Certificates (Certificates of Good Conduct). This allowed hundreds of showgoers to conveniently apply for and secure their clearances directly at the showground.

Extending its outreach beyond the exhibition grounds, the NPS organized a strategic public sensitization forum at the Nyali Police Station. The

engagement brought together boda boda riders and transport-sector representatives from all sub-counties and transport Saccos across Mombasa County. The forum focused on enhancing regional security by empowering operators to act as key partners in crime prevention, intelligence sharing, and timely incident reporting.

The National Police Service extends its profound gratitude to the leadership of the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) for hosting a world-class event, to the dedicated team of police exhibitors whose hard work secured this triumph, and to the thousands of citizens who engaged in constructive dialogue with the officers.

This stellar performance reinforces the National Police Service's enduring, steadfast commitment to innovate, protect, and serve all Kenyans with the utmost dedication and excellence.



GSU officers Showcasing their exhibition during during the Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) International Show held at the Jomo Kenyatta Showground in Mkomani, Mombasa

FIVE YEARS AT THE TOP: THE NPS KABADDI DYNASTY



The World Kabaddi Federation Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Perpetual Mbutu (left), presents a trophy to the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, when the NPS Kabaddi team was hosted at NPS Headquarters on September 17, 2026, following its return from Bujumbura, Burundi, where it successfully defended its title at the East Africa Kabaddi Inter-Clubs Championship.

How discipline, teamwork and an enduring competitive spirit have transformed the National Police Service Kabaddi teams into an East African powerhouse.

For five consecutive years, the National Police Service (NPS) Kabaddi team has stood at the summit of East African Kabaddi. What began as the development of a relatively unfamiliar sport within the Kenyan sporting landscape has evolved into one of the National Police Service's most remarkable sporting success stories, one defined not by a single victory, but by consistency, discipline and an unwavering appetite for excellence.

The latest chapter was written in Bujumbura, Burundi, on 28 August 2026. Competing at the East Africa Kabaddi Inter-Clubs Championship, the NPS men's team defeated the Burundi National Team 45–28 in the final to successfully defend its regional crown and extend its unbeaten run to five years. The NPS women's team ensured the achievement was even more emphatic. In a closely contested final, the ladies overcame their Burundian counterparts 65–60 to retain their own regional title.

Two teams. Two titles. Another year at the top.

For NPS, however, the significance of the achievement extends well beyond the trophies.

FROM POLICING TO THE KABADDI MAT

Kabaddi demands a distinctive combination of physical strength, speed, tactical intelligence, agility and trust between teammates. For police officers, many of those qualities are already embedded in the profession. The sport demands discipline. So does policing. It demands teamwork. So does effective law enforcement. It requires composure under pressure, split-second decision-making and the ability to rely on the person beside you. Those parallels have helped make Kabaddi a natural fit within the Service's sporting programme.

The growth of NPS Kabaddi has also been closely associated with Ms. Perpetual Muthoni Mbutu, a former Kenyan international player who helped establish Kabaddi within the National Police Service and other Kenyan institutions. Her contribution has extended beyond the playing arena into the development and administration of the sport in Kenya and Africa.

Ms. Mbutu's appointment as Deputy Secretary General of the World Kabaddi Federation in 2025 provided further recognition of the contribution Kenyan practitioners have made to the growth of the sport. The NPS programme has consequently developed within a wider national Kabaddi movement where police athletes have become increasingly prominent.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Behind every championship is a less visible story. It is the story of training sessions, physical conditioning, tactical preparation

and the sacrifices required to remain competitive. For the NPS Kabaddi players, sporting excellence must coexist with the demands of policing.

The athletes are officers before they are competitors. Their sporting commitments therefore exist alongside professional responsibilities and the wider demands of serving the public. That balance has become one of the defining characteristics of the team.

NPS has previously highlighted the dedication required by its Kabaddi players, noting the demanding training schedules undertaken alongside their policing duties. The team's technical qualities including footwork, coordination and tactical awareness, have contributed to its emergence as a formidable force. The result is a sporting culture in which discipline is not simply taught on the training ground; it is already part of the players' professional identity.

A FORCE ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE

The team's regional success has been supported by a strong domestic record. Kenya Police has consistently featured among the country's leading Kabaddi sides, competing successfully in national competitions and providing a platform for players to gain experience against increasingly competitive opposition.

In 2024, the Police side won the senior men's category at the New Year Cup in Nakuru, while preparing to defend its national league title. The following year, Kenya Police topped the national league standings after winning its four opening matches. That competitive environment was further demonstrated at the inaugural Kabaddi Mtaani League in 2025, where Kenya Police defeated City Panthers 69-55 in the men's final.



NPS Kabaddi men's team tackle an opponent from Uganda foiling his raid during their match in Burundi, NPS won the game 54-20.

The victory reinforced the team's standing at the domestic level while also illustrating the changing nature of Kenyan Kabaddi, with younger teams increasingly challenging established sides. For NPS, such competition has provided an important testing ground.

THE WOMEN'S TEAM: CHAMPIONS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT

The women's team has also steadily established itself as a force in its own right, contributing to the Service's growing reputation in the sport. NPS players have also featured prominently in Kenya's national Kabaddi programme. Among them are Georgina Bett and Grace Kagwiria, who were selected for Kenya's provisional women's squad for the 2024 Kabaddi World Cup campaign. Their selection was accompanied by NPS representation in the men's provisional squad.

By 2026, Bett was leading the NPS women's side as captain. In Bujumbura, the women faced a determined Burundi side in a final that remained closely contested before Kenya eventually prevailed 65–60. The result ensured that the regional championship returned to Kenya in both categories. For the NPS sporting programme, the achievement is significant because it demonstrates the breadth of talent being developed within the Service and the important role of women in its sporting success.

FIVE YEARS OF REGIONAL DOMINANCE

The men's team victory in Bujumbura was the latest instalment in a remarkable five-year run. Since the inception of the East Africa Kabaddi Inter-Clubs Championship, NPS has remained unbeaten, establishing a level of consistency that is difficult to achieve in any competitive sport. The feat becomes even more significant when considered against the evolving nature of East African Kabaddi.

The championship is not simply a contest between established teams. It is part of a growing regional sporting movement in which countries and clubs are developing their own programmes, identifying new talent and increasing their competitiveness. For the NPS team, each successive championship has therefore brought a new challenge: defending a reputation that has grown with every victory. In Bujumbura, the challenge came from the Burundi National Team. The final produced a decisive 45–28 victory for the Kenyan side, but the result represented more than another entry in the record books. It was confirmation that the standards established by the NPS team have endured.

The men's side then added another victory in a beach Kabaddi friendly organised by their Burundian hosts along the shores of Lake Tanganyika, defeating Burundi 45–25. The friendly was a fitting demonstration of how the sport is evolving beyond conventional competition, while also reflecting the camaraderie that has developed between Kabaddi players across



NPS Kabaddi Men's Team pose for a photo during their match in Burundi.

SPORT AS A BRIDGE

Sport creates relationships that extend beyond competition. The 2026 championship brought together teams from across the region and was attended by representatives of the Burundian Ministry of Sports, the Burundi Kabaddi Federation and the World Kabaddi Federation. Burundi Kabaddi Federation President Wege Fiacre underscored this broader purpose during the tournament's awards ceremony, describing the championship as an opportunity not only to compete for trophies and medals, but also to share experiences, build friendships and strengthen confidence in the future of Kabaddi in East Africa.

That spirit is particularly relevant to a police sporting team. The NPS players travel not simply as athletes, but as representatives of the Service and of Kenya. Every tournament provides an opportunity to demonstrate values associated with policing: discipline, teamwork, respect, resilience and fair play, while building relationships with fellow athletes and institutions across the region. In this sense, the Kabaddi team has become an ambassador for both the National Police Service and Kenya.

BEYOND EAST AFRICA

The regional title is not the final destination. It is a stepping stone. Following their successful defence in Burundi, the NPS men's and women's teams are set to represent Kenya at the Africa Kabaddi Championship scheduled for October 2026. The challenge will be greater, and the expectations will be higher. But the experience accumulated over five years of regional competition gives the NPS teams something invaluable: confidence built through repetition.

They know what it means to defend a title.

They know what it means to perform under pressure.

And they know that remaining at the top requires more than talent.

It requires preparation.

MORE THAN MEDALS

The story of the NPS Kabaddi teams is ultimately one about people. Officers who train after performing their professional duties. Coaches who continually refine their teams. Players who carry the expectations of the Service whenever they step onto the mat. And institutions that have provided the platform through which an emerging sport can flourish. The trophies are the most visible evidence of that journey, but the achievement lies in what stands behind them: discipline, teamwork, resilience and the pursuit of excellence. Five years of regional dominance is a milestone in the National Police Service's broader sporting journey. It is evidence that excellence in policing and excellence in sport can reinforce one another. And it is a reminder that sometimes, the most remarkable stories of service are written not only in the streets, at the border or in the field, but also on a Kabaddi mat.

Now, with East Africa conquered and the African stage ahead, the next chapter awaits.

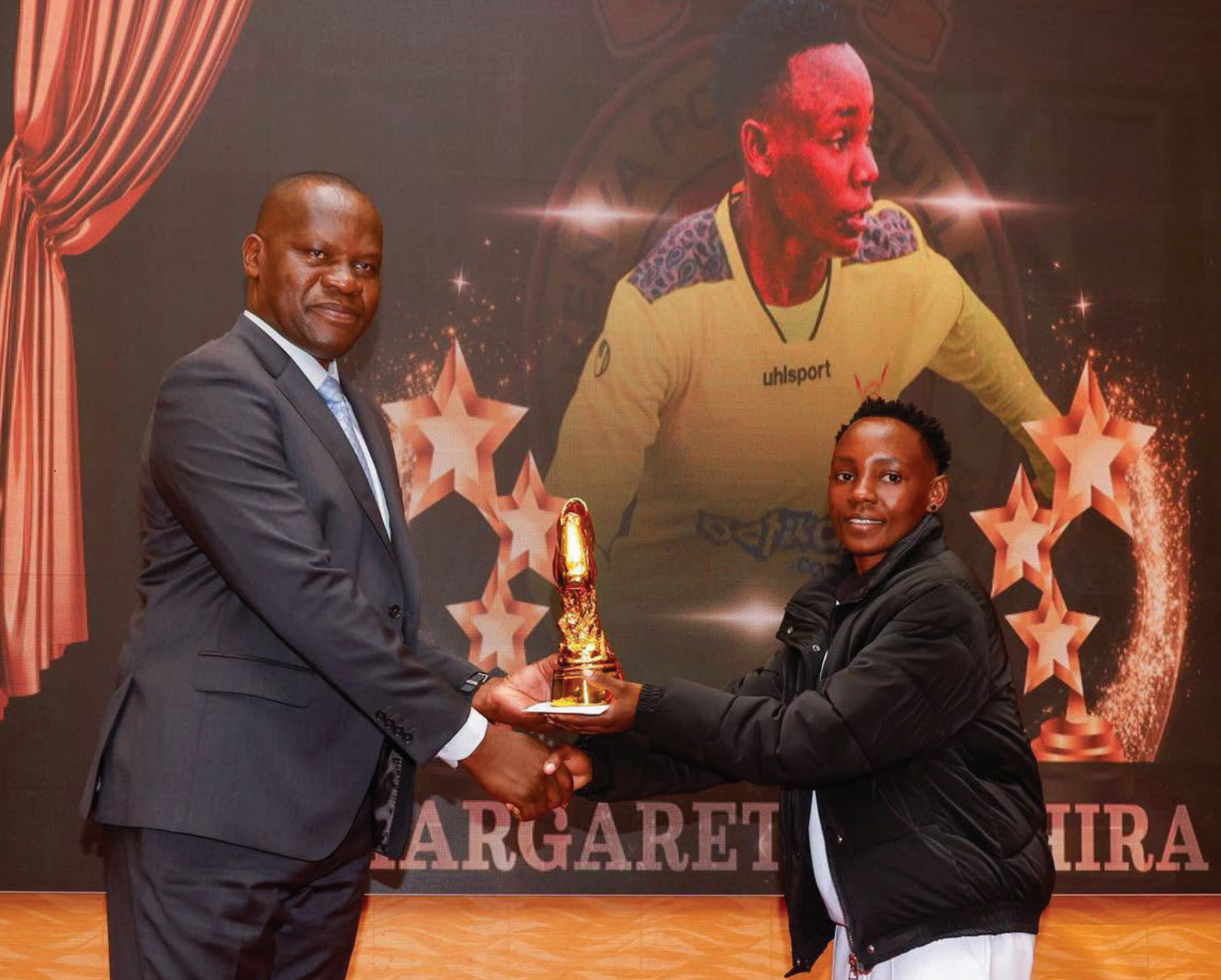
POLICE FOOTBALL CLUBS CELEBRATE HISTORIC SEASON AND SET SIGHTS ON GREATER HEIGHTS

Kenya Police FC and Kenya Police Bullets FC brought a memorable football calendar to a glamorous close, celebrating a women's league title, a strong men's campaign and the individual performances that powered both teams to success. Kenya Police Football Club and Kenya Police Bullets FC celebrated a landmark season with a joint end-of-season gala dinner held at the Serena Hotel on July 7, 2026.

The glamorous occasion brought together senior National Police Service leadership, football administrators, sponsors, club officials, players, technical teams, fans, media and distinguished legends of Kenyan football in a fitting celebration of achievement in a season defined by ambition, discipline, teamwork and sporting excellence.

The evening's central honour belonged to Kenya Police Bullets FC, whose outstanding campaign culminated in victory in the FKF Women's Premier League 2025/26 season for the third time in a row. The triumph marked a historic achievement for the women's side as they have won every season since their debut in the League, reflecting the squad's consistency, resilience and determination throughout the campaign.

Kenya Police FC also enjoyed an impressive season, finishing third in the FKF Premier League and reaching the final of the Mozart Bet Cup, where the team secured a well-earned runners-up position finishing behind the winners Tusker FC. Together, the two clubs established Kenya Police as one of the country's most recognisable and competitive football brands.



Representing the chief guest and club patron, Dr. Raymond Omollo, the Deputy Inspector General of the Kenya Police Service and club deputy patron, Mr. Eliud Lagat, led the celebrations. He was joined by the Deputy Inspector General of the Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, and other senior leaders from the National Police Service.

In his remarks, DIG Lagat conveyed congratulations from the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Douglas Kanja, and commended both clubs for their outstanding achievements. He reaffirmed the National Police Service's commitment to supporting the teams and creating opportunities for the players to reach even greater heights. "We will continue investing in sports infrastructure and creating an environment where our players can compete successfully on the international stage," DIG Lagat said. He further challenged the players to maintain high standards of discipline and professionalism, noting that success on the domestic stage should

serve as a foundation for greater performance in continental and international competitions.

Football Kenya Federation President Hussein Mohammed also expressed appreciation to the NPS leadership for its continued support of football infrastructure and player development in the country. He urged the players to remain disciplined and to use their achievements as a platform for further growth.

Honouring excellence on the pitch

The gala recognised the outstanding contributions of players who made a decisive impact during the season. For the men's team, Abud Omar Khamis was the star of the season receiving three major honours: Most Valuable Player, Defender of the Year and Goal of the Season. His performances at the back, together with his ability to produce moments of individual brilliance, made him one of the defining figures of Police FC's campaign.

Yves Koutiama was also recognised for his attacking contribution, winning both the Golden Boot and Signing of the Season awards. His goalscoring form played a significant role in the team's strong league finish and cup run.

The women's team was led by the exceptional Margaret Kunihira, who collected the Most Valuable Player, Golden Boot and Chairman's Awards. Her influence throughout the title-winning campaign underlined her importance to the team and made her one of the evening's most celebrated figures. The women's honours also recognised excellence across every area of the squad. Annet Kundu received the Golden Glove, while Lorna Nyarinda Nyabuto was named Midfielder of the Season. Elizabeth Ochaka won Defender of the Season, and Tereza Obunyu Engesha was recognised as both Signing of the Season and the recipient of the Goal of the Season award for her strike against Ulinzi.

Mary Kilonzo Nthambi was honoured as the Most Disciplined Player, while Diana Ochol received the Best Young Player award. Emily Kemunto Morang'a was named Most Improved Player, and Afande Cele was celebrated as Fan of the Year.

A season built on partnership

The celebration also acknowledged the contribution of the clubs' management, technical teams and sponsors, whose support helped create an environment in which the players could perform at their best. Among the distinguished guests were Mr. Nyale Munga, Commandant of the National Police College,

Main Campus, Kiganjo, and Executive Chairperson of Kenya Police FC; Mr. Chris Oguso, Secretary-General of Kenya Police FC; Mr. Tom Okoth, Officer in Charge of Sports at the Kenya Police Service; Mr. Japheth Ochutsi Munyendo, Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Police FC; and senior representatives from the National Police Service and partner organisations.

The clubs also recognised the important role played by Betika, DTB, Co-operative Bank, Kenya National DT Police Sacco and Mwananchi Credit. Their partnership and financial support contributed to the success of the season and helped make the end-of-season gala possible.

Looking to the future

As the celebrations concluded, attention turned towards the opportunities ahead. For Kenya Police Bullets FC, the league title provides both a reward for the past season and a challenge for the future. The team will be expected to defend its domestic crown while continuing to raise its standards in preparation for greater competition.

For Kenya Police FC, the third-place league finish and cup runners-up position offer a strong platform on which to build. The men's team has demonstrated its ability to compete at the highest level of Kenyan football, and the next objective will be to convert strong performances into major silverware. Kenya Police FC and Kenya Police Bullets FC have already written an important chapter in their history. The next one promises to be even more ambitious.



Police FC players celebrate their historic season during the end-of-season gala held on 7 July 2026 at Serena Hotel, Nairobi.



His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, flags off operational motor vehicles during the General Service Unit Passing-Out Parade at the National Police College Embakasi 'B' Campus on September 18, 2026.



Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, presents a trophy to an officer during the 11th Special Operations Group (SOG) graduation ceremony at Kamanga Training Camp, Samburu County, on August 6, 2026.



L to R: NPS Secretary Administration and Accounting Officer, Ms. Bernice Lemedeket; Inspector General of the National Police Service, Mr. Douglas Kanja; Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Hon. Onesmus K. Murkomen; Kenya's Deputy Head of Mission to China Amb. Lynette Mwende Ndile during the 2026 Conference of the Global Public Security Cooperation Forum held in Lianyungang, Jiangsu, China



Deputy Inspector-General of the Kenya Police Service, Mr. Eliud Lagat, adjusts an officer's tie during the opening of the newly constructed East Gate Police Post in Rongai, Nakuru County, on September 21, 2026.



Deputy Inspector General, Administration Police Service, Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, is officially invested as a Scouts Ambassador during the closing ceremony of the National Inter-Patrol Scouts Competition held at the Mount Kenya University Graduation Pavilion in Thika, Kiambu County on August 4, 2026



GSU officers execute a precision silent drill during the pass-out parade at the National Police College, Embakasi 'B' Campus, on 18 September 2026.



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