



Good morning. Here are the stories shaping Kenya today, from the StarNews newsroom in Nairobi. Tap any headline to read the full story online.

KES / USD

129.89

CBK rate, 16 Oct

INFLATION

6.8%

September, up from 6.6%

PETROL (NAIROBI)

Ksh226.96

Up Ksh12.93 from 15 Oct

FX RESERVES

\$14.69B

5.9 months of import cover

TODAY'S TOP STORIES

POLITICS

Karua, Nyoro and Matiang'i dismiss Ruto's tax relief pledge at Njoro rally

The three opposition leaders said they will back one presidential candidate in 2027 and name that person next year.

Opposition leaders Martha Karua, Ndindi Nyoro and Fred Matiang'i held a joint rally in Njoro, Nakuru County, on Wednesday, where they dismissed President William Ruto's latest tax relief proposals as campaign promises ahead of the 2027 election.

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HEALTH • DEVELOPING

Ebola: first contacts can leave quarantine from Sunday, ministry urges no stigma

The Ministry of Health says protective equipment has been sent to 28 counties it rates as high risk.

The first group of people being monitored for Ebola in Kenya can begin going home from Sunday, 25 October, if they have no symptoms, the Ministry of Health said in an update on Wednesday. They entered quarantine on 6 October and will by then have completed 21 days of monitoring.

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HEALTH

Traditional brews that meet standards will be licensed, Kindiki says in alcohol crackdown

The Deputy President says 116 raids on illicit brews were carried out in the past 10 days and new laws targeting cartels' assets are being finalised.

Deputy President Kithure Kindiki says traditional alcoholic brews that meet Kenya Bureau of Standards requirements will be formalised and licensed, as the government steps up its crackdown on illicit alcohol. He spoke on Wednesday in Karen, Nairobi, after meeting police, prosecutors, county representatives and agency heads.

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HEALTH

Ghana steps up Ebola screening for travellers from Kenya

Ghana's Ministry of Health cited direct flights and passenger numbers between the two countries. Ghana has no Ebola cases.

Ghana has tightened Ebola screening at its entry points, especially Accra's airport, citing cases in Kenya and Nigeria. Its Ministry of Health announced the measures on Wednesday, 21 October.

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BUSINESS

Nedbank completes takeover of 66% of NCBA as trading in its shares is paused

NCBA shares will not trade on the Nairobi Securities Exchange until 2 November while the share register is updated.

South Africa's Nedbank Group has completed its purchase of a 66% controlling stake in NCBA Group after receiving the required regulatory approvals. NCBA becomes Nedbank's East African subsidiary.

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POLITICS

IPOA to question police officers over arrest of Citizen TV journalist Francis Ode

The journalist says he was beaten and detained while covering fuel price protests in Nairobi's CBD, despite identifying himself.

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) plans to question at least seven police officers over the arrest of Citizen TV crime journalist Francis Ode while he was covering protests against high fuel prices in Nairobi on Tuesday.

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Kenyan truck drivers halt DR Congo cargo after 12 drivers reportedly killed

HEALTH

Kenya confirms ninth Ebola case, a relative of the first patient

COUNTIES

One dead and several feared trapped after quarry collapses in Meru

BUSINESS

Dangote confirms buying about a quarter of Kenya Pipeline for Sh42.5 billion

COUNTIES

Sakaja removes Mosiria as Nairobi chief officer in reshuffle

BUSINESS

CEOs ask government to cut business costs and make loans cheaper, CBK survey shows

BUSINESS

Dairy farmers to be paid Sh65 a litre from this month, Ruto says

BUSINESS

Ruto proposes PAYE exemption up to Sh32,333 and 50,000 paid internships

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