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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	INFLATION	PETROL (NAIROBI)	FX RESERVES
129.89	**6.8%**	**Ksh226.96**	**$14.69B**
CBK rate, 16 Oct	September, up from 6.6%	Up Ksh12.93 from 15 Oct	5.9 months of import cover

TODAY'S TOP STORIES

SPORTS

Chepkirui wins New York Marathon again as Kenyan women take four of the top five places

She won in 2:24:36, six seconds ahead of American Jess McClain. Defending champion Hellen Obiri was third.

Kenya's Sheila Chepkirui won the women's race at the New York City Marathon on Sunday in 2 hours 24 minutes 36 seconds. It is her second New York title, after her first win in 2024. She finished six seconds ahead of American Jess McClain.

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POLITICS

Ruto says Putin has agreed Russia will stop recruiting Kenyans into its army

Ruto says a Kenyan defence attaché in Moscow will work with Russia on compensation and the return of Kenyans who went to fight.

President William Ruto says Russia will no longer recruit Kenyans into its military, after he held talks with President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin in Moscow on Friday. Ruto said Putin confirmed that Kenya has been classed as a "non-source country" for recruitment into the Russian army.

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POLITICS

Sifuna opens Linda Mwananchi headquarters as Kalonzo is booed over 2027 flagbearer

Kalonzo Musyoka told the crowd Sifuna is not yet a presidential candidate and asked them to wait for 13 November.

Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna opened the headquarters of the Linda Mwananchi Movement in Lavington, Nairobi, on Friday. Opposition leaders Rigathi Gachagua of the DCP, Kalonzo Musyoka of Wiper and Eugene Wamalwa of DAP-Kenya attended, along with several MPs and senators.

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SPORTS	Bayern Munich and Ajax to open Raila Odinga International Stadium on 5 January
POLITICS	Mudavadi welcomes UAE candidate for UN chief, but PS Sing'oei says Kenya backs no one yet
BUSINESS	Ruto defends Dangote's Kenya Pipeline stake and says any Kenyan can buy the shares
POLITICS	Protest victims have until 14 November to file compensation claims, panel says
POLITICS	Ruto flies to Moscow for Russia-Africa summit to seek new markets and investment
POLITICS	Waititu apologises in court and asks for a lighter sentence in Sh588 million roads tender case
BUSINESS	Kenya protests Nigeria's visa rules for Kenyans while Nigerians enter Kenya visa-free

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