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Boda bodas vow to carry arms

BY MOHAMED AHMED

Likoni boda bodas are working while armed, following attacks by people posing as passengers.

Police, however, say genuine passengers are also afraid with the turn of events.

"Things are very scary. You may not have an idea about who you are carrying. Everybody is armed. When a passenger turns out to be a criminal, you must defend yourself," a rider the *Nation* established had a club, said.

Likoni OCPD Willy Simba said some boda bodas could

be armed but added that even passengers were affected by the wave of crime that has hit the area.

He said his office was aware of two incidents.

"In a recent incident, a boda boda was stabbed to death in Mtongwe and his eyes and private parts removed. The other took place last month when a passenger was killed by riders at Shelly," he said.

Mr Simba said following the attacks, police had warned riders not to carry "strange" passengers, especially at night.

He said police were asking

residents to select riders they were familiar with.

"I wish county government officials could bar boda bodas from working beyond 10pm," Mr Simba said.

He added that patrols had been intensified while more officers had been deployed in crime hot spots.

"We will ensure the riders adhere to the highway code because criminals do not follow the law," he added.

"We call for cooperation from residents as we attempt to deal with crime. Police are here to protect every citizen."

TENDER NOTICE

The Geothermal Development Company Limited (GDC) invites sealed tenders from eligible candidates for the following:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	TENDER SECURITY	CLOSING DATE
GDC/ENV/OT/004/2015-2016	Tender for Supply and Installation of Automatic Weather Stations at Menengai Geothermal Power Project for Environmental Monitoring	Kes. 500,000	8 th October 2015 at 2:00PM(1400hrs)
GDC/PM/OT/005/2015-2016	Tender for Provision of Cleaning, Sanitation, Waste Collection & Disposal Services (Reserved for the Special groups)	N/A	16 th October 2015 at 2:00PM(1400hrs)
GDC/DO/OT/006/2015-2016	Tender for Provision of Lifting and Hoisting Equipment Inspection Services at Menengai Nakuru	Kes. 100,000	7 th October 2015 at 2:00PM(1400hrs)

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the tender document from the office of the Manager, Supply Chain at Kawi House, South C off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road between 9.00am and 4.00pm during week days.

A complete set of the tender document may be obtained by interested firms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1000**, payable to our accounts office in cash or by banker's cheque. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the website www.gdc.co.ke or <http://supplier.treasury.go.ke> free of charge. Bidders who download the tender document from the website **MUST** forward their particulars immediately for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.

The completed tenders in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with **Tender No. and Tender reference name**; shall be addressed to:

**Ag. Managing Director & CEO,
Geothermal Development Company
P.O Box 100746-00101
NAIROBI, KENYA**

And deposited in the tender box at **Ground Floor** GDC office Kawi House, South C Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road on or before the dates specified above.

There will be a Mandatory site visit for Tender No: GDC/PM/OT/005/2014:2015 at the following GDC Offices;

- Nairobi Office** – 6th October 2015 at 10.00Am Kawi House, South C offices.
- South Rift Area** – 6th October 2015 Lake view estate, Naivasha 3:00Pm
- Central Rift Area** – 7th October 2015 Nakuru's Polo Center & Go-down at 9.00Am and Menengai Geothermal Project at 12:00Pm.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' or their representatives who choose to attend at Kawi House, South C GDC Board Room Ground Floor.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

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Check up | Dentist's chair for Kieni



JOSEPH KANYIJI NATION

Dr Anthony Muchai examines Kieni MP Kanini Kega's teeth at Endarasha Health centre during the handing over of a Sh600,000 dental chair on Friday.

Uasin Gishu | Problem started in 2013

Police seek to solve puzzle of missing youth

20 young men and women are suspected of joining terrorist group

BY ARTHUR SITUMA
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The police are still investigating the whereabouts of at least 20 young people who have disappeared from Uasin Gishu County since 2013 and are suspected of joining radical groups.

County Commissioner Abdi Hassan said security agents are working closely with the public to find out where the youth went.

"Until the investigations are concluded, I cannot confirm that these young men and women indeed joined any terrorist group, but there is something fishy. We will get to the bottom of the matter," said Mr Hassan.

He spoke yesterday during an Idd baraza in Eldoret.

Mr Hassan blamed the Internet and criminals masquerading as Islamic scholars for misleading ignorant young Muslims. He said the authorities are working with Muslim

leaders in the North Rift to root out errant preachers.

"We are closely monitoring what is going on in mosques, but we need the help of parents when it comes to the Internet and the kind of radical teachings on that platform," said the county commissioner.

He said Muslims are not being persecuted by the authorities. "We should be frank with ourselves. When a police officer asks you for an identity card and holds you for some time if you fail to produce it, is that really persecution?" asked Mr Hassan.

REACTION

Muslim calls for unity

Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims' Uasin Gishu Chairman Mohamed Ali called for an integration of Muslims and Christians in the county.

"We have to eradicate the mistrust between us, Muslims, and our Christian brothers. We should not be viewed as terrorists, and Muslims should not see Christians as non-believers. We are all patriotic Kenyans," said Mr Ali.

Nairobi >>

New kit to help stop maternal deaths

BY EUNICE KILONZO

A new device has been developed to control bleeding after delivery in western Kenya.

Bleeding is among the leading causes of maternal deaths in the country, accounting for 488 deaths per 100,000 births.

The kit called uterine balloon tamponade (UBT) consists of a condom that is tied to a tube (Foley catheter) and inserted into the uterus.

After inserting it into the uterus, the condom is slowly inflated with clean water through a syringe with a one-way valve.

The water-inflated condom exerts pressure on the bleeding vessels, reducing the loss of blood.

This stabilises the patient, and if necessary, can be transferred with the balloon intact to an operating room or referral hospital for specialised treatment.

The kit, which is a replica of widely-used UBTs in developed countries that cost about Sh40,000, will instead cost an average of Sh500.

100,000
The number of maternal deaths attributed to postpartum hemorrhage in 2010

Sh500

The cost of uterine balloon tamponade. A similar kit in developed countries cost Sh40,000

It is made of locally-available items.

Postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) or bleeding is a leading cause of maternal death in the country.

About 100,000 maternal deaths out of 287,000 in 2010 were due to PPH.

It is common in both community and hospitals with birth attendants, who lack necessary skills and resources to manage the bleeding.

PATH, one of the UBT developers, says about 288 hospitals in Siaya, Nyamira, Migori, Homa-Bay, Kakamega and, Busia now use the tamponade. There are about 1,613 such kits in the country. Some 544 health providers have been trained on how to use the kits.

Usually, when excessive bleeding is noticed, WHO recommends that the mother is given an oxytocin injection, a hormone that reduces excessive bleeding.

However, it is not always available to women, especially those in remote areas and thus the tamponade that can be locally assembled is an alternative.