

**COUNTIES COAST**

**'PARTY DESERVES SPECIAL TREATMENT'**

**Nyali MP ANC candidate urges NASA candidates to drop their bids, back him**

The Nyali MP seat should be preserved for ANC because it forewent the governor and Senate seats in Mombasa, national chairman Kelvin Lunani has said. He said other NASA candidates should step down. Lunani said ANC is the brainchild of NASA and should be accorded special treatment in the country and county politics. Lunani is the ANC candidate for the Nyali seat. ODM, Wiper and other NASA

leaning parties are fielding candidates and this has not sat well with him. After being installed as a Luhya elder at Frere Town on Sunday and given the nod to run, Lunani said he should be allowed to contest unchallenged. "Just like NASA flagbearer Ralla Odinga, I will not allow the alliance votes to be stolen. I will use the shield you have given me to protect your victory. You too, stay guard," he said.

**SH1.2 MILLION**

**Base Titanium donates 500 desks and lockers to primary schools in Kwale**

Kwale-based mining company Base Titanium has donated 500 desks and lockers to schools in the county. The furniture, which cost Sh1.2 million, will help create an environment conducive for learning. Speaking on Friday during the handover at Fihoni Primary School in Msambweni subcounty, Pius Kassim, the community relations manager at Base Titanium, said, "Investing in the

development of Kwale youth is one of the key pillars in Base's community programmes." He continued, "We believe investing in education will help spur the development of the county across multiple areas." Kwale has 415 primary schools - 363 public and 52 private. There are a total of 167,318 pupils, representing a 99 per cent enrollment rate.

**SPOUSE INJURED**

**Italian tourist killed by gang in Kikambala villa**

An Italian couple who had rented a villa in Kikambala was yesterday attacked, leading to the death of the wife. The couple was identified as Luigi Svasellati, 70, and Maria Laura, 65. Killifi police boss Alexander Makau confirmed the incident and said a watchman guarding the villa has been arrested. Makau said police have launched a manhunt for the culprits. The couple were tourists on holiday in the Coast and had rented the private villa near the newly constructed Sultan Palace. Laura was hit three times on the head and died.



A bulldozer at Bangladesh area on the Mombasa-Nairobi highway on Saturday / ERNEST CORNEL

**DENIES ALLEGATION**

**Kenha has demolished buildings illegally - Amnesty International**

The dismantling is to make way for the construction of the Changamwe-Mariakani dual carriageway, which was commissioned by President Uhuru Kenyatta last week

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Days after President Uhuru Kenyatta commissioned the construction of the long-awaited 11.3km Changamwe-Mariakani dual carriageway, the demolition of structures has started, allegedly without notice. The dual carriageway is meant to ease traffic on the Mombasa-Nairobi highway. Traffic at the Makupa Causeway, Changamwe roundabout, Jomvu, Miritini and Mazeras has been a nightmare. Uhuru commissioned the construction on Thursday. On Saturday, 14 armed police officers guarded Kenha

workers as they destroyed buildings worth millions of shillings at Bangladesh on the Mombasa-Nairobi highway. NGO Amnesty International has said the demolitions could lead to legal suits. It said the act amounts to a constitutional violation. "The demolition happened at around 4pm. The owners of the premises were called when the bulldozer was already on the ground and by the time they arrived, part of their premises had already been brought down," AI Kenya campaign organiser Naomi Barasa said yesterday. AI said Saturday's eviction marked yet another "state-sponsored destruction". There has been controversy over

the compensation of people evicted to make room for the SGR. AI said the state did not notify and compensate locals before eviction. "Despite Kenha agreeing to give affected businesses time to pave way for the construction, they went back on their word," Barasa said. Nursery schools were among the demolished buildings. "No notice was issued. No court order was served to the business owners," Barasa said. She said the police used excessive force to evict people. "There were officers from the Kenha headquarters in Nairobi and others from Mombasa who said they were under instructions from the legal team to oversee the evictions," Barasa said.

**(+) COURT LET US TO BRING DOWN BUILDINGS - KENHA**

The Kenha regional manager, Eng Jared Makori, has said the authority won a court case allowing it to demolish structures to make way for the Changamwe-Mariakani dual carriageway. But Amnesty International says the demolitions were arbitrary. "They should be frank about the ruling made a month ago," Makori said on the phone. He said the process was done legally. "Come on, we can't just move in and start bringing down properties," Makori said.

**WORKED AT CBK FOR 31 YEARS**



**Make me governor and I'll ensure locals get Tsavo cash - Mwatela**

Taita Taveta governor aspirant Jacinta Mwatela has promised to tap into the rich natural resources in the region to create wealth for residents. Speaking yesterday at CDF Hall in Voi during a public vetting session of aspirants, Mwatela said her experience in management makes her well positioned to take up the county's top job. "I worked at the Central Bank of Kenya for 31 years. I worked as deputy governor at CBK for five years and even worked as governor in acting capacity. Elect me as your governor so I can do the job for you," she said. Mwatela said that the county has huge potential in agriculture because of its water sources. "A lot of water from the Mzima Springs is going to waste. We have to utilise water from Lake Chala and the Mzima Springs by irrigating our farms to make our county food secure and rich," she said. Mwatela said she will ensure the county receives the revenue collected from the Tsavo National Park. "We don't benefit from the revenue collected in Tsavo National Park, yet it's among the key assets we have. The park comprises 62 per cent of our total land mass, therefore, we must get the revenue generated from it. What we get from the park now is losses caused on our farms by the marauding wildlife," she said.