

holding residents hostage

them accountable too," one resident cautioned.

Security expert Musamali suggests that it's time to rethink the approach to crime prevention in informal settlements. He advocates for strategies inspired by the Broken Windows Theory, a criminology concept introduced in 1982 by James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling.

"The Broken Windows approach was successfully applied in New York City in the 1990s under Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Police Commissioner William Bratton to reduce crime rates. It's a model that could work for us," Musamali argued.

"It emphasizes addressing crime at the nuclear family level. Parents must intervene when they notice early signs of deviant behaviour in their children. If we don't deal with the small issues now, they will escalate into bigger problems later," he added.

Local police have come under fire, accused of turning a blind eye—or in some cases, even abetting—crime.

Muthaiaja Police Station, which has jurisdiction over the area, did not respond to our request for an interview regarding these accusations.

"We have lost trust in the police here. We are on our own," one resident told *The Standard*.

"There is a clear erosion of trust between the public and the police. Rebuilding this trust will take significant effort," said Musamali.

As night falls, the fear intensifies. Residents point to broken streetlights as part of the problem—what should be a beacon of safety is now offering criminals the perfect cover.

During our investigation, we discovered that in some cases, it is the criminals themselves who damage the lights.

"Sometimes, the lights are repaired in the morning, but by evening, they're not working. We suspect criminals tamper with them because they can't operate in a well-lit community. Darkness is their ally," said a resident.

Hideouts

Hanging boots on electricity wires serve as a grim reminder of the lives lost to mob justice—most of them young men involved in knife crime.

Stalled vehicles and hollow culverts have become hiding spots for criminals.

Recent government-led demolitions of houses sitting on riparian land have inadvertently given criminals more



Jack Iluoch who was stabbed to death in August 2023 at Mathare 4A. [Courtesy]

room to operate. What was intended as a development project has left large open spaces that criminals now use as their hideouts.

"We thought there was a proper plan behind these demolitions, but they've only exposed us to more insecurity. The criminals hide there," said Grace Wanjiru, a resident who was affected by the demolitions.

Bustling market stalls that serve residents during the day transform into dangerous hotspots at night, turning once-busy roads into no-go zones.

Chiniya Mhazi, a community-based group, is composed of former gang members.

However, these ex-convicts now claim to have turned a new leaf. They say over 200 young people have reformed and are now engaged in community projects to support their families. One of their initiatives is managing a toilet and bathroom facility, collecting fees from residents.

Their leader, Evans Omondi, says they are committed to transforming their community for the better.

"This is our home, and we want to protect it. Any youth still engaging in crime should know that crime does not pay—it only leads to destruction," Omondi said.

Each passing day, the people of Mathare live on the edge,

never knowing what might befall them next.

Why do known killers continue to walk freely in this community? It remains a mystery no one can explain.

But the question lingers—how many more lives must be

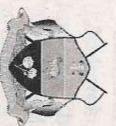
lost before authorities take decisive action?

Mathare does not need another tragic death—yet, it seems dangerously ever close to one.

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No.13 OF 2019)

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF LOCAL PHYSICAL AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

S/No.	Title of the Plan	Plan Ref. No.
1.	Proposed Site for Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions - Siaya	CSS/041/321/2025/01
2.	A. Existing Site for St. Pantaleon Catholic Church B. Proposed Site for St. Pantaleon Complex C. Existing Residential Plots D. Existing Church Plot	CSS/041/321/2024/01

Pursuant to the provisions of section 49(1) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019, NOTICE is hereby given that the preparation of the above plans was on the **28th day of January, 2025** and **31st day of October, 2024** completed.

The plan relates to land situated within Siaya Municipality. Copies of the draft development plan as prepared have been deposited for public inspection, free of charge at the office of the CECM, Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development (Archdi House, Siaya municipality), Sub County administrator's office Alego Usonga, Township Ward office and the Siaya Municipality offices.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above development plan may within sixty (60) days send the same to the County Executive Committee Member, Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, P.O. Box 803-40600, Siaya and such representations or comments shall state the grounds upon which they are made.

Dated this **13th day of February, 2025**
Hon. Maurice Otiemo McOruge
County Executive Committee Member,
Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development

DISPUTE

Duale condemns eviction of Garissa traders from market

Environment Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale has condemned eviction of traders from Suq Mugdi Market in Garissa Town.

The traders were removed by the county government ahead of a planned facelift.

However, Speaking at Madrasa Khadija on Sunday, Duale accused leaders of begging for the support of small scale traders during election campaigns but turning against them after they are elected.

The CS called on the County Commissioner Mohamed Mwabozza, Governor Nathif Jama and Garissa Township MP Dekow Barrow Mohamed to convene an urgent meeting to resolve issues around the market.

"So many people who are leaders today were brought up by mothers who worked in this market. I will not allow anyone to harass them or evict them," said the CS.

Duale said the government was committed to improving the lives of the poor.

Boda bodas

He said President William Ruto rose to power through the support of *mama mboga* and boda boda operators and other "hustlers".

"Two weeks ago, Nathif visited the market and ordered the eviction of traders selling wares on the roadsides next to

Suq Mugdi Market.

"All licenses of shop owners who sell their products outside their shops should immediately be cancelled while those who are selling on road reserves should be moved immediately," the Governor directed.

According to Nathif, when President Ruto toured the county recently, he could not access the market because traders had blocked the entrance and occupied the road leading into the market.

Scorching sun

But Duale asked the Governor not to evict women trading on the roadsides, promising to talk to Kenya Urban Roads Authority and Kenya National Highways Authority to erect pumps to prevent accidents.

"Why evict these mothers, what have they done? They wake up early and only get either Sh200 or Sh300 after sitting under the scorching sun for the whole day," the CS said. Duale, who was elected four times as Garissa Township MP, claimed leaders had abandoned the traders.

"I am calling on leaders not to step on anyone who is struggling to earn their daily bread. It's wrong and the government will not allow that," he said and urged Imams to point out issues affecting communities. [Abdimalik Hajir]



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA



TENDER NOTICE

The County Government of Nyamira invites eligible bidders to bid for the tenders below:

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY	IFMS NEGOTIATION NO.
CGM/703/2024-2025	Supply and Delivery of Medical Drugs	Open	1780-05-2024/2025
CGM/704/2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Medical Equipment at Nyamira County Referral Hospital Doctor 57 Area	Open	1781028-2024/2025
CGM/705/2024-2025	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Medical Equipment at Gemina, Magerwa and Nyamisi Sub County Hospitals and Bobanaco, Kemun chigu, Kioge, Nyabonge and Kenyero Health Facilities	Open	1786221-2024/2025
CGM/706/2024-2025	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of an Asset Verification, Tagging, Inventory Management and Fleet Management System	Open	1783239-2024/2025

Tendering will be conducted under National Open Tender, using standardized tender documents and in this regard, tendering is open to all qualified and interested bidders.

A complete set of tender documents containing detailed information on the tenders may be inspected and downloaded freely by interested bidders from the IFMS supplier portal, www.supplier.kem.go.ke or County Government of Nyamira website: www.nyamira.go.ke or Public Procurement Information Portal: www.kemprocurement.go.ke

Completed tenders must be delivered electronically through the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) as provided in the tender document to reach the procuring entity on or before **Thursday 13th March 2025** at 10:30 a.m. local time. **ONLY Electronic tenders WILL be PERMITTED**

MR. ANDREW OINGERE
ACCOUNTING OFFICER,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYAMIRA