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Religious leaders warn against rising political tensions

Religious leaders in Mombasa have condemned recent incidents of political violence in the county, warning that inflammatory rhetoric and escalating tensions could undermine peace as the country heads towards the 2027 General Election.

Speaking to the media, Pwani Patriotic Religious Leaders (PPRL) Chairperson Sheikh Abu Qatada expressed concern over the rising tensions at political gatherings, saying recent developments posed a threat to stability both at the Coast and across the country.

"Leaders should be mindful of their language and actions to prevent divisions and maintain the peace the country has enjoyed over the years,"

he said. His remarks follow violent clashes reported in Likoni and other parts of Mombasa County, where rival political supporters allegedly fought and vandalized property during campaign-related events. Residents said the incidents had heightened fear within communities, particularly among young voters.

Sheikh Abu Qatada cautioned that politically motivated unrest could spread if leaders failed to take responsibility for their conduct.

"We cannot afford to go back to the dark days of fear and displacement. Our children deserve a future free from violence," he said.

PPRL Youth Leader Zuber Abeid Salim

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Jamia Mosque strengthens interfaith ties through Street Da'wah ahead of August 15th Open Day



Staff of Jamia Mosque Nairobi, alongside volunteers, pose for a group photo before they embarked on the street Da'wah last weekend.

The Street Da'wah programme, organised by the mosque's Da'wah Office, saw participants distribute Islamic literature and engage passers-by in friendly conversations aimed at explaining the teachings of Islam and addressing common misconceptions.

Staff of Jamia Mosque Nairobi, alongside volunteers, took to the streets of the capital last Saturday to share the message of Islam with members of the public as part of efforts to promote greater understanding of the faith.

The Street Da'wah programme, organised by the mosque's Da'wah Office, saw participants distribute Islamic literature and engage passers-by in friendly conversations aimed at explaining the teachings of Islam and addressing common misconceptions.

According to the organisers, the initiative seeks to foster mutual understanding and peaceful co-existence by encouraging respectful dialogue with people of different faiths.

The street outreach complements Jamia Mosque's broader Da'wah programmes, particularly its annual Open Day, which welcomes visitors from diverse religious backgrounds to learn about Islam firsthand and interact with Muslim scholars in an open and inclusive environment.

The mosque has now invited members of the public, regardless of their faith, to attend this year's Open Day, scheduled for Saturday, August 15.

Organised by the Jamia Da'wah Department, the day-long event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and marks the 10th edition of the initiative.

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Muslims urged to seize five blessings before they fade

Muslims have been urged to make the most of the blessings Allah has bestowed upon them before they are replaced by their opposites, with a reminder that life is temporary and every moment should be invested in preparing for the Hereafter.

Delivering the Friday sermon at Jamia Mosque Nairobi, Sheikh Suleiman Ali called on the faithful to seize five fleeting opportunities in life: youth before old age, health before sickness, wealth before poverty, free time before becoming occupied, and life before death.

Drawing from the Holy Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Sheikh Suleiman emphasized that a Muslim should strike a balance between fulfilling worldly responsibilities and preparing for the Hereafter (Akhirah).

Addressing a packed congregation during the Jumu'ah Khutbah, the Sheikh described time as one of Allah's greatest blessings, noting that life is a trust with a predetermined end. "Time is indeed a blessing from

Allah Almighty that can never be regained if lost. One should utilize time wisely and avoid wasting it on frivolous activities. Always be God-conscious that you are departing this world at any single minute and remember to offer meritorious prayers, as it could be the last before meeting your Creator," he said.

Sheikh Suleiman urged Muslims to remain steadfast in righteous deeds and to express gratitude to Allah by making proper use of the blessings they have been granted. He said every blessing is a divine gift that should strengthen one's faith and inspire good actions. The cleric cited a Prophetic tradition describing one of the signs of the end of time as the rapid passage of time, where a year would seem like a month, a month like a week and a week like a day, underscoring the need to make every moment count.

He encouraged worshippers to reflect on Allah's countless favours and to use their time for acts of worship, self-improvement and service to humanity, saying the Qur'an and Hadith consistently stress the importance of spending one's life in obedience to Allah.

Sheikh Suleiman also challenged Muslims to dedicate their youthful energy and sound health to seeking beneficial knowledge, performing acts of worship and serving others before the inevitable decline that comes with old age and illness. He further called upon affluent Muslims to use their wealth to uplift the less fortunate, including orphans and needy families, before financial hardship strikes. According to the Sheikh, supporting the vulnerable strengthens social bonds and brings blessings to both the giver and the recipient. "Islam encourages Muslims to live life by helping each other as it creates a sense of respect and love among mankind regardless of family, relatives, friends, neighbours or strangers. One of the ways to implement this concept of helping one another is through the act of giving alms," he said.

Sheikh Suleiman concluded by urging the faithful to remain conscious of the fleeting nature of life and to take advantage of every opportunity to earn Allah's pleasure through worship, charity and righteous living.

Saudi Arabia Ministry launches Islamic leadership training in Wajir

The Saudi Arabia Ministry of Islamic Affairs has launched a four-day training workshop for Islamic religious leaders in Wajir County, marking the first time the programme is being held in the county as part of efforts to strengthen religious leadership and promote moderation. The training, which began on Sunday, was organized by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs through the Office of the Religious Attaché at the Saudi Embassy in Kenya. It brought together 70 participants, including imams, khatibs, preachers and students of Islamic studies from across the region. The workshop is being facilitated by Dr. Omar Al-Ahmad and Sheikh Abdurabu Hakami, who are leading sessions aimed at enhancing participants' understanding of Islamic teachings and equipping them to address emerging social and religious issues within their communities. According to the Ministry, the programme forms part of a broader series of academic initiatives designed to promote moderation and tolerance, counter extremist ideologies, and reinforce Islamic values of peaceful coexistence. Participants are expected to use

the forum to exchange knowledge, reflect on contemporary challenges facing Muslim communities and strengthen their capacity to provide effective religious guidance. The launch of the programme in Wajir marks a significant milestone in expanding the Ministry's educational outreach in Kenya and

increasing access to professional development opportunities for religious leaders in the region. Speaking during the opening ceremony, Wajir Governor Dr. Ahmed Abdullahi commended religious leaders for their continued role in promoting peace, unity and moral values within society.

He noted that imams and preachers continue to provide guidance that strengthens families and communities, adding that training forums such as the one organized by the Office of the Religious Attaché at the Saudi Embassy create an important platform for shared learning, exchange of experiences



and collaboration in addressing the social challenges facing society. Governor Abdullahi expressed gratitude to the Office of the Religious Attaché for supporting the initiative and thanked the facilitators, Dr. Omar Al-Ahmad and Sheikh Abdurabu Hakami, for sharing their expertise with participants. Organizers expressed confidence that the knowledge and skills acquired during the four-day programme will enable participants to foster unity, peaceful coexistence and responsible religious leadership in their respective communities.

Jamia Mosque Nairobi open day set for August 15

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tive since it was launched in 2018. Over the years, the Open Day has become a key platform for promoting interfaith dialogue and strengthening understanding between Muslims and people of other faiths.

Visitors will have an opportunity to take guided tours of Jamia Mosque, the country's largest Islamic institution, explore faith-based exhibitions and observe Mus-

lim prayers, offering a unique insight into Islamic worship and community life.

The programme will also feature interactive discussions with Islamic scholars, who will respond to questions from participants and clarify misconceptions and stereotypes surrounding Islam.

During last year's Open Day, held in November, more than 800 people attended

the event, with 10 participants embracing Islam.

Beyond religious education, the annual initiative is viewed as an important platform for promoting national unity, peaceful coexistence and interfaith harmony by creating opportunities for dialogue and fostering greater appreciation of Kenya's religious diversity.

Why do I still feel empty?

You have what you thought you wanted. The career that looked good from the outside. The relationships that seemed like they would complete you. The apartment, the security, the freedom to do what you choose. And yet there is something you cannot shake. A void, a persistent sense that none of this is quite enough. That something essential is missing.

You try to fill it, you work harder, and you buy more. You distract yourself with entertainment, with achievement, with the endless scroll of other people's lives. For a moment, the emptiness recedes. Then it returns. It waits in the quiet moments. It surfaces when you are alone with your own thoughts, to escape it we keep noise around us, but we are bound to come back to ourselves again and we must face it.

We live in an age that has names for almost everything. That feeling might be called anxiety, or burnout, or the sense that you have not yet found your purpose. There are apps for it, therapists who specialize in it, self-help frameworks and wellness routines designed to address it. And yet, for many people, none of these quite touch what is actually happening.

Islam offers a different diagnosis. That feeling is not a disorder to be managed. It is a signal, an alarm that is going off to remind you of your real purpose in life.

The Soul Remembers What the Mind Forgets

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said: "Every child is born upon the fitrah. It is his parents who make him a Jew, a Christian, or a Zoroastrian" (Bukhari and Muslim). Fitrah is often translated as "natural disposition," but the concept is deeper. It is the innate knowledge every human being possesses of Allah. It is not learned, or acquired through reason or experience, but built in. This means something essential, the restlessness you carry is not a sign that you lack something external. It is a sign that something internal is calling to you. The part of you that was made to know Allah is asking you to remember.

The Quran describes this directly. Allah says: "So direct yourself toward the religion, a man of pure faith. The fitrah of Allah upon which He has created people. There is no change in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know" (Surah Ar-Rum 30:30). The religion mentioned here is not a ritual system or a cultural identity. It is submission to the Creator. And when you live at odds with that submission, when you construct a life in violation of what you were made for, the fitrah does not go silent, rather it persists.

This is why the worldly markers of success often leave people empty. It is not that achievement is bad, it is that achieve-

ment alone cannot satisfy what only closeness to Allah can satisfy. The Quran teaches: "Certainly, by the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest. Those whose hearts are at peace through the remembrance of Allah, surely it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts find rest" (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:28). True rest does not come through materialism or accomplishments but rather rest comes through remembrance of Allah.

Why Nothing Else Quiets It

Consider what you have tried. Success, relationships, and pleasure. The accumulation of experiences designed to feel meaningful. And notice what has not happened, the restlessness did not disappear. It paused, then it returned.

The Quran names this exact dynamic. It says: "The race for gathering good things of this world distracts you, until you visit the graves. But no, soon you will know. Again, no, soon you will know!" (Surah At-Takatthur 102:1-3). The Quran calls it out directly. The endless pursuit of more: more status, more comfort, more achievement, is designed to distract you. And it works, until the moment comes when distraction is no longer possible. Then the restlessness returns, louder than before.

This is not a personal failure. It is not because you have not tried hard enough. The feeling persists because it is designed to persist. Allah has placed it in you as evidence, as a call, as a witness that continues to testify even when you ignore it.

The Quran acknowledges this resistance directly. In Surah Al-Qiyamah, Allah describes how the human conscience operates: "I swear by the self-reproaching soul" (Surah Al-Qiyamah 75:2).

The self-reproaching soul is the voice that will not be silenced. It is why guilt returns, why wrongdoing leaves a mark, why living against what you know to be true creates a weight that no distraction can fully lift.

The chapter then makes an observation that cuts against modern culture. Denial of accountability is not primarily an intellectual position. It is a desire. The Quran says: "Rather, man desires to continue in sin" (Surah Al-Qi-

yamah 75:5). People typically disbelieve not because they have found compelling logical arguments, but because belief demands something from them. It is easier to run from the restlessness than to answer it.

The Call Has a Source

What Islam teaches is that the restlessness pointing you toward Allah points you toward submission to Allah and His final messenger, Muhammad, peace be upon him. The Quran says: "There is a sign in the creation of the heavens and the earth for those who understand. Those who remember Allah while standing or sitting or lying on their sides and reflect upon creation, saying, Our Lord, You did not create this in vain" (Surah Al-Imran 3:190-191).

The restlessness is the fitrah recognizing what is real. It is Allah. You belong to something beyond yourself, and that belonging is your deepest peace.

When you stop running and acknowledge this, something settles. Not because your problems disappear, but because you have stopped fighting what you were made for. Your heart, which finds rest only in remembrance of Allah, begins to still.

The Quran closes with an invitation: "O soul at peace, return to your Lord, well pleased and pleasing to Him. Enter among My servants and enter My paradise" (Surah Al-Fajr 89:27-30). This is where the restlessness has been pointing all along. Not toward more achievement or more searching. Toward home. Toward Allah. You feel the call. That feeling is not random. It is the deepest truth about you, and it will not stop until you answer.

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From the Holy Qur'an Ayah of the week

Theme: Righteousness

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted...."

(Quran 49:13)



A Muslim woman shares her experience after divorce

By Zainab bint Younus

Cognitively recognizing the validity of a woman seeking divorce – whether due to incompatibility or otherwise – is one thing, but the emotional reality is a painful struggle on its own.

It can take months, if not years, to reach the point where one finally decides to seek a divorce, but in the meantime – as well as during and after the process – the challenges can feel overwhelming.

As a woman who was in a toxic marriage and sought khul', here are a few pieces of advice and points of reflection from my own experience.

Turn to Allah

Every time you feel alone, every time you feel that your marriage is getting worse, every time that you feel that no one understands what you are going through – turn to Allah. He is Muqallib al-Quloob, the Turner of Hearts, and He alone can either soften your hearts or facilitate an end to your marriage and the beginning of something better.

Know that an unhappy marriage and divorce are tests of this world, and how you pass those tests will determine your rank in the Hereafter. Will you lose hope in the Source of Divine Mercy, or will you strive to grow closer to Him?

Make an effort to pray even two rak'at of qiyaam al-layl; try to fast on Sunnah days, or give extra in sadaqah. Moistening your tongue with the remembrance of Allah and sending salawaat (prayers) upon His Messenger. Every good deed you do to seek closeness to Allah will Insha'Allah be a means of increasing your reward and easing your difficulty. "Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured." (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:28)

Abusive relationships are real

Muslims have an unfortunate tendency to deny the existence of abusive relationships in our community.

There are various factors behind this; some are due to cultural attitudes in which physical violence is considered 'normal', and others are due to pseudo-religious mentalities that don't consider verbal or emotional abuse to 'count' as abuse.

It is necessary for us to learn about different types of abuse – physical and emotional – in order for us to be aware of unhealthy behavioral patterns that may emerge in our marriages, whether it's coming from us or from our spouses. It's important to note that women as well as men can be, and are, abusive.

We should never fool ourselves into thinking that we are the ones who are always correct, and that it is only ever the other party at fault – sometimes, it's all too easy to fall into error and, in fact, be the oppressor ourselves.

As always, we must also remember that we will be held accountable for our words

and actions on the Day of Judgment. "The Muslim is one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe." (Bukhari)

"That Day shall We set a seal on their mouths. But their hands will speak to us, and their feet bear witness, to all that they did." (Surah Ya-Sin 36:65)

Pray Istikhaarah

No one can decide for you whether you should get a divorce or not. It is something solely up to you to choose for yourself.

You alone know what to expect from your future, what your options are, and what you plan on doing with your life.

You also need to be aware of how the divorce will affect your children, not just emotionally, but in terms of living arrangements and so on. At the end of the day, it is you who will bear the consequences of either staying or leaving.

While others can give you advice or provide support, you are the one who must make the ultimate decision. Do your research – both Islamic and legal, as well as what to expect emotionally – and ultimately pray Istikhaarah before making your final choice. Learn the meanings of the du'a of Istikhaarah as well, and you will learn how truly beautiful it is and what it means to place your full trust in Allah alone.

"O Allaah, I seek Your guidance by virtue of Your knowledge, and I seek ability by virtue of Your power, and I ask You of Your great bounty. You have power, I have none. And You know, I know not. You are the Knower of hidden things. O Allaah, if in Your knowledge, this matter is good for me both in this world and in the Hereafter (or: in my religion, my livelihood and my affairs), then ordain it for me, make it easy for me, and bless it for me. And if in Your knowledge it is bad for me and for my religion, my livelihood and my affairs (or: for me both in this world and the next), then turn me away from it, and turn it away from me, and ordain for me the good wherever it may be and make me pleased with it." (Bukhari)

It will hurt like hell

It doesn't matter if you're the one initiating the divorce or not – it's going to hurt. Except in certain cases such as extreme abuse or forced marriages, I would say that there is almost always going to be a huge sense of loss.

Let's face it – being married to someone, whether for four years or fourteen years, is a unique experience that brings you close to that individual and bonds you together in a way like no other. You have gone through both good and bad, witnessed both small achievements and life-changing goals, you have slept next to them al-



most every night for years. It is going to hurt. "How amazing is the affair of the believer! There is good for him in everything and that is for no one but the believer. If good times come his way, he expresses gratitude to Allah and that is good for him, and if hardship comes his way, he endures it patiently and that is better for him." (Muslim)

Being flawed doesn't make you evil

It can be very tempting to view your partner as a villain who is out to destroy your life, but the truth is that they are simply flawed human beings – just like we are. They are usually going through a great deal of emotional turbulence themselves, and feeling just as alone and hurt.

Sometimes they have their own baggage and are struggling with their own demons, and we should be mindful not to conflate their flaws and weaknesses with their entire worth as a person.

Display good manners

It doesn't matter if you're the one initiating the divorce or not – it's going to hurt.

Whether you have already chosen to di-

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Light of Knowledge Quiz

Which Arabic fiqh term refers to the conditions of Salah?

- A Shurut al-Salah
- B Arkan al-Salah
- C Mubtilat al-Salah

Answer to be revealed in the next issue

Last week's answer was choice C: "Mubtilat al-Salah."

How the World Cup showcases the beauty of Islam

By Laura El Alam

The twenty-third FIFA World Cup is underway, and an estimated six billion viewers worldwide will tune in to watch it. Whether fans call the sport "soccer" or "football," and whether they are cheering at home or in the stadiums, they are bound to see many outstanding Muslim players on the field.

For the first time in history, thirteen Muslim-majority nations qualified for the tournament: Morocco, Egypt, Algeria, Senegal, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Uzbekistan, Türkiye, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

According to a recent article by the Associated Press, Muslims can be found on several European national teams, as well. "England's national squad, for the first time, includes a Muslim player. France's roster has multiple players from Protestant, Catholic and Muslim backgrounds. Spain's emerging superstar, 18-year-old Lamine Yamal, is a practicing Muslim. So is Sweden's Yasin Ayari, who prostrated himself on the field to thank God after the first of his two goals in a victory Sunday over Tunisia — his father's homeland."

The interfaith cooperation on soccer teams is beautiful to witness. Fans can see Christian players celebrating goals by making the sign of the cross, for instance, while their Muslim teammates prostrate to Allah. When these teammates then run to hug each other, it proves that people of different religions can work together, get along, and respect each other's traditions.

The growing number of professional Muslim players has made an impact on international soccer, both in the game's official rules and in fans' perceptions of Islam.

For instance, starting in 2021, the Premier League and English Football League have allowed Muslim players to break their Ramadan fasts during natural pauses in the game, such as goal kicks and throw-ins.

In France, where breaks "for religious reasons" are prohibited, some players have found a workaround. In February of 2026, for instance, non-Muslim goalkeeper Anthony Lopes fell to the ground, unchallenged, allowing his five Muslim teammates to run to the sidelines for water and food.

The 2022 World Cup in Qatar was the first of its kind to be held in a Muslim-majority nation and the first to prohibit the sale of alcohol in its stadiums. While some non-Muslim fans bristled at this rule,

others greatly appreciated the wholesome, family-friendly atmosphere that resulted from an alcohol-free venue. Many female fans, for instance, reported feeling extremely safe in Qatar's stadiums and appreciated the lack of violence and harassment that they had come to expect at major soccer tournaments.

While some people still cling to unfair stereotypes about Islam being oppressive to women, many have been enlightened thanks to heartwarming and sincere displays of Islamic etiquette on the soccer field. For instance, when Morocco's national team made it to the semifinals in the 2022 World Cup, they charmed fans around the world by celebrating — and dancing — on the sidelines with their mothers, whom they described as their biggest fans and cheerleaders.

For days, social media was flooded with joyful videos of the Moroccan players rushing to the stands after their victory to embrace their mothers. Their gratitude and respect sent a message to the world about Islamic values and the dignity of women.

In professional soccer games broadcast to millions of viewers, Muslim players have highly-visible opportunities to demonstrate the excellent character that their faith requires. Some superstars have become role models who inspire others and disprove Islamophobic stereotypes.

Mohamed Salah of Egypt, for instance, famously played for Liverpool for nine years. During that time, he scored an amazing 257 goals for his team. More importantly, he helped change locals' opinions of Muslims. According to a New York Times article, "Mohamed Salah's impact goes far beyond football," [Malik Karkar] says. 'Of course he

gave Liverpool goals, trophies and pride. But off the pitch, the impact has been even bigger. He has helped alter the perceptions of Muslims in Liverpool, across the UK and beyond.'

Karkar adds, "Salah's commitment to meeting the highest standards as a footballer has helped challenge attitudes. [His] clean way of living has changed the way people sometimes lead their lives. Even though he hasn't met them, he is always present."

Sadio Mané of Senegal is considered one of the best African footballers of all time and has won numerous awards for his remarkable contributions on the soccer pitch as well as his charitable efforts. Mané is a devout Muslim who practices his faith openly and has donated millions of dollars to build a hospital, a school, and a stadium in his home village of Bambali.

As you watch the 2026 World Cup, you will probably see Muslim players cupping their hands while they make supplications (asking God for His help, called duaa) and prostrating on the field in gratitude to God (called sajda).

These are signs of highly successful humans attempting to stay dedicated to their religion in a secular, materialistic, seductive world.

Ideally, a Muslim's faith should guide every single action — from playing a sport, to spending money, to handling every interaction on and off the field. It is difficult for anyone to practice their faith perfectly, but the soccer players who strive for goodness for the sake of Allah are role models for us all.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Ras
4. Arkan
5. Mubtilat

Down

2. Shurut
3. Al-Barr
6. Layl

ACROSS

3. The last complete Madani Surah.
5. The Name of Allah meaning "The Most Exalted"
6. Arabic term referring to an Eye

DOWN

1. The first Madani Surah.
2. The Surah whose name means, "The Overwhelming Event"
4. According to hadith, how many things should we make the most of before they pass?

Kerugoya Court to deliver Judgment in Kagio Jamia Mosque land case on July 29

The Environment and Land Court sitting at Kerugoya Law Courts in Kirinyaga County has set July 29, 2026, as the date for delivering judgment in a land dispute involving the trustees of Kagio Jamia Mosque. The case, filed on May 29, 2025, by Joseph Nduki and Virginia Njogu through C.S. Macharia & Company Advocates, was heard on July 9, with both the petitioners and the mosque's trustees presenting their final arguments before the court reserved its judgment.

The dispute centres on ownership of the parcel of land on which Kagio Jamia Mosque stands, after individuals laid claim to the property, prompting a legal battle that has lasted for more than one year.

The expected judgment is anticipated to bring to a close a protracted legal dispute that has affected the operations and ac-

tivities of Kagio Jamia Mosque, one of the key Islamic institutions serving the Muslim community in the Mount Kenya region.

Leaders representing the Muslim community in Kagio have previously appealed to President William Ruto and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to intervene and safeguard the mosque's land from what they describe as attempts by land grabbers to unlawfully acquire the property.

According to the mosque's leadership, the disputed land was allocated to the Muslim community in 1976, with an allotment letter issued in 1985. The property currently accommodates Kagio Jamia Mosque and a school serving the local community in Kagio Town, Kirinyaga County.

The Kagio case is among several land disputes involving mosques in Kirinyaga County. Similar ownership cases affecting



mosques in Kagio, Mwea, Sagana and Baricho are currently pending before the courts, highlighting growing concerns over the security of land held by religious institutions in the region.

Masjid Rahma, Adult Education initiative unveils drive for learners to enrol for KCSE exams

The Adult Education Corner Initiative, in collaboration with Masjid Rahma Wanjige, has launched a community education campaign to mobilize eligible adult learners for the 2026 KCPE/ Qualifying Test (QT), which provides a pathway towards registration for the 2027 KCSE examination — the final KCSE examination under Kenya's 8-4-4 education system.

The campaign particularly seeks to reach adults who missed formal educational opportunities, including Imams, Maalims, Ustadhs and Ustadhas, out-of-school youth, working adults and other members of the community who wish to obtain recognized academic qualifications.

According to Ustadha Fatma Wanjiku, Founder of the Adult Education Corner Initiative and Community Education & Social Development Advocate, many members of the Muslim community possess extensive Islamic knowledge and have dedicated their lives to teaching and serving others but remain disadvantaged because they lack formal academic qualifications.

"This is a rare opportunity that our community cannot afford to miss. We have Imams, Maalims, Ustadhs and Ustadhas who have served and educated generations but have been unable to advance professionally because they lack formal academic certificates. We are calling upon everyone who qualifies to come forward now. Education has no age limit, and a second chance today can transform an entire lifetime," said Ustadha Fatma. The 2026 KCPE/ Qualifying Test, administered by the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC), provides a route for

prospective 2027 KCSE candidates who do not possess a KCPE certificate or an equivalent recognized primary-level qualification. The campaign is targeting several categories of prospective candidates, including those who never sat KCPE but can provide evidence of previous schooling or learning; holders of older qualifications such as CPE and other pre-8-4-4 certificates requiring validation or equivalency; and individuals holding foreign academic certificates that require assessment and validation.

Eligible applicants may be required to submit supporting documents for validation before being cleared for the relevant registration pathway.

These may include an application letter, previous school report cards, certificates, school records or other available evidence of prior education.

The Adult Education Corner Initiative is therefore urging prospective candidates not to disqualify themselves simply because they do not have all their old documents.

Instead, they are encouraged to seek guidance immediately so that their individual circumstances can be assessed and the appropriate registration process explained. For all this contact Ustadha Fatma for more details even if you never attended any school there is a pathway for you. Registration and document validation are currently ongoing, with the campaign working against the 30th July 2026 registration deadline.

The Qualifying Test is expected to be administered in September 2026, with successful candidates proceeding towards

registration and preparation for the 2027 KCSE examination.

The initiative is also mobilizing academic preparation and support for candidates as they begin their journey back into formal education. Ustadha Fatma particularly appealed to Muslim leaders, Imams, mosque committees, Madrasa administrators and community organizations to identify eligible members within their communities and encourage them to take advantage of the opportunity.

"If you know an Imam, Maalim, Ustadh, Ustadha, parent, youth or any adult who missed the opportunity to complete their education, please reach out to them. Do not allow them to hear about this opportunity when it is already too late. Let every mosque and every community help us identify those who can benefit."

Interested candidates are encouraged to seek guidance and begin the registration process immediately before the deadline.

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Umma University, AEDT partner for interest-free staff education scheme

Umma University and the Africa Education and Development Trust (AEDT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Staff Development Scheme that will expand access to higher education and professional development opportunities for university employees.

The partnership will introduce an interest-free education financing programme, enabling eligible staff members to pursue further studies, strengthen their professional skills and advance their careers without the burden of interest-bearing loans.

The agreement was signed by AEDT Chief Executive Officer Umar Abdallah and Umma University Vice Chancellor Dr. Halima Saado Abdillahi during a ceremony attended by representatives from both institutions.

Under the agreement, AEDT will implement the interest-free study loan programme to make quality higher education more affordable and accessible to university staff. The initiative is expected to enhance employee capacity, promote professional growth and improve the university's overall institutional performance.

The collaboration follows a similar staff development initiative recently launched by AEDT in partnership with Mount Kenya University, underscoring the trust's growing efforts to support higher education institutions through innovative education financing.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, leaders from both organisations reaffirmed their commitment to investing in human capital through strategic partnerships, noting that staff development is essential for building a skilled workforce and achieving the university's long-term strategic objectives.

In a joint statement issued on Wednesday, the two institutions said the partnership reflects their shared commitment to empowering employees through affordable education financing.

"The partnership reflects the shared commitment of AEDT and Umma University to investing in human capital by enabling staff to pursue further studies, enhance their professional competencies and advance their careers through affordable education

financing," the statement said. The institutions added that the agreement represents a significant milestone in their collaboration and is expected to contribute to sustainable

national development by expanding educational opportunities and strengthening human capital.



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Religious leaders warn against political violence

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blamed politicians for exploiting unemployed youth to fuel violence during political activities. He urged leaders to prioritize job creation and meaningful youth participation instead of using young people to advance political interests. "Instead of arming them with stones and sticks, give them jobs and a voice in decision-making," Salim said.

The religious leaders called on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and security agencies to take firm action against individuals inciting violence or breaching campaign regulations. They also announced plans to intensify peace initiatives by organizing forums in mosques and churches across Mombasa, Kilifi and Kwale counties to promote peaceful coexistence ahead of the elections. The leaders noted that recent by-elections and local polls had highlighted the potential risks facing the country if political intolerance is left unchecked. They echoed concerns raised by civil society organizations that continued violence could undermine the credibility of the 2027 General Election. PPRL further urged political parties to sign and adhere to a code of conduct promoting issue-based, peaceful campaigns, while pledging to monitor potential hotspots and intervene where tensions threaten to escalate.

"We are ready to work with the government, police and politicians, but we will not be silent when our people are put in danger. Peace is not negotiable," Sheikh Abu Qatada said. As political activities gather momentum, the religious leaders reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for calm, accountability and respect for the rule of law throughout the 2027 election period.

New Jamia Mosque opens in Isebania, boosting worship and community progress

A new ultra-modern Jamia Mosque with a capacity of nearly 3,000 worshippers has officially been opened in Isebania, Migori County, marking a major milestone for the Muslim community in the border town.

The mosque, strategically located at the Kenya-Tanzania border, was inaugurated on Friday, July 10, during a ceremony attended by religious leaders, political leaders and residents from across the country. The facility is expected to serve as the main place of worship for Muslims in Isebania and neighbouring areas, while also providing space for religious education, community engagement and social development programmes.

Speaking during the inauguration, Suna East Member of Parliament Junet Mohamed said the completion of the mosque reflected the community's commitment to strengthening faith, unity and peaceful co-existence.

He noted that places of worship play a vital role in promoting moral values, fostering social cohesion and supporting community development.

"The opening of this Jamia Mosque is an important milestone for the Muslim community in Isebania. It provides a place where people can worship, learn and come together in unity," said Junet.

The legislator commended religious leaders, community members and well-wishers who contributed to the construction of the mosque, saying their collective efforts had enabled the local Muslim community to acquire a modern place of worship.

He urged worshippers to use the mosque as a centre for promoting peace, tolerance and harmony among people of different faiths and backgrounds, adding that religious institutions have a critical role in fostering national unity and encouraging dialogue within communities.

Council of Governors Chairperson and



Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi said the Constitution of Kenya guarantees freedom of conscience, religion and belief, creating an environment where different faiths can coexist peacefully.

Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko reaffirmed his administration's commitment to supporting all communities living in the county in pursuit of development and unity.

"Migori is a cosmopolitan county and co-existing among different communities is paramount for our shared endeavours, unity and prosperity," he said.

He encouraged the Muslim community to continue investing in the county to create employment opportunities and contribute to Migori's socio-economic transformation. Religious leaders who attended the ceremony described the opening of the mosque as a significant boost to Islamic worship and religious education in the region.

They expressed confidence that the facility would strengthen community ties while providing a conducive environment for daily prayers, Qur'anic studies and youth mentorship programmes.

Residents also welcomed the development, saying the mosque would improve access to religious services and provide a gathering place for community activities. Rashid Omar, a resident of Isebania, said the mosque would not only serve as a place of worship but also stand as a symbol of unity for Muslims in the Kuria region.

"The new mosque will provide the Muslim community with a place to worship and serve as a symbol of togetherness for Muslims in the Kuria region," he said.

The inauguration concluded with a fundraising drive to support the mosque's development and operations.

Among those who attended the event were Lafey MP Abdirahman Mohamed, Migori Woman Representative Fatuma Mohamed, Migori Deputy Governor Joseph Mahiri, businessman Abdullahi Kalmoi, sheikhs, imams, Muslim scholars and other local leaders.

A Muslim woman shares her experience after divorce

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orce or not, it is easy to let your frustration and your pain get the better of you. However, remember that the believer's character is revealed during times of difficulty – how you conduct yourself, how you control your temper, and how you speak will all reflect the true level of akh-laaq (good manners).

After years of being together, of a relationship that was unique despite its turbulence, it's impossible to just throw out the feelings of tenderness and compassion and to feel apathetic.

That's not to say that you won't make mistakes and stumble, or that you won't continue to feel extreme hurt and emotional turmoil, but simply keep in mind that you should try to be the better person for the sake of Allah.

Even and especially when the other indi-

vidual is trying their best to get under your skin, know that you will be held accountable for your behavior, not theirs. "Indeed, Allah does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good." (Surah At-Tawbah 9:120)

You will make mistakes

There will be times when you feel like your entire world is crumbling around you. You will sob yourself to sleep; you will wake up feeling absolute rage towards the other person; you will feel resentment towards the years of your life that you feel were 'wasted'; you may find yourself saying cruel or hurtful things.

Your emaan (faith) may become so weak that even praying your fara'id (pl. of faridah; Arabic for obligatory acts of worship) on time will feel like an impossible task. And it's okay, because we are all human and

bound to slip up. The important thing is to recognize that making mistakes is a normal part of human life, and that we simply need to turn back to Allah seeking His Forgiveness and Mercy, and that He will always be there for us.

"Indeed, it is He who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful." (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:37)

Remember the good, not just the bad

There is an infamous hadith that mentions women who become so upset that they forget the good that has happened to them.

Having been in a situation where it was tempting – and easy – to overlook the bright spots in favor of brooding on the dark times, I can say that gratefulness to Allah goes a long way in healing painful hurts.