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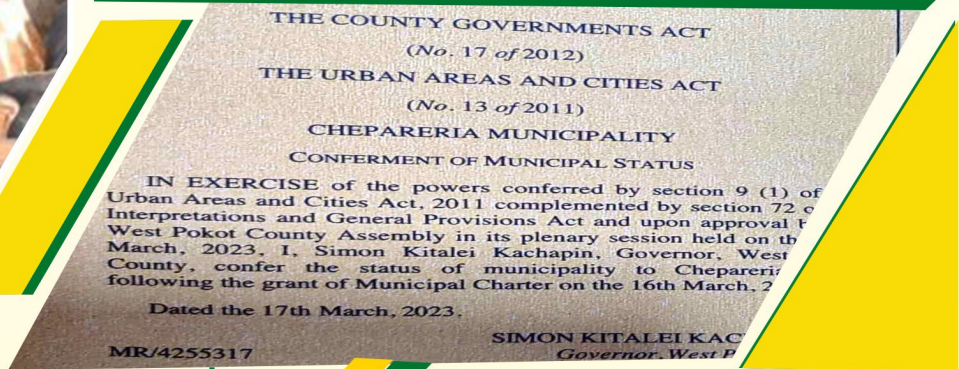
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Weekly Review provides a platform to share our progress as a county Government, while at the same time holding each other accountable for what has been entrusted to us by H.E. Governor Simon Kachapin and his deputy H.E. Robert Komolle to deliver on the manifesto. If it has to happen it must be implemented by all the departments with speed. We shall be featuring activities from all departments on a weekly basis to educate, inform and also entertain our people for we shall deliver our activities with honesty and fun. Kindly ensure you inform us your activities in advance to enable us plan to cover them



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Chepareria Town Gazetted A Municipality

Chepareria town has been gazetted as a municipality, making it the second town in West Pokot to be conferred the status.

This follows approval of the ad-committee recommendations by the county assembly on 15th March, 2023.

As a result, Chepareria Municipality will benefit from World Bank's US \$ 100 million funding aimed at strengthening local governance, institutions, and physical infrastructure, with the ultimate objective of improving services delivered to Kenyans in all the largest municipalities.

Governor Simon Kachapin and his deputy Robert Komolle lauded the efforts of the County Assembly led by the Speaker Hon. Fred Plimo for the commitment to ensure this process is completed within the shortest time possible.

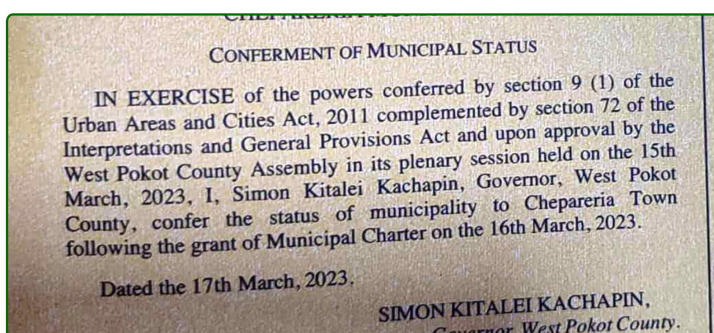


Governor Kachapin noted that the collaborative efforts between the executive and the legislature have shown that the county can continue to improve and achieve great progress for the long term development.

The recently constituted six-member committee was tasked with the mandate of classifying towns against the criteria set out under the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.

After assessment of Chepareria, Ortum, Sigor, Kacheliba, Kabichbich and Alale, the committee led by its chairperson Fredrick Owino and CECM Lands, Housing and Urban Planning, Esther Chelimo handed over a report to Governor Kachapin recommending Chepareria town to be conferred municipality status having met all requirements.

The committee also worked with Mnagei MCA Richard Todosa who is also the chair for County Assembly's Lands, Housing and Physical Planning committee, it's members nominated MCAs Mary Mlee and Gladys Korii and Chief Officer Lands Matthew Rionokol.





Deputy Komolle calls on Pastoralists along Border Areas to vaccinate their Livestock

Deputy governor Robert Komolle presided over the second phase of mass vaccination campaign against contagious bornvine pneumonia in Chepsukunya and its surrounding areas along the West Pokot- Uganda region.

The first phase of the 14-day vaccination program funded by ELRP Livelihood Restoration Project and implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Livestock Services, targeted 350,000 cattle along the Pokot- Uganda border where most cattle immigrated to due to drought conditions in many parts of the county.

The deputy said that the vaccination campaign is critical towards attaining a disease-free region and as a result, improve livestock production for better livelihoods.

He called on all pastoralists in Karita, Kriki, Chepsukunya, its environs and those in North Pokot to avail their cattle for vaccination.

He was flanked by Agriculture and Livestock CECM Wilfred Long'ironyang, Chief Officer Naomi Lemreng and other officers from the Agriculture Department.



Deputy Governor with the Agriculture and Livestock officers in Chepsukunya Uganda



Deputy Komolle holds Security Meetings, calls for Peace among Border Communities



High level security meeting with General Salim Saleh at Uganda's state lodge to deliberate on security matters affecting the Karamoja cluster.



Deputy Governor with General Salim Saleh

Fostering peace and human security through inclusive governance, dialogue and reconciliation is essential towards achieving stability and development.

These were the sentiments of Deputy Governor Robert Komolle during his three-day peace meeting in the borders of West Pokot-Uganda and Karamoja areas.

The deputy held a number of peace meetings with leadership from the Ugandan side as well as kraal elders and local communities along the border area.

On the sidelines of the peace meetings, Deputy Komolle paid a courtesy call on Uganda Wildlife Authority Park to discuss issues around insecurity, human-wildlife conflicts and deliberate on ways grazing communities can be incorporated in resource management towards protecting, preserving and sustaining the park for the benefit of the neighbouring communities.

The discussions centered on grazing lands, animal confiscation by the ward rangers, poor relations with park administrators among other key issues.

In line with the above issues, Deputy Komolle had engagements with park management and kraal elders to help find a solution between the grazing communities and the park.

They jointly proposed establishment of a joint committee with the kraal elders to establish and agree on grazing zones to ensure enough security is provided for the animals and stamp out issues of stock theft.

The meeting was attended by Moroto MP Hon Micah Akasile and MCAs for Kasei, Riwo, Alale and Wards.

He later distributed food stuffs to communities within the park.



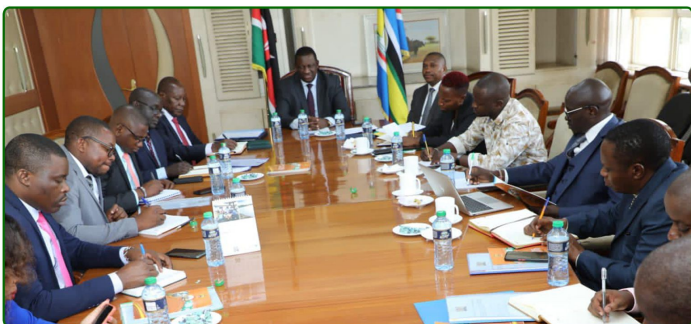


CS Mvurya meets governors from Mineral Rich Counties

Governor Simon Kachapin together with governors from mineral-rich counties held fruitful discussions with Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs CS Salim Mvurya in Nairobi to deliberate on the progress made in the sector and to share the preliminary report from the National Geological Survey (NGS) that was conducted by the Ministry.

They also discussed the intended ground truthing (collection of basic information from realities for satellite image interpretation and landuse mapping) to quantify some of the identified anomalies from Geo Survey.

The ground truthing will be conducted in Kitui, Westpokot, Samburu, Kericho, Isiolo, Kilifi, Kwale, Homabay, Migori, Tana River and Taita Taveta counties to quantify critical minerals like Copper, Iron ore, Manganese, Graphite, Coltan and rare earths.



West Pokot, World Vision discuss Joint Implementation of Programmes



Governor H.E. Simon Kachapin Deliberated on programmes run by World Vision within the county and agreed on a working framework.

World Vision Kenya led by Tom Masinde in charge of Operations in West Pokot and Trans-Nzoia counties, earlier on this week paid Governor Simon Kachapin a courtesy call to brief him on its programmes in West Pokot County.

Masinde said World Vision's focus was on the areas Child Protection & Livelihoods, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Environmental Conservation & Management and Emergency Nutrition among other programmes.

While expressing his gratitude to World Vision for the work it has done in the county, Governor Kachapin expressed his committing to enhance cooperation between the county and WVK to create synergy and improve livelihoods of communities across the region.

"We still have a myriad of challenges within our communities but with joint efforts, we can be able to overcome them,"

His deputy Robert Komolle emphasized on the need to enhance partnerships, especially in the areas of environmental protection and livelihoods programmes.

On this issue of peace, the deputy governor asked for deepened cooperation between the county and partners to secure peace and stability in areas where cases of insecurity have occurred.



Governor Kachapin, Justice Mrima discuss Administration of Justice



Governor Simon Kachapin, Hosted Justice Anthony Mrima, presiding judge of Kitale and Kapenguria law courts, and held discussions on administration of justice for the locals.

Justice Anthony Mrima, the presiding judge of Kapenguria and Trans-Nzoia law courts, has this morning paid Governor Simon Kachapin and his deputy Robert Komolle a courtesy call at the county headquarters in Kapenguria.

Governor Kachapin assured the judiciary of his support in dispensing justice to the locals without political interference or intimidation.

Justice Mrima said that he was keen to ensure the court administers justice to as many litigants as possible.

"We are so privileged to have this meeting with you. We look forward to working with you closely as the judiciary. Let me just point out that the e have never had interference from this side on judicial matters," said Justice Mrima.



West Pokot signs an MoU with Italian Agency for Construction of Sigor Water Gravity



Cec /Co Water signs an MoU with Italian Agency for Construction of Sigor Water Gravity

The Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation towards the construction of Sigor Water Gravity (Sangat).

The MoU was signed on behalf of the county government by CECM Lucky Litole witnessed by Chief Officer Leonard Kamsait.

The county will lay pipes and repair existing pipe lines while the Italian Cooperation will undertake intake works for the project.

Italian Cooperation is also working with West Pokot towards Environmental Restoration of Weiwei River Basin in Tamkal and Mtelo Region.

