

Now varsity students plan bigger demo

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University students will hold a much bigger demonstration on Monday to insist that university fee should not be increased, their leaders say.

The students demonstrated on Tuesday to protest against fees increase but Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang said there was no plan to raise fees.

They then changed tune and said they want fees reduced by half. The Kenya University Students Organisation leaders insisted they would not relent until they heard from Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi.

July 3

Date when case facing University of Nairobi students charged with rioting will be heard.

Even as calm returned to the city after Tuesday's demonstrations, Mr Babu Owino, the student's organisation president, said the city should not get too comfortable.

"Tuesday was a rehearsal. If by Monday Prof Kaimenyi does not issue official communication to all public universities denouncing the increment, we will take it that the fees are still going to be increased," he said.

Yesterday, 26 University of Nairobi students arrested in the protests were charged with rioting and released of Sh500 cash bail.

The prosecution said they defied a police order to disperse peacefully, but they denied the charge.

The case will be heard on July 3.

PROBE | Agency says accounting officers in its cross-hairs



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Kisii County Governor James Ongwae (left) and engineers inspect the on-going Nyagancha-Jerusalem-Geteni road in Magenche ward. Some counties have not allocated funds for roads.

Graft: Ethics team turns the heat on most counties

Investigations were triggered by complaints over funds, recruitment and tendering

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Most counties are under investigation for misuse of money allocated to them in the ending financial year.

Yesterday, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission said it was investigating nearly 35 counties after it received complaints over the allocation of funds, recruitment and tendering.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Procurement: Investigations focus on award of tenders for projects and payments.

Staff recruitment: Some counties have not given minority groups 30 per cent of jobs as required by Constitution.

Allocation of funds: Targeted counties have not given development projects the bulk of funds.

Spokesman Yasin Amaro told the Nation the investigations "are at an advanced stage" but declined to divulge details or the counties.

"The whole thing will zero in to the accounting officers. There will be others who, maybe, did not do their jobs right. But we are first investigating the people directly charged with the responsibilities given to them in the counties," he said.

"Most of investigations are on procurement, recruitment, unequal representation of those who did not fulfil the Constitutional requirement of 30 per cent. We are looking at almost three quarters of the counties."

Other sources said that five of the counties are in Nyanza, six in the Rift Valley and western, three in central and northern Kenya and one at the Coast.

This financial year, county governments were allocated Sh210 billion. In January this year, the Controller of Budget indicated that 27 counties were not allocated a cent for development between July and October.

BRIEFLY

NOMBASA

Joho election case to move to highest court



Politician Suleiman Shahbal (above) has declared his intention to challenge the election of Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho at the Supreme Court. Mr Shahbal, whose election petition was dismissed at the High Court and Court Appeal, has filed a notice of appeal to the highest court. Last year, he requested the Appeal court to set a side a previous judgment that had upheld Mr Joho's election and to nullify the election results. Three judges dismissed the appeal saying it had no merit.

KIAMBU

Children put in safe house as parents won

A court in Thika has ordered two minors placed in a children's home following the separation of their parents. Magistrate Stephen Mbugi released the boy, 14 and his sister, 12, to the Thika children's officer to arrange for their placement at a home or safe house. Prosecutor Chief Inspector Nancy Muthuri told the court that their father, a Thika-based lawyer, parted ways with their Sierra Leone-born mother 12 years ago. The lawyer remarried and was ordered to continue paying maintenance for the children who have been living with their mother who is now homeless.

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