

EDUCATION | Next round of talks set for September 30

TSC in race to meet teachers' pay demand

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demands the teachers have made and seeking to know how they can be addressed.

"The commission on Friday wrote to SRC and copied the letter to Treasury Cabinet Secretary (Henry Rotich) and Secretary to the Cabinet (Joseph) Kinyua," said a source privy to the communication.

Yesterday, TSC Secretary Gabriel Lengoi boni said the commission was consulting with SRC to resolve the issue.

In a statement to newsrooms, Mr Lengoi boni said: "The commission is consulting with the relevant government agencies, including the SRC, which is constitutionally mandated to determine and set the remuneration of all public officers, including teachers."

He said the government's position with regard to the demands, especially those that have financial implications, would be communicated later.

Last week, the TSC, the Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) and Kenya

Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) agreed to hold the next round of talks at the end of this month.

Mr Lengoi boni said the commission was studying all the other demands made by the teachers and would respond appropriately during the next round of negotiations on September 30.

He said the talks were centred around more than 40 demands, the main ones being an increase in basic salary by

between 180 to 200 per cent, increase in house allowance by up to 50 per cent of basic salary and payment of leave allowance.

The teacher's employer said the outcome of the negotiations would form the basis for the Collective Bargaining Agreement expected to commence in July 2015.

"The Commission would like to assure teachers, learners, parents and key stakeholders that the Government has continued to devote enormous resources, even under severe budgetary constraints, to improve the terms and conditions of service for teachers in recognition of the important role they play," Mr Lengoi boni said.

He appealed to the unions, teachers, parents and all stakeholders to exercise "patience and understanding" as the commission engages with the unions and the relevant government agencies for an amicable solution.

KCSE examinations are scheduled to officially start next month while Standard Eight candidates will sit KCPE in November.

QUOTE

Tutors have a key role to play

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TSC secretary Gabriel Lengoi boni

STRIKE | Helb cash demand



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Student leader Babu Owino at the Technical University of Kenya yesterday where he said students would go on a nationwide strike on Friday over unpaid Helb funds. He asked Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi to release the funds.

Local groups might lose titles to their ancestral land

BY NATION REPORTER

Indigenous communities Lamu County might lose titles thousands of acres of their ancestral land.

This comes after the National Land Commission, which started a tour of the county today, inspection of all ranches under investigation, declared before President Uhuru Kenyatta State House on Saturday that titles held by 22 companies were illegal.

Panic has gripped owners 500,000 acres whose titles were ordered revoked last month or alleged irregular allocation.

The land commission announced that titles belonging to companies that allegedly grabbed land in Lamu would be cancelled.



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Communities that were to be denied from plots through firms that had been allocated thousands of acres are now crying foul.

Among the losers are members of nine cooperative societies that were to be allocated 27,000 hectares for farming. A spokesman for the societies, Mr Athman Zein, said their problems started way before the presidential directive in August when former Lands Minister James Orengo cancelled allotment of land to Mat International Sugar Ltd.

"We are calling on the National Lands Commission to tell us what is really happening," said the spokesman.

Team to name State House plot grabbers

BY NATION REPORTER

The National Land Commission yesterday said big names in government and politics were behind the grabbing of land in State houses and lodges.

NLC chairman Muhammad Swazuri said a list of those behind the carving out of state land will be made public once investigations were complete.

Talking to the Nation by phone, Dr Swazuri (below) said the commission's officers were looking at registration details of plots hived off from State lodges and putting final touches on a report that will reveal the owners of the land in question.

"I can confirm that big names were involved in the illegal allocation of land in Mombasa, Eldoret and Cherangany in Kitale, Trans Nzoia County, and immediately we are through with investigations, Kenyans will get to know who is behind this scam."

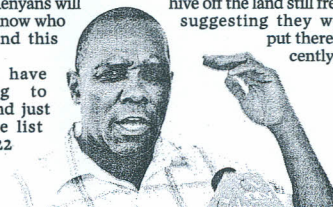
"We have nothing to hide and just like the list of the 22 companies behind the allocation of 500,000 acres in Lamu, those who grabbed land belonging to State House will be made public," he said.

The NLC chairman and his team, who have just concluded a tour of western Kenya where they were assessing the level of alienation of state land, confirmed that part of land in three sites was in private hands.

He named Mombasa State House, Mtito Andei State Lodge, Nakuru State House, Eldoret, Kakamega, Cherangany, Kisumu and Rumuruti State lodges as those whose land had been hived off or where attempts were being made to grab the plots.

Speaking to the Nation from Cherangany last week, Dr Swazuri said some of the grabbers had started building on the land while others were preparing deed plans for development.

He noted that in Eldoret, they found beams used to hive off the land still fresh, suggesting they were put there recently.



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Sh25m set aside to boost former national school

BY NATION REPORTER

The government has set aside Sh25 million for the rehabilitation of Garbatulla Secondary School in Isiolo County.

Speaking during a fundraising at the institution on Saturday, Deputy President William Ruto said the school would receive the first batch of Sh12 million next week.

Mr Ruto said the Sh25 million would be used to revamp the school facilities and infrastructure.

"We want Garbatulla to return to its national school status," said the Deputy President, who was accompanied by Isiolo Governor Godana Doyo.

He blamed the school's bad reputation and deteriorating academic standards to poor leadership.