

Woman puts red-hot knife in girl's genitals

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returning home, the step mother summoned her.

The girl recounted later that she found her step mother heating the knife on an open fire. When the knife was red-hot, the woman grabbed the girl, stuffed her mouth, pried her legs open and proceeded to torture the child with the hot steel blade.

The girl was left to suffer the pains of the genital mutilation throughout the night and the following day, the mother locked the girl in the house as she went out to attend her daily duties in town.

Later the girl managed to get out of the house and tried to seek help from the neighbours who took her to hospital. They also reported the matter to the police who went to look for the woman and managed to find her in town selling roast maize.

"She has so far allegedly admitted to have committed the offence but argues that the treatment was meant to teach the child not to come home late, something which the woman claims, was a common behaviour of the girl," said the Regional Police Commander, Mr Matei Basilio.

The police commander also blamed the girl's father for not taking care of his daughter because even on the fateful night, the father had gone home and didn't even ask for his daughter but he only learnt about the issue after the neighbours stepped in.

In the second incident, the victim, Mr Emanuel John (18), who serves at a local soup and beef outlet, lost his hand when his employer, reportedly followed him at a butcher shop in Ngarenaro area where he was sent to buy meat and hit him with a 'simi' (double edged word).

Mr Basilio said the young man was sent to purchase meat on Tuesday and as he took a long time to returning and customers becoming impatient, Ramsoni decided to check on the house of the servant.

"He reportedly found the young man standing somewhere talking into a mobile phone.

The furious employer decided that it was the handset which was keeping his boy busy and therefore pulled out his sword and slashed the hand which was clutching the cell phone," the RPC said.

The young man screamed before he fell and lost consciousness.

According to Mr Basilio, people in the area became too busy trying to save the life of the profusely bleeding young man, including rushing the victim to hospital such that they did not pay much attention to the suspect who disappeared after committing the offence.

The RPC said later the suspect was spotted at Kambiya-Fisi locality and the angry crowd arrested him giving the soup-dealer a thorough beating before the police arrived and saved him from mob justice.

Newcomers dominate special seats

By ABDULWAKIL SAIBOKO

NEW faces will occupy about half the special seats in the next parliament expected to be inaugurated by President Jakaya Kikwete sometimes next week, according to a list issued by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) yesterday.

In conformity with the list, 30 out of CCM's 65 slots for example constitute newcomers, while 17 of Chadema's 23 seats will be occupied by new faces.

The Civic United Front (CUF) which has reportedly been allocated with 8 slots had until yesterday not submitted list of its nominated aspirants to NEC, according to the commission. However, the party maintained that its list was already with the electoral body.

NEC Director of Elections Rajabu Kiravu, said that there were two seats reserved for each party pending by-election in seven constituencies where the polls were postponed due to various reasons

"We have six seats at hand, two for each party -CCM, Chadema and the Civic United Front (CUF), which we will release after the by-elections in the postponed seven constituencies," he said.

CCM's new faces include Ms Amina Makilangi, Umni Mwalimu, Esther Midimu, Zarina Madabida, Namalok Sokoine, Munde Abdallah, Vick Kamata, Betty Machangu, Fakharia Khamis, Abia Nyabakari, Pudentiana Kikwembe, Sarah Ally, Catherine Magige, Ester Bulaya,

Neema Hamid, Tauhida Cassian, Asha Omari, Dr Fenella Mukangara, Dr Terezya Huvisa and Zainab Kawawa.

Others are Subira Mgalu, Azza Hamad, Mary Mwanjelwa, Josephine Chengula, Roweete Kasikila, Anastazia Wambura, Mary Pius Chatanda, Angella Kairuki and Ritta Kabati.

As for Chadema, they include Esther Matiko, Anna Mallac, Paulina Gekul, Concheta Rwalumulaza, Suzan Kiwanga, Regia Mtema, Christowaja Mtrinda,

Mwanamrisha Abama, Joyce Mukya, Leticia Mageni Nyerere, Naomi Kaihula, Chiku Abwao, Rose Kamili, Christina Lissu, Raya Ibrahim Khamis, Philipa Mtu-rano, Mariam Msabaha and Rachel Mashishanga.

In 2005, CCM had 59 special seat MPs, while 10 MPs were nominated by President Jakaya Kikwete under the powers vested into him by the Constitution.

Chadema had six slots for special seat legislators and CUF had 13.



A MEDICAL expert from Apollo Hospitals Group of India, Dr Somasekar Reddy (left), examines a patient, Ms Theresia Tesha, from Moshi in Kilimanjaro Region. In 2006, Ms Tesha went to India for hip replacement. About ten doctors from India are currently in the country to perform uncemented hip replacement surgery. (Photo by Yusuf Badi)

Indian orthopaedic expert to perform hip, knee surgery

By JAFFAR MJASIRI

A VISITING Indian surgeon is this morning expected to perform the first un-cemented hip replacement surgery in the country, at the African Medical Investments (Trauma Centre) in Dar es Salaam.

The surgeon, who is Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement Consultant, Dr Kaushal Mishra, said yesterday that it will take him about two hours to perform the surgery.

Dr Mishra who works for Fortis Escorts hospitals in New Delhi, India, will be in the country until mid next month.

"It can take about one and a half hours if I do the same surgery in India because my team there is familiar with the procedures - it is a different situation here therefore I have to do it slowly to transfer technical knowhow to the local medical staff," he said.

He said during the surgery, implant systems are affixed on the hip without bone cement and instead biological ingrowth that allows tissue to grow for fixation, he explained.

"The advantage of un-cemented hip replacement is that it brings less complications, it is durable and last for many years, it is also comfortable and

free from any bacterial infections," said Dr Mishra.

The first materials for hip replacement have been supplied by the Johnson Johnson Company Limited based in Nairobi, he added.

"This is a great achievement in the private partnership which has enabled our two private medical centres to co-operate, as the Trauma Centre is offering its state-of-the-art facilities and Regency Medical Centre in collaboration with Fortis Escorts are providing technical know-how," said the doctor.

He also said that another successful knee replacement was done on Tuesday by him and the patient was witnessed by a team of journalists who visited the Trauma Centre.

The patient who walked just in the second day of the surgery appeared comfortable and will be discharged in four days.

"I am very grateful to see this service offered in the country and being the first beneficiary I call upon other patients to seek medical advice from the visiting Indian doctors for hip and knee replacement," said the patient, Ms Margaret Manongi.

"It is too good to be true to see myself walking since I suffered for many years and for the last five years I

was enduring a lot of pain, which today is history," she said.

She gave credit to the media for taking interest to inform the public on the hip and knee replacement surgery.

"This information which I saw on the media had enabled me today to transform my life," she stressed.

The clinical director at the Trauma Centre, Dr Rajiv Rao, said that the surgery theatre was one of the best in the country with modern sterilization facilities.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Regency Medical Centre, Dr Rajni Kanabar, told reporters that the public-private-partnership would not have been possible had it not been for the Tanzania government policy that has enabled the private sector to supplement government's effort in providing quality medical care at affordable rates.

He thanked the Trauma Centre for their good gesture in providing their operation theatre facilities, infrastructure and inpatient facilities, while his centre provided their surgical team along with anaesthetist.

Both the hip and knee replacement surgeries that are conducted in the country have enabled the patients to save over 50 per cent of the total cost if they are to travel to India.

CCM-CC vets aspirants for Speaker

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Chadema Chairman Mr Freeman Mbowe said the Civic United Front (CUF) has also declared its support for Mr Marando.

"They wrote a letter to Chadema expressing support to Mr Marando, after dropping their candidate," Mr Mbowe added.

Meanwhile, the CCM National Executive Committee (NEC) Secretariat yesterday extended the period of returning forms for application of the position of Deputy Speaker to November 13.

"The time has been extended to give more opportunity to CCM members intending to vie for the position," read the statement issued by the party's ideology and publicity department.

The MPs-elect are scheduled to elect the Speaker of the National Assembly on Friday. The Speaker will later take oath of office and later preside over swearing-in of MPs from Friday up to Tuesday. According to a programme released here yesterday, the MPs are scheduled to endorse the name of the Prime Minister on Tuesday afternoon and elect the deputy speaker on the same day.

President Jakaya Kikwete is scheduled to address the Parliament on Thursday.

Chenge's radar scam not yet over - UK

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The plea agreement between the two ended all outstanding investigations by SFO.

And because the plea agreement has not yet been brought before the crown court in the UK, it is not possible to say at this stage whether the agreement will stand.

"A crown court judge will determine whether the plea agreement between the SFO and BAE can be accepted," noted the statement.

The radar scandal forced Mr Chenge to resign as Minister for Infrastructure in 2008 amid local media reports of corruption in a controversial radar purchase.

Local media said he was being investigated after more than \$1 million was found in an offshore account believed

to be linked to the controversial 2002 radar deal between the government and British defence contractor BAE Systems.

But last Sunday, the former AG denied possession of a foreign account reportedly with such amount of money but only said the account belonged to an orphanage NGO that he didn't name.

He said the NGO was manned by himself and his wife Dina and the centre's operators were other stakeholders whom he didn't reveal.

Mr Chenge is one of contenders vying for the post of Speaker of the National Assembly together with the outgoing Speaker, Mr Samwel Sitta, and he recently held a press conference where he attacked the outgoing Speaker.

Nurses all out to address challenges

By MASEMBE TAMBWE

THE Tanzania National Nurses Association (TANNA) is striving to address the challenges facing nurses in the country and was currently in the process of setting up a database to get all the nurses connected.

"Nurses in the country need to change their outdated perceptions that they are supposed to be undermined without protest when their rights are being infringed upon," the Association's Executive Secretary, Romana Sanga has said.

"It is time for nurses to forget such mentality that nurses should not complain when they are being treated unfairly or when they are denied their allowances and working tools," Ms Sanga said.

Ms Sanga told the 'Daily News' during a workshop on the "Image of Nursing in Tanzania" that nurses had always regarded themselves and perceived by the public to be angels. She said that much as nurses played their role, the public and government should understand that only healthy and well motivated, remunerated and equipped nurses can deliver the required services.

Ms Sanga said that TANNA was striving to address the challenges facing nurses in the country and was currently in the process of setting up a database to get all the nurses connected in a bid to establish a trade union. It is estimated there are about 3,500 members of TANNA in the country.

Sharing her experiences from Malawi, the National Organisation of Nurses and Midwives of Malawi (NONM) Executive Director, Ms Dorothy Ngoma, said that transforming an association to a union was the best option.

Ms Ngoma said that it was due to establishment of union and the close working relationship with the media that nurses in Malawi are well portrayed.

"Apart from the strong

media campaigns that we have had to use to improve the image of nurses, we feel that there is need for action and networking with stakeholders at community, national, regional and international levels to improve nursing image," she advocated.

She cited that in two years since NONM has been a union, it has managed to obtain 7,090 members representing 88 per cent of total nurses and midwives in the country from a cumulative total of approximately 8,000 nurses and midwives in Malawi.

An intern nurse from Mbeya referral hospital, Mr Ligmias Samwel said that the image of nursing was vital for the profession, necessary in today's changing workplace and an important concept for present and future nurses to understand.

Mr Samwel cited finding from a study he had conducted that in a society where accomplishments of nurses are often not given the recognition they deserve, it is imperative to establish and maintain the proper image of nursing.

Negative image has imposed nursing shortage in this decade which has contributed more to the health care delivery system to suffer including Tanzania, which has 21,800 nurses to the population of 40,000,000, making one nurse serve 1,835 people.

A registered nurse, Ms Ester Mbusa said that in spite of numerous efforts to improve conditions and image of nurses, her biggest problem was that the general public do not know what challenges nurses face in their daily practice.

Citing a recent poll conducted on October 29, this year, in one of the local television stations which is done after the news bulletin if the public understand the challenges nurses face in their workplace, 67 per cent voted no, 8 per cent said yes and 25 per cent voted that they don't know.

Five persons killed in separate road mishaps

By DAILY NEWS Reporters

FIVE people have died in separate road mishaps that occurred in Dar es Salaam and Arusha regions, police have confirmed.

The Ilala Regional Police Commander (RPC), Mr Faustine Shilogile said yesterday that in the first incident, Charles Mjema, a motorcyclist aged between 30 and 35 died

on the spot after being knocked down by a vehicle with registration number T 640 BAW. The accident occurred at Vingunguti area along Nyerere Road in Dar es Salaam. Mr Shilogile said that the driver of the vehicle who was not identified was heading to Vingunguti from Tazara. According to the RPC, the deceased was driving along the road when he was knocked down. The body has been pre-

served at Amana Hospital and that investigation was ongoing.

In another road incident, Abubakar Mushia, a motorcyclist aged between 30 and 35 years died after being hit by a vehicle with registration number T 748 AGJ. The accident occurred at Karume along Uhuru road in Ilala District.

According to the police report, the body of the deceased has been preserved

at Amana Hospital and the driver of the vehicle identified as Christopher Mwashamba (33) has been arrested to help police investigation.

In another development, unknown person died on the spot after being knocked down by a speeding vehicle while walking along the road.

The RPC said that the accident occurred at Tabata along Mandela Road in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam. The

body has been preserved at Amana Hospital and that investigation was continuing.

Meanwhile, a man identified as Nicholas Gabriel (29) died mysteriously while in a taxi with his colleagues. The incident occurred at Palm Beach Upanga West in Dar es Salaam at around 7pm. The body has been preserved at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) pending investigations.

From Arusha, it has been reported that road accidents claimed two lives after a tipper truck with over 30 passengers back-tracked and overturned on Wednesday.

The truck, a Volvo Tipper with registration number T-806 ADK being driven by Mr Ally Salum (35), was reportedly forced to take over 30 people on board in addition to cargo. 28 persons were seriously injured.