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EACC ARRESTS SIX FORMER SPORTS OFFICIALS AND CONTRACTORS OVER CHAN 2018 TENDER

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has arrested six suspects over the alleged irregular award and payment of a contract for the supply and installation of security, access control, communications, audio-visual and pitch lighting systems at various stadia in Kenya ahead of the 2018 African Nations Championship (CHAN).

The contract, valued at USD 15.89 million, approximately **KES 1.5 billion**, was awarded in 2017 by the State Department for Sports Development in the then Ministry of Sports, Culture and the Arts to **M/s Auditel Kenya**, a Spanish company registered in Kenya.

EACC investigations established that an advance payment of USD 3.15 million, approximately **KES 330 million**, was made to the company under a contract that was not procured in accordance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.

The company subsequently failed to fulfil its contractual obligations, resulting in the loss of **KES 330 million** in public funds.

The Commission further established that the funds were transferred through various entities in an effort to conceal their source and facilitate their movement back to Kenya.

Following the conclusion of investigations, EACC forwarded the inquiry file to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), who approved the prosecution of public officials, company directors and other persons linked to the matter.

The suspects face charges including conspiracy to commit an economic crime, unlawful acquisition of public property, money laundering and abuse of office.

The six suspects arrested today, 8th September 2026, are:

1. **Amb. Peter Kirihi Kaberia** – Former Principal Secretary, State Department for Sports Development.
2. **Stephen Njoroge Muthuma** – Senior Principal Finance Officer, Ministry of Education.
3. **John Kiende Ruga** – Senior Superintendent Engineer, Sports Kenya.
4. **Samuel Mbaa Njoroge** – Tax Advisor and Partner, Taxwise Africa Consulting LLP.
5. **Enock Ondwari Onditi** – Former Principal Accountant, State Department for Sports Development.
6. **Anthony Mwangi Kimathi** – Former employee of Instalaciones Inabensa, S.A.

The suspects are expected to be arraigned before the Anti-Corruption Court at Milimani, Nairobi, later today.

EACC **HEREBY DIRECTS** the following persons to present themselves immediately at Integrity Centre, or the nearest EACC office for processing:

1. **Harun Komen Chebet** – Former Director, Administration, State Department for Sports Development.
2. **Marcos Gonzalez Puente** – Director, Auditel Ingenieria Y Servicios.
3. **Kitheka Muema** – Former Audit Committee Member, Football Kenya Federation (FKF).
4. **Ephraim Muchangi Kinyua** – Automobile Business Consultant.

In addition to the criminal proceedings, the Commission has instituted civil proceedings seeking the recovery and forfeiture of public funds and assets alleged to have been acquired through proceeds of crime arising from the matter.

EACC remains committed to protecting public resources and ensuring that public officers and other persons entrusted with public resources are held accountable when they abuse their positions for private gain.



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