



SPORT INSIDE

RALLYING

Drivers association elects new officials

Veteran rally navigator Abdul Sidi has been re-elected as chairman of the Kenya Rally Drivers Association following the association's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening. Leading rally drivers unanimously endorsed Sidi to head of the association for a second term. **Page 67**

HOCKEY

Union prepares for national elections

Excitement is building ahead of the Kenya Hockey Union's annual general meeting at Nairobi Simba Union Club on Saturday, where a new executive will be elected. Two top officials, Resham Bains (chairman) and Peter Kiruma (secretary), are out to defend their seats. **Page 67**

SOCCER

Chelsea and Liverpool knocked out of cup

Premier League leaders Chelsea slumped out of the League Cup to Championship Burnley on Wednesday, beaten 5-4 on penalties. Holders Tottenham Hotspur reached the quarter-finals with a 4-2 defeat of a below-strength Liverpool. **Page 71**

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SAVED



A suspected Car thief is rescued by police from a lynch mob baying for his blood after he was caught trying to flee with a car allegedly stolen along Kimathi Lane in Nairobi yesterday. Photo/TOM OTIENO

TEST TUBE BABIES

Lack of funds delays laws

Task force is yet to come up with rules six years after the technology acquired

By **GATONYE GATHURA**

Almost six years since Kenya acquired test tube baby technology and 30 months after the first children were delivered, the country is yet to formulate a legal framework because the task force assigned to do so has no funds.

A member of the task force, Prof Samson Wanjala, said they had finished collating views from Kenyans and studying various legal frameworks on the issue from the US, UK, South Africa and Australia but were unable to complete the remaining work due to financial constraints.

Regulating

The team was expected to come up with a legal framework that could be used for regulating the application of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) technology in the country.

Prof Wanjala, a lecturer at the University of Nairobi, was responding to concerns by medical practitioners and researchers at the ongoing international scientific conference at the Aga Khan University Hospital yesterday.

They were concerned that while new entrants were coming onto the market, there was no regulatory framework to guide on sensitive issues such as embryo freezing and when and how to discard spare embryos. The debate was sparked after a presentation on progress made so far at the IVF centre at the Aga Khan University Hospital.

According to Dr P. S. Patel, a senior lecturer and consultant gynaecologist at the hospital, the centre was established in April with 27 patients. A second batch of 14 patients was attended to in August.

Expecting triplets

Making his presentation at the conference, Dr Patel said they had achieved a pregnancy rate of 33.33 per cent, which is in line with global rates. Of the six successful pregnancies, there were two twins and one mother was expecting triplets.

"Considering this was our first batch, our results are comparable to any other established IVF centres," Dr Patel said.

Kenya welcomed its first test tube babies in May 2006. Two babies were born to two women aged 30 and 35.

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