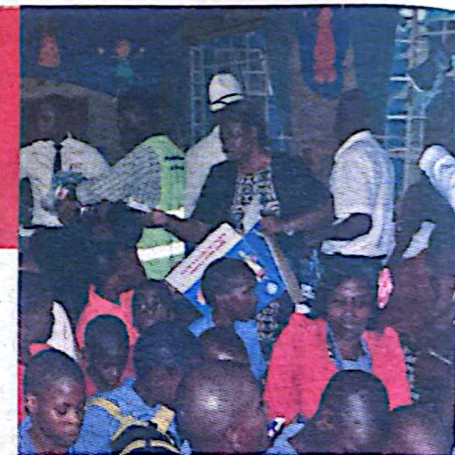


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Zuma assassination claim lands man in trouble. South African police have arrested a man for claiming there was a plot to kill President Jacob Zuma. The 26-year-old Ernest Nkosi has since been referred to a psychiatric institution for treatment. He appeared in the Pretoria Magistrates Court on charges of fraud and contravening the Intelligence Services Act, impersonating a state security official. His case was postponed to March 7. Mr Nkosi allegedly sent emails to three government offices "alerting them of the plot to kill the president using seats lined with poison". In the emails, he claimed that members of the police VIP Protection Unit and a certain minister and parliamentarians were involved in the plot to kill President Zuma. [Africa Review]



Ruto aides named in \$7.7m youth fund scandal

Fraud. Aides reportedly tried to influence matter in the youth service.

BY AFRICA REVIEW

NAIROBI. The A Sh791 million (\$7.7 million) embezzlement scandal that has rocked Kenya's National Youth Service (NYS) has taken a dramatic twist with former Devolution Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru implicating top allies and aides of Deputy President William Ruto.

Through an affidavit, Ms Waiguru

names National Assembly Majority Leader Aden Duale, Elgeyo-Marakwet Senator Kipchumba Murkomen and Mr Ruto's personal assistant Farouk Kibet as politicians who tried to influence the payment of millions of shillings in fishy deals at the NYS.

She alleges that Mr Duale called and texted NYS deputy director-general Aden Harakhe during the investigation into the NYS scandal, reminding him that he needed political support from leaders in the United Republican Party (URP), which is the

DP's party.

Ms Waiguru alleges that Mr Murkomen visited her office and that of Devolution Principal Secretary Peter Mang'iti to push for the unfreezing of accounts of business people involved in the NYS scandal.

She claims the senator also wanted the investigations by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) against his clients stopped.

"During the month of July (2015), Senator Murkomen visited my office and informed me that he repre-

sents his clients who were merchants whose funds had been stopped. Senator Murkomen passed the message from his clients stating: "I should tell DCI to drop the investigations and said I would face unspecified consequences if I did not adhere to these demands." The former Devolution CS claims that after her refusal, she faced an impeachment motion crafted by an MP from the senator's political backyard called Alfred Keter.

Ms Waiguru also drags Mr Kibet

into the scandal, claiming that he was a close business associate of an alleged co-conspirator, Mr Ben Gethi, and was in constant communication with Mr Mang'iti and NYS director-general Nelson Githinji.

Money paid out

She claims that Mr Kibet received part of Sh791 million.

Ms Waiguru claims Mr Mang'iti and Mr Gethi pushed Mr Harakhe to make the payments and on refusal, they threatened him.