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## Four top executives exit Kenya Airways

Four top executives have left Kenya Airways (KQ) last week as the shake-up of the airline's senior management continues under the watch of its new chief executive Sebastian Mikosz. Catherine Moraa (head of internal audit), Lucy Muhiu (head of employee relations), Kevin Kinyanjui (information systems director), and Brian Mbuti (in-flight and jet fuel procurement) have all left the company. KQ's human resource director Sammy Chepkwony, in a memo to staff, said the four had "resigned" from their positions even as he announced that Judith Ochieng' would replace Mr Mbuti in acting capacity. The exits come a month after Mr Mikosz hired five expatriates from Poland his home country --, a decision that has caused tension among workers who see it as a purge of individuals hired under the leadership of former CEOs. "We not only recognize the long service rendered to Kenya Airways by these colleagues, but also the various individual achievements and contributions they have each made over the years," said Mr Chepkwony. *"The Citizen, Business Pg.10"*

## Smuggled, counterfeit cigarette flood market

SMUGGLED and counterfeit cigarettes are still flooding the market denying the nation billions of money through tax evasion and sabotaging local manufacturers. Tanzania Cigarette Company in collaboration with the National Environmental Management Council, Revenue Authority and the police destroyed contraband and counterfeit cigarettes worth 8.5bn/in Dar es Salaam last week. It is expected one of ten cigarettes in the market is illegal and last year the government .lost approximately 30bn/- in unpaid taxes, according to the T CC Director for Company Services and Security, Frank Usiri. "This prompted TRA and Tanzania police to chip in and managed to seize a lot of consignments in the market," he said when the smuggled and counterfeit cigarette were being destroyed. He said contraband cigarettes are those that are meant for export but unscrupulous businesspeople go to those markets especially Zambia and buy back these cigarettes and sell them to the local market hence evading tax. "These are common at border areas and in other parts of the country where they find their way through the black market," he said. *"Daily News, Business & Finance Pg.19"*

## NEEC, UTT partner on small scale manufactures training

The National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) in partnership with UTT Microfinance have dished 360m/- loan to fund training on product manufacturing through use of simple entrepreneurship technology. The Council's Executive Secretary Ms Bengi Issa said at the weekend in Dar es Salaam that the weekend that the loan will be released in phases to Star Natural Product Limited, the company entrusted to undertake trainings to small scale manufacturers. *"Daily News, Business & Finance Pg.19"*

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