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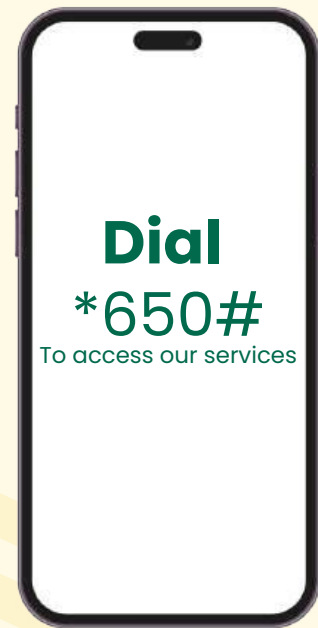
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For the adrenaline seekers, we recap the thrills of Motorsports in 2025 and offer a forward-looking sneak preview for the 2026 season. We also highlight recent AA Events that have brought our community together.

As we head into the festive season, your safety remains our priority. We have curated a list of breathtaking roadtrip destinations to explore, paired with essential Holiday Season Safety tips to ensure you arrive alive.

We also challenge conventional wisdom with an insightful piece on why a car's value isn't just in the price tag, and equip you with life-saving knowledge in our First Aid corner.

Thank you for navigating 2025 with us. I wish you happy reading and safe travels.

I wish you a joyful holiday season & safe travels.

## Welcome to the Q4 Edition of Autonews

**A**s we reach the close of 2025, one reality is undeniable: the automotive world is not just moving, it is accelerating. This quarter, our theme, "Mobility in Motion," is a fitting descriptor for a year that has seen the pace of change turn faster than usual.

In this edition, we explore the dynamic landscape of new car launches in 2025, where the choice for motorists is no longer binary. We dive into the coexistence of Internal Combustion Engines (ICE), Hybrids, and Electric Vehicles (EVs), and examine the transformative shift in our public transport sector towards EVs, a critical step for our nation's green mobility goals.

But to understand where we are going, we must appreciate where we have come from. This edition pays homage to our heritage with a special feature on "A Century of Mobility." We take you back in time to the historic mapping of the Nairobi-Mombasa highway, a pioneering feat that opened up Kenya and reflect on the evolution of the AA Driving School.

From those early days to the technology-driven training of today, our commitment to road safety remains our unwavering north star.

**Francis Theuri**

Group Managing Director – AA Kenya



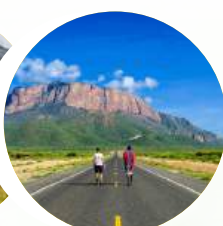
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# Kenya Leads the Way at the Inaugural African Best Young Driver Contest 2025



By Daniel Kiprono



**K**enya reaffirmed its position as a continental leader in road safety and motorsport with a commanding performance at the **inaugural African Best Young Driver (ABYD) Finals 2025**, held at the WRC Service Park in Naivasha. The first-of-its-kind contest was designed to celebrate skill, precision, and responsibility behind the wheel spotlighting Africa's next generation of safe and capable drivers.

Hosted by AA Kenya in partnership with the **Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)**, the event brought together national finalists from across the continent for a weekend that blended competition with education. Unlike traditional racing, the Africa Best Young Driver challenge focused not on speed but on control, awareness, and safety the true marks of a responsible driver.

Throughout the finals, participants were tested on a demanding series of challenges reflecting real-world driving conditions. They navigated obstacle courses on wet surfaces, executed emergency braking and avoidance manoeuvres, managed vehicle recovery in off-road terrain, and demonstrated composure

under pressure. Each test was designed to reward not just technical ability but also sound judgment and a disciplined approach to safety.

When the dust settled, Kenya's **Victor Maina Kabura** emerged as the overall winner, earning the title of **Africa's Best Young Driver 2025**. He was followed by **Wany Tebogo Wany** of Botswana, who secured second place, and **Chris Waweru Kungu** of Kenya, who finished third. Their victories were celebrated as milestones not only for the individuals but for the growing movement of youth-led road safety advocacy in Africa.

Final Rankings:

1. Victor Maina Kabura – **Kenya**
2. Wany Tebogo Wany – **Botswana**
3. Chris Waweru Kungu – **Kenya**
4. Musawahosi Khoza – **South Africa**
5. Malala Praise Tumiso – **South Africa**
6. Tapiwa Lydia Geoffrey – **Botswana**





AA Kenya Group MD, Francis Theuri lauded the participants for their passion and discipline, emphasizing the broader mission of empowering youth through responsible mobility. "Through this initiative, we are empowering young people to become ambassadors of safe mobility. Hosting the finals here in Naivasha reinforces Kenya's commitment to road safety leadership in Africa," said Mr. Theuri.

Daniel Kiprono, Head of the AA Kenya Driving School, explained that the contest's purpose was to reshape how young people think about driving. "The African Best Young Driver competition is about shaping responsible drivers, not chasing speed," he said. "It's about showing that skill and safety go hand in hand."

Safari Rally, the Naivasha event carried symbolic importance linking the thrill of motorsport with the responsibility of road safety. Supported by FIA Region I and local partners, the initiative marked a collaborative step forward for African motoring clubs and safety advocates.

The organisers expressed optimism that the contest will expand across the continent, nurturing a network of safety-conscious young drivers who can lead by example in their communities. The African BYD was also supported by the WRC Kenya team, the National Police Service, Road Safety Awareness Initiative, and road safety ambassadors across the country.

Held at the same venue that hosts the world-famous









# Safari Rally Kenya 2026 Set for March 12–15 as WRC Calendar is Confirmed

By Timothy Albrite



**T**he World Rally Championship (WRC) has officially confirmed that the 2026 edition of Safari Rally Kenya will take place from March 12 to 15, securing Kenya's position as the third stop on the global rally circuit. The announcement comes as part of the full 2026 WRC calendar, which features 14 rounds across Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

Recognised as one of the most iconic events in world motorsport, the Safari Rally is famed for its unforgiving terrain, unpredictable weather, and spectacular backdrops across the Rift Valley. Since its return to the WRC calendar in 2021 after an 18-year hiatus, the rally has re-established itself as a firm favourite among both drivers and fans, shining a global spotlight on Kenya's motorsport landscape.

The 2026 event will be the final one under Kenya's current agreement with the WRC. Initially reinstated on a five-year contract set to expire in 2025, the Safari Rally received a one-year extension following successful negotiations by the Kenyan government, allowing it to feature in the 2026 calendar.

Efforts are already underway to secure the rally's future beyond 2026. Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, the Creative Economy and Sports, Salim Mvurya, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring Kenya retains its place on the WRC calendar in the years to come. The WRC Promoter has also expressed interest in a longer-term arrangement, citing Kenya's unique terrain, passionate fanbase, and strong organisational capacity.

Beyond its sporting value, the Safari Rally plays a major role in tourism and investment, attracting tens of thousands of spectators from within Kenya and abroad. The event has become a key platform for promoting the country's



scenic landscapes and growing motorsport culture, with Naivasha now firmly established as the heart of rallying in the region.

The 2026 WRC season will kick off in January with the Monte Carlo Rally, followed by Rally Sweden in February. After the Kenyan round in March, the championship will continue through Croatia, Portugal, and other iconic stages, including events in Paraguay, Chile, Japan, and a season finale in Saudi Arabia. The Safari Rally remains the only African round on the calendar, maintaining its status as the continent's motorsport jewel.

With the dates now confirmed, all eyes are on Kenya to once again deliver a world-class event that brings together speed, scenery, and national pride. For local fans, March 2026 promises yet another thrilling week in Naivasha, as the world's top drivers return to tackle one of the toughest and most celebrated rallies in the sport.







## A Century of Mobility: The story of AA Kenya

Every kilometre driven on Kenyan roads carries with it a history far deeper than most motorists realize. It is a story that began more than a century ago, when the country was still a largely unmapped wilderness. Long before expressways and modern service stations, mobility in Kenya meant walking for miles, riding on trains, or joining caravans of long-distance traders. The introduction of the motor vehicle and the institution that championed its place in society AA Kenya, changed everything.

AA Kenya was established in 1919 by a small group of motoring enthusiasts. Their vision was bold: to advance mobility in a country where cars were virtually nonexistent. Just four years later, in 1923, AA Kenya made history by importing Kenya's first car, the Riley 12/50 Touring. This was not just the arrival of a machine; it was the spark that ignited a revolution in transportation.

### Opening the Roads

In the absence of road networks or petrol stations, AA Kenya became both pioneer and explorer. Its early teams mapped out the country's first motoring routes and developed rudimentary road guides that would serve as lifelines for motorists.

Consider the first legendary Nairobi–Mombasa road trip: a grueling 1,200-kilometre journey over rough tracks that were little more than animal paths. This expedition underscored the challenges of early motoring and highlighted the determination required to make road travel possible. AA Kenya's advocacy during these years

led directly to the establishment of Kenya's earliest fuel depots in the 1930s, which laid the foundation for the country's first petrol stations.

### Shaping a Culture of Motoring

As car ownership slowly grew, AA Kenya shifted its focus from opening roads to shaping a culture of safe and responsible driving. Two landmark contributions stand out from the 1950s.

In 1953, AA Kenya introduced the East African Safari Rally, a motorsport event that quickly gained international fame as one of the toughest rallies in the world. More than just a race, it became a celebration of endurance, skill, and Kenya's rugged beauty. It produced icons like Joginder Singh, the "Flying Sikh," whose triumphs embodied the resilience of both man and machine.

That same year, AA Kenya launched Autonews Magazine, which continues to serve as a trusted source of information, updates, and insights for motorists across the country.

But perhaps the most transformative milestone came in 1962 with the launch of AA Kenya Driving School, the first of its kind in the country. At a time when driver training was largely informal and unregulated, AA Kenya introduced structured instruction and a professional examination process. This elevated road safety standards, producing generations of skilled, disciplined drivers and setting a benchmark for training across East Africa.

Championing Safety and Advocacy



Over the decades, AA Kenya has grown beyond being a service provider. It is now an influential advocate for road safety and mobility policy, engaging in national and international platforms. With a membership of over 100,000 individuals and corporate clients, AA Kenya continues to champion safer roads, professional driver training, and innovative solutions for mobility challenges.

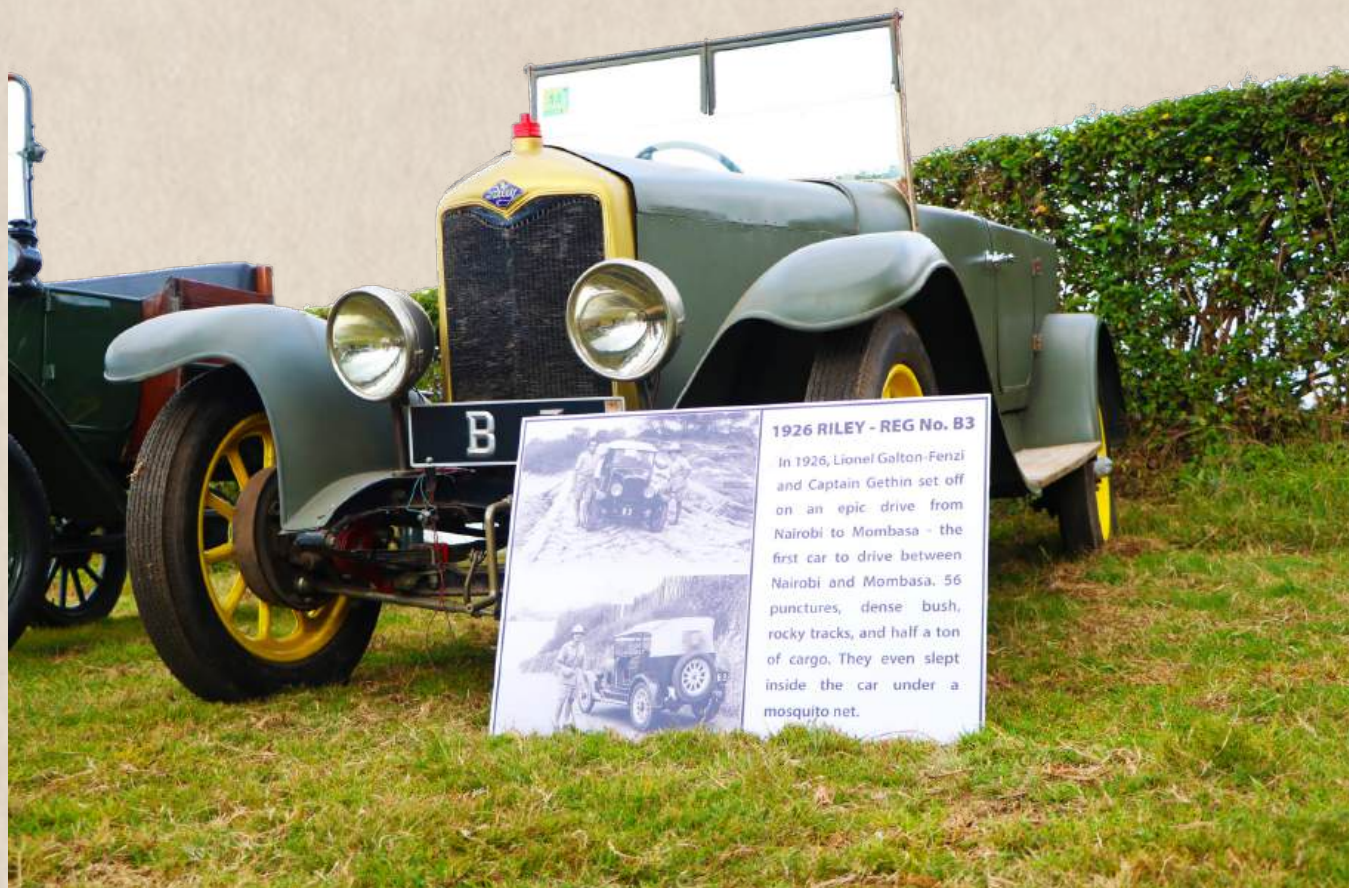
As the official representative of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) in Kenya, AA Kenya connects local motorists with global best practices in road safety, sustainability, and motoring innovation. This affiliation has positioned AA Kenya as both a custodian of Kenya's motoring history and a forward-looking voice in shaping the future of mobility.

From guiding the very first cars through uncharted landscapes to setting the standards that keep drivers safe today, AA Kenya's century-long story is one of innovation, resilience, and service.

As Kenya embarks on the next phase of its transport evolution; embracing electric vehicles, smart mobility

solutions, and sustainable road systems, AA Kenya remains at the forefront, ensuring that every kilometre driven is safer, smarter, and more reliable.

For over 100 years, AA Kenya has been more than an institution. It has been a trusted partner in the lives of motorists a constant presence on every journey, and an enduring symbol of Kenya's mobility heritage.





# AN OVERVIEW OF FUEL PRICES IN 2023

Month	SUPER PETROL	DIESEL	KEROSENE
January 2023	177.30	162.76	145.94
February 2023	177.30	162.76	145.94
March 2023	179.30	162.00	145.94
April 2023	178.50	163.49	146.90
May 2023	182.70	168.45	161.48
June 2023	192.48	179.67	173.44
July 2023	194.68	179.67	174.90
August 2023	193.84	180.38	172.96
September 2023	211.64	200.99	202.61
October 2023	217.36	205.47	205.06
November 2023	217.36	203.47	203.06
December 2023	212.36	201.47	199.05





# AN OVERVIEW OF FUEL PRICES IN 2024

Month	SUPER PETROL	DIESEL	KEROSENE
January 2024	207.36	196.47	194.23
February 2024	206.36	195.47	193.23
March 2024	199.15	190.38	188.74
April 2024	193.84	180.38	170.06
May 2024	192.84	179.18	168.76
June 2024	189.84	173.10	163.05
July 2024	188.84	171.60	161.75
August 2024	188.84	171.60	161.75
September 2024	188.84	171.60	158.32
October 2024	180.66	168.06	151.39
November 2024	180.66	168.06	151.39
December 2024	176.29	165.06	148.39





# AN OVERVIEW OF FUEL PRICES IN 2025

Month	SUPER PETROL	DIESEL	KEROSENE
January 2025	176.58	167.06	151.39
February 2025	176.58	167.06	151.39
March 2025	176.58	167.06	151.39
April 2025	174.63	164.86	148.99
May 2025	174.63	164.86	148.99
June 2025	177.32	162.91	146.93
July 2025	186.31	171.58	156.58
August 2025	185.31	171.58	155.58
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## Mapping of the Nairobi-Mombasa road; An adventure of 56 punctures

In 1926, the idea of driving from Nairobi to Mombasa sounded less like a road trip and more like an act of defiance against nature. Kenya, still largely uncharted, had no road network, no fueling stations, and no reliable maps. Yet for AA Kenya, proving the feasibility of motoring across the country was not only necessary, it was a mission.

It was on this backdrop that AA Kenya embarked on a daring expedition to map and conquer the 1,000-kilometre stretch between Nairobi and the coast with the sturdy Riley 12/50 Touring, already tested in local surveys. What followed was a 15-day round trip that became a defining chapter in Kenya's motoring history.

### No Road, No Problem

Much of the route was not a road at all, particularly through the Tsavo wilderness, where the landscape was thick with bush, thorn, and rock. Progress often meant stopping the car, lifting axes, and hacking a path forward, metre by metre. In many places, the team was

not just driving; they were physically building a road as they advanced, blazing a trail for future motorists.

The challenges did not end with the terrain. In 1926, the idea of a petrol station did not exist in Kenya. Every drop of fuel, oil, and water had to be packed from Nairobi. To break down in the wild meant facing the harsh elements and the ever-present dangers of Tsavo's wildlife. The Riley carried not just supplies but the hope that resilience would outmatch the wilderness.

### The Price of Progress: 56 Punctures

Perhaps the most memorable detail of the expedition was the sheer punishment inflicted on the car's tyres. The rocky trails, thorns, and unforgiving terrain resulted in an astonishing 56 punctures during the journey. On average, a flat tyre every 35 kilometres.

Each puncture demanded that the team roll up their sleeves, patch inner tubes, and wrestle tyres back onto rims, all under the punishing equatorial sun. These repeated setbacks tested their endurance as much as the Riley's, turning the expedition into a contest of



willpower as much as engineering.

### A Journey that Changed Kenya

When the exhausted but triumphant team rolled back into Nairobi, they had achieved far more than completing a grueling drive. They had proved that the route was conquerable by motor vehicle, a revelation that would spur government investment in Kenya's first proper road infrastructure.

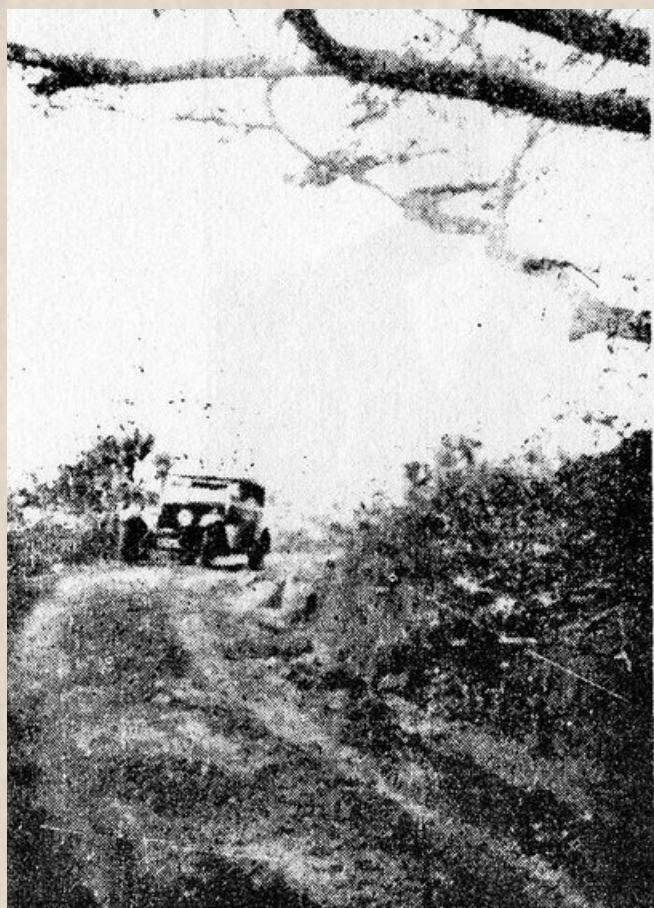
The expedition directly influenced the establishment of the country's earliest fuel depots, ending the crude practice of buying petrol in drums from private sellers' backyards. What began as an experiment had become the spark that ignited East Africa's mobility revolution.

### The Legacy Lives On



The historic expedition is commemorated by the Galton-Fenzi Memorial Stone, still standing in Nairobi today. It marks the spot where Kenya's motoring journey officially began, where determination, resilience, and vision turned a rugged bush track into what would eventually become the Nairobi-Mombasa Highway, one of the nation's most vital arteries.

For AA Kenya, the 1926 adventure was more than a test drive. It was a statement: that with courage and foresight, mobility could transform a nation. From 56 punctures grew the foundations of Kenya's modern road network a legacy that continues to power the country forward a century later.

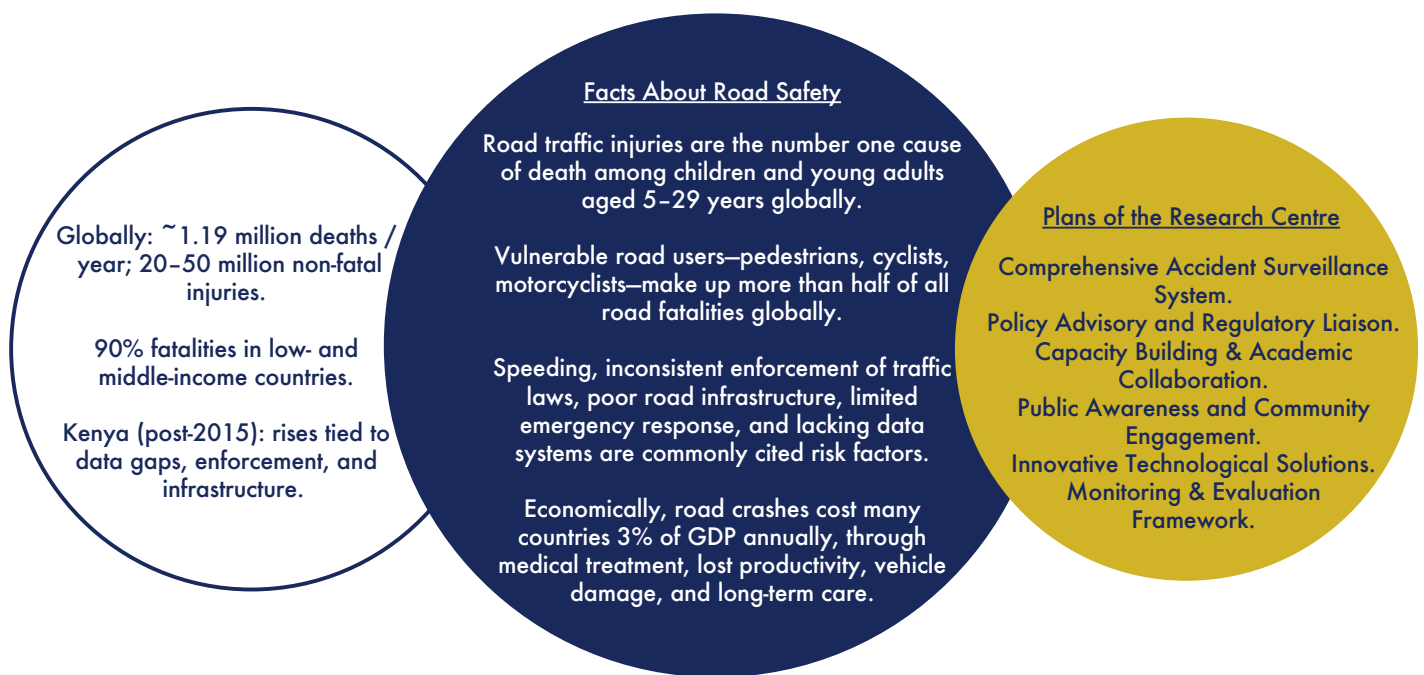






## Research Center for Road Safety and Accident Surveillance

The Centre is a multidisciplinary hub established by KCA University to tackle one of Kenya's and East Africa's most urgent public health challenges of road traffic accidents.



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# A MARKET IN MOTION







# New Brands, More Choice, and a Shift to Electric Mobility

By Timothy Albrite

In 2025, Kenya's motoring market has taken several decisive turns. We are witnessing not just new car launches, but deeper shifts: global brands setting up local assembly lines, dealers expanding their brand portfolios, and electric mobility gaining real traction in public transport. The result is greater choice, tougher competition, and a more mature auto-market.

## 1. New players hit the ground running

### *Jetour makes a bold entry*

Late in the year, Chinese automaker Jetour officially entered the Kenyan market launching four SUV models: the **T2**, **T1**, **X70 Plus**, and **Dashing**. Retail prices start around KSh 4.9 million and go up to **KSh 7.8 million**, making Jetour arguably one of the most aggressively priced mid-SUV contenders in the market right now.

What sets this entry apart is not just pricing, but also the long-term commitment. The local distributor, Global Motors Centre Limited has plans for **local assembly**, signalling an investment of about KES **1.4 billion**. This investment is expected to build their presence, create jobs, and make Detour part of Kenya's automotive ecosystem.

### **JMC (via Caetano Kenya) arrives with light commercial vehicles**

Another significant development came earlier in 2025 when Caetano Kenya introduced the JMC brand to Kenya. The initial product line **Vigus Pro** (single cab, double cab) and a light commercial "Carrying Plus" truck is being assembled locally from CKD kits. The JMC vehicles are pitched at professionals and businesses needing affordable, durable workhorses.

This move reflects a broader ambition where apart from just selling vehicles, Caetano is building local capacity, creating jobs, and contributing to the growth of Kenya's automotive industry.

### **BYD Shark 6 joins Kenya's roads a hybrid pickup that bridges worlds**

In September 2025, BYD, through its distributor CFAO Mobility Kenya (via leasing and mobility arm Loxea) officially introduced the **Shark 6**, the country's first plug-in hybrid (PHEV) double-cabin pickup.

- The Shark 6 blends a 1.5 litre petrol engine with electric motors, delivering a combined range of up to 650 km on a full tank and charge.
- Efficiency claims are compelling: as low as 2.0 litres per 100 km when the battery is charged.
- To make it more accessible, Loxea teamed up with NCBA Bank to offer up to 90% financing, repayable over five years, a first-of-its-kind scheme for a hybrid/EV in Kenya.

The Shark 6 sold out its first batch within days, prompting Loxea to place a replenishment order a clear signal that hybrid-powered pickups are no longer a curiosity but a viable option for Kenyan buyers.

In a market long dominated by diesel and petrol pickups, Shark 6 stands out as a bridging product: giving users the familiarity and flexibility of ICE when needed, with the environmental and fuel-cost benefits of hybrid tech.



# Urysia Limited transitions from single-brand to multi-brand dealership

By Timothy Albrite



**U**rysia, long known to Kenyans mainly as a dealer of Peugeot has undergone a strategic transformation. In November 2025, the company officially added two global heavyweights to its stable: Jeep and Citroën. That means under one showroom roof today: **Peugeot, Jeep, and Citroën.**

The expanded offering is designed to serve a wide spectrum of buyers from families and urban drivers to adventure seekers, SMEs, fleet operators, and ride-hailing services. Urysia has also beefed up its after-sales network with service centres, partner workshops, even mobile service units.

For many dealers, this multi-brand strategy seems to be the new path forward offering variety, convenience, and a tighter alignment with evolving customer needs.







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# Electric Mobility Mo Mainstream of Publ

By Timothy Albrite



## BasiGo expands fleet, charging network driving Kenya's EV bus ambitions forward

**O**n the public transport front, BasiGo has emerged as arguably Kenya's most ambitious e-mobility player. The company recently announced it has delivered 100 electric buses across Kenya and Rwanda. A milestone that transforms the electric-bus narrative from pilot trials to scalable reality.

Producing these buses locally, BasiGo has ramped up output: monthly assembly jumped from 10 to 20 buses after a major Sh5.4 billion funding round. This funding is being used not only for assembly capacity, but also to setup charging infrastructure and expand support services.

In 2025 alone, the company launched three new DC fast-charging depots in Nairobi in Komarock, Taj Mall, and Riruta, with a fourth scheduled for Juja. Each hub can service 100 buses per day, and together they form one of the largest networks of high-power chargers for buses in Kenya.

On the product side, BasiGo has also announced a partnership with global bus maker King Long Bus Company to locally assemble the next-generation electric city bus model, the KL-9, a vehicle designed to meet Kenya's mass-transit needs, with a capacity of 54 passengers, 400 km daily range, and fast charging (2 hours).

With the charging infrastructure in place, increasing production capacity, and rising interest from SACCOs and fleet operators, BasiGo is pushing Kenya's public transport into a new, cleaner, modern era.



# Moves from Fringe to Electric Transport





# Why 2025 Feels Different and What It Means for Kenyan Motorists

Looking at these developments together new global brands entering, local assembly taking root, dealers expanding their portfolios, and EVs gaining serious ground, it becomes clear that Kenya's car and transport market is evolving fast.

- More brands and models mean more choice for Kenyan drivers, across budgets, needs, and lifestyles.

- Local assembly (CKD) is gradually shifting the narrative from "import-only" to "assembled for Kenya," bringing potential for jobs, skills transfer, and a stronger automotive supply chain.

- The expansion of EV buses by BasiGo signals that clean mobility is no longer just a trend. It's becoming part of Kenya's transport reality.

## A New Phase and Bigger Expectations

2025 offers more than just a list of new models. What's unfolding is a shift in structure, strategy and expectations. Dealers are thinking long-term, investors are backing ambitious local production, and consumers are being given genuine alternatives beyond the traditional brands.

If trends hold, 2026 and beyond could bring deeper penetration of new-generation SUVs, more electric mobility in both private cars and public transport, and perhaps finally the kind of competitive, dynamic auto market that reflects Kenya's ambitions as an industrialising nation.

For now, motorists have more reason than ever to look beyond the familiar and ask, "What's next?"

## The mix continues; ICEs, hybrids, and EVs co-exist

Despite momentum in electric and hybrid vehicles, internal-combustion-engine (ICE) cars and trucks remain very much part of Kenya's motoring reality.

- Many buyers especially outside of urban centres or among fleet owners still choose ICE vehicles, valuing their reliability, ease of fueling, and established servicing networks.

- Hybrids like the Shark 6 are emerging as compromise vehicles. They promise lower fuel consumption and emissions when used judiciously, while offering the flexibility for longer trips or rough roads where charging may still be a challenge.

- Meanwhile, as EV infrastructure, such as chargers and servicing hubs, expands in cities, more drivers (both private and commercial) will begin to feel that EVs are a practical, not just aspirational, choice.

In short: 2025 is shaping up as a transitional year. The automotive landscape in Kenya is no longer black-and-white but shades of grey: hybrids, partial electrification, mixed fleets, as the industry and consumers adapt at different paces.

## What This Means for Kenyan Motorists Going Forward

- For individual buyers, vehicles like the BYD Shark 6 offer



a compelling "best of both worlds" modern hybrid efficiency for city driving, flexibility for long trips or rough terrain.

- For public transport operators, the growing BasiGo network shows that EV buses are becoming real, fast-charging, serviceable alternatives to diesel potentially lowering running costs, reducing emissions, and improving passenger experience.

- For the market at large, 2025 marks a turning point: from occasional EV imports and experiments to serious, scalable adoption backed by financing, local assembly, and infrastructure.

As we move deeper into the decade, expect more brands and business models to enter the fray.





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## Why Stopping the Bleed Is So Important

A deep cut or injury can cause someone to lose a lot of blood long before an ambulance arrives. Acting fast can keep the person alive until medical help reaches them.

Text Box: Golden Rule: Stop the bleed fast — every minute matters.

### 1. Always Check for Safety First

Before you help anyone:

- Make sure the area is safe. Watch out for moving cars, fuel leaks, fire, or broken glass.
- If you can, wear gloves. If not, use clean plastic bags or any cloth as a barrier.
- Stand where you can see oncoming traffic and make sure you have room to move away if danger comes back.

A safe helper can save a life. A helper who becomes

injured cannot.

### 2. Three Simple Ways to Control Bleeding

#### a. Direct Pressure (Most Important Method)

- Cover the wound with any clean cloth.
- Press down hard and steady.
- If the cloth becomes soaked, add another cloth on top. Do not remove the first one.

#### b. Elevation (If Safe)

- If the bleeding is on an arm or leg, lift it above the heart while still pressing.
- Do not lift the limb if it causes more pain or might worsen the injury.

#### c. Improvised Tourniquet (Last Option)

Use a tourniquet only for severe bleeding on an arm or







leg when direct pressure is not enough.

- Use a wide cloth or scarf never thin materials like rope or wire.
- Tie it 5–10 cm above the wound, not on a joint.
- Using a stick or pen, pull as you would close a tap
- Do this until the heavy bleeding stops.
- Write down the time you applied it and get medical help fast.

#### **QuickFix Roadside Innovation Tips**

- A scarf or clean cloth works well to cover and press on the wound.
- If nothing else is available, use your own clothing or the victim's clothing.
- The most important step is strong, steady pressure on the wound until help arrives.
- Don't lift the cloth to "check" — just keep adding layers if needed.

#### **Fun Fact: Don't Give Water to Someone Who Is Bleeding Badly**

When a person has lost a lot of blood, their body is in shock. Giving them water can make them choke or vomit, which can block the airway and make things worse.

Keep them lying down, keep them warm, and focus on

stopping the bleeding — not giving drinks.

#### **Scene Safety Tip of the Month**

Never run to help without checking for danger first. You cannot save anyone if you become a victim.

#### **QuickFix Tip of the Month: Direct Pressure Layering**

- Keep pressing firmly.
- Add more clothes on top if the first one gets soaked.
- Look out for signs that the person is getting worse.

#### **Emergency Numbers**

- AA Kenya Roadside Assistance: 0709 933 000 / 0709 933 999
- Police: 999 / 112 / 911
- Ambulance: Through AA Kenya or local EMS services
- QuickFix Training Enquiries: 0707 079 192

#### **A Call to Action**

Stopping bleeding quickly saves lives. Anyone can learn these simple steps.

As you plan for 2026, make a strong commitment:

- Take a FREE STOP THE BLEED® course in Kenya, and
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*The more Kenyans who know what to do, the more lives we can save — together.*



# This Holiday Season: Every Trip Requires Planning, Caution, and Safety Compliance

By Paul Karuga Njuguna - Executive Director Road Safety Awareness Initiative @RSAIKenya

**H**oliday periods in Kenya consistently bring higher traffic volumes, increased long-distance travel, and a heightened risk of road crashes. Factors such as poor vehicle maintenance, speeding, inadequate planning, and driver fatigue significantly increase the likelihood of collisions. Observing basic safety measures can greatly reduce these risks.

Road safety statistics remain alarming. Between June 2024 and March 2025, Kenya recorded 3,581 road fatalities, averaging 12 deaths per day. Pedestrians are the most affected, followed by motorcyclists, passengers, and pillion riders, a 10% rise compared to the previous financial year. There is also a concerning increase in truck crashes along the Northern Corridor, largely linked to labour-law violations and unrealistic work schedules that push drivers into fatigue. Fatigued driving mirrors the impairment caused by alcohol.

Several conditions worsen crash risks during festive periods, including:

- Heavy traffic on major routes
- Driver fatigue from long or unfamiliar journeys
- Frequent speeding, lane indiscipline, and unsafe overtaking
- Poor vehicle maintenance
- Slower emergency response during peak days

## Vehicle Readiness

Drivers should ensure their vehicles are inspected at least a week before travel. Key checks include tyres (including the spare), lights, indicators, windscreens, wipers, brakes, steering, shock absorbers, and the exhaust system.

- Service the vehicle at a reputable garage.
- Confirm that your licence and insurance are valid, an invalid licence voids insurance coverage.
- Avoid overloading and respect capacity limits.
- Check all fluid levels, battery condition, and coolant.
- Pack essentials: drinking water, snacks, blankets, toilet paper, and an emergency kit with basic tools, a spare tyre, reflective triangle, torch, first-aid supplies, and a power bank.

## Driver Fitness

- Get adequate rest; never drive when fatigued.
- Take breaks every 2 hours or 200 km.
- Avoid starting long trips after dark.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Keep your licence accessible at all times.

## Route Planning

- Plan routes in advance and allow extra time.
- Check weather forecasts and road conditions.
- Use Google Maps, Waze, or verified NTSA/KeNHA updates for live traffic.
- Have backup routes and share travel plans with trusted contacts.

## Safe Driving Practices

- Maintain a minimum 2-second following distance (increase in rain, fog, or at night).
- Obey speed limits.
- Overtake only when fully safe.
- Stay alert to risky behaviour by other road users.
- Use headlights consistently and dip beams for oncoming traffic.

## Avoiding Distractions

- Do not text or hold phone calls while driving.
- Use hands-free features or Do Not Disturb mode.
- Keep valuables out of sight.

## Seatbelt and Child Safety

- Ensure all occupants wear seatbelts.
- Secure children in appropriate restraints.

## Guidance for Pedestrians

- Use crossings, sidewalks, and footpaths.
- Wear reflective or bright clothing at night.
- Avoid crossing roads when extremely tired or intoxicated.

## Boda Boda Riders and Passengers

- Helmets are mandatory for both rider and passenger.
- Wear reflective vests.
- Avoid overloading.
- Maintain brakes, tyres, and lights regularly.
- Keep the headlight on whenever the bike is moving.

## Emergency Preparedness

In case of an incident:

- Stop safely and activate hazard lights.
- Place a reflective warning triangle at a safe distance.
- Call emergency services.
- Keep key contacts handy, including police, ambulance,



and breakdown services.

### Route Monitoring

High-traffic periods require live updates. Confirm alternatives using navigation tools or official advisories before using routes such as:

- Mang'u-Flyover - Njambini - Olkalou - DUNDORI - Lanet - Nakuru
- Gilgil - Olkalou - DUNDORI - Lanet - Nakuru
- Ngong - Suswa - Western Kenya • "Kinale Forest" (only when verified safe)

### Technology for Safer Travel

- Telematics and speed governors for PSVs and long-haul trucks
- Reporting potholes or incidents through navigation apps
- Real-time alerts from NTSA and road-safety organizations
- Expansion of smart-infrastructure hazard-detection systems

Government and industry stakeholders should continue strengthening road infrastructure, improving trauma response, and enhancing enforcement through visible patrols, checkpoints, and speed-camera coverage.

Holiday travel can remain safe and orderly when supported by proper planning, responsible driving, and coordinated action across all sectors.

### Quick-Check Dashboard

- Vehicle serviced
- Navigation tools ready
- Emergency kit packed
- Rest schedule prepared
- No alcohol or fatigue
- Seatbelts on
- Safe following distance
- Speed limits observed

Wishing every Road User a merry christmas and a happy new year. Drive safe and be safe. Arrive Alive. A change of attitude can make everyone safe.







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# Why a Car's True Value Isn't Written on Its Price Tag



By James Nderitu



**F**or most buyers, the figure on a car's advertisement feels like the final word. But in the world of motoring, price is only the opening line. Professionals across insurance, safety, finance, and engineering know that a vehicle's true worth is shaped by what lies beneath the surface and by how that vehicle will actually be used.

## The hidden story behind every car

A showroom price is straightforward. The real story is not. Two cars can command the same price and yet be worlds apart once you lift the bonnet or examine their histories. One may have a clean service record, genuine mileage, and components that have been cared for. The other may have been in a collision, spent years on rough terrain, or received questionable repairs that don't show up at first glance.

These are the factors that carry real weight. They influence safety, performance, and longevity far more than the selling price ever can.

## Condition, not cosmetics, determines worth

International standards, including those upheld under the FIA mobility and safety framework place the highest premium on mechanical integrity. The condition of a vehicle's chassis, suspension, braking system, electrics, and structural frame is the true foundation of value.

Yet these are the areas many motorists overlook. A polished dashboard or a new set of rims can disguise a car that is rapidly depreciating in safety and reliability. A professional valuation looks past aesthetics and examines the systems that keep a vehicle stable at high speeds, responsive during emergencies, and durable over time.

Most people would be surprised to learn that something as simple as uneven tyre wear, a minor chassis bend or a poorly performed repair job can significantly alter a car's value, and its crash performance.

## Why one car can have many values

A vehicle does not have a single fixed value. It changes depending on the lens you use.

- **Insurance valuation** focuses on repairability, accident history, and realistic depreciation.
- **Financiers** look at long-term reliability and liquidation value.
- **Fleet managers** prioritise operational cost, service intervals, and downtime risk.
- **Buyers and sellers** consider demand, brand reputation, and overall condition.

This diversity is why price tags can be misleading. They serve as a reference, and not a verdict.

AA Kenya provides an essential service by offering independent, purpose-specific vehicle valuations. AA assesses vehicles differently depending on what they're being valued for; insurance, resale, financing, or road-worthiness and evaluates them according to their condition, documented history, and intended use.

This approach protects motorists from overpaying, underinsuring, or unknowingly taking on mechanical liabilities. It also ensures road users stay aligned with safety and compliance standards that many motorists rarely think about until it is too late.

A car that costs less today but demands constant repairs, burns more fuel, or compromises safety is far more expensive in the long run. Conversely, an older, well-maintained vehicle can outlast and outperform a newer but poorly treated one.

A price tag is a moment in time. Value is a combination of past care, present condition, and future cost.

The next time you see a car advertised at an attractive price, ask yourself a more important question: What is its real story, and who has verified it?



# Karan wins in Tanzania as Ugandan Yasin crowned Africa champion

By Samson Ateka



**K**aran Patel of Kenya ended his 2025 African Rally Championship (ARC) season on a high winning the Morogoro-based Mkwawa Rally of Tanzania.

Winning the Automobile Association of Tanzania (AAT) organised event outright and scoring additional 5 points on SS9 Kilimanjaro Power Stage meant that Samman Vohra loses the title by a solitary point to Moil Rally Team Ugandan ace driver Yasin Nasser.

For Yasin it was a dream come true after years of trying and 26 years since Ugandan Charles Muhangi last won it.

"It's been a long wait for the Ugandan fans and I am happy that I was in a position to deliver the title for them. We did not win any events this season but I am glad that consistency paid off," said Yasin.

Following the conclusion of the 3vent at Mkwawa Leaf factory yard, Karan and Samman congratulated Yasin for the championship success in a season full of drama and adrenaline action.

"I wish to congratulate Yasin for his title win, and Tanzanians for delivering one of the season's best rally. In sports you win and lose some, I will be back bigger and stronger next season in our fresh bid for the title.

Tanzania was my 13th career start in motor rallying and I happy that we still remain competitive in Africa. We might do the Guru Nanak of Tanzania next month to close our season for 2025," Samman, who is also the reigning Kenya champion highlighted.

Karan who is sponsored by KCB Bank and Kenya Airways registered his second career victory in Tanzania which took crews to scenic forest speed tests of Morogoro.

"Congratulations are in order for Yasin, he deserves the glory for his determination," said Karan.

Yasin, who is a two times Ugandan and one time Tanzania champion revealed in Morogoro that he will be fighting next season to defend the title.

Yasin achieved the feat despite not winning a single event in a season that revved off with the fabled Safari in Kenya, before traversing Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania for the season finale

Meanwhile, Tanzania celebrated a race double with Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X driver Prince Charles Nyerere finally laying his hands on the ARC2 title and veteran Ahmed Huwell coming in third overall on the event's final classification.





*From left to right, Samaan Vohra of Kenya, newly crowned Africa Rally champion Yasin Nasser, Tanzanias old boy Ahmed Huwel in red and immediate former Karan Patel.*

Huwell was also the top placed local in the Tanzania National Rally Championship (TNRC) category only on his second outing in his newly acquired Toyota GR Yaris Rally2

Huwell, who is also the CEO of title sponsors Mkwawa Leaf, a tobacco processing firm, was all smiles;

"I glad I came with a new car, trying to test it on my second rally. I first did one round of the TNRC and then the ARC and I must admit I am not as fast as these guys. I'm surprised though to see a youngster like Samman drive really well.

I need more seat time in the Yaris and I am sure next year when I tackle the full ARC season I will be able to match the R5s."

" Finally, when I come to grips with the car I will win events for sure. My friends use to tell me that R5 cars are out of this world- you wouldn't believe how fast these cars are until you sit in one of them," added Huwell.

Indian driver Naveen Puligilla emerged the winner in the Rally3 category at the wheel of an M-Sport Ford Fiesta.

"It was my first time rallying in Tanzania.

I had a very different opinion about Kenya after Safari which is traditionally rough and challenging. I plan to do the whole season of ARC next year," said Indian

driver Naveen Puligilla who was guided to his position by 8 times Indian Champion Musa Sheriff.

Samman set the pace on Day One after winning four out of five stages at stake on Saturday.

Nevertheless , the Kenyan champion encountered a bad day on Leg 2 with mechanical gremlins in the long 29km Serengeti Stage.

Karan celebrated his second win of the season after Pearl Rally in Uganda, after which he crashed out of Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally and skipped Rallye International du Burundi.

#### ARC FINAL POINTS

1. YASIN NASSER UGA 135points
2. SAMMAN VOHRA KEN 134
3. NIKHIL SACHANIA KEN 77
4. KARAN PATEL KEN 70



# Behind The Scenes, ARC Mkwawa Rally Of Tanzania Was Lit From The Onset

By Samson Ateka

THE OLD ADAGE IN MOTORSPORT THAT SUCCESS COMES AND GOES IN CYCLES RINGS TRUE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YASIN NASSER'S LAST-GASP EFFORT SECURED UGANDA'S FIRST ARC TITLE IN 26 YEARS, SINCE CHARLES MUHANGI'S TRIUMPH. ARC MKWAWA RALLY WAS MORE THAN JUST THRILLING MOTORING EXPERIENCE— IT REVEALED FASCINATING BEHIND-THE-SCENES STORIES. HERE ARE 10 INSPIRING FACETS OF THE ARC SEASON THAT SHAPED THE TANZANIAN ROUND:

## 1. YASIN NASSER'S DREAM COME TRUE

**P**rior to the rally, Yasin Nasser only had three national titles under his belt—two in Uganda and one on Tanzania NRC.

But Yasin entered his name in the annals of ARC history despite not winning a single event. Together with partner Ali Katumba, they headed into Morogoro with an 8-point cushion over Kenyan rival Samman Vohra. Samman only needed to win the Power Stage and indeed maintain his eventual second position. This would mean a 135 point tie, but Samman would then prevail on the “cleanest furthest” rule having won two rounds outright. So, Samman's second fastest on the Power Stage handed Yasin a point advantage and the coveted title last won by a Ugandan (Charles Muhangi) in 1999.

## 2. DEAN'S “RED SOCKS” TRADITION

One of the most prominent and omnipresent media personalities at ARC Mkwawa Rally was Dean Mark. Asked what informs the choice of his “red socks”, Dean

explains: “It is just my trademark, I don't believe in any superstition whatsoever. Been wearing them for as long as I have been in rallying in February 1997.”

## 3. MECHANIC MIKE MWANGI'S TANZANIA AFFILIATION

Mike Mwangi was no doubt one of the star attractions at the Service Park. Mwangi has served as the Chief mechanic of Tanzanian duo of Randeep “Sunny” Birdi and Manveer Birdi for a couple of years. Recently in Kenya, he serviced Steve Rose at the Legends Classic Rally. He is still active in classic rallies, also having serviced for the likes of Lee Rose in the Ford Escort. Last year, Mwangi helped Manveer win the Tanzania Rally Championship.

“I serviced Flash (Tundo) in two rallies. Back in the day, I was also a junior member of Patrick Njiru's team run by SMSG. I have won so many rallies with my drivers that I cannot remember. I was with SEAT World Rally Team in the Safari for Didier Auriol (1994 world champion) and Toni Gardemeister.

## 4. DAVE SIHOKA'S POTENTIAL ARC RETIREMENT

Four-time African Rally navigators' champion Dave Sihoka hinted at retiring from the ARC after the 2026 season to focus on mentoring young talent. Sihoka, originally from Zambia, is currently based in Botswana but has been rallying in the Tanzania NRC from the past one decade.

## 5. AHMED HUWEL'S BOLD DREAM TO ECLIPSE R5s







Ahmed Huwel, a seasoned Tanzanian rally driver, has ambitious plans to compete in a full season of the ARC with the goal of winning his country its first continental title. Huwel will be driving a Toyota GR Yaris Rally2, the same car he used to finish third in the Mkwawa Rally of Tanzania 2025, alongside co-driver Viljem Ošlaj.

#### 6. ALL-INDIAN CREW'S FULL ARC SEASON PLANS

All-Indian crew of Naveen Puligilla and Musa Sherif emerged the winners of ARC3 behind the wheel of a Ford Fiesta Rally3. The duo hopes to tackle a full season of ARC in their current Rally3 contraption. But Naveen will be counting on his co-driver Musa Sherif's experience, who is a seven-time Indian National champion co-driver competing in the Indian National Rally Championship (INRC).

#### 7. WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT: BUBBLY LYIMO & TUTA

Tanzania's Monica Lyimo was the sole lady competitor at ARC Mkwawa ARC Rally. Lyimo co-drove for compatriot Katic Valambia behind the wheel of a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII (Car Number 28) and here's what she said at the finish: "I had never done a 30 kms stage ever, but for two days, we managed a mammoth competitive total of 60 kms after the second pass on Serengeti speed test.

Another woman who featured prominently in Tanzania was an accomplished Kenyan navigator and international steward, Tuta Mionki, who served as the chairman of steward on ARC Tanzania in Morogoro.

#### 8. PRINCE CHARLES NYERERE AND CHARLES MAKE

#### HISTORY

The ARC 2025 season is a dream come true for Tanzanian driver Prince Charles Nyerere who missed out on the ARC2 title in 2023 when his car broke down in the last stage. This year, he has finally won it as a driver and his partner as a navigator.

#### 9. UGANDA RALLY HUNTERS" MERGES SPORT AND TOURISM

If you were in Morogoro, then you must have stumbled across an enthusiastic group of rally spectators who travelled by bus all the way from Uganda to support eventual African Champion Yasin Nasser. "Uganda Rally Hunters" are keen on redefining Sports tourism, by leveraging targeted solutions and creating tailored experiences that cater to the evolving needs of sports travellers.

#### 10. MKWAWA LEGACY TO BOOST NEXT YEAR'S RALLY

With great success and amazing fan support, through and through, Mkwawa Leaf have promised to sponsor the Tanzanian leg of the ARC in 2026. Such was the gusto and exhilaration as curtains came down on the iconic event in Morogoro.



# FIA ARC 2026 SEASON PROMISES TO BE A CLOSELY CONTESTED CHAMPIONSHIP

By Samson Ateka



**Y**asin Nasser etched his name in the FIA African Rallying Championship (ARC) history by becoming the first Ugandan driver to win the continental title in 26 years.

Nasser's remarkable achievement follows in the footsteps of compatriot Charles Muhangi, the last Ugandan to lay his hands on the coveted title in 1999.

His maiden African title is a testament to his consistency and determination; tackling the challenging terrain with perseverance, and indeed showcasing his ability to adapt to diverse conditions.

The Uganda driver accumulated 135 points, edging out Kenya's Samman Vohra by a single point. Nasser's win is set to inspire a new generation of Ugandan rally drivers, cementing his legacy in African motorsport.

"We have been keeping calm coming into this event. I would be lying if I say we didn't feel the pressure at one point," Yasin told Uganda's Kawowo Sport, adding: "But we decided to stick to our plan. The power stage points were so crucial in this. We did what we had to do and God willed it for us."

Nasser's title was sealed on the season-ending ARC Tanzania Mkwawa fixture, where Karan Patel took the win.

Despite finishing fourth in Tanzania and not winning a single rally in the 2025 ARC season, Nasser's consistent performances enabled him to accumulate the much-needed points, through and through..

## Karan Patel's Stunning Comeback

But Karan's win in Tanzania was a remarkable comeback story. After damaging his Skoda Fabia R5 in Rwanda and waiting for a replacement shell from Skoda, Patel was determined to make the most of his opportunity. He

not only won the event but also took 5 additional points for winning the Power Stage, showcasing his speed and cockpit grit.

## A New Era in ARC

Nasser's victory marks a new era in the ARC, ending Kenya's dominance in the championship. Kenyan drivers have long been a force to be reckoned with in the ARC, with notable drivers like Manvir Baryan, Jassi Chatthe, Shekhar Mehta, Don Smith and David Horsey enjoying success in the championship.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

As the championship looks to the future, the question on everyone's mind is: can anyone stop the Kenyan charge in 2026?

One thing is certain – the ARC will be an exciting championship to watch with newer machines now in the continental mix.

With Karan and Samman set to renew their rivalry, and new challengers emerging, the ARC is set to be more competitive than previous years.

And with Tanzanian driver Ahmed Huwell set to make his maiden full-season appearance behind the wheel of a Yaris GR Rally2, and the anticipated comeback of all-Indian crew of Naveen Puligilla and Musa Sherif in their Ford Fiesta Rally3, the tussle of "super cars" is expected to be even fiercer.

Given Musa's impressive background, that's a great advantage for Naveen. Musa Sherif is indeed a seasoned co-driver with seven Indian National Rally Championship titles under his belt, and he's known for navigating for top drivers like Gaurav Gill. Together, Naveen and Musa will likely make a formidable team.





### THE 2025 FIA ARC CHAMPIONS

**ARC DRIVERS CHAMPION:** YASIN NASSER-UG

**ARC CO-DRIVERS CHAMPION:** ALI KATUMBA-UG

**ARC2 DRIVERS CHAMPION:** PRINCE CHARLES NYERERE-TZ

**ARC2 CO-DRIVERS CHAMPION:** CHARLES NYERERE-TZ

**ARC3 DRIVERS CHAMPION:** NIKHIL SACHANIA-KEN

**ARC3 CO-DRIVERS CHAMPION:** DEEP PATEL-KEN

**JUNIOR ARC DRIVERS CHAMPION:** SAMMAN VOHRA-KEN







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# Road Trip Destinations to Spark Your Holiday Spirit

By Timothy Albrite

The festive season comes with a spirit of adventure and exploration. And for road-trip lovers and petrolheads, there's no better way to enjoy the holidays than hitting the open road. Whether you're travelling solo, rounding up your friends, or planning a family escape, a good road trip is an easy, affordable, and unforgettable way to experience Kenya's beauty. Here are some of the best destinations to fire up your engine and your sense of adventure this season.

## 1. Naivasha – The All-Rounder

Driving time: 2 hours

If there's one place that never runs out of things to do, it's Naivasha. Lakes, crater lakes, hikes, wildlife, and some of Kenya's coolest campsites, all in one destination.

### Highlights

- Game drive at Hell's Gate National Park
- Take a dip at the Olkaria Geothermal Spa
- Walk among wildlife at Crescent Island
- Camp by Lake Oliden under a sky full of star

If you love speed, swing by the Great Rift Valley Circuit (1.5 hours from Nairobi) for go-karting. It's one of the best tracks in Africa perfect with friends or family.

## 2. Sagana – For the Adrenaline Seekers

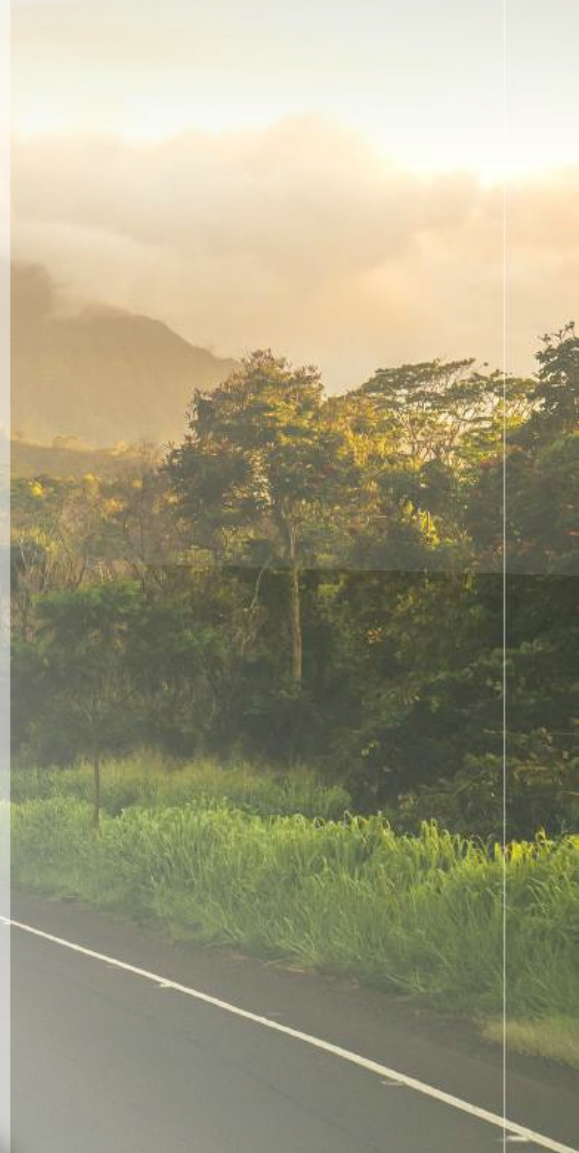
Driving time: 2 hours

If your heart likes racing faster than your engine, Sagana is your spot. It's Kenya's capital of extreme sports.

### Highlights

- Bungee jumping
- White-water rafting
- Rock climbing
- Kayaking
- Camping by the river

Sagana is that road trip you take when you need to feel alive again.





### 3. Nanyuki – A Weekend Classic

Driving time: 3 hours

Nanyuki's charm hits you the moment you arrive cool weather, wildlife, great food, and beautiful stays

#### Highlights

- A scenic drive past the flower farms of Timau
- Game drive at Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- Visit or stay at Ol Jogi Wildlife Conservancy
- Explore Ngare Ndare Forest and its iconic canopy walkway
- Lunch at Trout Tree Restaurant, a treehouse with fresh trout and playful Colobus monkeys

It's an easy, refreshing weekend escape from the city.

### 4. Nyeri – Rest, Nature, and Family Fun

Driving time: 3 hours

Nyeri blends adventure with tranquillity, making it ideal for families or couples.

#### Highlights

- Chaka Ranch – quad bikes, skating rink, paintball, and fun zones for kids and adults
- Solio Conservancy – a private wildlife haven often described as Kenya's best-kept secret
- If you're looking for romance or quiet, Solio never disappoints.



### 5. Kisumu – Sunsets, Slow Days, and Lakeside Magic

Driving time: ~6 hours (or a quick flight)

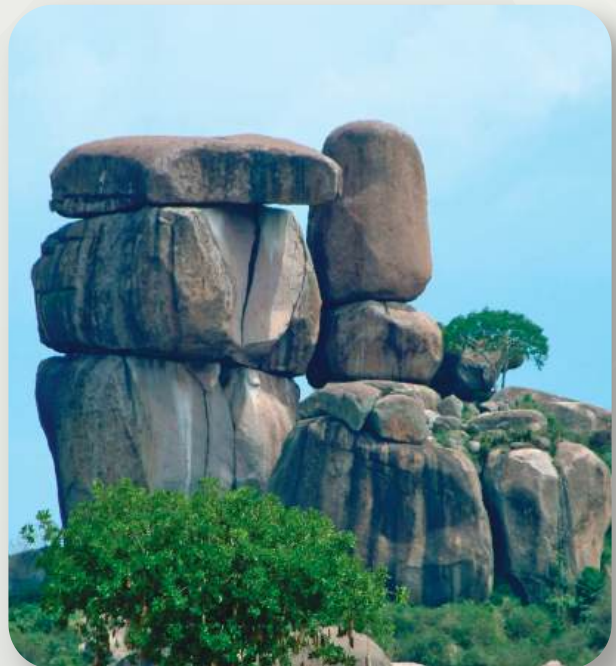
Kisumu invites you to slow down. Warm weather, soft breezes from Lake Victoria, and those famous orange sunsets make it perfect for travellers seeking beauty without the rush.



#### Highlights

- Boat rides on Lake Victoria – glide across calm waters, spot birds, and watch fishermen cast their nets at sunrise
- Fresh tilapia by the lake – Dunga and other Beaches offer it straight from the water
- Spectacular sunsets – catch them at Lélé Beach, Hippo Point, or any lakeside deck
- Fishing escapades – join local guides for peaceful morning fishing trips
- Kisumu Impala Sanctuary – scenic walks among impalas, zebras, and hippos
- Kit Mikayi – explore the legendary rock formation and hear stories from Luo culture

With its easygoing rhythm and endless lake views, Kisumu is perfect for a long, scenic weekend.





## 6. Taita Taveta County – Long Drive, Big Reward

Driving time: ~5.5-6 hours

It's a longer road trip, but incredibly rewarding.

### Highlights

- Game drives at Tsavo East or Tsavo West
- Explore Mzima Springs, one of Kenya's most beautiful natural sites
- Visit Lake Chala and Lake Jipe, two stunning border gems
- Perfect for travellers who want an extended weekend in the wild.

## 7. Nakuru – Nature, History, and City Vibes

Driving time: ~3 hours

Nakuru is scenic, lively, and packed with activities.

### Highlights

- Game drive at Lake Nakuru National Park
- Picnic at Lord Egerton Castle
- Hike Menengai Crater for breathtaking views

A great option if you want a mix of nature and culture.

## 8. Kereita – Adventure in the Forest

Driving time: ~1 hour

Close to the city, but feels completely removed from it.

### Highlights

- Ziplining on the longest zipline in East Africa
- Forest hikes
- Archery, horse riding, and paintball

Perfect for a half-day or full-day adventure.

## 9. Magadi – Hot, Wild, and Stunning

Driving time: ~3 hours

Magadi is raw, beautiful, and full of character.

### Highlights

- Picnic at Olorgesailie prehistoric site
- See the pink waters of Lake Magadi
- Visit natural hot springs and camp under the stars
- Interact with the Maasai and learn about their culture
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Ideal for travellers drawn to rugged, dramatic landscapes.

## 10. Lukenya – Short, Sweet, and Scenic

Driving time: ~1-1.5 hours

Just outside Nairobi, but it feels like a mini-safari escape.



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## Which One Is Your Name?

These places? Which one won't inspire your next road trip? Which one might inspire your next adventure.

Travels!

### Highlights

- Staycation at Lukenya Getaway
- Ride bicycles in the wild
- Quad biking, hoverboards, and camping at Lukenya Motocross
- Smooth, easy road all the way

A quick, refreshing getaway.

### 11. Machakos – Laid-Back, Fun, and Full of Surprises

Driving time: ~2 hours

Machakos is relaxed yet unexpectedly fun.

### Highlights

- Machakos People's Park – ziplining, skating, events
- Visit the amphitheatre
- Try the famous Kituluni Hill, where objects appear to roll uphill

A fun day trip with a quirky twist.

### 12. Namanga & Oloitoktok – Borderline Adventures

Perfect if you want a quiet escape, views of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and a laid-back cultural experience. Great for travellers who prefer less-crowded spots and scenic drives.

### More Worthy Mentions

- Amboseli National Park
- Maasai Mara
- Nyandarua County
- Arusha (Tanzania)

Point to note: Many of these destinations are accessible by matatu from Nairobi's CBD. Road trips don't always require a personal car, or organised transport by AA Destinations.





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