

Karanja case: Ruling today

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THE Chief Justice, Mr Cecil Miller, will this morning deliver a ruling on whether to allow the withdrawal of an application by the widow of the late Stephen Mbaraka Karanja.

Mrs Naomi Waithera Karanja last Friday sought to drop her intentions to question the legality by Mr Justice Miller to have removed the then Mr Justice Derek Schofield from hearing the controversial case relating to the mysterious disappearance of her late husband.

The widow through her advocate, Mr Obadiah Ngwiri, said that it was purposeless to proceed with the application in view of the fact that Mr Justice Schofield has since resigned in protest from the bench. The application had been overtaken by events and it was only desirable that it be withdrawn, she said.

But in a dramatic and unexpected turn of events, the deputy public prosecutor, Mr Bernard Chunga, opposed the withdrawal bid citing the interests of the public as a pertinent need for the application to proceed

and be heard on its own merits.

Mr Chunga told the court during the mention of the case last week that it was the feeling of the Attorney-General that the matter be argued out in court, so as to dispel the loose talk generated so far following the removal of the case from Mr Justice Schofield.

Everybody in Kenya, the State Prosecutor added, was anxious to be informed of the nature, intents and circumstances in which the matter was taken away from the initial judge (Justice Schofield) whom it was listed before for hearing.



WEATHER

THE Lake Basin, the Highlands west of Rift Valley and central Rift Valley: Sunny periods in the morning, isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

The Highlands east of Rift Valley and the Nairobi area: Cloudy early morning breaking into sunny intervals for the rest of the day.

North western Kenya, north eastern Kenya: Mainly sunny all day.

South eastern Kenya: Cloudy early morning, breaking into sunny intervals for the rest of the day.

The coastal strip: Isolated showers in the morning sunny intervals in the afternoon.

Coastal winds: North easterlies to easterlies at 10 knots.

Further outlook: Slightly increased cloudiness over the eastern sector of the country.

TEMPERATURES — Nairobi: Maximum 28 deg C, minimum 13 deg C. Sunrise 0644, sunset 1850. Mombasa: Maximum 33 deg C, minimum 23 deg C. Sunrise 0628, Sunset 1842.

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