

## ATTACKED TWICE

# Man in family property feud attacked in Ngong town

*His biggest mistake that aroused hate is allegedly because he married a Tanzanian. (a Muslim woman)*

### In Summary

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*Mzee Anthony Wakaba, 54, at Kenyatta National Hospital on Tuesday evening after the attack on Monday night.*

*Image: KURGAT MARINDANY.*

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“We looked for our father all over in Ngong but we had no idea where he was until the morning of Tuesday when reports came in that he had been attacked and dumped outside Ng'ang'a's bar,” claimed Gaitho.

Gaitho claimed that Nga'ng'a's son, Geoffrey called his younger brother, Joel Hassan to explain that their injured father had been dumped outside their club.

He said he has not reported the matter to the Ngong police because he had to rush his father to the hospital first.

“Doctors told me this morning that my father's condition is stable and this morning I am told he has started speaking. I left KNH at 3 am when he was still feeling dizzy,” said Gaitho.

### **Start of Wakaba's tribulation**

When Joyce Rehema crossed over to Kenya in the 1970s to work for a family in the Ngong town near Nairobi, she saw a bright future.

At the time, Rehema was only 18 years old after leaving school in her country to look for new job opportunities in Kenya to support her people back home.

After working as a house help at a home in Ngong town for some time, Rehema met with Wakaba.

Wakaba, at the time, was a well-to-do businessman known all over Ngong, Ongata Rongai and Kiserian as “Dr” Wakaba.

He earned the title “Dr” because he was selling medicine in all those towns. At the time, there were no chemist shops in the three major towns in the current Kajiado North sub-county.

Rehema, at her first sight, fell for Wakaba, the man of the moment. Wakaba did not disappoint.

### **Love**

“I just loved him and he loved me. I used to cross over our fence just to say hi to Anthony. From the look in his eyes, I saw a husband coming my way,” says Rhema.

Their relationship blossomed, and Wakaba's parents and brothers got a hint of what was going on. They approved of it.

The approval was short-lived, and problems emerged in 1987 after Rehema gave birth to Wakaba's first child, Edward Gaitho.

Wakaba's mother, his father, brothers and sisters except one turned against Rehema and accused her of “bringing children from outside” and claiming that she was impregnated by Wakaba.

Gaitho was only two days old in 1987 when his grandmother, grandfather, uncles and some of his aunts rejected him.

Rehema and her husband had just walked from the main road travelling from the Kenyatta National Hospital where Gaitho was delivered at its maternity.

“At Kenyatta National Hospital, **my birth documents were stolen**. Someone attempted to help us get the birth documents, but was not successful,” said Gaitho.

**Gaitho said his birth marked the beginning of many years of hate, bad blood and threats directed at his family members.**

### **Hijacked**

“In 1993, while I was about 5 years, my father was hijacked in Kiserian town where he had gone to sell medicines and was later found dumped on a roadside with multiple injuries,” said Gaitho.

Gaitho says his father was tortured by people unknown to him, who broke his leg and cut his mouth with a sharp object.

“The people of Kiserian found my father’s coiled body in a pool of blood near Kiserian slaughterhouse. They reported the matter to the police and my father was taken to hospital,” says Gaitho.

At the time, Gaitho said they lived at a place called Zambia in Ngong where his grandfather and grandmother lived.

Wakaba was hijacked and attacked in Kiserian town and left for the dead.

His grandfather, Eliud Wakaba Kanugu, Gaitho says, had two wives who had many children. His father was born by his first wife along with four other brothers.

Wakaba, 54, lost his memory after suffering the injuries inflicted on him during the attack in Kiserian.



*Anthony Wakaba awaiting surgery on his right leg at Kenyatta National Hospital.  
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