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## Kenya; Goldenberg Scam Whistleblower Dies

Former Central Bank of Kenya staffer who blew the whistle on the Goldenberg scandal has died a dejected man, 13 years after he was sacked.

Mr David Sadera Munyakei succumbed to pneumonia at Narok District Hospital where he had been admitted. It was Munyakei who provided MPs with documents detailing how Sh24 billion was siphoned from CBK in a week in 1993 through the bank's pre-shipment finance scheme.

The former clerk gave the documents to the then Ford-Kenya's first vice-chairman Paul Muite and Kisumu Rural MP Anyang' Nyong'o who tabled them in Parliament.

Munyakei told the Goldenberg Commission of Inquiry that he leaked the documents after a colleague warned him that the transactions between CBK and Exchange Bank, Trust Bank and Post Bank Credit, among other banks, were illegal.

In 2004, he was honoured with an integrity award and then Justice and Constitutional Affairs minister Kiraitu Murungi promised him and fellow whistleblower, James Lagat, that they would get their jobs back after the inquiry. But Munyakei was dismayed that the commission's report did not make any recommendations about him.

**Transparency International** (Kenya), had in 2004 launched a campaign to have CBK take back Munyakei. Since he was sacked in 1993, the father of three could not secure another job because his former employer would not give him a letter of recommendation.

Munyakei married in 1996 and has three daughters. Born in 1968 in Olokurto Location, Narok District, Munyakei attended Narok High School before joining Chavakali High School for his A levels between 1988 and 1989. He was employed at CBK in 1991.