

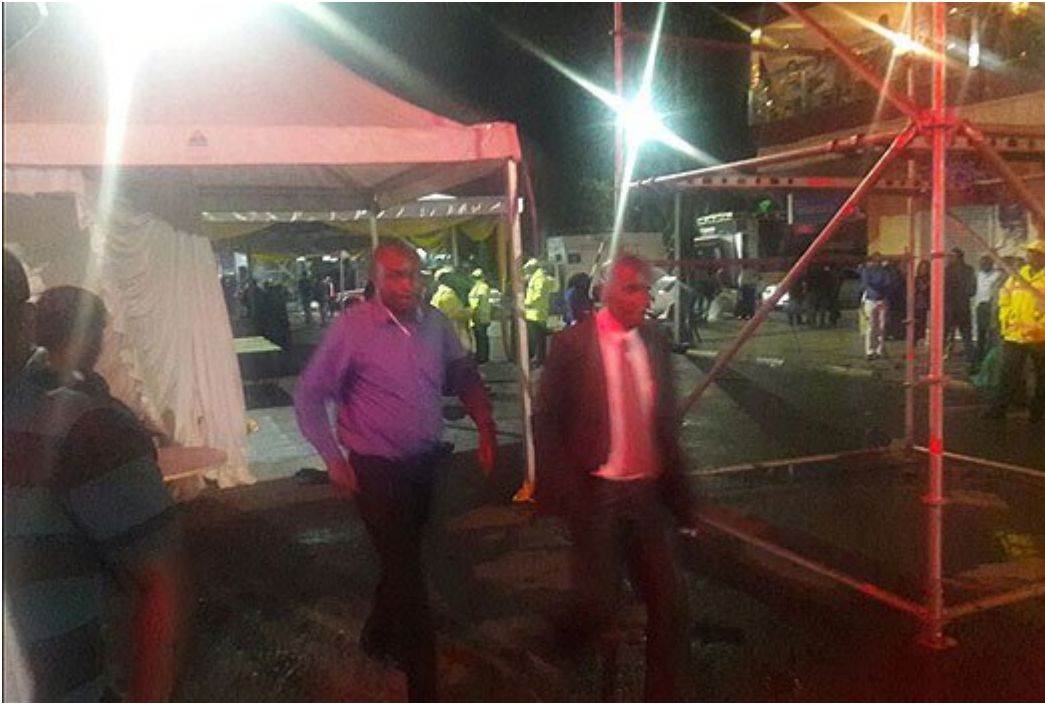
# Muslims win as Kidero bans beer festival in CBD at the last minute

*This headline has itself been criticised on the Nairobi [Nairobi News](#) and another Kenyan newspaper [the Star](#), the committee said facilitating the promotion of alcohol right at their doorstep of the mosque was not only an anathema but a provocation to members of the Muslim community.*

“We have gravely noted that Tusker promotion event by East African Breweries is being organized right outside our mosque. It is well known that due to adverse health and social effects of alcohol consumption, strict regulations aimed at limiting the consumption of alcohol have been enacted in the country and we cannot understand why the county council is going out of its way to encourage its consumption more so at the doorsteps of a religious institution,” read a letter addressed to governor Kidero.

The letter said the loud noise out of the event would interfere with prayers at the mosque.

Police deployed at the venue of the planned beer fest outside Mojo’s Club ordered for the immediate dismantling of tents and sound system (*below*) that had been set-up to entertain revellers



Performances by musicians Khaligraph Jones and Wangeci were expected.

*I don't know Swahili but the English language comments mostly support the Governor and criticise the brewery for choosing the wrong street. This is a sample.*

"I am in full agreement. We do not need these so called festivals that are actually a lame excuse for debauchery."

"Medi Medi Not Muslim won.....common sense prevailed, humanity and self conscious won the day."