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Photographer Antony Kaminju documents the daily lives of poor gold miners in the west of Kenya. Informal gold diggers sift through sand and mud along the riverbeds in Ikolomani area in Kakamega county 300km west of Nairobi in Kenya. They pan the sand in search of gold residue. The informal gold mining has been practised for years in Ikolomani, sometimes leading to deaths when the mines cave in as they occasionally do. However, that has not deterred others in a county rated among the poorest in the country. At the weekend they participate in bullfighting competitions where the whole village comes together to ululate and celebrate the winner. Community members of Kyayega village are thrilled by two bulls fighting it out during the competition that takes place in parts of western Kenya. The tradition is said to have started many centuries ago when bulls would fight if they happened to meet on the way from the river. The bull on the left, known as Likongo, won the fight.



IN SEARCH OF THE ELUSIVE GOLD

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