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Three Cabinet Secretaries To Appear In The Senate Tomorrow To Answer Questions



Zachariah Njeru.



Salim Mvurya.



Kithure Kindiki

By: Our Correspondent

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Three Cabinet Secretaries are expected to appear before the Senate tomorrow to answer questions from Senators.

The Cabinet Secretaries for Interior and National Administration Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development Zachariah Njeru and Salim Mvurya of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs have a day with the Senate over various issues

of national importance.

Prof. Kindiki will be responding to among others issues; the questions from Samburu County Senator Dr. Lelegwe Ltumbesi on the state of security in Samburu West Constituency in light of the deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) to support the ongoing security operation and measures that the Government has put in place to enhance security in Samburu County.

C S Njeru will respond to the question by Isiolo County Senator Fatuma Dullo on the reasons for the disparity in compensation between residents of Nuno Modogashe and

Isiolo affected by the Africa Gateway Project.

The Cabinet Secretary will be required to, in his response provide the criteria used in determining the compensation figures besides giving measures put in place by the government to ensure equitable compensation to the affected residents in both areas.

Among the questions that the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs will be responding to are the question by Sen. Veronica Maina on the state of infrastructure put in place to facilitate the exploration of Ocean

Renewable Energy and the initiatives put in place by the ministry to enhance the exploration of offshore gas and oil.

CS Mvurya will also be responding to the question by Sen. Fatuma Dullo on the rationale for the imposition of the existing moratorium on the issuance of mineral mining rights by the Government.

Further, the Cabinet Secretary will respond to questions from Sen. Veronica Maina on the extent of investment in terms of infrastructure by government for the country to explore and benefit from aquatic products, marine, aquaculture, and

blue biotechnology and also provide the number of Kenyan-owned fish vessels registered to operate in the Exclusive Economic Zone stating the measures put in place to enhance the participation of and investment by local fishermen in the Marine Exclusive Economic Zone.

The 3 Cabinet Secretaries will also be required to respond to any supplementary questions from the rest of the lawmakers.

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Mt Kenya East Counties Form Economic Bloc, Leaders Pledge Unity

By: KBC Digital

Kirinyaga, Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru County have formed an economic bloc that intends to spur growth and development in the four Mt Kenya East political bloc.

Led by Kirinyaga County Governor Ann Waiguru the bloc was in agreement that each of the counties should identify a mega project that will be supported by all the Mt Kenya East counties.

On the other hand Meru County will be allowed to come with its own Project owing to the fact that it is big in terms of land mass and population and can support the project on its own.

Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza also noted that the Unity and advice from the three governors helped solve the standoff that affected Meru county adding that she was on a development marathon.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki observed that the Counties will also be keen in construction of Aggregation business centers.

The leaders were speaking during a Thanksgiving Service by the Embu Governor.

Elected leaders from Embu noted their Unity has realised more development projects and cohesion between different communities living in the county.

Mbeere North MP Geoffrey Ruku took a swipe on Azimio leaders for trying to derail the Kenya Kwanza government.

Embu Diocese ACK Bishop, David Murithi led the Thanksgiving service at ACK St Francis Kanja Secondary School in Runyenjes Constituency.

Mbarire was accompanied by Embu first Gentleman Dennis Apaa and other family members.



Mt Kenya East counties have formed an economic bloc that intends to spur growth and development .

Kenya, Botswana Explore Ways Of Deepening Relations For Mutual Benefit

By: Beth Nyaga

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday held bilateral engagements with the President of the Republic of Botswana Dr Eric Mokgweetsi Masisi at the Office of the President in Gaborone.

During their meeting, the two parties discussed a number of issues aimed at deepening relations for mutual benefit of their people.

Key among the issues was inter-state agreements to increase trade volumes under the frameworks of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AFCFTA), Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement, among others.

With more than 3,000 Kenyans in Botswana, Gachagua says they explored ways of making it easy for

professionals who live and work in the Southern Africa country.

“We will continue improving our collaboration under the Joint Permanent Commission for Cooperation framework signed between the two nations in 2001,” he said.

Gachagua in addition thanked President Masisi on behalf of President William Ruto for hosting his delegation and accepting Nairobi’s invitation to participate in the UN Habitat Assembly in June, 2023.

The Deputy President was accompanied by the second lady Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, Principal Secretary for State Department for Diaspora Affairs Roseline Njogu and Kenya High Commissioner to Botswana Mohamed Shidiye.



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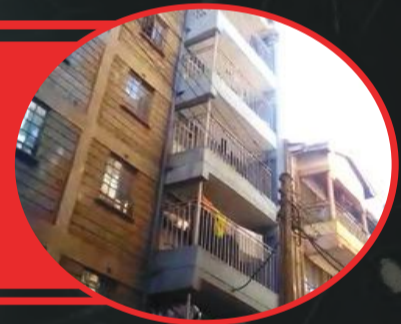
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Mudavadi Lauds Disciplined Forces For Being A Beacon Of Hope In Ensuring Stability Of The Nation

By: Our Correspondent
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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has commended the work of the disciplined men and women in various services in the country for their tireless dedication and commitment in serving the nation and its citizens in various capacities.

Mudavadi says the strides being made by Kenyans in the discipline service are worth tremendous recognition since many have sacrificed and worked hard towards cultivating a public service that is fit for service delivery.

“It is always a moment of joy and pride to Kenyans and to our nation when we see disciplined men and women marching high and taking an oath committing to serve you the President and the nation in various capacities. I want to congratulate all the men and women who have been honoured today after completing their package of training,” said Mudavadi.

He was speaking at the Kenya Prisons Staff Training College in Ruiru, Kiambu County where he accompanied President William Ruto who presided over the graduation of 222 Prison Cadet Officers who have completed their 13 months training course in their field of service.

“Our disciplined forces, our men and women in uniform, have been a beacon of hope that this country is stable and shall remain to be stable as a country that observes the rule of law,” added Mudavadi.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi at Ruiru Prison yesterday.

Worth Noting:

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“This has also gone beyond our borders because a lot of these men and women are always called upon to serve beyond our borders in peace keeping missions, efforts and training of other nations people.”

remarked Mudavadi pointing out Kenya’s continuous commitment in ensuring peace and stability within the East African Region, Africa as a continent and globally.

“That is a clear recognition that Kenya has made tremendous strides in ensuring that we cultivate the right kind of public service and a public service that is fit for purpose and that which is able to ensure its stability, and that is what a robust economy requires,” said Mudavadi.

The Prison Cadet Officers who

graduated yesterday have been challenged to be agents of change with their line of duty by embracing the rehabilitation and reforming of offenders as a change of culture from punitive punishment and rebuke.

They have been called upon to work towards ensuring those who leave the correctional facilities, come out as better people than the way they joined the facilities so that when they are integrated back to the society, they be persons of great repute and contribution within the society.

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We Can Achieve A Lot Together In The Fight Against Cancer - Mudavadi



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi joined President William Ruto at the official commissioning of CyberKnife.

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The commissioning of the state of art, CyberKnife treatment centre at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital, KUTRRH has been termed as a major stride towards revolutionizing cancer treatment not only in Kenya but also in the region.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi who joined President William Ruto at the official commissioning of the facility, has termed the move as a major milestone towards curbing the cancer menace in Kenya and the region.

Mudavadi said with the precision of the CyberKnife treatment as elaborated by the experts in oncology the technology will soon become a game-changer in the treatment of cancer.

“There is a famous saying that you have executed something with the precision of the surgeon. Now we get a new vocabulary and we shall be talking of CyberKnife precision. When I was listening to the experts and they were able to tell us that the CyberKnife is able to be as precise as a single hair strand; that is the laser can become as small as a human hair strand, then that tells you that indeed technology can take us very far,” said Mudavadi.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary further noted that with such advancements in technology, and with the ever-evolving global competition, Kenya now stands at an advantageous position as far as embracing technology in the health sector is concerned.

However, he stated that much more has to be done by Kenyans collectively for us to achieve and realize the much-needed progress not only in the health sector but also in the other sectors of the economy.

“This is indeed a milestone and it tells us that Kenyans can achieve a lot if we are focused, if we can have that CyberKnife precision then we can go places if we reflect this and match such technological innovations in other sectors” added Mudavadi.

Cancer being the third leading cause of death in Kenya according to research, the CyberKnife treatment which delivers radiation therapy with precision to cancerous and non-cancerous tumors according to medical experts will indeed offer an alternative to convention cancer treatment.

Mudavadi says the pain that comes with cancer both physical, emotional and financial calls for a collective effort from both the government, global partners, the private sector, key stakeholders in various sectors and the citizenry at large to support such initiatives as the establishment of the CyberKnife Centre at

KUTRRH.

“Some of the diseases highlighted here are diseases that bankrupt families. First of all, you inflict the emotional pain then they inflict the financial pain. Many families have gone to ruin because either they have not been able to access this kind of medical service at an affordable cost, at a realistic cost or alternatively because it is not there at all,” said Mudavadi as he lauded this move as a bold step in making Kenya one of the first in this particular technology in the region.

In Africa, Kenya becomes the second country after Egypt to have such a world-class and state of the art Cancer Treatment facility.

The CyberKnife system uses advanced technologies to track tumors in the body, while its unique robotic design keeps the radiation on target even while the tumor moves.

Before delivering the radiation beam, the CyberKnife System is the only device that verifies the exact tumor position then adjusts the robot to precisely target the tumor. This helps to ensure radiation is delivered to where the tumor is, not to where it was moments before.

NTSA Gives Its Director General A Compulsory Leave Of 30 Days



Chairman of NTSA Aden Noor Ali.

By: John Kariuki
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Board members of Kenya Transport and safety authority NTSA has given its director general George Njau a compulsory leave of 30 days and appointed Cosmas Ngeso as the acting DG

Speaking during a press conference in Nairobi, the chairman of NTSA Aden Noor Ali said the action was taken so as to investigate some of the information they need to get until the board will decide otherwise

The board also said measures will

be taken to restore safety and sanity of our roads including strictly enforcing the NTSA (operation of PSV) Regulations 2014 like requirement of a valid inspection for all vehicles, road service licences for all vehicles, valid driving licences and PSV badges for all drivers and conductors

Following public service and operators or saccos who have been involved in fatalities in the last 30 days, their licences have been suspended with immediate effect such as Taita Taveta, Tahmeed sacco, Team Swat logistics & Management Limited and Kyoga Hauliers Kenya Limited



Governors Threaten To Shut Counties In Two Weeks Over Delayed Funds



Council of Governors chairperson and Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru reading a statement while flanked by her colleagues yesterday..

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Governors have threatened to shut down counties in the next two weeks over the lack of funds from the national government to run their operations.

Council of Governors Chairperson Anne Waiguru, who is the Governor of Kirinyaga County said the delay has put devolution under serious threat because most counties have not even paid salaries for months.

“We, therefore, call upon the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to immediately release the Sh94.35 billion owed to County Governments without any further delay. By dint of this, the Council of Governors hereby issues a 14-day notice to shut down Counties if February, March, and April arrears are not released within two weeks,” she told a news conference yesterday.

Most counties have announced stalled operations, with workers threatening to go on strike.

“The four-month delay is unprecedented in the history of devolution and negates the spirit of the meet-

ing held in Naivasha between His Excellency The President and the Governors,” Waiguru said who was flanked by her colleagues.

Through the Council of Governors, the county chiefs lamented the delayed disbursement of funds by the National Treasury has crippled operations and delivery of critical services to the residents.

The council Vice-Chairman Ahmed Abdullahi said some counties like Nairobi had not received their share of revenue for up to six months.

“We are informing Kenyans that we have absolutely no option but to ask workers to go home until such a time when counties are funded,” Abdullahi noted.

County bosses presented gloomy faces, a sign that all is not well in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Sources told this publication that most of the governors have exhausted their overdraft privileges and were worried that if nothing is done within the next few days, things will get out of hand.

The consequences include workers going on strike and contractors plus supplies moving to court over non-payment of work, supply of goods, or services undertaken.

Early this month, the government through President William Ruto, his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua and other senior officials made public the financial crisis they are facing after it emerged that its coffers were empty and couldn’t even pay salaries to its nearly 700,000 public servants.

The government is on record saying they will not incur more debts to settle some of its obligations like settling salaries but will instead rely on taxes paid by citizens.

Since coming to power last September, the Presidency has been accusing the former Jubilee regime of running down the government and leaving nothing for the tenants in the highest political seat in the country.

Free Medical Camp In Thika Benefits Thousands Of Residents



A medic attending to a patient during the free medical camp

By: Hellen Lunalo
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Thousands of residents from Thika East area were treated to free medical services after various organization hosted a camp for less fortunate members of the society.

The medical camp brought together various stakeholders in the health sector, among them officials from Thika Level 5 hospital, Lions Club of Thika and Sisters of Mercy.

According to Thika Level 5 Board Member Caroline Mukami, the rising cost of living had caused many individuals to refrain from seeking medical services due to financial constraints with majority opting to self-medicate which was dangerous for their health and well-being.

“This is our community and we are a referral hospital, so we want to see how we can give better services to the people at the grassroots level.

This kind of camp also brings awareness on the issues faced by the people on the ground, which helps us collect data on the services that are urgently needed.

We plan to make this an annual event and we are optimistic that this partnership will grow so we can have the necessary resources desired for the services required,” Mukami said.

“A major part of the reason why medical care is not affordable in the country is because of the high cost of medicine, as most medicines are imported.

I strongly believe that a lot of phar-

maceutical supplies can be manufactured in the country which will go a long way in reducing the cost of purchase for individuals seeking medical care.

We urge the government to come up with policies that support local pharmaceutical manufacture to help us contribute more effectively to the country’s universal health-care coverage,” she observed.

Speaking to journalists, Emma Wathoni, a resident of the area said she was grateful for the services that she received.

“It has been raining and the weather has changed, so there are a lot of infections that are going around. I’ve brought my son who is 3 years old to the pediatric ENT clinic as he was quite unwell and I couldn’t afford proper medical care, seeing as I am a casual farm labourer earning Sh300 a day. My son has been treated and given medicine.

We have also received care baskets containing maize flour, rice, sugar and beans which will feed us for a week or so,” she said.

The camp took place at St Immaculate hospital in Kilimambogo in an effort to offer quality free medical services to residents in the sub-county who have challenges accessing health care. The specialists available focused on Ear, Throat and Nose ailments, eye infections, dermatological issues and various chest illnesses.

Discipline Yourself For The Purpose Of Godliness



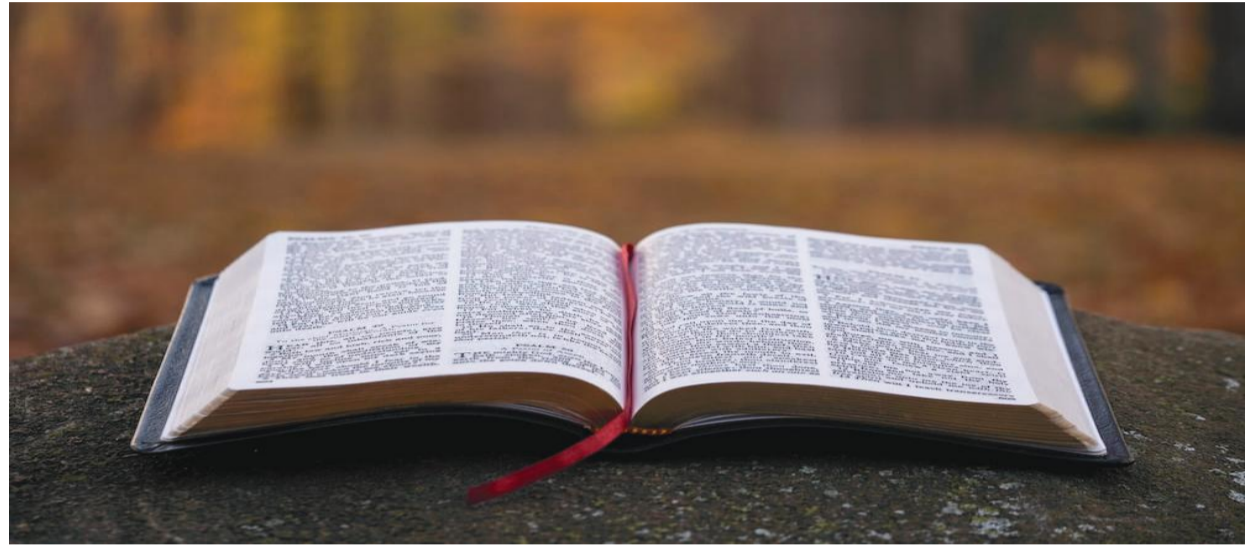
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Men, what a challenge Ephesians 5 presents us — sacrificial love (love is like death!), sanctifying love (love that elevates), and self-love (loving your wife as much as you love your own body). If this calls for anything, it calls for some holy sweat. As Walter Trobisch said, “Marriage is not an achievement which is finished. It is a dynamic process between two people, a relation which is constantly being changed, which grows or dies.” Men, the all-encompassing call to love our wives as Christ loved the Church demands specific disciplines.

Amongst these are disciplines of

communication, fidelity, time for romance, preference, amongst others, al, geared towards making the marriage a success. I point out that the Scriptures call us to “put on love” (Colossians 3:14) — and despite the canard about such love being hypocritical, it is NEVER hypocrisy to put on a Christian grace. The truth is, marriages which depend on being “in love” fall apart. Those which look back to the wild promises they vowed in the marriage ceremony are the ones who make it. There is NO SUBSTITUTE FOR COVENANT PLUS COMMITMENT.

Many other “disciplines” could be named, most of which are implicit in what is discussed above: for example, tenderness, sensitivity, patience — but the bottom line is to work at it. In the fire of new love, marriage seems as easy as falling off a log. Actually, it is as easy as staying on a log. It requires careful attention, developed skill, and work. Men, are you working on the second most important relationship of your



life (God is first)? Sweat any lately? No perspiration, no progress. No pain, no gain. Let us bow to God’s Word: “[A]ct like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love” (1 Corinthians 16:13, 14, NASB) Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.

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Bishop Mutemi Opines Opposition And Deputy Shhould Sit In National Assembly And Senate Respectively

By: Waithaka Kariuki
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It’s important for the second arm of government – the Parliament to get it right in its quest for its three fold role which includes oversight, legislation and representation.

From where I sit, I strongly recommend an amendment to the Constitution in order to include the clause providing that the official leader of the Opposition should sit in the National Assembly and that The Deputy Leader of the Opposition should seat in the Senate.

In this move, it will ensure that the issues they are pushing for are articulated right on the floor of the House.

This will elevate their status from just being corridor discussants to having a say on the floor of the

House.

This will also cure the perennial demonstrations which have cost our Nation economically.

This is also the best way to contain the leader of Opposition Raila Amollo Odinga and his brigade which include Martha Karua, Kalonzo Musyoka, Eugene Wamalwa among others.

Involving them for the so called bipartisan talks when they are outside Parliament may not bear much fruit.

Their position in parliament ought to be entrenched in the constitution.

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Bishop Robert Mutemi.

Raila's Push For Reconstitution Of IEBC Bound To Raise Queries



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Worth Noting:

- Upon being challenged, he would not reveal the name or any details of the so-called whistle blower. How did he expect Kenyans to believe this person existed? Why did he fail to use this evidence during his petition at SCoK?
- This aside, Raila stated. I have come back to fight for my rights and those of millions of Kenyans who voted for me. Mr Ruto (he would recognize him as the president) is 'occupying my seat'.
- If he fails to leave State House for me on his own volition, we shall march there and force him out. Having exhausted legal means, this time Raila had no option other than to lead street demonstrations.



Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition Raila Odinga

I have been closely monitoring and analysing the unfolding political developments since President William Ruto and his deputy Rigathi Gachagua assumed power.

Initially, the leadership of the the opposition under the banner of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition appeared to have grudgingly accepted the defeat and ready to move on. This is after the Supreme Court of Kenya (SCoK) dismissed thier petition and upheld the Dr Ruto's victory.

But five months later, Azimio leader Raila resurfaced and dropped what he termed as a bombshell. He alleged a whistleblower 'working with IEBC' and 'who was stationed at the national tallying center at the Bomas of Kenya' has presented to him a dossier showing that he had won the elections.

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This is not the first time Raila would make claims of election rigging and incite his supporters to participate in protests that always turned chaotic, bloody and destructive.

In the aftermath of 2007 and 2013 and 2017 general elections, respectively, he had played a similar card.

Then, he had managed to blackmail and arm-twist the incumbent head of states-Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

This cleared the way for him to sit on the high table where the national cake was being shared.

It followed that his role as a whistle blower would fizzle out immediately after taking his share.

This time, he has once again succeeded to drive our country into political crisis.

While taking cognizant that he took the oath of office to protect the lives of Kenyans and their properties, President William Ruto has since stepped in to restore normalcy and stability.

But unlike his predecessors, he has demonstrated that he want to deal differently with this recurring challenge. The bigger picture is to ensure the matter is sorted out once and for all.

His strategy is two-fold. First, the bipartisan talks must be held within the parameters of law and constitution.

Secondly, there is no room for a 'nusu mkate' or a 'handshake' government.

Well, the reconstitution of IEBC, particularly the selection panel that will recruit the commission's new chairperson and other six commissioners, is one of Azimio's key demands.

Yes, I agree that perhaps there are grey areas that need to be addressed. However, the question is. How come Raila's bitterness and war with IEBC always rear an ugly head after the elections?

What if he is one who had been

declared the winner? I'm sure he would immediately congratulate the commission for doing a superb job.

To me, it is a bad precedent to replace the commissioners and push for unnecessary electoral reforms after every election cycle.

If Raila did not trust the commission, one would expect him to boycott the election.

The constitutional mandate of the IEBC is to count and tally votes cast and thereafter declare the winner.

This would happen after Kenyans, who are registered as voters, exercise their constitutional and democratic rights of voting for the candidates of their choice.

With this, I think the Kenya Kwanza side has a point. The issue of reconstituting the IEBC shouldn't be given much attention during the bipartisan talks.

Joseph Mutua Ndonga is a writer and political analyst based in Nairobi

Only Time Can Heal What Reason Cannot

By: N. George

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Worth Noting:

- When passing through a certain location you may get afraid yet you cannot pinpoint at what is scaring you but upon informing all those you are with they dismiss your allegations even at times ask for evidence.
- Much as you can explain what you feel you cannot show further evidence it is only over time when an incidence happens in that location when they will agree with your intuition. In the mean time they are likely to take you as a fear monger some may even hurl insults to you.
- Many will ask why only you who is making such allegations. This will make you bitter until that time when what you were sensing comes into fruition that your statement will be validated.



A Rome based stoic philosopher called Seneca argued that time is a healer of all that cannot be healed through reasoning. True to his observation there are encounters you go through in life especially the bitter ones, you find absolutely no reason for undergoing through them and wonder why it is you to experience them and till when.

In an unrecorded deal between two people the evidence is restricted only to both parties. Respect to each other for those involved will make either of the party to honour the deal. However, if either of the party decides to disown the deal his counterpart is not in a position to force him to accept through producing witness or evidence but he will be left a bitter person unable to trust his colleague in future. It is through passage of time that he will have other encounters in life that will divert his attention from what is currently bothering him thus reduce bitterness from the past encounter.

Nature is quiet unforgiving as anyone you mistreat will make you too to encounter such an instance whether by that person or another. This will manifest in one form or another so you cannot easily predict with an aim of preventing unless you seek reconciliation with the one you wronged. When the person you mistreated happened to know what is happening to you he will treat it as nature revenging on his behalf.

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ing such allegations. This will make you bitter until that time when what you were sensing comes into fruition that your statement will be validated.

In bible book of Luke 4:24, Jesus talks of how a prophet is not accepted in his home town. This is because those he is talking to are able to trace his history and make conclusions based on it thinking that today is only based on events of yesterday. Those who hear him are not afraid to ashame him as they claim to know both his strengths as well as his weaknesses.

Indeed he is inflicted with pain as his message is ignored or openly criticized only for time to vindicate him as his message comes to fulfillment.

Those involved in work of innovation whether intentionally or accidentally usually do not get warm reception as people are unwilling to accept new products. They wonder why the innovator is not contented with the status quo.

Some see him as a person whose intentions are influenced by need for money or fame hence finding faults in whatever exists. The innovator will be the laughing stock until that time when the few who will accept, purchase and use his product then popularize it succeed as compared to his critics. The rest of society will see it fashionable and economical to have such a product and the credit will go to the innovator.

The older generation while advising the young ones are often seen as outdated idea wise until that time when their audience comes to experience what they were warned about then remember the teachings of their seniors and shamefully go to them and ask for remedies of dealing with such situations. The elder is respected henceforth and past wounds healed as he is no longer taken as a liar or old fashioned.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Key To End Overcrowding In Prisons

By: Beth Nyaga

Alternative dispute resolution platforms will be instituted to tackle crowding in prisons.

President William Ruto said more space will also be made available to accommodate growing prison population.

He said work is in progress to identify and develop new prison sites. "This move will provide ample opportunities to impart skills via correctional services in the spirit of rehabilitation and reform."

The President made the remarks on Monday during the pass-out parade of 222 Prisons Officer Cadets at the Prisons Staff Training College in Ruiru.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki, Defense Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale, Commissioner-General of Prisons John

Warioba, among other leaders, were present.

According to data, more than 10,000 prisoners are serving sentences of less three years.

Further, 41 per cent of the prison population is awaiting trial for bailable offences.

"It is important for stakeholders in the justice value chain to consider alternatives to imprisonment for minor sentences," said the President.

He asked the Judiciary to provide leadership in the matter and the Attorney-General to initiate necessary engagements.

The President lauded the prisons authority for aligning its correctional services with the Government's transformational agenda.

The President explained that the rehabilitation and correction framework now focuses on reform, re-direction and the empowerment of prisoners for effective social participation.

Mudavadi on his part asked the graduands to remain professional at



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their work.

"Be guided by the rule of law so that Kenya can remain a beacon of stabil-

ity in the region."

On his part, Prof Kindiki said a clear career progression in prisons will be

observed to boost morale of officers.

Kenya Welcomes Further Collaboration With Cuba On Strengthening UHC

By: Christine Muchira

Kenya has welcomed further collaboration with the Cuban government to strengthen the Primary Health Care systems for Universal Health Coverage.

The Principal Secretary Public Health and Professional Standards Dr. Josephine Mburu, Monday met with the Cuban Ambassador to Kenya, Juan Rodriguez, to discuss the ongoing cooperation between the two countries in the field of health.

The bilateral agreement, which was signed in 2018, aims to enhance cooperation in areas such as the exchange and training of health workers and research.



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My Teacher



DilaFroz Eshankulova Alisher qizi, was born on March 25, 1984 in the city of Margilon, Fergana region.

He is married. He has three children. He has been interested in poetry since childhood. He started his first poetry lessons in creative circles. Actively participated in several creative competitions. Examples of creations were published in international newspapers, magazines, International Almanacs, and in large collections of republican artists called "Dormon durdonalri".

Several large collections have been published in Turkish and Azerbaijani languages. He has mastered Arabic, Turkish, Russian, and English languages. He can easily create in

the genre of poems, poems, ghazals, lobar, couplets, triplets and qasidas. He also plays the audio of his poems himself. His audios are presented to the public on many social networks and radios of our republic. Active participation in national and international creative contests online. He has been awarded with several 1st degree diplomas and certificates and is preparing his book for publication entitled "My dreams that cannot fit into the sky". He is the author of more than 40 scientific articles. DilaFroz Eshankulova Alisher qizi. Senior teacher of Uzbekistan State University of World Languages. Member of "Dormon creative club", member of "DUNYO" talent fund of Kazakhstan, member of "IJODKOR" literary association of Kazakh Uzbeks under "FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY", member of Kyrgyz writer's union.

DilaFroz Eshankulova

Translate by: Madina Mahammadrizoyeva

Dreams Come True



Shavkat Mirziyoyev: Ibrat maktabini bitirgan yoshlar...

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Dream, plan, make that plan a goal.

organizer, and volunteer of many projects.

To Myself



"- I used to say that one day I will become a journalist."

As I grew older, I graduated from school, and after school, I graduated from high school. I worked hard on myself to make my voice beautiful.

Today I am 19 years old. I can make people in a big hall look at me. All this is due to my interest in journalism. To be a journalist, you need to read more books, communicate freely, and have a wide range of thinking to become a public speaker. When you're in front of the screen, you need to be able to control your emotions and be the master of your own soul. I was more interested in writing poetry since I was young. My first story "Don't be proud" was published in the 6th grade. I started appearing on TV since I was in the 8th grade.

As I participated in and won many contests, I was invited to appear on television for a special number. I participated in Surkhandaryo TV programs "Munavvar Kun" and "Assalam Surkhan". Later, I also worked as a reporter on "Ishanch" TV channel. As I begin my career as a journalist on this channel, I would like to thank my teacher Begzod Kadyrov, the person who most closely introduced me to this field.

They spared no time to teach us. They taught us how to behave in front of the screen, how to speak, from our dressing culture to our hairstyle. It was very difficult to describe my excitement when I picked up the microphone for the first time.

A journalist should always be rich in news. He has to be patient and endure his own difficulties. I am currently studying at the Nukus State Pedagogical Institute, majoring in bachelor's education.

The threshold of UzJoku, which I wanted, is now a dream for me. But I have a purpose in my heart. One day I will definitely study my master's course at UzJoku. I am working for this now.

Future journalist Adiba Pardabayeva

I personally had a dream, when I was in kindergarten; I dreamed that I can do as my aunt's daughter when her daughters met the president and received the state award named after Zulfiya as the world and Uzbekistan champions. Even when I was in school, I had a dream, but I didn't know how to make it happen, and in the 5th grade, I learned how to plan, and I made videos to motivate myself. When I was in the 8th grade, when the Is'haqkhan Ibrat School was opened, I was assigned to study and entered the 15th place to the school. In

2018, one of my dreams in kindergarten came true, that is, by the grace of God, I shook hands with the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev on May 3, 2018, and I set my plans as a goal. I focused on my goal and didn't even

listen to the people around me. After some years, I graduated my school and enrolled at Uzbekistan State University of World Languages, another dream came true, because I became a student of my dream university. I did not stop saying "my dreams have come true, that's it", I strengthened my efforts in order to properly use the opportunities given to young people due to their language skills, and until now I have been a participant, coordinator,

I am blogging because of my interest; I have been sharing my achievements and my knowledge of how to have these achievements for more than 1000 young people. In addition, I also made students through my personal projects. Never stop DREAMING, making PLANS to achieve your dreams, and setting GOALS to make them happen. It won't happen today, it won't happen tomorrow, it won't come true after months, but I know for sure that dreams will come true after YEARS. For this, I advise you to work hard[smart], pray, and not deprive your parents of their blessings.

Alisherova Dilshoda Azizxon qizi



Alisherova Dilshoda's blog

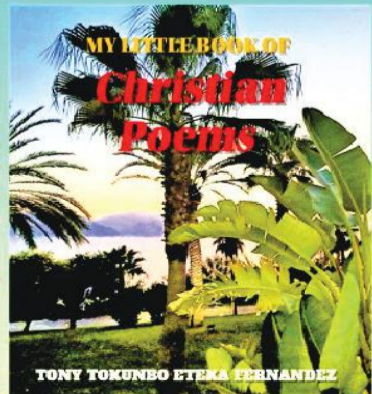
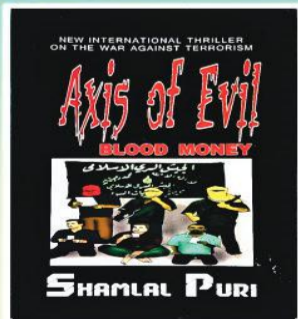
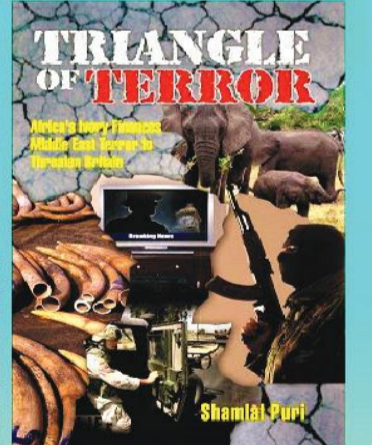
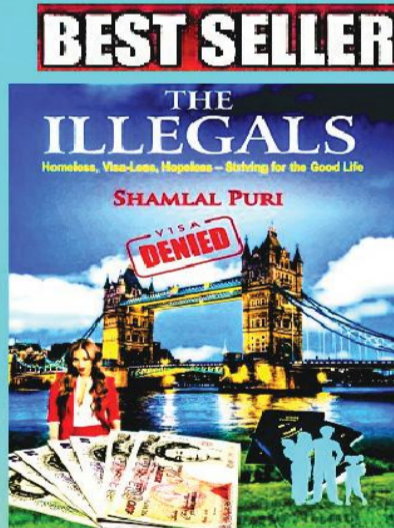
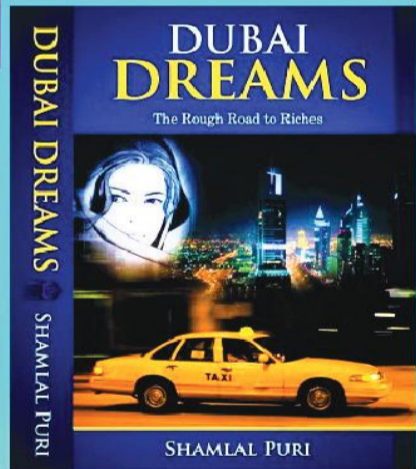
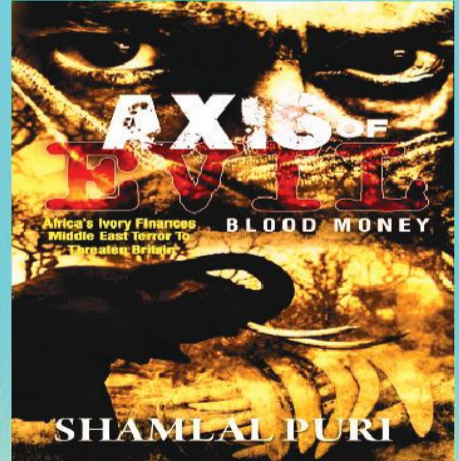
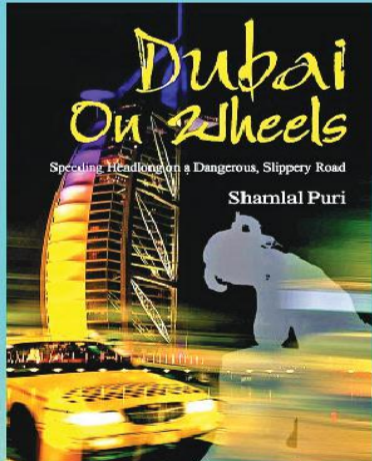
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PARENTING

Parents Urged to Closely Monitor their Children to Curb Indiscipline Cases



By: Elizabeth Angira



Kisii County Member of Parliament Dorice Donya Aburi at Tendere Grounds, Bomachoge Chache, donating food stuff and clothes to the residents. Photo/Elizabeth Angira

Worth Noting:

- She blamed it on the failure of the parents and guardians to tame their children in their early stages noting that, children fall into peer pressure and end up getting pregnant or abusing drugs and alcohol as their parents and guardians are usually busy trying to earn a living.
- “Parents should be close to their children and talk to them to understand the hurdles they face and guard them, saying it’s easy for parents and guardians to discover when their children are engaging in questionable activities if they take time to talk to them,” said Donya.

Kisii County Member of Parliament Dorice Donya Aburi has urged parents and guardians to closely monitor their school ongoing children behavior as a way to curb indiscipline cases and early teen pregnancies.

Speaking at Tendere Ground, Bomachoge Chache, during donation of food stuffs and clothes to the residents, under Donya Charity Mission program, she said that parents have been tasked with the responsibility of guarding their children when they are young by safeguarding their movement and how they spend time in an effort to ensure that they engage in productive activities.

Donya said that parents and guardians can determine their children’s future character by disciplining them when they are young, keeping them occupied and knowing their company.

According to her majority of the girls drop out of school due to early teen pregnancies forcing them to be

at home ruining their lives.

Donya noted that as a result of parents being absent in their children’s life, many vices such as drug abuse, teenage pregnancies and early marriages have been on the rise.

“Parents and guardians have the collective responsibility of working around the clock in order to shape your children’s character,” she said.

According to her cases of early pregnancy, HIV and AIDS infections, drugs and substance abuse have been on the rise and majorly are being contributed by close relatives whom parents trust so much to take care of their children hence end up turning to be the ghosts.

She added that cases of drug abuse and teenage pregnancies were on the rise, primarily because children have been left alone without proper guidance and counselling, especially during the holiday season.

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Abandoning responsibility

She noted that many parents have abandoned their roles and left the responsibility of disciplining their children to teachers when it is the primary responsibility of parents to rise their children by constantly advising and counselling them so that they grow up to be morally upright citizens.

The legislature noted that parents nowadays hardly have time for their children as they are busy working,

thus making it easy for the youngsters to fall into peer pressure and make wrong decisions and urge them to monitor their children’s movements to ensure that they keep good company and protect them from sexual predators.

She underscored the very important role played by parents in shaping a child’s character, adding they should remain close to their children, so that they can spot and correct any wayward behavior at an early stage.

Donya cautioned residents against female genital mutilation and said the government was on high alert to ensure that they are protected from FGM and early marriages citing that it is an outdated practice and urged those still practicing to change.

She advised parents to constantly always monitor their children’s movement and the friends they hang out with.



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Kenya - Zambia Assembly Speakers Root For Regional Parliamentary Diplomatic Relations



Kenya and Zambia National Assembly Speakers pose for a photograph alongside their delegation after holding a consultative meeting yesterday.

By: Our Reporter
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Kenya – Zambia share similar historical and political transformation background that must be natured into the realization of a new Africa drawn from the colonial error as experienced by the founding fathers of the two nations; Kenneth David Kaunda and Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, says Speaker Wetangula.

Speaker Wetangula has called for enhanced diplomacy between African Parliaments saying that pulling together as African legislatures will boost the region’s legislation agenda leading to strategic development.

Speaking yesterday during a Parliamentary Diplomatic engagement with his Zambian counterpart, the Nelly Mutti, MP who paid him a courtesy call at Parliament building, Wetangula said that Kenya and Zambia have over the years enjoyed a cordial relationship between the two Parliaments.

“Zambia has been a friend to Kenya, we share a lot in common and both our two countries are tourism destinations hence we still have a lot we can do together given the goodwill and opportunities”, said Speaker Wetangula.

Speaker Wetangula lauded the Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia who he said was the first African Speaker to visit the Parliament of Kenya in his tenure as the 8th Speaker of the National Assembly.

He informed the Zambian delegation that the House Business Com-

mittee is chaired by the Speaker and forms the heart of business of the House.

“The House Business Committee (HBC) is the ultimate authority of the affairs of the House,” said Speaker.

He added that the HBC is also mandated to prepare and approve the Parliamentary Calendar, oversee the implementation of the business of the House and related programmes and set priority on Houses Business deliberations among other roles.

While highlighting the roles of the National Assembly, the Speaker emphasized that budget making and oversight of government projects were among the cardinal duties of the August House.

The Zambian Speaker acknowledged the warm gesture that she has received from Kenyan team saying that her delegation is visiting the Parliament of Kenya to learn on the operations of the House Business Committee of the National Assembly of Kenya.

She disclosed that the House Business Committee of Zambia, is one of the four Housekeeping Committees of the National Assembly of Zambia.

“Our coming here is a testament of the good parliamentary relations. Members of Parliament and staff of our respective Parliaments have on numerous occasions exchanged visits for purposes of learning and sharing best practices,” said Speaker Nelly.

The two Speakers committed to offer support to members of their respective Houses of Parliaments

to engage through exchange programmes.

“We want to take our engagements further and have a fordable friendship group among the members to carry on the work of the work of the two Parliaments,” said Speaker Nelly.

They both suggested the formation of the Kenya- Zambia Parliamentary Friendship Group which they said will form the basis for further deliberation of Parliamentary business and activities of the two Parliaments for mutual benefit.

Speaker Nelly pointed out that the House Business Committee of the National Assembly of Zambia is categorized as a House Keeping Committee and is mandated to determine the business to be considered by the House.

It is comprised of the leadership of the House and is chaired by the Speaker.

The Zambian delegation is comprised of Stafford Mulusa, Government Chief Whip; Brian Mundubile, Leader of the Opposition; Stephen Kampyongo, MP- Whip for the Patriotic Front; Jay E. Banda, Whip for Independent Members of Parliament; Kampamba Mulenga, Member of the Committee; Clement Andeleki, Member of the Committee; Mr. Roy Ngulube- Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.

The Kenyan delegation present in the meeting included Robert Mbui, Omboko Mirembe, Silvanus Osoro, TJ Kajwang’, Sheikh Kassim and the Clerk of the National Assembly, Samuel Njoroge.

Talent In Moshupa



Christopher Itumeleng with Paula.O.M.OTUKILE.



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Christopher Itumeleng is a crippled old man from Moshupa village, he is a talented guitarist and walks on crunches.

He reminds one of the likes of the late George Swabi if not the re-

known Ratsie setlhako.

Moshupa lies on the plains of Hills calm yet collected, between Thamaga and Kanye, infested with trees Traditional and very alluring.

Christopher said he lived in Germany and France and his eloquence in French and German oozed with the ambience and truth.

He looked so confident and amazing and kept playing all the traditional songs and music.

My interview revived his French stuff and studies and he oozed with cheerful questions and relevance.

One woman said his landlord but his dilapidated state said otherwise.

Nairobi County Govt Keen To Work With Mission Hospitals On Health Care

By: Capital Correspondent

The Nairobi City County Executive Committee Member for Health, Wellness and Nutrition, Dr. Anastasia Nyalita represented Governor Sakaja Johnson as the Chief Guest at St. Scholastica Uzima Hospital Fraternity for thanksgiving and Official Launch of the Surgical Unit.

Dr Nyalita in her remarks noted “I recognize your alignment with Universal Health Coverage to increase your service portfolio to the population you serve while ensuring financial protection. In addition, your efforts reflect the findings in the Nairobi City County Health Reforms Task Force Report of January 2023 I.e. Strengthen Primary Healthcare, increase Curative services, and adopt modern efficient quality processes that are monitored and evaluated.

Said Dr Nyalita “It is also worth noting that the facility has provided access to cost friendly Inpatient and

Haemodialysis services not available within Ruaraka / Roysambu Public Facilities Framework.

In line with Governor Sakaja Johnson’s Manifesto, the County Government is keen to work with all stakeholders in Health including Mission Hospitals. This is crucial to bridge the existing gap to access of Quality Health Services. Our mantra is to ensure that Nairobi County must work to the benefit of all residents in Nairobi and beyond. My office, with the support of the Governor of Nairobi County, commits to support your efforts to serve the people of Nairobi and Kenya at large.”

The St. Scholastica Uzima Hospital Missionary Benedictine Sisters Ruaraka marks 40years having been established in 1983. The facility serves a catchment area of 30,860 population with affordable and quality services in the following areas: General medical and surgical care, maternity services, theatre services, renal, eye , dental care, diagnostics, dialysis unit and pharmacy services.



Nairobi 850 Learners For The Kenya Special Schools National Athletics Championships

By: Capital Correspondent

Nairobi is hosting a total of 850 learners from primary and secondary school who are participating in the 20th Edition of the Kenya Special Schools National Athletics Championships.

The Principal Secretary for Basic Education, Dr Belio Kipsang officially launched the championships at Dagoretti High school yesterday.

Dr. Kipsang said the government had provided an inclusive education for all children, thereby making it possible for learners with special needs to fully participate in education including co-curricular learning experiences.

He said that every learner

had unique potential which educational institutions should nurture to the fullest.

He said special Sports and games are a unifying factor for persons with disabilities to thrive. He said sportsmen and women had helped to inspire the nation, aside from shaping appropriate attitudes.

Dr. Kipsang asked drivers of School Buses to exercise utmost care while taking learners to the various destinations. He also asked his counterparts in the Ministry of Interior and National Coordination to provide the necessary security for the learners in Eldoret, Kisumu and Mombasa where different co-curricular events are taking place.

In particular, the PS asked the heads of schools where the learners are putting up

to ensure uttermost hygienic conditions of the facilities the learners are using during the occasion.

The championships will feature track events such 50M and 100M walks, 50M and 100M race, 50M and 100M shopping race for Boys and Girls, among others-Curricular, Mr. Hassan duale, his Special Education counterpart, Mr. Fred Haga, the Regional Coordinator for Education, Nairobi, Mrs. Margaret Lesuuda, and the Chairperson of the Kenya Primary Schools Association for Learners with Special Needs (KPSSALSN) Mr. Francis Manyala.



In line with the presidential directives on national tree growing restoration campaign, our PS launched the tree planting exercise in all the national venues hosting the activities. /COURTESY.

OUR SEASON OF HOPE

By: Njonjo Mue

[1999 was a busy year for Kenyans in South Africa as they continued to do their best to expose the human rights abuses of the Moi regime back home and to amplify the voices of pro-democracy activists to influence international public opinion in order to bring pressure to bear for change.

The two letters reproduced below, which Njonjo wrote at the time, will serve as a window into the momentous events that he and his compatriots were living through as they did their best to appeal to President Mbeki and President Moi to join them on the right side of history.

On 6th June 1999, Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as the second democratically elected president of South Africa, taking over from Nelson Mandela who had stepped down after serving only one term.

In his capacity as Convenor of the Kenya Democratic Initiative in South Africa (KENDISA), Njonjo wrote a letter to the incoming President objecting to the invitation of President Daniel Arap Moi to attend the swearing in ceremony, and urging President Mbeki to use his influence to call for a halt to the human rights abuses of the Kenya Government and to help hasten the coming of a new democratic order in Kenya.

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16th June 1999

President Thabo Mbeki
Office of the President
Union Buildings
Pretoria

Dear President Mbeki,

HASTEN THE DAWN OF DEMOCRACY IN KENYA

Please receive our warmest congratulations on your election as South Africa's second democratically elected President. Your overwhelming victory is a sign of the faith that the people of South Africa have in your leadership and an extension of the mandate that they gave the African National Congress in 1994 to continue leading the transformation of South Africa into a modern democratic state and creating a new legacy of freedom and democracy.

We also wish to take this opportunity to commend the people of South

Africa for peacefully organizing and conducting a successful election and in so doing for continuing to entrench democracy and the rule of law at home and showing an example to the rest of the continent.

The challenges you and your government face in the next five years are daunting. But we trust that under your able leadership, the people of South Africa will continue to do what they have done so well in the last five years – to act together, as the ANC election manifesto bids them, further to give birth to a South Africa of freedom, prosperity and security for all, committed to act together to solve the national problems that confront all South Africans.

As Africans, we rejoice in the strides that South Africans have made since they ended apartheid minority rule five years ago and we join you in looking forward to a future full of hope for this country and for the continent of Africa. As Kenyans residing here, we express our gratitude for the hospitality that has been extended to us by our fellow Africans.

Kenya and South Africa share a common history of struggle against colonial rule. President Mandela has gone on record as saying how our own struggle against colonialism inspired the ANC in the 1950s, and how the Mau Mau Freedom Fighters provided part of the inspiration for the formation of Umkonto we Sizwe. And although Kenya was not one of the frontline states, some of South Africa's exiles during the days of apartheid found a welcoming home in our country. We imagine that it is in light of these shared historical ties that President Daniel Arap Moi has been invited to attend your inauguration.

However, we find it ironical that President Moi can be present at what is, in effect, a celebration of democracy and respect for human rights less than a week after his government violently disrupted Kenyans who were peacefully demonstrating in Nairobi. Their only crime was to ask for a people-driven process of much needed constitution reform – a process that will ensure that the people shall govern.

Mr. President, we remind you that the ANC election manifesto places a high stake on the African Renaissance and emphasizes South African's role in bringing it about. It says in part:

“Our challenge is to promote peace and development, to foster democratic systems of government, respect for human rights, and an end to corruption throughout the continent.”

But while the days of dictatorship are decidedly over for South Africa, the Kenyan government, under President Moi, seems committed to swim against the current and to march against the spirit of the African Renaissance. The following are but a few examples of how the Kenyan government has failed its people:

Basic rights:

President Moi's government continues to abuse basic rights of citizens at will and trample the people's legitimate aspirations at whim. This was most recently demonstrated by last week's events in Nairobi. Kenyan citizens cannot express their views without inviting brute violence from the police.

Ironically, the same police force that is so efficient in disrupting peaceful demonstrations is unable to guarantee security to the majority of Kenyans, especially those that are suspected of holding views contrary to those of the establishment. Torture in police cells is endemic. The labour movement – so instrumental to the liberation of South Africa – is virtually dead in Kenya, as the government will not let it operate and organize independently.

Corruption:

President Moi has over the decades presided over one of the most corrupt systems on the globe. State coffers have been looted bare by people in government and their close associates.

In the last week alone, the official report of the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee has revealed the theft of millions of shillings from the taxpayer by people in power. The Vice President and a senior Cabinet Minister in Moi's government have been implicated in a Kshs 850 Million (85 Million Rands) scam, while the President's son is alleged in the same report to have imported six luxury cars without paying duty.

Impunity is the name of the game as year after year the Auditor-General reveals massive corruption implicating individuals whom, in spite of overwhelming evidence, the state does not prosecute, because they form an integral part of the ruling cabal.

In the meantime, the state is unable to provide basic services such as medical care to the most needy, education and security. The number of people who die in hospitals for lack of medicine and facilities, and in preventable accidents on roads that have not been repaired for years as the money has disappeared into private accounts, is fast approaching

genocidal proportions.

Constitutional reforms:

Virtually every sector in Kenya is facing imminent collapse, yet the government refuses to listen to any voice but its own deafening self-adulation. After a long struggle for meaningful liberation that will enable the people to govern through a new democratic constitution, the Kenyan government has recently thwarted genuine efforts at making such a constitution a reality.

Ignoring a national outcry, President Moi now insists on using a Parliament which is neither wholly legitimate nor truly representative to rubberstamp a document of his own making whose only aim will be to perpetuate the 36 year reign of the ruling party in power.

Mr. President, Kenya has many problems – their name is legion! South Africa too has its own problems, and one might well legitimately ask why we should burden you and your new administration with our problems while there is so much that needs your attention at home. We seek to involve you in the affairs of our country for three main reasons:

First, you will agree that, as Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us, injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

The problems in Kenya are causing a major exodus of desperate people seeking a better future and many are ending up in South Africa. It is in the interest of South Africa to help Kenya to resolve the issues facing us and thereby make our country habitable again.

We would respectfully remind you of your words in your address to the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan, on 9 April 1998, where you said:

“Such are the political imperatives of the African Renaissance which are inspired both by our painful history of recent decades and the recognition of the fact that none of our countries is an island which can isolate itself from the rest, and that none of us can truly succeed if the rest fail.”

Second, while the problems facing Kenya may be similar to those of South Africa, the distinction should always be made that South Africa's problems are a legacy of apartheid which the people have together embarked upon dismantling. Kenya's



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problems on the other hand are a creation of a handful of selfish and corrupt individuals who have entrenched themselves in power and seem to be on a crusade to impoverish the rest of the citizenry and deny them their basic human dignity.

In your speech in Tokyo, you committed to fighting neo-colonialism in Africa to ensure that the people did indeed get to govern themselves. You said that the exit of Mobutu Sese Seko from the African stage represented the death of neo-colonialism on our continent.

But we hasten to point out that African kleptocracy did not die with Mobutu, for there are still some leaders with mobutu-esque tendencies who preside over the hopeless impoverishment of their own people.

The African Renaissance shall not dawn on our continent as long as enlightened African leaders continue to turn a blind eye on their wayward brethren and the consequent suffering of millions of their fellow Africans.

Third, the recent South African elections are a glowing testimony to a young constitutional order that is working for its entire people. South Africa is blessed with one of the most liberal constitutions in the world and one that the South African people themselves drafted in a truly participatory process through the Constitutional Assembly.

These lessons in constitution-making are still fresh in the minds of South Africans and can be shared with Kenyans as we seek a way out of the quagmire into which we have sunk.

In this regard, our plea to you is easily captured by paraphrasing your own plea to your Japanese audience, with reference to the Meiji Restoration, in your speech of April 1998:

We are moved by the conviction that the last five years of South African history and the transformation from the troubled days of apartheid to the point, today, where you have a vibrant, modern, democratic state, has a multiplicity of lessons for us Kenyans, which we cannot afford to ignore or, worse still, not know. If we as students are badly informed and badly governed as we are, you have a responsibility to be our teachers. The people of Kenya are ready to learn, even if their leaders are not.

Mr. Mbeki, as we share in the joy of South Africans today when you are inaugurated as their new President;

and as we join in marking Youth Day – a day when so many fell in order that the people might govern – we humbly seek to remind you that elsewhere on this continent, life is a daily struggle that is quickly becoming a meaningless search for meaning.

We ask for the intervention of your government in a multiplicity of fora to help us hasten the day when our own “dark days of despair shall give way to our season of hope.”

We thank you for your kind attention and take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Njonjo Mue

For The Kenya Democratic Initiative in South Africa

LETTER TO PRESIDENT MOI

By Njonjo Mue

[At the dawn of the new millennium, Kenya had sunk to an all time low. It was faced by seemingly terminal decay and intractable problems that seemed to overwhelm the body-politic.

At the centre of it all was Daniel Arap Moi, in his 21st year of largely dictatorial rule during which his government seemed hell-bent to block any form of democratic advances. Despite the Constitution setting a 10 year presidential term limit, Moi gave no indication of preparing to leave and indeed went around the country saying that no one could fit into his shoes.

Njonjo Mue wrote the following letter to the President from Johannesburg where he was working at the time, warning him of the anger and frustration of Kenya’s young people and urging him to leave the stage so that Kenyans with a real stake in the future of their country could take charge of the affairs of their land.]

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Dear Mr. President,

I write to you, at the dawn of a new century, on a multiplicity of national issues that are undoubtedly already well known to you, but which we dare not turn away from, as long as they remain unaddressed.

I am a Kenyan citizen who, at 32 years of age, has a real stake in the future of our country and, though not mandated to speak for anyone but myself, I can confidently assert that my concerns are shared by the majority of Kenyans of my generation.

Sir, one does not need a college degree to see that our country, under your leadership, is getting into the 21st Century in very poor shape indeed: The economy has all but collapsed, social services for the poor are non-existent, poverty is endemic, corruption is still out of control, the education system has failed, the infrastructure is a shambles, the agricultural sector is struggling, and HIV/AIDS threatens to annihilate our nation, relentlessly wiping out the most productive age group in our country.

In all this, your government has woefully failed to provide the leadership that is so desperately needed to turn our country around and to avert an inevitable humanitarian catastrophe. Instead, the political elite has turned its whole attention to a constitutional reform process that has been sabotaged by you and your supporters at every turn.

You are due to retire from office in three years time and yet you continue to undermine the structures that should guarantee a smooth, peaceful and democratic transition after your exit. You subject the country to a dangerous guessing game and behave like a monarch who is reluctant to step down. Moreover, you have threatened to personally handpick your successor, as though 30 million Kenyans are incapable of determining their own destiny after you are gone.

Such prevarication on your part is draining national energies that would be better expended sorting out the mess that your government has created over decades of misrule and corruption. Your government continues to obstruct any good-faith efforts to build a truly democratic and united Kenya, even as you traverse the country paying lip service to these values.

You have gone on record as saying that you wish to leave a legacy of a prosperous, united Kenya at peace



Lawyer Njonjo Mue .

with itself. But how can this be when you have made tribalism the hallmark of your administration?

After the damage that you have done to our national psyche through decades of diabolical divide and rule tactics, just what magic wand are you now planning to wave to undo in two years the effects of thirty years of merciless pillage and reckless plunder of our beloved native land?

Thankfully, despite your years of dividing Kenyans along tribal lines, a new generation recognizes the need to remain united. And though you have thrived on confounding us by those things that divide us – tribe, class, history and anything else that can weaken the people’s resolve and enable you to rule and reign even from beyond the grave – young Kenyans have chosen to start defining those things that unite us as a nation.

We are prepared to stand up to the new challenges that face us as Kenyans and as Africans, not by denying our rich cultural diversity, but by harnessing it to create one nation out of many communities. We shall not promote a form of unity while actively denying its substance, an art that has hitherto been perfected by you.

I wish to warn you, sir, that young Kenyans are a very angry and extremely disillusioned lot today. They have watched your government snatch their future from them and trample it underfoot with impunity. We are excluded from any real decision-making processes as you bid us wait our turn to assume leadership.

But we fear that, at the rate at which the current political elite is going, by the time ‘our turn’ comes, there shall not be much of a country to talk about. Young people are tired of being treated like children who can play no meaningful role in national matters except to be youth wingers and praise singers to old guard politicians who are well past their prime. Kenya is not lacking in the ideas

or the human resources needed to confront the myriad problems that our country faces today. But you and your government have proved wholly incapable of offering any workable solutions. The best service you can render your country now is to gracefully get out of the way and let the people with a real stake in the future of our country guide it into the next century.

And it would be a great act of patriotism, Mr. President, if you stopped trying to fool the world that without you, Kenya would crumble. For we shall go on; we shall survive, indeed we shall thrive; and we shall reclaim our pride of place among the family of nations.

That is a given! The only variable in question is the amount of effort it will take to get our beautiful country back on track. This will depend largely on whether you and your clique of court jesters and praise singers can still your deafening self-adulation long enough to be able to hear the still, silent voice of the vast majority of Kenyans. Their unequivocal demand is that it is time for you to go.

Can you hear their voices, Mr. President? Will you heed their rising voices? They are the voices of a new generation of Kenyans, which, to quote Nelson Mandela, “are emerging to answer new historical challenges; the voices of men and women who exist in all communities and across all cadres of our society, and who will define themselves as leaders in their capacity to identify the issues that unite us as a nation.”

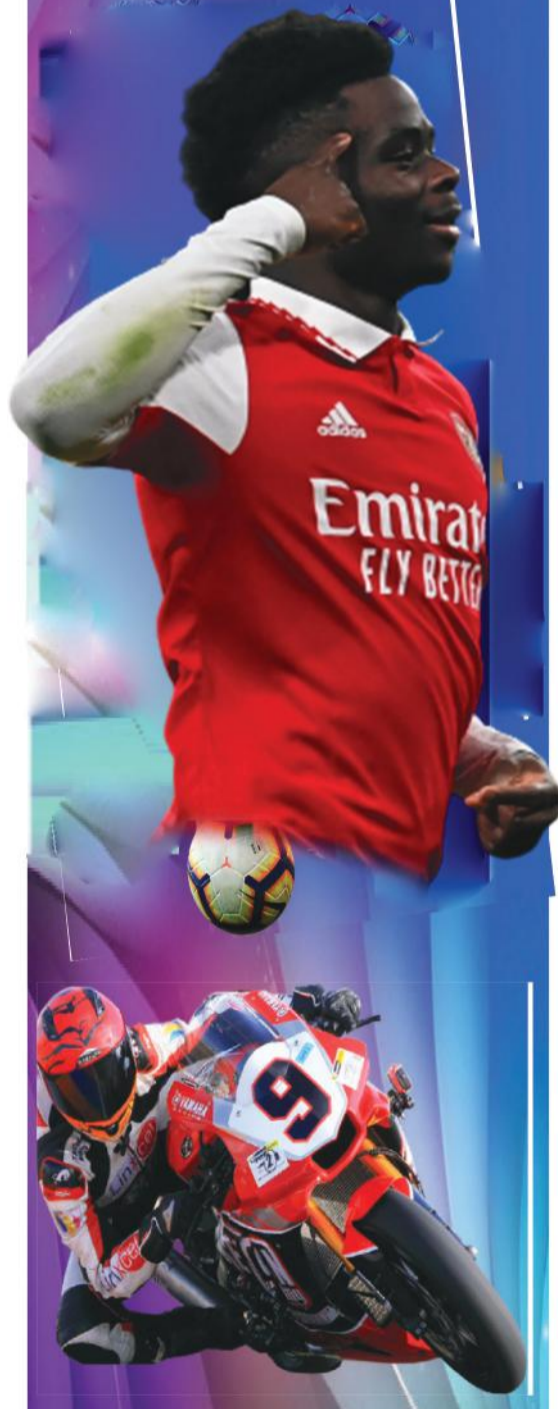
They are the voices of real patriots who will raise the banner of Kenya and bid us to confidently follow as we march together, proud and united, into the next millennium, as one nation under God.

Yours sincerely,

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“Nothing I Could Do To Stop Him,” Kamworor Says After Finishing Second To Kelvin Kiptum At London Marathon



Former world half marathon record holder Geoffrey Kamworor in action at the London Marathon. PHOTO/COURTESY.

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The three-time world half marathon champion clocked 2:04:23 in second as Kiptum clocked the second-fastest time in men's marathon, 2:01:25, to clinch his second win after the Valencia Marathon last December.

World champion Tamirat Tola of Ethiopia came third in 2:04:59.

“When Kelvin made a move, that was crazy pace and there was nothing I could do. That was just him being himself and so I said to myself to continue running at my own pace and fin-

ish second,” Kamworor said.

The race was Kamworor's second major international competition this year after he finished fourth in the senior men's race at February's World Cross Country Championships in Bathurst, Australia.

The three-time World Cross Country champion has struggled with injury in the past three years, which have hampered his effective participation in major competitions, such as the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and last year's World Championships in Oregon, United States.

Following his podium finish in the English capital, the 2017 and 2019 New York Marathon champion was elated at overcoming his injury struggles to re-establish himself.

“The race was good...I am happy that I have ran great again

after struggling with injuries. London is great...the course was amazing and the cheering was good. I can say that I am really happy,” he said.

Kamworor added: “I did not

feel like I was under any pressure because I knew I had trained well. I have been out for some time...this is the first time I have trained without any distractions of injuries. I came here, focused on myself and ready to do well regardless of the calibre of other athletes in the race.”

The chilly London weather notwithstanding, Kamworor admits he has fallen in love with the English capital and wouldn't mind another shot at the top gong of this World Marathon Majors event.

“The weather was a bit problematic but what mattered in the end was the determination and preparedness of every athlete. Compared to New York where I've won twice before, I would say the course here in London is flat and I enjoyed it quite a lot. Absolutely...I am looking forward to competing here again,” he said.

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London Marathon champion Kelvin Kiptum (R) is congratulated by Geoffrey Kamworor at the end of the race. PHOTO/COURTESY.

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Will Youngsters Reynold Kipkorir And Samuel Kibathi Lead Kenya To Glory In Zambia?

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Athletics Kenya (AK) director of youth development, Barnaba Korir, said the duo have garnered a lot of experience of competing at the international level, which will be crucial in guiding other athletes who will be making their debut at that level.

"In this team, we have a few of them who competed last year in Cali (World Under 20 Championships) and they did very well. We have Reynold (Kipkorir) and Samuel Kibathi who is based in Japan. I do believe that these two will be leading and guiding the team due to the experience and what they have achieved in other international competitions," Korir said.

Also included in the team is the 2021 World Under 20 4x400m relay bronze medalist Elkanah Chemelil who has been in Miramas, France as part of a residential camp organised by the federation for select sprinters in the country.

"He has been part of the sprinters' camp in Miramas and these games give him the opportunity to see what he has worked on in Miramas. We also have those who participated in last month's regional championships in Dar es Salaam. Combined with the new blood who are joining the team for the first time, it is a really strong contingent," Korir said.

Kenya is expected to defend their Under 18 title from the last edition of the competition in 2019 in Cote d'Ivoire where they topped the medal table.

At the same event, the country finished second to South Af-



Reynold Kipkorir Cheruiyot competing in the 1500m. PHOTO/World Athletics.

rica in the Under 20 category and Korir is optimistic that this year's team is more than capable of surpassing the achievements of their countrymen and women, four years ago.

"This team, that actually con-

tains two teams – the Under 18 and Under 20 – is actually very strong. We believe they will do much better than they did in Ivory Coast. We have provided them with the facilities to enhance their training and they have in-

deed trained very well," he said. The team is set to depart the country for Zambia on Thursday, in time for the opening ceremony in Ndola on Saturday.

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Wetang'ula Calls On Pan African Parliament To Champion Economic Recovery And Self Reliance For A Prosperous Africa

By: PSCU



Worth Noting:

- “The major role of the Pan-African Parliament is to remove all existing barriers to thriving Intra Africa Trade, issues of climate change that have highly affected Africa,” he said.
- The Speaker emphasized that climate change has had a severe impact on food security and has led to the extinction of some wild animals in African nations. Therefore, it is imperative to address this issue with utmost urgency.
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National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula pose for a photograph with visiting President of the Pan-African Parliament Chief Fortune Zephaniah Charumbira alongside Kenyans delegation to the continental assembly Margaret Kamar, Danson Mungatana, Rahab Mukami, Joseph Majimbo Kalasinga; and Esther Passaris..

National Assembly Speaker yesterday urged the Pan-African Parliament to be on the frontline in contributing to a more prosperous future for the people of Africa by promoting self-reliance and economic recovery.

During a meeting at Parliament Buildings with President of the Pan-African Parliament, Chief Fortune Zephania Charumbira, who paid him a courtesy call, Moses Wetang'ula expressed his belief that PAP should fulfill its vision of promoting continental unity and fostering a shared destiny among Africans.

“The dream we Africans had of Pan Africanism Parliament that is still valid today even as much as it has been greatly frustrated, we would like to see PAP grow to the level of European Union Parliament with direct elections of members from member states,” he said.

The Speaker observed that it is the desire of Africans to see PAP having a continental mandate with jurisdiction, so that any legislative structure, however limited, can be binding on member countries, particularly in free trade areas, peace, and security matters.

He also emphasized that the Pan-African Parliament plays a critical role in supporting and driving issues of parliamentary and national significance in African countries, and as

such, it is essential to strengthen its ties with the National Assembly of Kenya.

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Wetang'ula emphasized the need for Africa to adopt adaptation and mitigation strategies to global climate change since the continent suffers more from its adverse effects despite being a lesser polluter.

He urged PAP to tackle trade-related issues and foster cooperation and development within Africa, highlighting the concern that the continent's access to and share of world trade is

less than three percent, despite being endowed with vast natural resources. Moreover, he urged PAP to foster cooperation among the Parliamentary Fora of the various Regional Economic Communities.

He also called on PAP to provide a hopeful voice for both Africans and those in the Diaspora, and to ensure effective implementation of the policies and objectives of the African Union.

“We would like to see PAP encouraging National and Regional Parliaments in order to ratify and integrate treaties adopted by the AU into their legal systems,” he said.

In addition, the Speaker appealed to PAP to prioritize the promotion of human rights and democracy in Africa by advocating for good governance, transparency, and accountability in member states.

He also urged PAP to create awareness among Africans about the objectives and policies related to the political and socio-economic integration of the continent, as a means to foster peace, security, and stability in the region.

It is worth noting that the Pan-African Parliament comprises of three main bodies, namely the Plenary, Bureau, and Secretariat. In addition, there are ten Permanent Committees that were established to handle various aspects of life in Africa.

The seat of the Parliament is in Midrand, Johannesburg in South Africa. The Pan-African Parliamentarians aim to evolve into an institution with full legislative powers, whose members are elected by universal adult suffrage.

The Second Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan African Parliament (PAP) will be convened in Midrand, South Africa, from the 8th May to the 2nd June 2023.

The Programme for the Session includes the Third Pan African Parliamentarians Summit on Climate Policy and Equity to be co-hosted by the PAP and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) on 16th and 17th May 2023. The Summit's Chief Guest is expected to be President William Ruto, in his capacity as the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CA-HOSCC).

Present in the meeting were Kenya's representation to PAP that comprises three Members from the National Assembly and two Members from the Senate. These are Margaret Kamar, Danson Mungatana, Rahab Mukami, Joseph Majimbo Kalasinga; and Esther Passaris.