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Prime Cabinet Secretary Responds To MPs Questions On The Rising Cost Of Basic Commodities And Fuel



Musalia Mudavadi in the Chambers yesterday.



Members of the National Assembly listen as Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi makes his contribution.

By: Our Reporter

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The Government of Kenya is taking measures to address the rising cost of basic commodities in the country. In response to a question by Yusuf Hassan, MP Kamukunji Constituency, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi outlined the government's efforts to promote food security and reduce the cost of fuel.

While making his submissions, the Prime Cabinet Secretary informed the National Assembly that the government is implementing various initiatives to address food security and reduce the cost of fuel.

These measures are aimed at boosting the country's economy, which has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"To address the challenge of food insecurity, the government has invested in biotechnology research and uptake of drought-tolerant crops. In the current year, over 250 MT of assorted drought-tolerant seeds valued at Sh50 Million have been distributed to farmers in several counties. The government expects farmers to multiply and redistribute the seeds in their localities, thus addressing the challenge of seed access and food insecurity," said Mudavadi.

In a session chaired by the Speaker Moses Wetangula, Members of the National Assembly sought responses

on from Mudavadi on the measures the government has put on place to reduce the cost of fuel and energy.

According to the Prime Cabinet Secretary, the government has lifted the moratorium on Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) to enhance the country's energy security by opening up the energy sector to continued investments.

Documents tabled during the plenary session revealed that prior to April 2023, the government imported all its petroleum products requirements through the Open Tendering System (OTS), which put a strain on the government's forex reserves and caused a huge deficiency in availability of USD, causing depreciation of the Kenya shilling. To ease this pressure,

the government entered into Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with prospective governments and Master Framework Agreements (MFA) with their respective petroleum trading entities for the supply of petroleum products on extended credit period. Members asked supplementary questions regarding the importation of maize and the alleged farming of Kenya maize in Zambia.

Mudavadi reiterated that there is no Kenyan maize growing in Zambia. He further informed the House that the government has granted duty waiver for importation of 1.4 Million MT of white maize, 600,000 MT of rice, 500,000 MT of yellow maize, 200,000 MT of soya beans; 300,000 MT of soya bean meal, 1,600 MT

of assorted protein concentrate and 40,000 MT of feed additives to bridge the food stocks deficit and stabilize the high food commodity prices.

Additionally, the government is implementing various programmes, including Crop and Livestock Insurance Programmes, National Value Chain Support Programme, and Kenya Climate Smart Support Programme, among others, to enhance farmers' food security and resilience.

These initiatives are expected to have a positive impact on the country's economy and enhance food security, as well as reduce the cost of fuel for consumers.

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All Public Lands Will Be Titled Starting With The Learning Institutions – CS Njeru

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Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru addressing the Senate yesterday.

Worth Noting:

- **Sen. Mohamed Chute (Marsabit):** Is the Cabinet Secretary aware of the land dispute between Borana, Gabbra, and Burji in Moyale and when are you going to solve the dispute?
- **CS Njeru:** I'm not aware of the land dispute in Moyale but I will look into it and give this August House a satisfactory response to that.
- **Sen. Jackson Mandago:** What plans does the Ministry have to ensure that all public utilities in this country are titled?
- **CS Njeru:** The Government is in the process of securing all public lands in the country. We have started this process with the learning institutions. As a Ministry, we are working hard to make sure all public land is secured through a national titling program.

The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, Zachariah Njeru yesterday committed to ensure that all public land in the country is secured through titling.

While responding to questions from the Senators on the Floor of the House, CS Njeru informed the Senate that the government has started issuing titles to all public learning institutions through the national titling program, adding that this has been prompted by the rampant grabbing of public land.

Below is an excerpt of how CS Njeru's inaugural Question Time panned out at the Senate Chamber:

Sen. Fatuma Dullo (Isiolo): Could the Cabinet Secretary state the reasons for the disparity in compensation between residents of Nuno Modogashe and Isiolo affected by the Africa Gateway Project, and further provide the criteria used in determining the compensation figures?

CS Njeru: Pursuant to Article 67 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the mandate of compensation for public lands is squarely on the National Lands Commission (NLC), which is an independent institution. Therefore, my request, Hon. Speaker, is that you summon the NLC so that they can adequately tackle this issue.

Sen. Fatuma Dullo (Isiolo): What are the measures put in place by the Government to ensure equitable compensation to the affected residents in both areas?

CS Njeru: As a Government, we are preparing a national land value index across the country. So far, we have managed to do land value index to 22 counties and the process is remaining in the remaining 25 counties, Isiolo County being one of them. This index will enable us to compensate people adequately without overvaluing or undervaluing.

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Sen. Mohamed Abbas (Wajir): When will the Ministry open regional offices to issue title deeds in Wajir County?

CS Njeru: We are in the process of opening up registries in areas that had no registries to bring the services closer to Wananchi. As a Government, we are making sure that all our land records are digitized. This will help us do away with multiple issues that have been rampant in the land sector.

Sen. Dan Maanzo (Makueni): To what extent are you able to advise or control the independence of the National Land Commission?

CS Njeru: The NLC is an independent institution which is supposed to work with the Ministry but there is a disconnect when it comes to operations.

Sen. Danson Mungatana (Tana River): Is the Cabinet Secretary aware of the promise of formation of a committee with representation on the ground, chaired by the Perma-

nent Secretary, that would fast-track the issuance of title deeds in Tana River and when will it be formed?

CS Njeru: We indeed agreed with the leaders from Tana River that we will form a committee to look into matters of land. We have already started receiving memoranda from various ranches. Once that is done, we will form the committee.

Sen. William Cheptumo (Baringo): When is the Ministry going to issue titles for the residents of the Mochongoi Settlement Scheme in Baringo County?

CS Njeru: We have many settlement schemes that have not been titled, Mochongoi being one of them. We are doing everything possible to make sure that all the settlement schemes across the country receive titles.

Sen. Mwenda Gataya (Tharaka Nithi): When will Chogoria Ward residents who gave out their land for a tarmac road which was being constructed almost ten years ago be compensated?

CS Njeru: I am informed by the National Lands Commission that payments are being processed and they will be paid soon.

Sen. Agnes Kavindu Muthama (Machakos): Why is Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) selling the Portland land to the community despite the Portland land lease expired and the land loan being insured?

CS Njeru: We are trying to get into the core problem of the Portland land. I assure you that that is an issue that the Ministry is taking with weight. We are soon going to sort it out together with the County Government of Machakos.

Sen. Esther Okenyuri (Nominat-ed): What is the Ministry putting in place to deal with the issue of double allocation and multiple buyers of land in the Kisii region?

CS Njeru: I assure this House that that problem will be sorted out once we are fully digitized. As a Ministry, we have started this process with Nairobi County registries and soon we will be rolling out the same program to other counties.

The appearance of Hon. Zachariah Mwangi Njeru in the Senate comes after the House amended its Standing Orders to allow cabinet secretaries to directly answer questions from the Senators.

Kisii County Commences The Process Of Documenting Indigenous Knowledge



Dr. Evans Taracha, a chief researcher at the National Museum addressing the press at Kisii County. Photo /Elizabeth Angira.



Samuel Bosire Secretary General Abagusii Council of Elders addressing the press. Photo/Elizabeth Angira.

By: Elizabeth Angira
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The National Government through the State Department for Culture and Heritage has commenced the process of documentation and digitalization of indigenous Knowledge and Associated assets in Kisii County.

Dr. Evans Taracha, a chief researcher at the National Museum, said Kisii County was among the 13 counties selected in the pilot phase to document their Indigenous knowledge as it is very rich in culture.

Taracha said among the things they will be documenting are the traditional foods, traditional medicine, which will later be commercialized to improve the economy of the local people.

He said that they want to secure and document indigenous knowledge so that our grandchildren will benefit with a rich traditional knowledge.

He said they have identified 30 youth to champion the documentation process, who will move in every village to gather and document the indigenous knowledge.

They will train 30 youths for one week, said they will move around

the county in the next 30 days to document the indigenous knowledge and later uploaded in the system after which they will look for a way to add value to the content before marketing it abroad.

Dr. Taracha assured the residents that their content will not be used without their knowledge as there are legal frameworks that govern the process so that only the local communities can benefit from it.

Other counties where similar activities are ongoing include Kilifi, Murang'a, Makueni, Garissa, Tharaka Nithi, Marsabit, Kericho, Turkana, Kakamega, Siaya, Vihiga and Narok.

Samuel Bosire Secretary General Abagusii Council of Elders said that cultural and traditional artifacts have long played a vital role in preserving the heritage of various cultures especially in Kenya.

"For the Future of our generation it is good to document our culture," he said.

However, he said that the practice seems to be under threat of disappearing with time and an emerging generation that seems to lack interest in their culture.

Bosire cited that African heritage should be preserved is through the creation of cultural museums and centers. These institutions showcase the art, music, and cultural ar-

tifacts of various African societies and provide a platform for visitors to learn about and appreciate the rich heritage of the continent.

He also added that the African heritage is should be celebrated through festivals and cultural events, such events bring people together from all walks of life to celebrate and experience the music, dance, and traditions of Africa.

In 4th Nov, 1998, the World Bank and Partnership for Information and Communication Technology for Africa (PICTA) published a framework for action on the documentation of indigenous knowledge (IK).

This was to ensure encourage appreciation of global cultural diversity, and so foster relationship with, thus the developing the World Bank action plans. Founded on community practices, institutions, relationships and rituals, the publication says IK is the basis for setting sustainable development goals.

Court Moves To Weed Out Fraudsters, Brokers



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Thika Law courts has embarked on an exercise to weed out fraudsters posing as court officials, ending up defrauding unsuspecting clients millions of shillings in the pretense that they will help clear their cases.

Chief Magistrate Stella Atambo said working closely with investigating agencies and the area Deputy County Commissioner's office, they have managed to track down brokers who hover around government offices to con clients.

Speaking during a stakeholders meeting at the court, Atambo said Thika court being a busy institution, attracts all manner of brokers and conmen, who pretend to be court officials or are in a position to help clients.

She said prior to the weed-out exercise, the conmen used to work closely with court officials to make files of interest get lost, thus annulling some cases.

Some of the other interventions include the ongoing digitization process that she said has helped streamline operations and that no file can miss from the court registry. "Before the interventions, it was a

mess. The brokers in collaboration with some court officials would make some files taken off from the registry. However, things are different now. It's no longer a market place. As court officials, we have also streamlined our operations and we have targets to reduce backlog," she said.

The Magistrate at the same time said the court has made major strides in clearing case backlog at the main court particularly through the launch of the small claims court a year ago.

The courts, she said, have helped in speedy determination of cases that require compensation from accused parties.

"In the small claims courts, we have not only reduced our backlog but also helped in speeding up compensations among those involved at a tune of Sh200 million during the said period," she said.

She said they are also working with the police and the locals to partake in alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in efforts to reduce the backlog.

This, she said, would ensure petty cases are closed at the police station. "It will also help decongest our prisons," she said.

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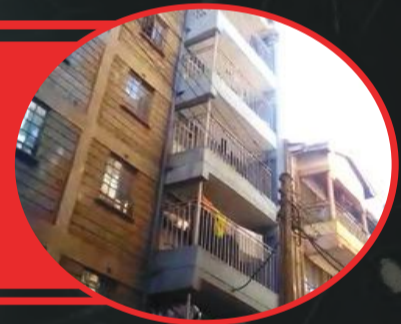
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Government, IGAD To Formulate Bill To Cater For Pastoralist's Welfare

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Some of the forum participants.

Worth Noting:

- The consumer expert added that where pastoralism is practiced, livestock keeping for either beef or dairy is key and supports over 70 per cent of the population in the Arid and Semi-Arid region (ASAL).
- Kasimbu noted that enhancing the economic welfare in the ASALs is by facilitating the communities legally and through development programs, which will eradicate poverty and illiteracy.
- “We want to put a legal framework in place, which will also ensure that these resources are targeted by the central government and also help the cross border mobility,” added Kasimbu.

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the European Union and the Kenyan Government are preparing a Bill that will be enacted into law to improve the lives of pastoralists.

Speaking during a three-day workshop at Samara hotel in Machakos, a consumer expert at IGAD Japheth Kasimbu said they have discussed the development and initialization of an IGAD pastoral law that takes care of pastoralism and range lands management in the country.

Kasimbu said that the Kenyan Government has shown positive support in discussing the laws and protocol that will help the pastoralists.

“We are here as the technical team from different ministries to discuss the roadmap of how to develop the law that will take care of pastoralism,” he said.

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He pointed out that if there was free movement of persons across borders, then there should be free movement of pastoralists and their livestock.

Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi, who was present during the workshop, hailed the move aimed at improving the lives of pastoralists saying it was of great significance not just for the residents in the Asal region, but for the entire country.

Mwangangi noted that the laws to

be drafted, will guide the movement through marking of transhumance routes, thus preventing conflicts in the member countries.

He said that extensive animal production makes a major contribution to national economies in the IGAD



Japheth Kasimbu, a consumer expert at IGAD, conferring with Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi during a workshop on pastoral laws to improve the lives of pastoralists at the Samara Hotel, Machakos..

region with many people depending on livestock for livelihoods and employment.

“The move will allow free flow of economy that will connect the region with other areas in the country in terms of business transactions and development,” noted Mwangangi.

The deputy governor further proposed that the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) be extended to the region for the pastoralists to have easier access to the livestock factory. He also assured both IGAD and the other stakeholders that Machakos County was fully committed to ensuring success of the pastoral laws.

Other stakeholders involved in the initiative included the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and the IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), among others.

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KFCB Issues Warning To Persons Sharing Inappropriate Content



Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB), Chief Executive Officer Christopher Wambua (centre) addressing members of the press on the current rampant sharing of inappropriate audio-visual content on social media platforms at his office, Uchumi House yesterday.

By: Ali Sheikh

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The Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) has warned individuals' sharing graphics and disturbing audio-visual content on social media platforms that they risk prosecution.

KFCB acting Chief Executive Officer Christopher Wambua lamented that the vice has not only become rampant, but has also taken a disconcerting turn with some bloggers and social media users, sharing offensive video content with the potential to cause harm.

Wambua said it is perturbing that some media users were increasingly misusing Digital Apps to host and stream live video sessions of explicit adult shows in blatant breach of the country's laws and sharing intimate videos of other parties without their consent.

The Acting CEO said the law is categorical that, a person who transfers, publishes, disseminates, distributes and downloads through a telecommunications network and transfers data to a computer of intimate or obscene images of another person commits an offence and is liable to conviction, or a fine not exceeding Sh200, 000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both.

"Some Apps are transformed into digital brothels from midnight, while others are non-consensual

dissemination of intimate images of individuals in violation of privacy laws," he added.

Wambua singled out the recent streaming of graphic content of a mother killing a minor in Kitengela in total disregard of the interest and safety of children and other vulnerable members of society.

Speaking at a press conference at the KFCB headquarters at Uchumi House yesterday, on the rampant sharing of inappropriate audio visual content on social media platforms, the Acting CEO said freedom of expression as enshrined in the constitution, does not allow the infringement on the rights of the child, youth and individuals whose privacy has been violated.

"The Board has been and shall continue to monitor various platforms with a view to collecting evidence for onward transmission to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations for prosecution," warned Wambua.

The Ag. CEO at the same time called upon parents, caregivers and guardians to keenly monitor the content their children access in social media networks, broadcast channels and other platforms in order to stop them from accessing inappropriate content.

"Parents are encouraged to activate the safety features available on various platforms and smart devices used by minors in order to protect children from corruption of their moral," stated Wambua.

"We will continue empowering parents and caregivers with the necessary skills and knowledge to

enable them help children navigate the online environment safely through Parental Digital Literacy programme," he said.

Meanwhile, the Board is collaborating with Netflix, Tik Tok and Google to empower parents with knowledge to undertake their parenting responsibilities effectively in the digital environment.

He urged social media platform operators, online distributors and exhibitors to strictly enforce their community guidelines to avoid misuse of their platforms, while stressing that moderation of content in their platforms must be in alignment with the country's laws and cultural values.

"We urge registered audio-visual content platforms and operators across the country to adhere to the provisions of Cap 222 and other laws, and create content that does not compromise our culture, moral values and national aspirations," he said.

Wambua also called on industry players and other stakeholders to submit their inputs on the draft regulations and guidelines regarding Films and on Stage Plays regulations and film classification that was published by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, the Arts and Sport.

He said the ministry in consultation with the Board is reviewing the legal and policy environment with the aim of ensuring an enabling regulatory and legal environment in the sector.

Ten-Year-Old-Boy Killed By Elephant In Kajiado



By: Diana Meneto

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A 10-year-old boy was trampled to death by an elephant within Letoire location, Kajiado Central sub-county.

According to area chief, Jonathan ole Munke, the victim and two other boys were herding livestock, when they were attacked by the jumbo. The other two escaped unhurt.

Munke said the boy died on the spot. Police and Kenya Wildlife Service rangers moved the body to Kajiado referral Hospital morgue.

Following the sad incident, irate residents pursued the animal and killed it.

Kajiado Senior Warden, Daniel Kipkosgey said KWS immediately initiated dialogue with the community after the incident, urging them not to take matters into their own hands.

"We maintained patrols and aerial surveys in partnership with the Big Life Foundation in the area in a bid to keep the jumbos away from the residential areas, but it is unfortunate that the over 200 residents managed to trail the 35-year-old jumbo and killed it with spears 18 kilometers from the scene of death," said Kipkosgey.

Kipkosgey revealed that the compensation process has begun and the postmortem has already been done at the Kajiado Referral Hospital.

The deceased will be buried today, with KWS funding the entire process.

The senior warden urged Kajiado residents to be cautious as elephants were roaming all over given due to the ongoing rains.

"Residents should avoid taking evening walks and children should be accompanied by adults all the time," he said.

He has also cautioned residents against killing the wildlife saying that all human/wildlife conflicts should be reported to their offices.

"We have enhanced our patrols to avert further human wildlife conflict cases, even as we discourage retaliation from members of the community. We encourage them to report any cases rather than take law into their own hands," said Kipkosgey.

The angry residents however lamented that the loss of lives and destruction of property due to human /wildlife conflicts have become rampant in the area, yet compensation takes very long.

JUBILEE PARTY UNDER SIEGE

As Kenyatta Tells Off Police Over Jubilee Party Headquarters Fiasco With Kanini Kega Accusing Him Over Poll

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Former President Uhuru Kenyatta arriving at Jubilee party headquarters yesterday.

Worth Noting:

- Shortly after, the former President addressed journalists where he bashed the National Police Service administrations for being used to settle political scores instead of undertaking their mandate independently.
- “I want to ask our police officers to kindly follow the law and we have seen you so many times following the path of violating the law. Please adhere to justice because you pledged to protect the country and the people,” said Kenyatta.
- Kenyatta who was visibly angered questioned why the police meddled with the internal affairs of the Jubilee party further disrupting the peace and serene in the community neighboring the party headquarters.

Retired President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday told off police officers who had cordoned the Jubilee Party Headquarters’ in Kileleshwa during the heated wrangles between two rival faction in the party.

Kenyatta who is the party leader while making a public appearance at the party headquarters since the wrangles was accompanied by the embattled Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni

“We are not leaving here until you leave,” Kenyatta told the police officers as the supporters who escorted him cheered on.

Soon after, the police officers left the premises granting Kioni’s faction led by Kenyatta to access the party headquarters that had been cordoned by police officers since morning.

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“This property is not ours we have only rented it. We have neighbors surrounding this building yet you

have thrown teargas at them so that you can take the house by force. That’s not right, that’s not the law,” he said.

Police were forced to lob teargas outside the party headquarters to disperse supporters of Jeremiah Kioni and Kanini Kega who are fighting over a party takeover.

This comes as Kega and Kanini

clashed over who is the bonafide Secretary-General of the former ruling party.

Jubilee Party Vice-Chairman Adan Keynan said the fate of besieged Kioni lies with the party’s internal dispute resolution committee.

This is after the Political Parties Tribunal declined to quash NEC’s resolution that installed EALA MP Kanini Kega as his replacement.

In its judgment delivered on April 16, the tribunal said that the notice for the National Executive Committee meeting issued on February 2 and the subsequent NEC meeting on February 10 which imposed Kega was done in accordance with the party Constitution.

On his part, Kega, an EALA MP laughed at Kenyatta’s visit to the party offices claiming that if he had dedicated as much energy during the 2022 campaigns as he has done for Kioni many leaders from the mountain region would not have lost their seats.

Kega, the former Kieni constituency lawmaker listed leaders who in his opinion could have won various political seats.

They range from Governors, Senators, and Women Representatives to Members of the National Assembly.

He maintained he is the acting Jubilee party Secretary General and vows to keep Championing for the party agenda.

On his side are several party leaders, most of whom have warmed up to the Kenya Kwanza administration.



Kanini Kega addressing the press over yesterday’s fiasco while flanked by other party officials and supporters.

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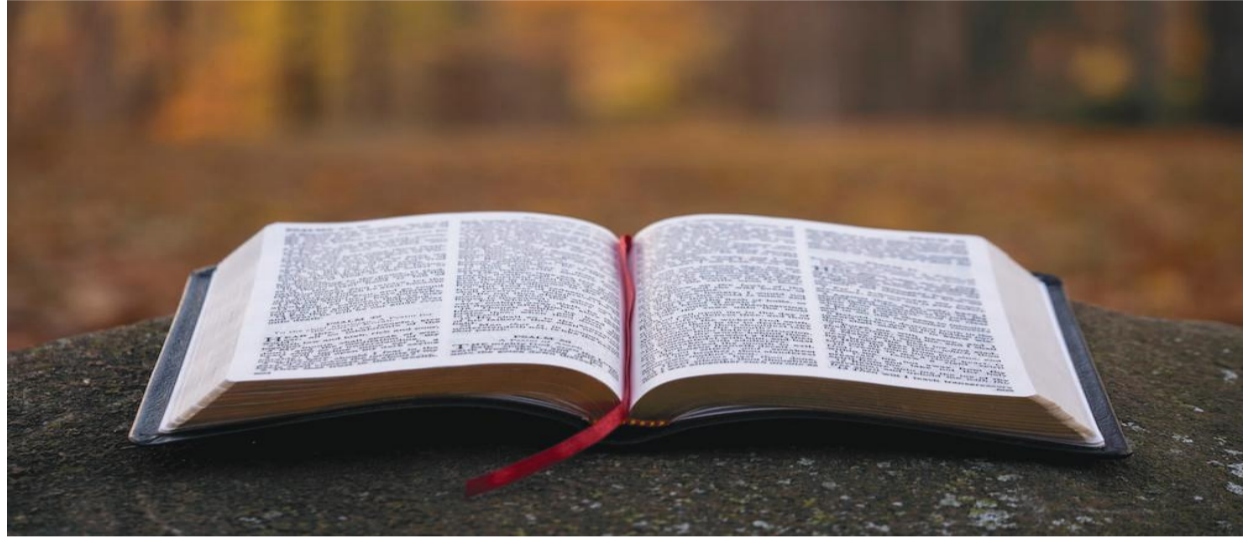


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 The New English Bible captures the idea very well: “You fathers, again, must not goad your children to resentment.” The directness and simplicity of this “do not” invites us to do some honest thinking about the ways we goad our children to exasperation. It is a delicate balance for great successful fatherhood. We have witnessed in our times, and in ages past as evidenced in Scriptures, great anointed men of God excelling in society’s leadership/ Kingship, but utterly failing when it comes to fatherhood. May the good Lord, Christ Jesus help us.

Fathers who criticize their children often bring them to discouragement. The parallel version of this “do not” in Colossians 3:21 indicates that children embittered by nagging and deriding “lose heart” (NASB) — like a horse that has had its spirit broken. You can see it in the way a horse moves, and you can see it in the eyes and posture of a disheartened child. Some fathers exasperate

Helpfully, God’s Word provides us with an outline for a fatherly workout — in one pungent sentence: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, BRING THEM UP IN THE TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD” (Ephesians 6:4). This outline is easiest remembered as a “do not” and a “do.” The “do not” is: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children”; the “do” is: “instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Fatherhood’s “Do Nots” The “do not” is perfectly clear, because it literally means, “do not provoke your children to anger so they begin to seethe with resent-



their children by being overly strict and controlling. They need to remember that rearing children is like holding a wet bar of soap — too firm a grasp and it shoots from your hand, too loose a grip and it slides away. A gentle but firm hold keeps you in control.

GOD HELP US THE MORE, FOR HE IS ABLE

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“NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

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Stall Of Bipartisan Talks Did Not Come As A Surprise



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Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo addresses the media on the bipartisan talks on Tuesday 25th April at crown plaza Hotel. Photo | Courtesy.

Worth Noting:

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Two days ago, the 14-member parliamentary committee established to resolve the disputes arising from last year's general election held the second meeting.

After the meeting, the writing was on the wall that the talks have hit a dead-end as the co-chairs proceeded to address separate press conference.

The Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition statement was blunt and candid.

The talks have collapsed. There is no need of lying to Kenyans that we are doing anything.

While flanked by the members of his team, MP Otiende Omollo attributed the cause of stalemate to two main areas of disagreements.

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Where was Azimio leader Raila Odinga at the time? How come he did not blow the whistle? How come he did not push for postponement of elections until this matter is addressed?

If you ask me, he had no problem with this law because he he had high expectations he would win the elections.

He believed Dr Ruto was poised to become the opposition leader. To push his agenda in parliament, he (Raila) needed to poach members of his Kenya Kwanza party and lure them to join his camp by giving them some enticements.

As such, that clause would help him to make them shift loyalties with ease as they will not be required to resign and seek fresh mandate.

As a country, this is where we go wrong. The lawmakers enacted laws largely designed to push their selfish interests and those of their party leaders.

So in my considered view, Azimio's move to list this as one of the reasons that have stalled the bipartisan talks is unlikely to get public support and sympathy.

Raila's anger is well understood. It emanates from the fact that he lost the elections to President William Ruto.

He never thought President Uhuru's shoe will be worn by him.

God and the people of Kenya were however on Dr Ruto side. That is why he won the elections.

The second issue the Azimio cited was failure to reach consensus on agenda items.

The coalition's insistence that all their demands must be included and addressed did not augur well.

It sharply contradicted the cardinal principle of give-and-take. This spirit can be described as the engine of any successfully negotiations.

Yes, it is true that Kenya Kwanza

government has also fronted their issues.

I have not heard Azimio faulting them.

The current constitution which was promulgated in 2010 is now 13 years old.

During this period, Kenyans had an opportunity to review, interrogate it and identify the grey areas.

So, President William Ruto is on the right track.

This is the moment to ensure that parliament has played its constitutional role.

This is by enacting new laws, reviewing and amending the provisions that falls within its mandate.

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Every Act Of Kindness Matters

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Worth Noting:

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 Being kind to a stranger by showing him the direction will promote confidence in that person, make him to feel safe, save him time and energy that he could have spent wandering search for the right direction.
- Giving a listening ear to someone even if you do not have real solutions to his issues will help him to get relief that someone cares for him and have lend him an ear. He will empty what was disturbing him. You may then direct him to a professional counselor, religious leader or just tell him to allow the issues narrated sometime so that they may sort themselves out.

The level of our success is limited only by our imagination and no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted Aesop.

All over the world humans are known for their social nature in that they are always interested in affairs of other people especially those around them or the ones they know.

The culture of socialness should be extended from knowing what others have done or are interested in but also supporting their course so that their dreams may come true.

During the rainy season sharing an umbrella with someone will make him feel appreciated and his time saved. The act does not look complex but have a big impact. The self-esteem of the one you share an umbrella with will be boosted.

To a deserted person speaking to him will make him feel honoured. To you it may look an ordinary and easy thing but to that person he will

take it as a lucky day.

Smiling to a kid will excite him and make him friendly to you. In your presence he will always be in a jovial mood. You will brighten his world. To him he will not care of other external factors affecting you he will only want that joyous facial expression.

The word thank you may look simple to you but saying it to someone who has done something good to you will make him to feel appreciated and develop liking for you. Anyone who has helped you even if you do not have material things to help him a polite word of mouth will play a great role.

Helping the sick person, elderly person or a young one cross the road or climb stair cases may seem normal to you but it means a lot to them. Somewhere they could have spent hours will take them just few minutes. They could or could not openly

tell you but they will feel supported in a huge way.

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Regular visiting your parents will make them happy by feeling someone is caring about them. Their will feel there is a shoulder to lean on. They will be proud of their kid. The visit will not matter what material

commodities you take to them but spending time with them will be a great deal to them.

When approached by someone seeking your guidance no matter the opinion you have about him it is kind to offer him the best advice possible or refer him to the right person for the type of services he requires. Unknowingly when you will need advice high are chances that you will not be misguided as the fate you give to others will follow you.

Nyeri County Government Senior Officials To Undergo Sensitization Training

By: Our Correspondent

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All the senior government officials in the Nyeri County government have started a sensitization workshop would aim is to enhance their efficiency.

The programme is targeting the County Executive Committee Members (CECM) and the Departmental accounting officers, Chief Officers.

Governor Mutahi Kahiga yesterday officially opened the three day training where he urged the participants to take their assignments seriously for the benefit of the local community.

The governor who was accompanied by his deputy David Kinaniri, revealed that the training is being organized by the Department of Finance and Economic Planning.

It will be covering areas on Financial Operation, Planning, Budgeting, Auditing and Procurement.

“The objective of the training is to

build the capacity of the CECMs and Accounting Officers in order to improve on efficiency service delivery and also in order to avoid unnecessary audit issues,” he observed.

During the intense training sessions, the officers are expected to cover among other areas; Understanding County Economic Planning, Understanding budgeting, sources and allocation of resources and Understanding procurement processes including e-Procurement.

Other areas they will be sensitised on is understanding payment processes and accounting documents as well as the importance of record keeping and stores management including fuel registers.

“This will ensure transparency and accountability of financial resources while serving Nyeri citizenry,” the governor noted.

Governor Kahiga completed constituting his government a few weeks ago when the last batch of CECM and Chief Officers joined his administration.



Nyeri County governor Mutahi Kahiga addressing senior officers at the beginning of the sensitization training yesterday.

Marmanet Forest Evictees Visit Laikipia Governor Over Delayed Settlement

By: Our Correspondent

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Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu yesterday hosted a team from the 1988 Marmanet Forest Evictees Association (MAFEA) in his Nanyuki office.

The group had sought Governor’s intervention in a prolonged land dispute that has left them homeless for over 35 years now.

The families, which currently have around 10,000 members, were evicted from their land in the Marmanet Forest to allow the planting of indigenous trees.

This land would later be allocated to other people, leaving the MAFEA families homeless.

MAFEA had petitioned the Senate in 2020 to help them resolve the land tussle where the Senate adopted their



Some of the evictee who visited Governor Joshua Irungu.

petition as a historical injustice case.

The Senate directed the National

Land Commission to form a multi-agency team to look into the matter.



Laikipia County governor Joshua Irungu addressing the evictees

To follow on the Senate’s directive, the Governor has directed a committee that includes the Department of Lands to be formed in a bid to properly understand the gravity the issue.

The committee will follow up on the Senate’s directive and revert back with a progress report by June, 2023. Governor was joined by the Coun-

ty Secretary Koinange Wahome, the Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development CECM Ekwan Nabos, and the Chief Officer for Housing Ken Kibaara, among other county officials.

Framework To Be Set Up To Allow Kenyans Apply For Jobs In The US - CS Mutua



Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua with United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken during a bilateral session for negotiations on the Kenya-United States of America Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership in Washington, DC, United States of America.

By: Bernadette Khaduli

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Foreign and Diaspora Affairs CS Dr. Alfred Mutua has encouraged Kenyans to apply for jobs in the United States of America (USA).

Dr. Mutua said the US is setting up a framework to allow Kenyans to apply for jobs and to get work visas on time.

“The United States is working on modalities to speed up Visa processing at the Nairobi Embassy to reduce the long waiting times,” he said.

The CS is in Washington DC in United States of America attending a bilateral session for negotiations on the Kenya-United States of America Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership accompanied by the Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry Moses Kuria and other senior government officials.

He said the two countries have agreed to partner in the areas of trade and investment for job creation and visas for youth empowerment, health, food security, climate

change, regional peace and security.

In a press statement sent to newsrooms, Dr. Mutua said during the meeting, US committed to support Kenya’s universal healthcare program with a focus on epidemic control and manufacturing of vaccine and pharmaceutical production, which he noted will create jobs for Kenyans and transfer technology.

“We agreed on the continuation of support for HIV/AIDS medication as we build capacity to produce our own within five years. We also hailed the deal with Moderna which will set a vaccine production factory in Kenya from this year,” stated the CS.

He at the same time revealed that US has also committed to facilitate Kenya on sustainable food production, instead of food aid through water harvesting programmes among them dams, value addition technology, and agribusiness technology to encourage youth to embrace farming.

Regarding the Bottom Up, ‘Hustler’ economic model, they discussed partnerships in supporting youth programs, empowering Kenya’s Small and Medium Enterprises and growing wealth to boost the youth.

He said the two countries discussed many security and defence partnerships, since United States is one of the valued partners on Kenya’s efforts to stabilize the region for peace and security.

Dr. Mutua said that United States has committed to support the upgrading of United Nations Office in Nairobi to international standards.

He told the American government that Kenya is open for business and encouraged American investors to invest in the country, adding that with the Africa Continental Free Trade Area agreement, Kenya can be used as the hub for reaching the 1.3 plus billion African market.

“We explained to the US Commerce Department on the various Kenyan incentives that are second to none. We should expect an inflow of American firms opening up businesses in Kenya,” he added.

The CS who thanked the Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, the Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, Molly Phee, US Ambassador to Kenya, Meg Whitman and their teams for the warm welcome, said the negotiation discussed partnership of over 50 specific issues.

Man Slapped With Three-Month Imprisonment For Handling Counterfeit Liquor



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A middle aged man was sentenced to serve three months in prison by a Kenol court for possessing illicit brew after he pleaded guilty to the charge.

The court heard that Julius Kamau was accosted by police officers and the OCS Makuyu in Murang’a South Sub County on Sunday, as he sold the unlicensed alcoholic beverage at his business premises at 8am.

The officers apprehended him, while acting on a tip off from members of the public about his underhand dealings.

Upon inspection, the accused was asked to provide his business per-

mit but he didn’t have one. That’s when he got arrested and taken to the police station, together with the brands of alcohol he was selling to be used as exhibits.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges before Principal Magistrate O.M Wanyaga and was convicted on his own plea of guilt.

Having been previously charged with the same felony in March this year, the Principal Magistrate sentenced him to serve three months in custody.

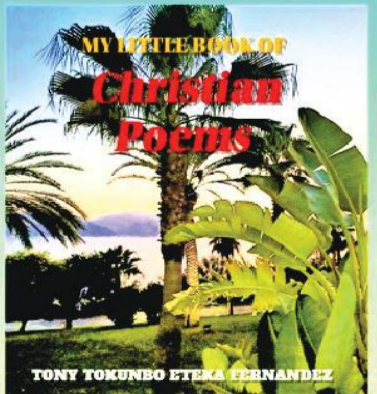
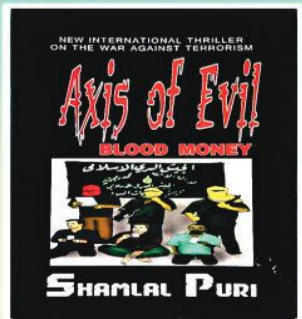
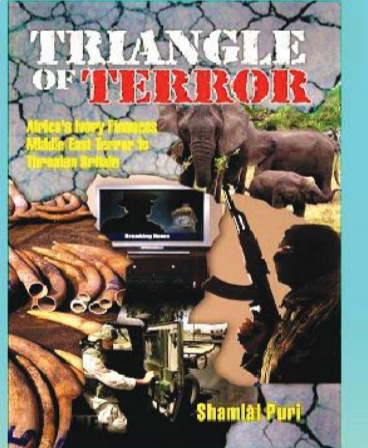
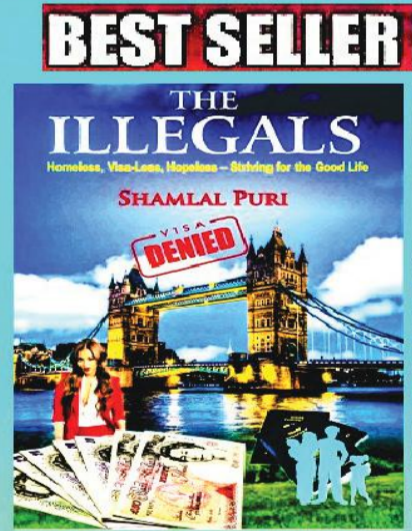
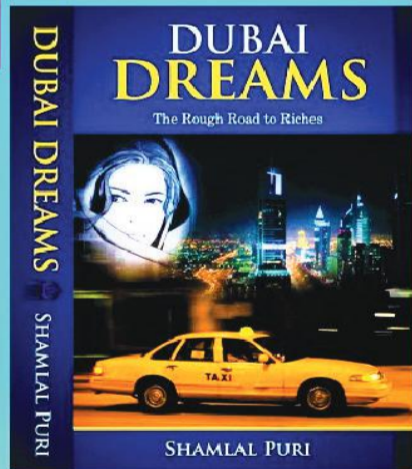
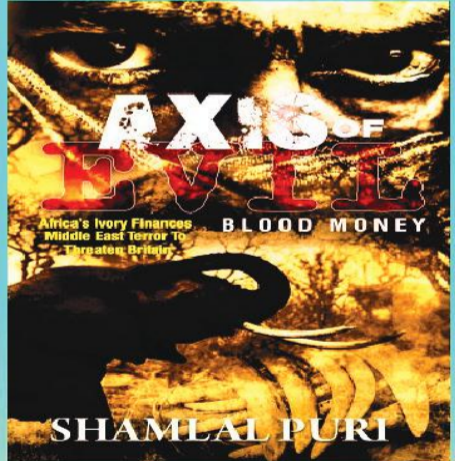
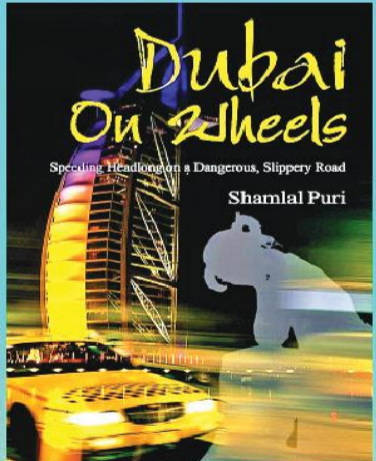
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SACCOs Key In Achieving The Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda - Mudavadi

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Worth Noting:

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- "I urge SACCOs through their various leaders and member participation to remain focused and united towards achieving your objective in line with the Cooperative Principles and Values of democratic member control, economic member participation and equity," said Mudavadi.
- In the speech that the Prime Cabinet Secretary read on behalf of the President, he noted the unique nature of the cooperative business model in aggregating both human and capital resources that focuses on uplifting livelihoods of Kenyans at the bottom of the economic pyramid. This he said played part that informed the Kenya Kwanza Economic Transformation Agenda (BeTA).



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui and other leaders while in Ol-Kalou yesterday.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has commended the power of Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOs) for the role they play in transforming the lives of Kenyans, contributing immensely in the growth of the country's economy and empowering societies.

Speaking in Ol Kalou town, Nyandarua County where he represented President William Ruto in the inauguration of TOWER SACCO building, a savings and credit co-operative society with over 200,000 members, Mudavadi lauded the move being spearheaded by SACCOs across the country in cultivating the culture of savings among Kenyans.

"The power of co-operatives is so strong and many economies including economies of developed countries like Denmark and many others have a history that relates to their foundation on co-operatives and their contribution towards the empowerment of citizens," said Mudavadi.

"As TOWER SACCO, I want to believe that you will become bigger since you have done it and you can do it even better. The support you have given this government through your initiative with a financial base of 20 billion Kenya shillings signifies a huge contribution to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda of Kenya Kwanza's PLAN," said Mudavadi.

Mudavadi said as TOWER SACCO continues to tower, many Kenyans and particularly its members continue to see and embrace great opportunities beyond the horizon.

Acknowledging how SACCOs continue to play a central role within the society, the Prime Cabinet Secretary also pointed out the need of members of SACCOs uniting towards

achieving a common goal.

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Mudavadi said the Kenya Kwanza administration is fully behind and will continue supporting the growth of SACCOs as a way to enable Kenyans own their economy through self-empowerment, improved incomes, employment and wealth creation.

"The Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs) have witnessed rapid growth in the last few decades. It now boasts of savings mobilization of over Ksh. 1 trillion, which is 30 percent of our national savings. This is why SACCOs will play a key role in our financial inclusion agenda by being among the key intermediaries on disbursement of the Second and the Third products of the Hustler Fund. We expect that SACCOs will help the Fund improve liquidity, in-



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi addressing the gathering.

crease diversity in membership base and the savings culture, and also sustainability through digitalization of products." read part of the President's speech.

In the speech, the President also addressed his administration's commitment to the implementation of the Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2020 on National Cooperative Policy whose theme is: Promoting Cooperatives for Socio-Economic Transformation.

The Sessional Paper provides guiding policy in legal, institutional and capacity building of cooperatives, in a devolved system of governance.

"As part of implementing the Sessional Paper, we have a draft Cooperatives Bill which is in the process of being introduced in Parliament. We are in the process of amending the Sacco Societies Act; to establish a central liquidity facility and a shared-services platform. This facility will improve Cooperatives' services to members and cushion them against financial risks. It will also boost liquidity in the SACCO sub-sector by providing for short-term inter-Sacco borrowing, and access to the National Payment System," further read part of President Ruto's speech.

The government also aims at undertaking key Cooperatives reforms that will include revitalization of key production value chains in agriculture, to improve livelihoods of farmers. The value chains targeted are dairy; pyrethrum; horticulture that includes potatoes and cabbages; leather and leather products; textile

and apparel; edible oils; tea; artisanal mining and fishing; and maize and other cereals.

"We therefore also encourage MSMEs to transit into Cooperatives to provide skills and building materials to the housing sector. This will complement government programs to facilitate provision of common basic infrastructure to qualifying Cooperatives and other real estate developers," read part of the President's speech.

Mudavadi also pointed out that the government is exploring ways to maximize leveraging on the existing cooperative structure in rolling out affordable housing; universal health-care; and pension schemes, to Kenyans at the bottom of the economic pyramid.

TOWER SACCO boast of 26 branches spread out across the country with a membership of over 200,000 members.

It was established 47 years ago as Nyandarua Teachers Savings and Credit Society before transforming into the now TOWER SACCO that continues to tower and has become a beacon of hope not only to its members in Nyandarua county and its environs but to the country at large.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives Simon Chelgui, Nyandarua Governor Moses Kiari Badilisha, Senator John Methu, Women Representative Faith Gitau among other dignitaries.



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Interior And National Administration Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki Appears And Answers Questions In The Senate

By: PSCU



Cabinet Secretary Prof Kithure Kindiki addressing the Senate as Speaker Amason Kingi and members attentively listens

safety and security of administrators, in this case the chiefs operating in areas prone to banditry? Is the CS considering providing them with training and arms to enhance their security?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

We have made a tremendous improvement in terms of recovery of stolen livestock, we are compiling data backwards just to show what we have done. We have had recoveries in Laikipia, Baringo and even Samburu Counties. Out of the 500 livestock stolen, we have recovered 200. These criminals once they steal, they separate these livestock in small groups then disappear. Our officers are trained and equipped. Right now pending before the National Security Council is a proposal for limited issuance of firearms to all chiefs, assistant chiefs and ACCs in specific areas which are facing harsh insecurity so that they can support the National Police Service and also for protecting themselves.

SEN. WILLIAM CHEPTUMO:

Around 2016/2017 your ministry gazetted a number of administrative units in various counties in our country, this created new locations, sub locations, divisions and some sub counties, up to today, those gazetted units have not been activated, when will you operationalize the units gazetted?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

All the gazetted administrative units will be operationalized but due to budgetary constraints we have decided to operationalize them in 3 phases starting this financial year. We will have an objective criteria of identifying which of them go to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase.

SEN. PROF. MARGARET KAMAR:

Is there a policy of handling people who have been displaced by the government? Is there a policy where food must be provided, sanitation must be provided because people are told to move and they are not told where to move to and how they are going to live?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

Any Kenyan who was displaced as a result of the ongoing security operation or for whatever other reason, the policy of the government of Kenya is to resettle them. We have be-

gun tracking whether there are any victims of the orders that I issued, if there are any genuine people who were displaced, the government of Kenya will facilitate either their return or settlement so that no Kenyan is deprived of their property or removed from their habitual places of residence.

SEN. KATHURI MURUNGI:

What immediate measures is the ministry taking to make sure that area is considered in a very special way so that the custom of banditry can stop so that they can start farming and doing other things besides militarization of the region?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

We will roll out all the other interventions in terms of the social, economic, infrastructure and amenity development, and peace building as well. The ministry has already generated the appropriate framework for the reconstruction of all the affected areas as promised by President William Ruto.

SEN. DR. BONI KHALWALE:

Kenyan would like to know the role played by political leaders including sitting MCAs and sitting members of parliament who we believe are part of the problem of incitement, problem of giving logistical support, problem of funding and problem of procuring markets where these animals are sold as far away from North Eastern as Nairobi in Dagoretti. And do you have a plan to disband that structure of security called police reservist?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

We have made significant progress in tracking and nailing the masterminds of banditry. We have in our radar a number of politicians of different cadres whose activities have been linked to the support, funding and encouragement of banditry. We have crucial evidence, some of which was collected at the scene of crime which incriminates political leaders and other people. We will have high profile arraignment of the commanders of bandits whether they are civilian commanders, politicians et cetera. We want to build a case that will succeed in court.

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The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Prof. Kithure Kindiki appeared before the Senate yesterday to answer to questions from Senators. The inaugural appearance of Cabinet Secretaries in the Senate started with questions from Samburu Senator Dr. Lelegwe Ltumbesi which was followed by several others posed by different Senators.

SEN. DR LELEGWE LTUMBE-SI:

What is the state of security in Samburu West Constituency currently, in light of the deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) to support the ongoing security operation?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

The status of security in Samburu County since the deployment of the military to support the police has improved tremendously. The situation has improved from what was the case before the operation was declared. We immediately identified certain parts of Samburu County and the other 4 counties which were being used to hold and hide bandits and we asked members of the public to vacate from those places. These are not habitual places of residence. We had established that after stealing livestock, these bandits would retreat to very remote caves and gorges which are not places of habitual residence, hide there and could survey or try and track what the rest of our agencies were doing and the rest of the public and plan further attacks from there. After we gave the 24 hour orders for the public to leave those dangerous places, some criminals took the 24 hour notice to

mix with the rest of the population. All the places that were used as hide outs for bandits in Baringo, Laikipia, Samburu, Turkana, West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet counties have been cleared and dominated by security forces. Our presence in those areas is going to remain even after we call off the operation to ensure those bandits do not go back to those caves and gorges. The operation in our view is a success.

SEN. DR LELEGWE LTUMBE-SI:

What measures is the Government taking to enhance security in Samburu County and could the Cabinet Secretary indicate the plans in place to facilitate the communities from Longewan Escarpment, Pura Valley and Nolkera areas, which vacated their lands following a directive by Interior Cabinet Secretary to safely return and commence cultivation, in view of the ongoing long rains season?

CS PROF. KITHURE KINDIKI:

The measures that we are taking other than military and police action include improving our intelligence, we have deployed and enhanced the specialized operation group. I want to assure the nation that every criminal holding firearms illegally must surrender them, they either surrender the firearms or we will take them by all means possible.

SEN. DR LELEGWE LTUMBE-SI:

What is the government policy on recovery of stolen property that is livestock and compensation if the government is unable to take action? What measures do you plan to implement in order to guarantee the

Human Rights Defenders Call For Security From Government

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The National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders has called on the government to protect all human rights defenders including journalists in their daily routine of fighting for the rights of humankind.

Speaking outside the Meru Law Courts after attending the hearing of a case where a human rights activist from Isiolo Ms Elizabeth Ekaru was murdered in January 2022, the coalition's Executive Director Mr Kamau Ngugi said there was need for government to ensure a conducive environment for these groups so that they can work without any fear.

"We are pleading with the government to protect human rights defenders as well as journalists and anyone else who advocates for people's justice so they can do their work peacefully without any fear of intimidation whatsoever," said Mr Ngugi.

He added that defending human rights as well as fighting for people's justice has currently become a risky affair especially in Kenya despite the fact that it was enshrined in the constitution.

He however encouraged human rights groups and individuals in the country to work without fear and be vigilant to defend the rights of humankind as stipulated in Chapter four of the Kenyan constitution.

"It's very painful to defend human rights when people in the society and some government agencies are up against you. We will however not lose hope since this is a cause worth fighting for," said Mr Ngugi.

Ekaru was a celebrated outspoken human rights defender whose activities had won her a Head of State Commendation medal and other accolades, because of agitating for land rights of marginalized communities and a strong advocate for women empowerment, but her killing because of a land dispute left many in shock.



National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders led by Kamau Ngugi outside the Meru Court yesterday.

KETRACO Appoints Eng. John Mativo As New Managing Director

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Dr. (Eng.) John Mativo has been appointed as the Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO) Ltd Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer on a contract term of three years.

Announcing the appointment, the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the company, Abdi Bare Duale said the appointment that takes effect from April 24, 2023 was renewable once, subject to performance and retirement age for Public Officers.

Dr. Mativo was appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum Davis Chirchir following a successful and competitive recruitment process concluded by the Board of Directors.

The recruitment process attracted 194 applicants and after a thorough vetting and selection process, only eight candidates were interviewed by the Board of Directors.

The position of Managing Director



Eng (Dr) John Mativo.

and CEO at the organization had remained vacant since February 1, last year, when the then Managing Director/ CEO Fernandes Barasa resigned to pursue politics.

Eng. (CPA) Antony Wamukota then steered the company's operations as Managing Director and CEO in an

acting capacity from then to January this year when Eng. Isaac Kiva, took over the mantle from January 27, 2023.

Eng. Isaac Kiva, the Secretary Renewable Energy at the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum and was seconded to KETRACO to oversee the

recruitment process of the Managing Director and CEO.

Eng. Kiva who is accredited for having streamlined the company's operations and strengthened teamwork during his short stint in the Company, reverts to his substantive position at the Ministry.

Dr Mativo is expected to bring on board sufficient skills in leadership and management of resources, having served the Company in various capacities since 2010.

According to KETRACO, the newly appointed Managing Director has a wealth of experience and institutional historical information, which is much needed to support the required leadership in designing suitable plans and strategies that will contribute to high and sustainable socioeconomic development to the country's economy.

"He takes over the company's leadership at the height of reforms in the Energy Sector geared towards reducing the cost of power," said the statement.

It further stated that the newly appointed Managing Director will also

oversee the formulation and implementation of the Company's Fourth Strategic Plan 2023/28, Operationalization of the System Operator Mandate under the Energy Act 2019 and implementation of the Company's first PPP Transmission Projects.

Dr. Mativo, who has over 25 years of experience in both the public and private sector, holds a Doctorate degree in Civil Engineering from Tokyo Metropolitan University (Japan), a Master's degree in Structural Engineering from Tongji University (China), and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nairobi.

Prior to joining KETRACO, Eng. Mativo worked with H.P. Gauff Consulting Engineer, Ministry of Roads and Public Works and later as a Consultant for European Union-funded projects in the Local Government.

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Nakuru County Addressing Triple Threats Of Adolescents

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Nakuru County Government has committed to expediting measures to address the triple adolescence challenges of HIV infection, early pregnancies and gender-based violence.

The county Chief Officer for Public Health Alice Abuki, speaking during a sensitization seminar held at Njoro sub-county, said the county admiration was perturbed by the soaring numbers of the three vices among the local youth.

Abuki said the trend was unacceptable and everything possible would be done to end the triple threat, citing that in 2022, the county recorded new 297 HIV infections among teenagers aged between 10-19, representing 19.8 percent of the total such infections in the county.

At the same time, 8426 adolescent girls aged 10-19 became pregnant in the same year, while sexual and

gender-based violence cases among the age bracket of 10-17 years, rose from 439 in 2016 to 1101 in 2022.

However, reacting to the shocking figures, a youth leader from the county John Kanyi blamed parents, teachers, healthcare workers, religious and traditional leaders, who are often wary of implementing measures aimed at rescuing adolescents, ostensibly due to social taboos and discriminatory gender norms.

Nakuru County Chief Officer for Public Health Alice Abuki with other officials.



Kenya, Nigeria To Collaborate In Redefining Higher Education

By: Michael Omondi

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Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu yesterday held discussions with a delegation from the National University Commission of Nigeria led by Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, who paid him a courtesy call at Jogoo House.

Machogu said Kenya and Nigeria share plenty in common, therefore the need to form collaborations and work together in getting solutions to common problems affecting higher education in Africa.

“We are currently in the process of transiting from the 8-4-4 education system to the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) system of education unveiled in 2017, which provides continuous assessment for learners in their skills and competences. We also want to ensure our certificates attain international recognized standards and enable grad-

uates to acquire the necessary skills and competences to practice worldwide” said the CS.

Machogu stated that Kenya is currently facing challenges of university funding and governance, but assured that the government is in the process of developing a framework to ensure sustainability in universities.

Disclosing that plans are already in place to establish an Open University in Kenya, the CS said Kenya can also learn from Nigeria on how they are managing the Open University learning.

Speaking during the occasion, Prof. Rasheed briefed the CS on the education system in Nigeria, adding that they are in the country to engage with several higher education stakeholders, compare notes and identify areas of common interest that can strengthen ties between Kenya and Nigeria in education.

During their visit, the delegation will visit selected public universities and semi-autonomous government agencies, under the Ministry of Ed-



Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu posing for a photo with the visiting Nigerian delegation.

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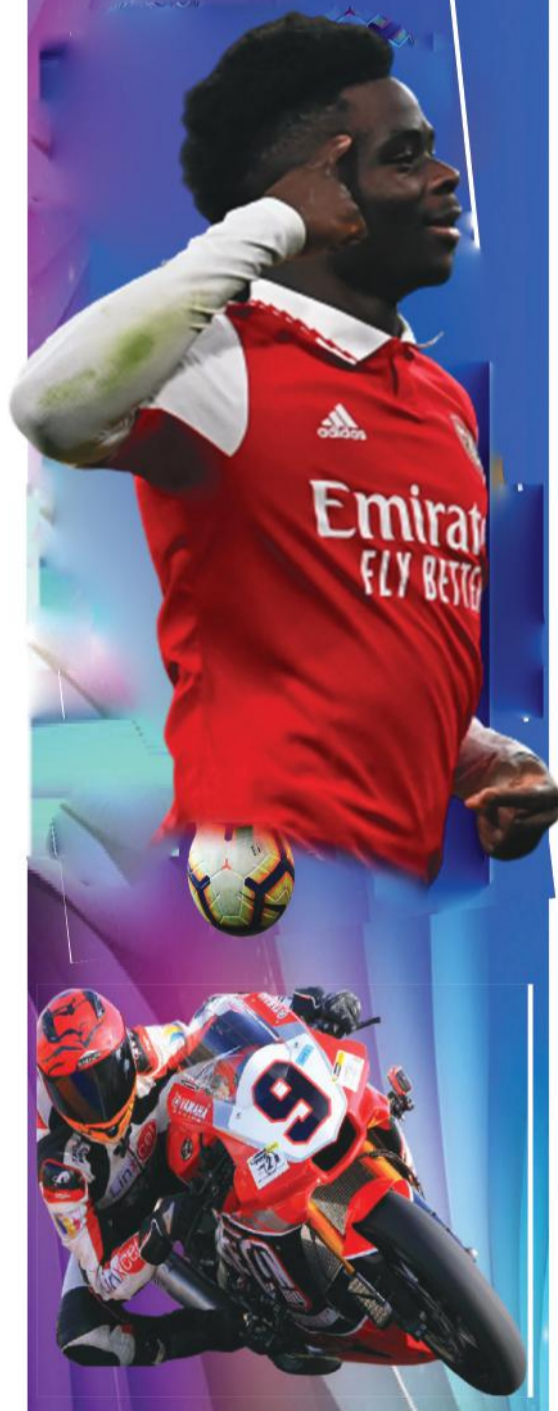
Present at the meeting was the Principal Secretary for Higher Education and Research Dr. Beatrice Inyang-

la, the CEO Commission for University Education (CUE) Prof. Mike Kuria, CUE Chairman Prof. Chacha Nyaigoti Chacha and Higher Educa-

tion Director Dairus Ogutu Mogaka.

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Manchester City Crush Arsenal To Take Control Of Title Race



Manchester City took control of the Premier League title race as Kevin De Bruyne scored twice in a dominant 4-1 win over leaders Arsenal to close in on retaining their crown as English champions on Wednesday. Arsenal hold a two-point lead at the top of the table but City have two games in hand, meaning Pep Guardiola's men can afford to lose one of their remaining seven matches and still claim a fifth title in six seasons. The Gunners' challenge to win the league for the first time in 19 years had already come off the rails prior to their trip to the Etihad as Mikel Arteta's men have now failed to win in their last four games. But for the first time this season

they were truly outclassed as City flexed their muscles. The arrival of Erling Haaland has brought a new dimension to a side that was already the dominant force of the English game. Haaland set a new record of 33 Premier League goals in a 38-game season deep into stoppage time to take his tally in all competitions for the campaign to 49. But the Norwegian showed there is more to his game than goals with a sublime touch that set De Bruyne away to curl the opening goal beyond Aaron Ramsdale after just seven minutes. Arsenal never recovered from that nightmare start and were fortunate not to be blown away before half-time.

Ben White's last-ditch block denied De Bruyne an almost carbon copy of his first goal after being set free in behind by Haaland. Ramsdale then single-handedly kept Arsenal in the game and Haaland at bay with a hat-trick of saves from the towering 22-year-old. But there was no reprieve when John Stones headed in De Bruyne's free-kick in first-half stoppage time and a VAR review adjudged the England defender was onside. Ramsdale continued to win his battle with Haaland after the break when the City striker galloped clean through from Eder's long ball. But Arsenal lost the war as Haa-

land teed up De Bruyne once more to find the bottom corner via a nutmeg on Rob Holding on 54 minutes.

Holding has been the scapegoat for Arsenal's defensive woes in recent weeks as he has struggled to replace the injured William Saliba.

Arteta's men have now conceded 10 times in their last four games and face a huge challenge to raise themselves in the final weeks of the campaign to keep any sort of pressure on City.

Arsenal did at least get on the scoresheet four minutes from time through the unlikely figure of Holding when the centre-back smashed home.

But even if there is an Arsenal response, City look imperious as they close in on not only a third consecutive Premier League title, but a treble.

A meeting with Real Madrid in the Champions League semi-finals appears the biggest hurdle next month with a FA Cup final against local rivals Manchester United to follow on June 3.

Haaland provided the final flourish with virtually the last kick of the game when he finally got the better of Ramsdale to move past Mohamed Salah's previous record of 32 Premier League goals in the 2017/18 season.

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Sports >> *Record 19-time champions Gor Mahia came a goal down to edge out Talanta FC 2-1 in a mid-week Football Kenya Federation Premier League match played on Wednesday.

Gor, Tusker, Nzoia win as AFC Leopards held in FKF Premier League



Record 19-time champions Gor Mahia came a goal down to edge out Talanta FC 2-1 in a mid-week Football Kenya Federation Premier League match played on Wednesday.

The win saw K'Ogalo stretch their lead at the summit to 59 points, two ahead of defending champions Tusker FC who beat

KCB FC 1-0 at the Ruaraka Sports Complex.

Elsewhere, AFC Leopards were held to a 1-1 draw by Bidco United, Police FC thrashed Bandari FC 3-0 in Mombasa, Nzoia's good run continued after seeing off Posta Rangers 3-2.

2010 champions Ulinzi Stars whipped bottom placed Vihiga

United 3-1 while the match between Kakamega Homeboyz and Nairobi City Stars ended 0-0 at the Kasarani Annex.

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Botswana Rich In Culture, Diversity And A Long History Of Storytelling



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Botswana is a country rich in culture, diversity and a long history of storytelling. From the ancient oral traditions of the San people to modern-day literary works. Botswana has a vibrant literary scene that is yet to be celebrated with the first-ever Botswana literature Awards hosted by Poeticblood Publishers. The awards ceremony will be a momentous occasion that brings together writers, publishers and literally enthusiasts from across the country to celebrate the outstanding achieve-

ments of Botswana literary community. The awards were established to recognise and reward excellence in writing, to encourage the growth and development of Botswana literary scene.

The awards are set to be held at Botswana National Museum in Gaborone on the 28th of April 2023. This inaugural event will be laid in the hands of Mr Leatile G Moseki who will be a host for the night. Among the audience the event shall be graced by a distinguished panel of Judges including prominent writers, critics and literally scholars. The judges are tasked with evaluating submissions from various categories including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's book and others.

This well nourished event is brought to you by Poeticblood Publishers in partnership with The Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sports and Culture as the main sponsor. Be there in red carpet clothing for the event that commences at 18:00HRS and tickets are P100 each.



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Farmer Doubles Income From Soybeans Value Addition

By: Moses Wekesa

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The Anglican Development Services(ADS), a development arm of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Western Region is supporting 3000 farmers to improve their lives through soybean value addition.

Gaudencia Ong'wen is among the beneficiary farmers from Koyonzo in Kakamega, who in the last season harvested 7, 90 Kilogram bags of soybeans from her two acres of land.

She says she sells soybean at Sh 150 per Kilo.

She also uses a soykit supplied by ADS to produce other by-products like soybean crunches, soya nuts, soya milk, yogurt, soya beverage, Mandazi's and soya cake.

"I am able to produce 7liters of milk from one Kilogram of Soybean. The

Seven liters of milk fetches Sh 500," she noted.

ADS field officer John Ashitiva says the organization partners with farmers from Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia and Vihiga to assist them in increasing their incomes through value addition.

"We have four thematic areas for ADS, that is climate change and adaptation, food and nutrition security, health and social protection, advocacy and governance," he noted.

He says they also link beneficiary farmers to the market to sell their products.

