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- “Nyayo House Torture Chambers is a memorial and learning site, part of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TRJC) and has been officially gazetted,” remarked Malombe.
- Malombe appealed to the current government to fulfill promises made during the Burial of Mama Mukami that is to exhume the remains of the Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi and accord him a dignified state funeral.



Torture victims during the commemoration last Thursday.

“We are here to remind Kenyans of those patriots who were tortured, maimed, killed and those alleged to have committed suicide, as well as those who were sexually abused and broken families that suffered for the sake of the freedom of this nation,” said Waheire.

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Kariuki Decries Compounding Challenges In Real Estate

By: Our Reporter
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Real estate firms are reeling from myriad challenges in the course of selling land to their clients. The major challenges are related to in-house management that needs to be rectified without delay as they revolve around blackmail and high expenditure. An expert Dr Hezekiah Kariuki, the CEO of Comfort Homes admits that the sector is faced with in-house challenges, despite the look of the business by the outsiders Kariuki said the business venture may look lucrative to onlookers, which may be due to the merchants' posh life they portray to the clients when they are in business transactions. "The sector is compounded by many threats but the dealers use high-end vehicles apart from living in palatial homes. These are some of the challenges the real estate dealers go through without knowledge of the public," he said. Kariuki said the firms have invest-

ed in advertisements and influencers eying to attract more customers but in the end, make loses owing to the high expenditures. He observes that high expenditures eat on the capital investment in many of the companies. He reveals that a parcel of land in Kitengela sells at appropriately Sh700,000, with advertising cost estimated at 20 percent of the sale amount. Also eating on the capital of the investment is hiring of the sale influencers-cum-celebrities despite some being unreliable and inconsistent in the contracts. "The celebrities are handsomely paid exposing the land companies to challenges, as some divert resources remitted from abroad to their personal use," said Kariuki. He disclosed three influencers are on record of siphoning money remitted from clients in the diaspora meant to buy pieces of land. "The matter is under police investigation, as they turned to malign the image of the real estate dealers. They target the investors to withdraw from the agreements," he explained.



Finance and property pundit Dr. Hezekiah Kariuki accepting honorary doctorate degree in past event.

Another bottleneck facing the sector is a delay in the processing of title deeds from the land registries, despite the applicants having adhered to the requirements. The real estate players regret that transferring the titles of leasehold to freehold takes more than six months, despite one having followed all the procedures. "There are a lot of bottlenecks that should be addressed as it makes the cost to be high thus massive borrowing of resources. The costs make it difficult to make sub-divisions," said Kariuki.

Tourism Fund Trains Hoteliers In A Bid To Boost Tourism

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The Tourism Fund has embarked on training hoteliers and other stakeholders in the tourism sector on best practices to attract tourists to their facilities. According to Tourism Fund Board of Trustees chair Samson Some, the trainings that are to be held across the country are meant to help the players in the tourism industry up their game. He said that the country was facing stiff challenges from its East African neighbours, hence the need to offer quality training to hoteliers on ways to improve on standards for tourism. Mr. Some regretted that while Uganda and Tanzania were building their tourism numbers, Kenya, on the other hand, was having its numbers declining. Speaking in Nyahururu town, where hoteliers and stakeholders in the tourism sector from Laikipia and



Hoteliers and other stakeholders in the tourism sector .

Nyandarua were trained, the Tourism Fund Chairman added that the training was also meant to ensure that local and international tourists take Kenya as their preferred destination globally. "The training is part of the Fund giving back to stakeholders for paying the levies because many hotels in the area are now compliant in paying the levy after several stakeholders' meetings organized for them by the

Fund," said Some Nyandarua County Tourism Chief Officer Samuel Gitaka implored the Fund to partner with the County Government on mapping out tourism sites in the county to enhance tourism. He added that small businesses, when given such training, should aspire to expand and make Nakuru a place tourists can come to sample different kinds of food, like in Barcelona, Spain, which is a destination for food tourism. About 120 workers and 56 directors drawn from various hotels in both Nyandarua and Laikipia were awarded certificates after completing the training that covered customer care, guest relations, and interpersonal relations, among other topics. Hotel owners in the region were also urged to help the government in the fight against illicit brews and drug pushing.



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Agency Assisting Local Organizations Secure International Markets

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Worth Noting:

- During a field visit to the organisation, the Agency’s Trade Advisory Services Manager, Mr Charles Tumbo, lauded it for the tremendous work they have been doing and especially maintaining their standards in processing of organic products.
- “We have been working with Meru Herbs for quite some time and providing capacity building on how to export and access international markets, as well as how to adapt our products to the international markets, so that they can get into their market shelves,” said Mr Tumbo.



The future of locally-based business organizations is getting brighter following vigorous activities by the Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) in securing the international market for their products.

The Agency which was established in 2019 after the merger of the Export Promotion Council (EPC) and the Brand Kenya Board (BKB), has also been holding numerous training and mentoring sessions for members of such organizations, to enlighten them on the basic requirements for exporting their products.

One such organization is the Meru Herbs, which was established by the Catholic Diocese of Meru and deals with purely organic products.

The Organization has been producing herbal jams, hibiscus tea, and lemon tea among other products, which they export to countries like Japan and Italy. They have also acquired new markets in Scotland and

Canada.

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He said their close working relationship has also enabled them to travel to Europe, for example the Netherlands, where they have accessed market for their produce.

“I am delighted that Meru Herbs has adapted to the requirements and standards of international markets and we are hoping that more will open soon,” said Mr Tumbo.



A woman at Meru Herbs grading lemon grass for processing. The Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) helps local businesses secure international markets..

Mr Tumbo said the Agency has also been popularising available products in various counties with a view of positioning them for global markets. The Agency, Mr Tumbo added, also undertakes various workshops, where organizations are guided on the procedures and requirements for exporting.

He said once they receive enquires about a product from an organization like Meru Herbs, they forward them to the relevant organization for the supply to be done.

Mr Joseph Mwai from the Meru Herbs lauded the agency for its efforts, adding that it has played a crucial role in acquiring markets for their products.

“Very few people within our local-

ity know the importance of organic products that we produce here, therefore, they form a very insignificant segment of our market. We mainly rely on international markets and thank the Agency for its continued support in accessing them,” said Mr Mwai.

He however said they are working hard to convince the community around so that they can also be consumers of the products in their bid to expand their territories.

Mwai said Meru Herbs so far concentrate on five crops that are registered as organic and these include Hibiscus, which is used to produce jam, juice, and wine, Camomile, Lemon grass for lemon tea, Cell ginger, and Moringa.

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Meru Residents Consume Ksh4B Worth Of Alcohol Annually, Report Reveals

By: Prudence Wanza

Meru county has been ranked the 1st alcohol consuming county in the country with a revenue of Ksh4 Billion annually being spent on alcohol. Stakeholders have now embarked on a residents sensitization campaign and a mop-up of all illegal joints, an exercise that has since led to the closure of 135 bars.

Speaking today during a roadshow aimed at sensitizing the residents of Meru County on the effects of alcohol consumption and addiction, Meru County Alcoholic Board CEO Mbaabu Muguna said there is need to regulate bars and other alcoholic joints within the county.

Additionally, the board has closed down various alcoholic joints in areas where there are education institutions.

He said as a board they are going to work hard with the NACADA

in ensuring that all illicit brew and the counterfeit alcoholic drinks are faced out.

Muguna said the Meru county government has already come up with a program to ensure that those in addiction goes to the county rehabilitation center.

Kanana Nteere the Meru county Maendeleo ya wanawake Meru County echoed the sentiments by Muguna Baabu saying that as maendeleo ya wanawake they are working hard to fight alcoholism in the county.

Kanana said most of the people who suffer due to alcoholism are women and children as their fathers go into a drinking spree leaving them vulnerable.



Mango Farmers Demand Farm Inputs To Improve Productivity

Participants at the national mango conference held have resolved that farmers be given farm inputs subsidised by the government in an effort to improve mango production in the country.

The delegates drawn from mango growing counties across the country agreed to expand both local and international markets for mangoes so as to avoid exploitation from middlemen.

“We want to increase mango yields and improve quality and production to meet the market standards. The government in mango growing counties should provide fertilizer and chemicals,” said Joyce Mutua, the Executive Committee Member (ECM) for the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock while reading the resolutions of the forum after the conference that took place in Wote town, Makueni county.

“In expanding local and international markets through strengthening linkages between farmers, traders and processors should ensure all

mangoes that meet the standards get to the market hence improve farmer’s earnings,” she added.

On research, the delegates resolved they will come up with concrete information that will be shared with the value chain actors to ensure a steady production and market for the mangoes.

During the event, the participants resolved to practice organic farming geared towards boosting farmers’ earnings besides getting a ready market that dictates organic farming of mangoes.

“We will innovate and practice organic farming aimed at boosting farmer’s earnings,” said Mutua.

The delegates included exporters, officials from Agricultural Food Authority, ICIPE, KEPHIS besides farmers from Kwale, Makueni, Murang’a, Kilifi, Machakos, Embu and West Pokot counties, and government officials.

Report By Patrick Nyakundi, Faith Mwende and Tabitha Wambui



Mango.

Ruto Slams NLC Over Skewed Valuation, Moves Mandate To Lands Ministry

By: Sharon Resian

President William Ruto has condemned the National Land Commission (NLC) over the skewed valuation of land for compensation in instances where government has identified parcels for compulsory land acquisition.

Speaking during a church service in Isiolo, Ruto said going forward the Lands ministry will conduct valuation for purposes of accountability, to ensure equality when carrying out the land compensation.

“I have already commanded the NLC people that they will no longer do the evaluations for land compensation. The Ministry of Lands will carry out the valuations so as to ensure every Kenyan get their equal share,” he said.

“I want NLC to listen to me very carefully because that commission has become like a market. Someone goes there land worth Sh100,000 is being valued at Sh1 million. For those unwilling to pay bribes, land worth Sh1 million is devalued to Sh100,000,” Ruto illustrated.

Additionally, Ruto emphasized the need to treat all Kenyans equally and ensure that everyone receives what they deserve.

“That nonsense must stop and going forward it is not possible for the National Lands Commission to decide where the compensation is going to happen, who is going to be compensated and how much is it going to be paid,” he said.

“We must separate for purposes of accountability NLC to do their work and the Ministry of Lands who have the power to do the valuation they do their work so that we stop this problem that Isiolo residents have found themselves to be compensated.”

Skewed compensation

NLC is on the spot for alleged discrimination in compensation of project-affected persons in a road project in Isiolo.

In a recent report, the Senate Lands Committee accused the NLC of bias in compensating those impacted and ordered the commission to halt the compensation process until the issue is rectified.

The Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project, a road project being carried out by the Kenya National

Highway Authority (KeNHA) in the upper eastern and northern regions of Kenya, is the subject of allegations of unfair compensation by the NLC.

Isiolo Senator Fatuma Dullo has argued the rates imposed in her county are different from those in the other counties, and as a result, those impacted in Isiolo have been subjected to discrimination.

She further claimed that the commission failed to disclose the compensation tabulation and forced the impacted parties to sign consent papers.

Cabinet Secretary for Land Zachariah Njeru was summoned before the Senate Committee on April 26 to answer questions raised by Dullo on disparities in compensation rates.

The Senator wanted the CS to further provide the criteria used in determining the compensation figures and what measures are in place to ensure equitable compensation in such cases.

“We are representing people and not animals. Why are Nuno-Modogashe residents paid less than their counterparts in Garissa County?” asked Dullo.

“Things were not done in the right manner as people were forced to



President William Ruto

sign the consent because they are ignorant. Leaders were not involved in the entire process.”

On the question of why there was a disparity in the compensation, the CS said that question would be fully answered by the National Land Commission.

Senate Speaker Amason Kingi subsequently summoned the NLC Chairperson Gershom Otachi to appear before the relevant house committee to provide all the required answers.

Kirinyaga County Intensifies Cholera Prevention Campaign

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The County Government of Kirinyaga has intensified campaign against the spread of cholera, following detection of sporadic cases in Ndia Constituency.

The campaign that includes sensitization of the residents through Public Barazas, health education in schools and use of public address systems in urban centers and villages, is aimed at informing the public on the importance of protecting themselves against the disease.

Speaking during a sensitization forum at Ndia Technical and Vocational College, the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member of Health, George Karoki, said that seven cases have in the course of the month, been detected within the

County.

He said that out of the cases, one person has been treated and discharged, while two others are in stable condition, as they undergo treatment at the Sagana Sub-County Hospital.

The other four are being observed, awaiting the results of their laboratory tests.

Karoki noted that cases of cholera, which is a highly contagious disease, have been on the rise in many counties in the recent past, necessitating sustained public action on its prevention and control.

He said that the campaign is a multi-agency initiative that incorporates the National Government Administration and the Ministry of education.

The County Government is also giving aqua tabs, to enable vulnerable households in the affected areas to treat their drinking water and at

the same time giving protective prophylaxis treatment, to people who have had close contact with cholera patients.

Some of the cholera symptoms that the community has been advised to look out for include watery diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea and lethargy, for which they should immediately visit a health facility.

Karoki noted that the disease can be fatal since it leads to dehydration, thus the need for one to get treatment from the hospital.

The CEC has also appealed to members of the public to ensure that they observe the required hygiene practices such as washing hands with soap and running water, consuming treated or boiled water, eating well cooked and hot food and proper fecal waste disposal.

He also called upon all food handlers to ensure that food is prepared and sold under hygienic conditions



Cholera Prevention Campaign.

and appealed to the public to shun food that is hawked in disregard to public health standards.

Karoki also warned owners of business enterprises or residential premises against discharging effluent into

rivers, since it contributes to contamination of water.

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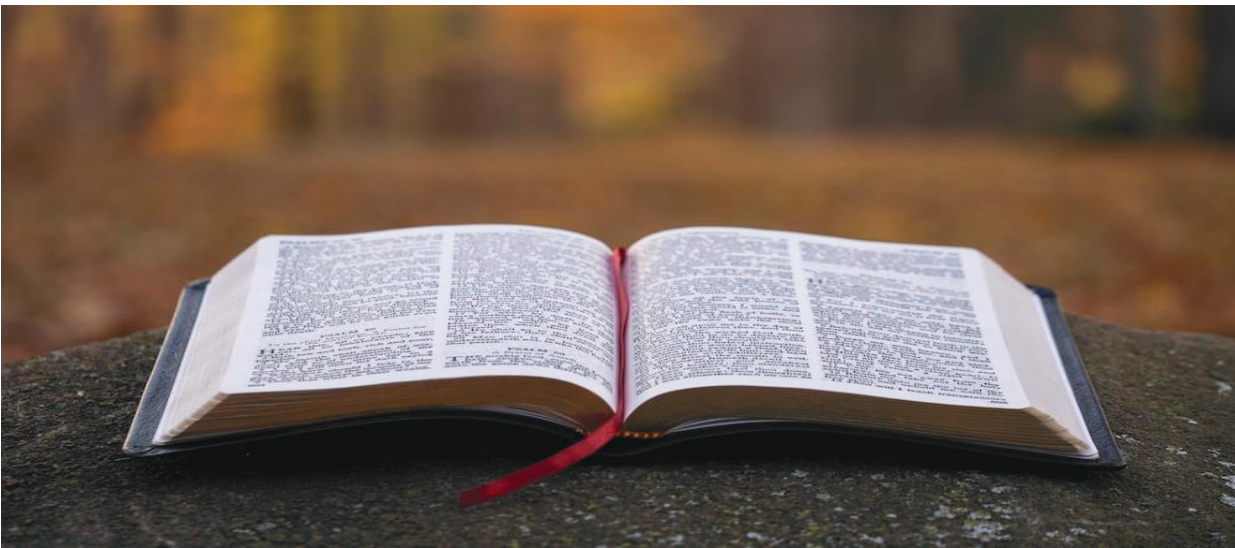
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I am aware of the wise warnings against using words like “all,” “every,” and “always” in what I say. Absolutizing one’s pronouncements is dangerous. But I’m going to do it anyway. Here it is: It is impossible for any Christian who spends the bulk of his evenings, month after month, week upon week, day in and day out watching the major TV networks or contemporary videos to have a Christian mind. This is always true of all Christians in every situation! A Biblical mental program CANNOT COEXIST with worldly programming.

If we are to have Christian minds, there are things we must put out of our minds — and this extends beyond TV, to what we read, listen to,

and laugh at. My advice? Stop watching television. I mean that sincerely! Not watching TV will liberate so much time, it will become virtually impossible not to become a deeper person and a better Christian. Even if you play poker with your friends, you will be better off, because you will be relating to human beings! I am not suggesting a new legalism which forbids TV and the cinema. (There are many worthwhile things to view; moreover, while Christianity is by nature countercultural, it is not anti-cultural.)

But I am CALLING FOR BELIEVERS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS — what comes in and what goes out. If you cannot control what you watch and read, perhaps it needs to go. “If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away,” says Jesus (Matthew 5:29). I have seen couples decide to raise our children without a television for this very reason, and have no regrets. What they do is not for everyone, but it may be for you. The Psalmist gives sage advice for those living in the media age: “I WILL WALK IN MY HOUSE



WITH BLAMELESS HEART. I WILL SET BEFORE MY EYES NO VILE THING” (Psalm 101:2, 3). We need to allow Christ to be Lord of our prime time. Some of you need to schedule a confidential conference with your spouse and prayerfully seek God’s will regarding this. And you single men who have so much trouble with your minds need to likewise seek God’s will — and someone to hold you accountable. Let us not settle for being like other Chris-

tians or for having a church that is like other evangelical churches. May we be different because we have Christian minds.

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Embu County Ropes In School Children In Tree Planting Drive

By: Samuel Waititu
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The County Government of Embu in conjunction with NGO-Rainforest Alliance, has embarked on an initiative of donating tree seedlings to schools in Embu, as part of the greening initiative and also raising a generation of environmentally responsible young people.

The development comes at a time the County is projecting to plant one million trees annually, as part of playing a role in aiding the government achieve the projected target of planting five billion trees in the coming five years, to combat effects of climate change.

Three schools including Kianjokoma, Kathangariri and Kanja Primary schools, received a total of 1, 500 tree and fruit seedlings during the launch of the initiative, at Kianjokoma, which was presided over by the Deputy Governor, Kinyua Mugo.

Learners in the schools are expected to plant and nurture the trees to maturity, which will also go a long way in increasing their interest in environmental conservation.

Speaking during the launch at Kianjokoma Primary School, Mugo said the County is committed to combating Climate Change that had made drought a common phenomenon in the County and country at large.

“We want to ensure we rehabilitate our degraded water catchment by planting trees that assist in nature’s recovery,” he said.

The Deputy Governor said the County will also put emphasis in agroforestry, by incorporating fruit trees farming in the greening initiative, to help farmers boost their incomes and nutrition.

He also challenged tea factories in the area to shift from use of wood fuel in their boilers to solar to conserve trees.

Rainforest Alliance Country Director, Michael Orangi, said they had also embarked on a program of training tea and coffee farmers on



sustainable agriculture and diversification, to boost revenue, as they also conserve the environment.

He said through the Mt. Kenya Sustainable Landscape and Livelihoods Program, farmers will be trained on how to diversify to high value crops

such as grafted avocado and macadamia as well organic farming.

Kenya Tea Development Agency Ltd (KTDA), Zone Six Board Member, Enos Njeru, said conservation of the environment will go a long way in improving production of tea

due to favorable weather conditions translating to more earnings to farmers.

Senate Committee Calls For Payment Of Retired Teachers

By: Rebecca Maria and Lucy Gitei
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The Senate Committee on Education has called on the relevant government bodies to address the challenges facing the payment of pensions for teachers who retired from 1997 to 2007.

Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Muranga County Senator Joe Nyutu said lack of payment of the fund has affected the welfare of the retired teachers and the many Kenyans who depend on them.

Speaking at KICC last week during the committee deliberations on the matters, Kajiado Senator Seki Lenku Ole Kanar lamented that the government has delayed in addressing the issue while the victims continue to suffer.

Machakos Senator Agnes Kavindu said that once a teacher retires, they depend on retirement benefits, and most have died without doing what they had planned because they didn't receive their pension on time.

"In 1997, the government entered into a binding agreement with the teachers union; the agreement awarded teachers a salary benefit that was staggered over several phases for a maximum of 10 years, but some teachers, including the petitioners, retired from service before earning their full benefits," Executive Secretary of the KUPPET Nairobi branch, Mr. Moses Owiti, said.

He added: "During the budget for 2011/2012, the government had allocated Sh3.3 billion towards the affected teachers, but only a few teachers reported being paid,"

"Many of these teachers are between 71 and 81 years old; they need sustenance income, money for medicine, and other needs," he said.

He urged the Senate committee on education to compel the Teachers Service Commission to immediately provide a list of all the affected teachers and initiate payment to them or their dependents in the case of those who are deceased.

The Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) chairman, Mr. Charles Wachira, stated that one of their duties is to protect the interests of mem-



Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Muranga County Senator Joe Nyutu.

bers.

He also stated that the retired teachers between 1997-2007 belonged to the unfunded civil service scheme, which is the reason behind the delayed payment of their pension.

However, he said that a new pension scheme, the Public Service Superannuation Service (PSSS), which commenced on January 1, 2021, will enable teachers below the age of 45 to make contributions to the scheme, hence they will be able to receive their pension on time.

State Involves Private Investors To Address Water Crises

By: Peace Muthoka and Sophy Adhiambo
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The Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation is working with private investors in efforts to increase the storage capacity of water through the construction of 100 large dams across the country.

Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome, said that the government is working through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in order to mobilize additional resources for investment in the sector.

"Kenya has seven large dams with stored water for electricity production. Another 99 medium non-hydro-electric dams and over 3,000 small dams and water pans are used for domestic and irrigation purposes," she said.

The CS said that the Constitution guarantees Kenyans the right to reasonable standards of sanitation and clean, safe water in adequate quantities, which contributes to adequate food of acceptable quality through

irrigation.

According to the CS, the Ministry is seeking ways to implement the water and irrigation services while leveraging different resources, expertise, and technology.

She said the government has invited the private sector into the water and irrigation services for enhanced results and a good human cause.

"The Ministry will fully mobilize the strength of the private sector in water and irrigation services, which will allow water sector agencies and authorities to be licensed as bulk water service providers and to sign Water Purchase Agreements (WPAs) with the private investment partners, which will increase the private investor confidence that cushions them from the complexity of dealing with downstream water service providers," said Wahome.

Water and Sanitation Principal Secretary, Dr. Kiprono Ronoh, announced that the government has launched the water harvesting and storage programme, which allows access to reliable water supplies for irrigation and potable uses.



Water Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome.

Never Dare To Open The Door For What You Do Not Like

By: N. George

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Worth Noting:

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It is well known world over that anything consumed in excess quantities has adverse effects but there are people who would just wish to give a trial to determine how lethal something is exposing themselves to danger which may culminate to death.

Upon taking the overdose if one survives he will have to undergo intoxicification process which is likely to be costly yet he could have avoided that wastage of time and money. If he dies in the process people would be left wondering what went on in his mind that resulted to him making such actions.

Some wish to appear as heroes forgetting that if you succumb in the process you may not become popular as few people would know what you were trying to demonstrate as many of those around you would wish not to associate with your story yet you will be nowhere to tell what has happened.

A story is narrated over and over

about a camel that sought for a shed to prevent his head from being rained on. When the owner of the shelter allowed him he sheltered his head but claimed that his hump too needed to be taken care of so it was too accommodated before the camel claimed for the whole body to be shielded from the rain.

Since the shelter was small to accommodate both the owner and the camel it was the owner who was thrown out of the house.

Aware that he had no capacity to shelter the camel the owner of the shelter should not have accepted to share his house with the camel as the later was stronger than the owner of the house hence any conflict between the two in the owner of the house's ground would ruin him at expense of the camel.

Someone who you do not want to spend your life time with as your partner but you realise that the person is desperately looking for a hand in marriage from anyone who expresses to be ready for it. Do not take advantage of that person by expressing your love and wish to court then get married. If you do not genuinely

love that person what you start as a joke may become a strong magnet that attracts you making it difficult to pull out easily.

What you tend to underrate out of no reason will soon dominate you then after a couple of years you get back to your senses where you will claim that you got what you did not like only that you were just experimenting for the sake of fun. Retreating will be a lengthy journey by the time you wake up from slumber you will be left with regrets in life that may culminate in divorce as you will feel that you lied to yourself.

Any religion that you are not aware of and there is nothing tangible you expect to gain from it should be a no go zone. Most of those people who join cult start as a trial and error only to find themselves inculcated into strange culture that have punitive sentences for anyone indoctrinated who wish to exit if at all they have provided an exit clause which is usually a rare case. No matter how much opposed to them you were before joining their ministry they would be willing to inculcate you and retain you forever allowing no room for

criticism as you are considered as an insider who needs to observe confidentiality at all times.

Stepping on fire barefooted will lead to your body getting burnt just know that and dare not to test the degree to which one can get burnt as the experience will be both painful and costly to you.

When in a cloth shop and you realise a cloth that the rest of people have been rejecting due to a certain fault is still present and the price is relatively cheap do not buy it thinking that those who will see you wearing it will think it is an expensive material only that you messed up with it upon buying. Once you purchase it the seller will not be genuinely willing to accept it in case you return it as he does not want a dead stock in his business. Those who will see you wearing it will think that you are as faulty as the cloth that you are wearing. Any time you wear it there will always be but in the mind of those you interact with. They will undermine your choice or design of that cloth.

We’re Serious About Empowering Kenyans To Be Home Owners: CS Njeru

By: Capital Correspondent

Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development CS Zachariah Njeru Friday told a Senate Standing Committee that the Housing Fund is meant to help majority of Kenyans to own homes.

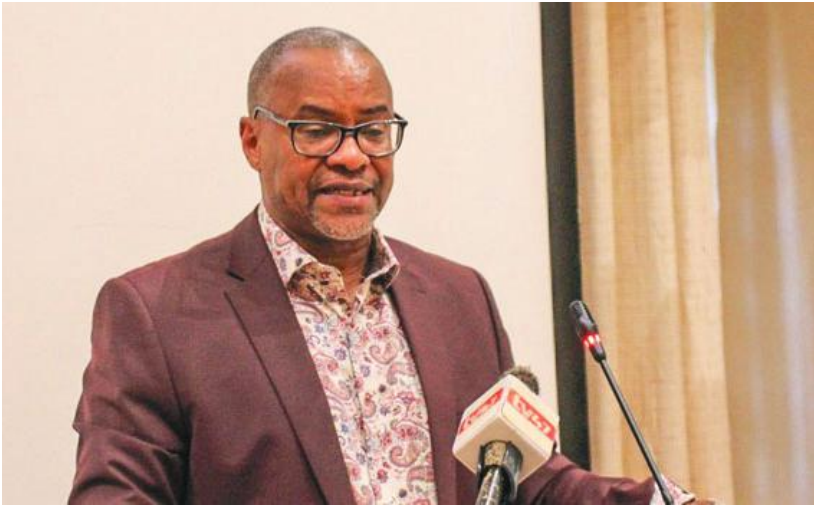
The CS, who was accompanied by Principal Secretary Charles Hinga and senior staff, said it is common knowledge that majority of Kenyans were shunned by the traditional home financing institutions because they lacked financial muscle.

While addressing the Senate Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing in Naivasha today, the CS said mandatory deductions are aimed to create a long-term financing mechanisms for the housing fund.

CS Njeru however stressed that the deductions will not cause any loss to employees.

The deductions will be made at the rate of 3 percent of the employees salary which will then be matched with another 3 percent from the employer.

Majority of Kenyans who will contribute to the fund are expected to



Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development CS Zachariah Njeru Friday/Ministry of Lands.

buy houses through the Affordable Housing Programme.

The CS said the fund has an opt out provision for those nearing retirement, those who are not eligible for affordable housing and their is room for those wanting to build their own homes to access cheap financing.

“Moreover, the contributions to housing fund will attract a return based on the performance of the fund on an annual basis so on exit of the fund, those who opt out woul get a return for their savings,” he said.

He also pointed out that those who

are saving for home ownership will also get a tax relief.

“To ease the burden of saving and balancing monthly household needs, we provided for an affordable housing relief that allows for tax relief of Sh8,000 per month as homebuyers save towards a home,” said the CS.

National Housing Fund

CS Njeru spoke when he appeared before the committee led by Senator Karungo Thangwa which was sitting at Sawela Lodge in Naivasha to

discuss the Affordable Housing Program.

The committee sought clarification on the housing policy, the concept of the affordable housing program, the National Housing Fund, and the long-term housing finance scheme.

CS Njeru explained that the housing policy has been in place since the 1990s, with the goal of providing housing access to the poor, promoting slum upgrading, researching low-cost building materials, and establishing a Housing Development Fund through budgetary allocations and support from development partners.

He emphasized that the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) is a key priority under the Kenya Kwanza manifesto, specifically focused on housing and settlements. The AHP aims to produce affordable and safe housing for Kenyan citizens at a cost lower than 30 percent of their incomes.

Expounding further on the program, Njeru said AHP has tried to address market risk by aggregating demand through Boma Yangu Housing Portal where members of the public register their interest of owning a home under AHP.

“I am happy to report that to date the portal has registered 300,000 mem-

bers who have voluntarily saved over Shs 2 billion,” the CS said.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

So far, the AHP land bank has 524 sites across the 47 counties, covering over 700 acres.

The Government has also introduced AHP at a local level with the 200 affordable housing units per constituency initiative which will be funded by the National Assembly and County Governments to stimulate local economic growth.

The CS told the committee that, for home buyers in the lower income segments, the Housing Fund will provide a cheaper and accessible finance through a National Tenant Purchase Scheme (TPS) or tent to own.

“The housing fund will seek to offer participants in the scheme financing with tenures between 20 and 30 years, targeting interest rates between 3 percent and 7 percent,” He added.

Currently 9935 units of Affordable Housing are ongoing at Pangani, Nakuru, Buxton Point in Mombasa.

31,000 units for Affordable Housing are project contracted and ready for launch with 30,000 for Makongeni and 1000 for Thika.

Nairobi Water Board Picks New Chairperson At Inaugural Meeting In Mombasa

By: Capital Correspondent

City Lawyer Arnold Karanja has been elected the new Chairman of Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) following the inaugural board meeting held on Friday.

The meeting was held following the induction of the new board members who were named by Nairobi City County Governor Sakaja Johnson on 26 April 2023 for a period of three years.

Speaking during the closing of the induction he assured the Board and Management of NCWSC of his full support and challenged the team to be innovative and to find solutions to deliver services for the people of

Nairobi.

“I have full confidence in this board. This is the right team and I know you are capable to serve the people of Nairobi. You are coming in at a very crucial time, a time when we must all work together, very closely, on issues around policy and financing so that every household in our city gets the clean water needed,” said Governor Sakaja.

The other board members include Beryl Okumu (Vice Chairman), Emmah Mukuhi Muthoni (Finance Committee). Cedric Alaro (Technical, Commercial & ICT Committee). Rose Esther

Wamuiya (Audit, Risk and Governance Committee) Johnstone Mukabwa (Human Resource Administration and Communication Committee) and Robow Mohamed Hassan.

The Chairman thanked his fellow members for voting for him unanimously and promised to work with his colleagues and the Company’s management to deliver for the residents of Nairobi.

“I am honored by the vote from my fellow board members and I assure you. Governor Sakaja, along with my fellow board of directors that we will serve diligently. Working closely with the management, we will serve the people of Nairobi and deliver on our mandate,” said Karanja.



Lawyer Arnold Karanja/FILE.

Books Are A Treasure Trove



Topic: Books are a treasure trove.
Theme: Storehouse of wealth.
Genre: poetry

Today Eric the poet,
I let my pen to dance and bleed,
The veracity to alter, the world to illuminate,
Books are the greatest treasures in the world,
Created by impeccable bleedings of the mighty hands.

Don' joke, without books the world could be dim,
We could be in an abyss full of darkness,

They've given us knowledge, courage and power
to face life,
They are the voices that have crossed seas and
borders,
To enact a kingdom of knowledge, understanding
and equality.

Many great champions of the world have
become rich,
By reading and experimenting through books- the
storehouse of wealth,
Many great champions we treasure have become
rich and famous writing books,
Their names reign due to books, they're
everything.

Books keep memories and history, we know
things which we never saw nor heard about
them,

Books are weapons, every social injustice to face,
Books are gifts; lives of people to enthrall and
their spirits to raise them,
Books are a life themselves, they last longer,
Cherish and treasure them.
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Female Environment



Female is originator of every children but the
parents weep in birth of female child in Nepal and
India. When first child is female, they wait for boy
child. Wonder is here in our surroundings. When
the mother gives birth for daughters frequently
she is abused severely. Our society is not still
matured enough to see male/ female equally.
When daughters are only born, then the parents
need son to have heredity.

This society has cursed daughters as enjoyable
doll to marry only. Very often, the husband
marries another to get son. There is dowry
system in marriage day. Many females are killed
due to lack of property. Money is foremost
thing to give in marriage day. Poor cannot afford
marriage to rich boy due to lack of money. City
boys hate poverty of remote areas' girl. The
females are dominated enough from birth home
to boy's home. The poor girl cannot marry to
city boy due to lack of dowry. The life of female
is in very bad condition. The poor parents throw
female child outside after giving birth or throw
somewhere in bush. It is very sad condition in

Nepal and India to be daughter. Many parents do
abortion when female child in womb. The females
are abused, raped and exploited enough and the
separate security should be there to secure
them. So the parents seem worried to give birth
to daughters. The dowry system makes the
parents unhappy. How pitiable condition of society
is established in our countries. The girl seems to
have deception in love due to lack of money. The
marriage is paused due to lack of money. How do
we improve situation in this society to respect
woman status?

Women are viewed as selling entities in the
society in the name of bad marriage and fake
love. Though they are mothers to give birth for
both genders they are not seen equally. How
pitiable mind of patriarchy in world?

As educated hands of today's world, we have
to bring woman empowerment with equality
and respect. The woman should not be abused
in writing and speech and she should not be
compared with money, material and sexual entity.
She must be respected as higher being in earth.

All males are not bad in world. Few males did
bad. So clothes of female should be made with
security. The modern science has to make strong
clothes to protect female body. Accept female as
heredity and she is seed too. Everywhere in world
woman must have self-power to protect herself
from coming shortcomings.

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Teaching English In Kindergarten



By: Axmadjonova Feruzaxon

As the world becomes increasingly
interconnected, the ability to
communicate in English is becoming more
and more important. Many parents want
their children to start learning English as
early as possible. This is where teaching
English in kindergarten comes in.
Teaching English in kindergarten can be a
rewarding experience for both teachers
and students. It is a great opportunity to
introduce children to a new language and
help them develop their language skills at
an early age.

As for the benefits of teaching English
in kindergarten are numerous. First and
foremost, young children have a natural
ability to learn languages. Their brains are
wired to absorb new information quickly
and easily. This means that if they are
exposed to English at a younger age,
they are more likely to become proficient
in the language later in life.

Additionally, learning English in
kindergarten can help children develop
important cognitive skills. Learning a new
language requires children to use their
memory, attention, and problem-solving
skills. These skills can then be applied to
other areas of their lives, such as math
and science.

Furthermore, teaching English in
kindergarten can help children develop
social skills. Learning a new language
requires children to communicate with
others and work together to understand
new concepts. This can help children
develop empathy and self-confidence.
Despite these benefits, teaching English



in kindergarten also comes with its
challenges. One of the biggest challenges
is teaching young children require a
different approach than teaching older
children or adults. Teachers must be
patient, creative, and able to engage
children in fun and interactive activities.

Another challenge is ensuring that
children are not overwhelmed by the
new language. Young children have
limited attention spans and may become
frustrated if they are expected to learn
too much too quickly. Teachers must
strike a balance between challenging
children and keeping them motivated and
engaged.

With the right approach and resources, it
can be easier to teach foreign languages
in early ages. There are numerous tips
to teach English for young children.

Firstly, using visual aids. Visual aids are
an essential tool for teaching English to
young learners.

Children learn best when they can see
and touch things. Using flashcards,
pictures, and other visual aids helps
children to understand new vocabulary
and concepts.

Secondly, play games can be a great
way. Games are a fun and effective
way to teach English. If the games
involve movement and interaction, such
as Simon Says or Duck, Duck, Goose, it
will be easy for children to recognize new
theme with fun way. Board games
and puzzles in teaching vocabulary and
grammar structures are also great tips.

Moreover, storytelling, song singing is
also considered an effective way.

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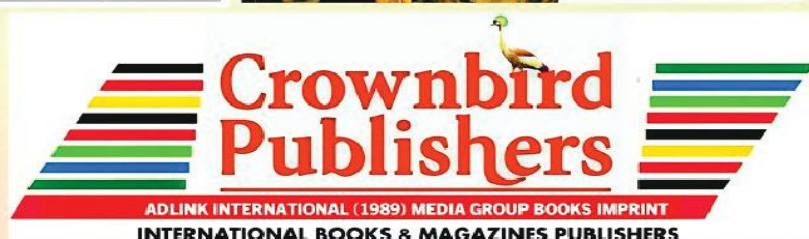
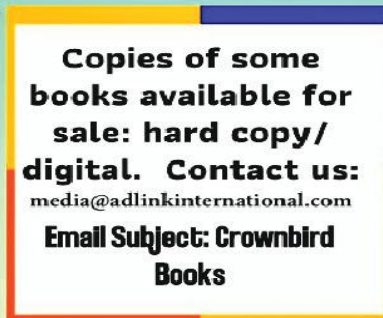
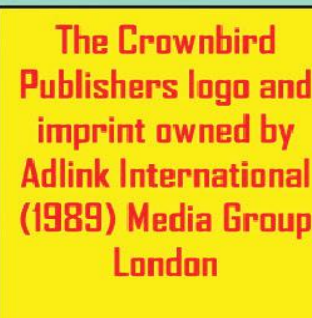
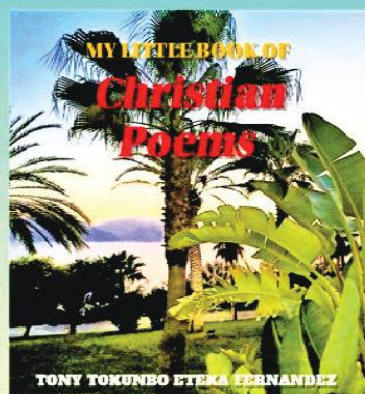
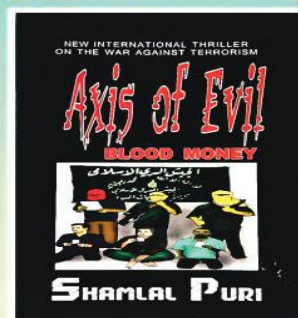
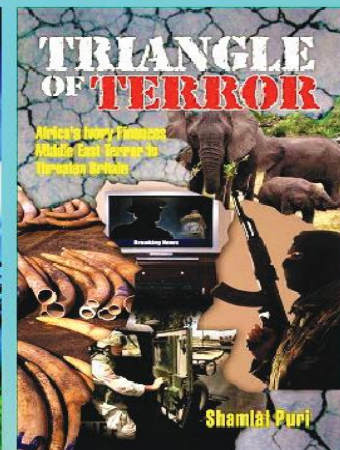
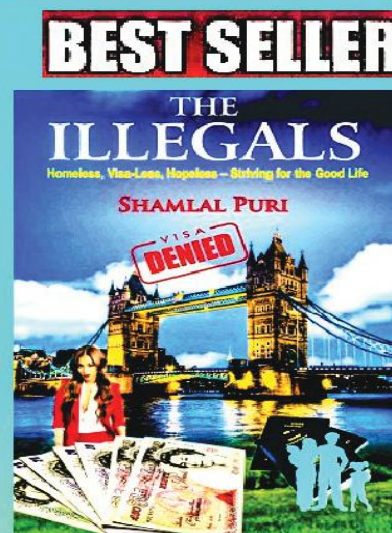
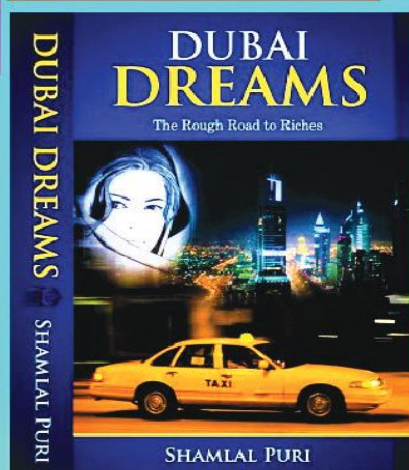
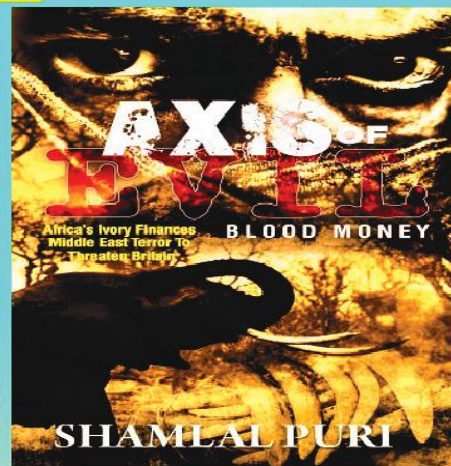
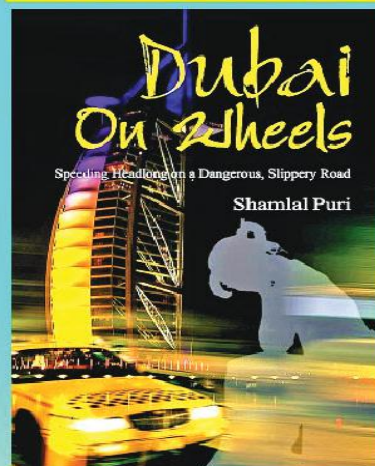
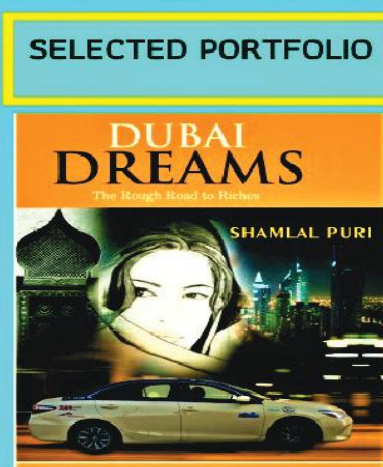
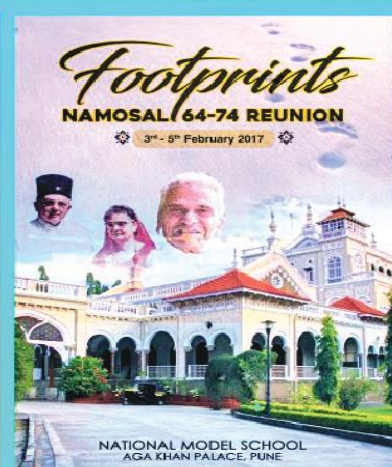
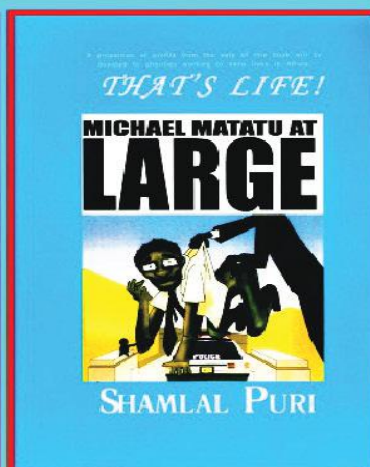
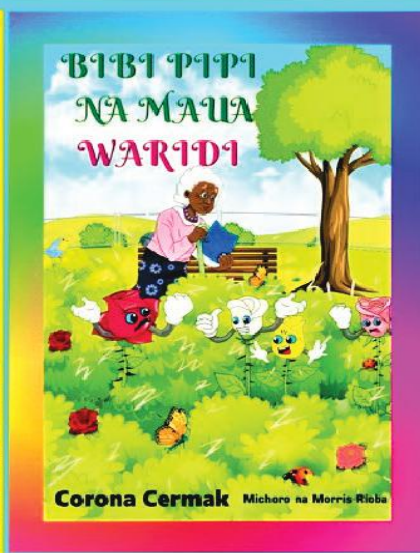
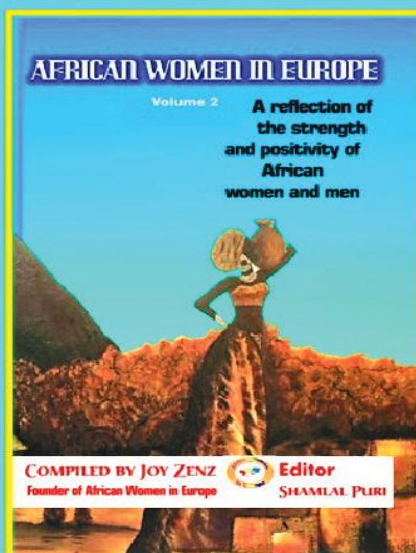
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Embu Assembly Sets Aside Sh100 Million For Industrial Park

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The County Assembly of Embu has set aside Sh100 million for the construction of an industrial park that will also double as an agricultural aggregation center.

The money that was allocated in a supplementary budget passed during a special sitting last week will be upped to Sh250 million as a counter-fund for a similar amount by the Ministry of Trade to bring the total to Sh500 million.

The legislators lauded the move to set up the industrial park cum aggregation center at Machang'a Agricultural Mechanization Services (AMS) center as a milestone in promoting devolution.

Mavuria MCA Ngari Mbaka who is the minority leader stated that completion of the project will boost agriculture in the entire county.

In the supplementary budget, the



assembly also approved allocation of Sh50 million counter fund to the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) for coffee revitalization program in

eight factories in a bid to get them back to profitability.

Meanwhile, the assembly sought to address the problem of pending bills within the County Government.

Governor Cecily Mbarire's administration inherited bills worth over Sh2 billion from the former regime which eats into development funds. The Ward representatives demand-

ed to be supplied with a list of valid and ineligible pending bills as well as the ongoing projects following verification by a committee that looked into the matter.

They argued that some of the bills dismissed as ineligible for payment may be genuine calling for a thorough scrutiny by the house.

The budget also factored in a new official vehicle for the governor, as the one she inherited from her predecessor has been suffering embarrassing breakdowns, forcing her to hike lifts.

The motion of Sh5, 109, 351, 387 supplementary budget was moved by the Chairman of the County Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee Johnson Mwariama of Kagaari North Ward.

KRA Acquires Surveillance Boat To Fight Smuggling Of Goods

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The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Customs and Border Control Department got a boost in its marine and enforcement capacity with the recent deployment of a new ultra-modern speed boat in Lamu to enhance maritime border security.

The acquisition of the boat from the Kenya Shipyard Ltd, coincided with the decision by the Governments of Kenya and Somalia to engage in a phased re-opening of sections of its common border, to promote cross-border trade in both countries.

The commissioning of the boat will go a long way to support and complement the already existing Multi-Agency marine assets, to secure the maritime border along the Kenyan coast in general and Lamu

specifically from the threat of illegal trade.

KRA received the boat christened KRA008, handed over by Ms Cynthia Simayo Paita, a Senior Supply Chain Management Officer from Kenya Shipyard Ltd.

KRA Deputy Commissioner for Border Control and Enforcement, Chege Macharia said the boat will boost the fight against smuggling along the Kenya-Somali Border, particularly during the re-opening of the border, as it will enhance surveillance in turn leading to more legitimate trading activities.

"Today marks a major milestone for KRA in its effort to build capacity in Maritime enforcement, and execution of its border control and security mandate," the Deputy Commissioner said.

Macharia added the critical maritime asset will provide the much-needed support and impetus to combat illicit

trade practices such as smuggling, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, human trafficking, drug trafficking, arms smuggling, and terrorism and equally act as a deterrence to transnational organized crime.

This, he said will encourage fair trade practices and protect legitimate trade. The acquisition of the boat will complement existing marine assets in KRA and will boost critical and efficient operations between the new Lamu Port and its environs.

"As you are aware, the government has invested substantially in the promotion of the Blue Economy and KRA is a key stakeholder and commits to playing its rightful role to harness emerging opportunities," he added.

He went on: "KRA is cognizant that the Blue Economy has a great potential to contribute to higher and faster GDP growth in Kenya and position the Country as an investment desti-



nation in the maritime domain."

He noted the strategic decision by KRA to invest and strengthen maritime enforcement capacity is expected to yield exponential revenue growth and enhance trade facilitation for both local and international trade at the Lamu Port.

He noted that KRA is committed to continuing working with all stakeholders in sustaining and enhancing strategies to protect the maritime domain and realize the enormous benefits expected to accrue from the sector.

Huduma Center Kirinyaga Marks 7 Years Of Service Delivery

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Thousands of residents from Kirinyaga County have benefited from Huduma Kenya services that brought government services closer to the people in a single stop environment.

The Huduma Center Kirinyaga marked their seventh year since inception in a celebration held in their premises.

Speaking during the event Center Manager Rhoda Mwanzia said the facility currently serves almost 500 customers per day up from 150 when it opened its doors.

She acknowledged that the office of county commissioner has been helpful especially when conducting Huduma Mashinani sensitisation where they move to specific identified points to offer services.

The center with over 65 staff offers 15 different national and county government services and is expected to almost triple its services due to digitization of more government services.

Ms Mwanzia further acknowledged

the commitment of the staff to serve the customers to their satisfaction

“We are happy as Kirinyaga to be part of the team marking 7 years. We have been offering quality services and getting much assistance from the office of County Commissioner through Deputy County Commissioners, Assistant County Commissioners and chiefs when we are doing Huduma Mashinani,” she said.

“We started with 15 staff but we have grown to 65 offering around 15 services for both levels of government” Ms Mwanzia added.

Kirinyaga Central Deputy County Commissioner Daniel Ndege, who represented the County Commissioner, said the Huduma Center has enabled residents to access service and cut on the cost of transport citing his experience in the past where it would take 6 months to get an Identification Card only from the District Office which was far away.

He added he will fully support the Huduma Mashinani services by mobilizing Assistant County Commissioners and Chiefs to assist the staff during such events.

Ndege noted that the biggest challenge was those who apply for the Identification Cards and fail to col-



Kirinyaga Central Deputy County Commissioner Daniel Ndege.

lect them.

“The biggest challenge is those applying for IDs and they don’t pick. At one point the center had over 5000 IDs but after we launched a Rapid Results Initiative for track and tracing the owners using the chiefs, currently we have around 600. We will join hands with MCAs to ensure

that the owners get the document,” Ndege said.

One of the Huduma services beneficiary Kevin Njeru said the Huduma has brought efficiency and easy access to government services. He recalled going to Nyeri for NTSA services and Nairobi for Pension services which would take more than

a week and then you may not complete the whole process.

The Huduma Centers countrywide will mark 10 years’ anniversary later this year since it was first launched in 2013.

Students In Interschools Quiz Competition Challenged To Embrace Education

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At Least ten Secondary Schools in Laikipia and some parts of Nyeri County have participated in an inter schools quiz competition aimed at challenging their creativity and enhancing team cohesion among learners.

The interschools competition which was organized by British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) in Nanyuki dubbed MasterMinds Interschools competition saw St. Jude Girls emerge the overall winner.

The best student walked away with a laptop and the participating students got certificates and stationeries.

Speaking to the media, BATUK Commander in charge of Laikipia training unit Colonel Duncan Mann said that they had spent over Sh50 million in holding annual quiz competitions and improving schools’ in-



St Jude students celebrates after emerging top.

frastructures in the region.

“We are here to support education because community engagement is very important for us. This competition will encourage students to have

passion for learning and become responsible citizens in the future,” said Col Mann.

Helena Kangai, a teacher at St Jude girls secondary school in Nanyuki

said that they had prepared enough which contributed to their win in the inter school competitions.

She said that the competition gave a chance to the students to inter-

act with other learners from other schools.

Gwen Wangari, a student at St Jude girl thanked her teachers for the opportunity to participate in the competition and for helping her emerge the winner.

She noted that they did not win in last year’s quiz competition, but that didn’t stop them from trying for a second time.

Irene Wambui, a student from the same school, said she was lucky to get a laptop after participating in the competition.

She added that she engaged her teachers a lot ahead of the competition which played a major role in her win.

Among the schools that took part are Sweet waters secondary school, Likii mixed secondary school, Narumoro mixed, Thingithu secondary, Bishop Gatimu Ngandu secondary school, Kalalu girls and Nanyuki township secondary school.

Government Shuts Down Illegal Gold Mining In Moyale

By: Gatana Muchira
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The Government has shut down illegal gold mining, with immediate effect at the Illo area of Dabel location, Moyale Sub-County of Marsabit County.

Speaking during a Public Baraza at Illo, Moyale Deputy County Commissioner, Stanley Too, said the miners were sinking very deep holes to crush stones in their artisanal activities, without minding the environmental impact they were posing to both human beings and animals.

Consequently, Too directed those involved in the mining activities to stop operations within seven days, following a notice issued by the Moyale Sub-county Public Health Officer, Abdi Suku.

The notice indicated that thousands of people were living in newly built makeshifts, while others were conducting small scale businesses and that the miners were operating in un-



Mine..

hygienic eateries posing dangers of disease outbreak.

The notice further indicated that there were no adequate sanitation facilities like latrines to serve the high number of people in the area, while at the same time there were dozens of open abandoned holes, which

were posing a grave danger to both animals and human beings.

Suku further said the decision was reached following a reported cholera outbreak within the site, where four people tested positive for the disease, besides two deaths that were reportedly caused by severe diarrhoea and

vomiting.

The Public Health Officer in the letter further said that the miners were contravening the Public Health Act (Cap 242) as well as Occupational Act and Health 2007.

While addressing the miners, Too said that the sub-county Securi-

ty Committee had established that there was the existence of aliens from Ethiopia, Somalia and other nations who were in the country illegally, thus posing a security threat in the area.

“Do you know that this illegal mining is denying both the National and the County Government a lot of revenue and that there were laid down critical issues between mining and environmental conservation, to ensure that the sector operates within the approved standards of health, safety, human rights and environment protection?” he posed.

The Administrator warned that whoever will be found within the area after the elapse of the seven-day notice will be dealt with according to the law.

Too was accompanied by the entire Moyale Sub-County Security Committee members and Ministry of Health Officials among others.

Infrastructure Vandalism For Scrap Metal On The Rise

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Scrap Metal Council has issued a warning and dire consequences to all players in the scrap metal industry, engaging in vandalism of critical private and public infrastructure.

The Chairman of Scrap Metal Council, Mr. Francis Mugo, said the Council is greatly concerned with the recent reports across the country, on the upsurge in cases of theft and vandalism targeting public and private sectors infrastructure.

In a press statement sent to newsrooms, Mugo said scrap metal dealers who will be caught, will be dealt with in accordance with provisions of the Scrap Metal Act of 2015.

“We have revoked the license of Triple Seven Collectors Ltd with immediate effect,” announced the

chairman.

“I am also notifying those trading in scrap metal without licenses from the Council, that they risk being arrested and their businesses closed as their cases are being prosecuted,” he said.

The chairman disclosed that the Council is in consultation with the Inspector General of Police and Commissioner General of Kenya Revenue Authority, to be provided with information on all misconducts in scrap metal industry, for appropriate action.

Mr. Mugo stated that the Council is in the process of gazetting its Inspectors, who will be dispatched across the country, to monitor activities in the industry.

“We call on government agencies planning to dispose scrap metal, to do so in consultation with Scrap Metal Council,” urged the chairman.



KNOT

By: Our Reporter
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Once a wise man was asked:
“Are there any unsolved mysteries or secrets about the Earth and the Heaven?”
He said: “KNOT”...

The wise old man, tying knots in a delicate silk handkerchief, responds with a smile to the young man who asked him” What is the meaning of life?”

The young man shrugged his shoulders and hesitantly said:

- At first it was smooth... Now it's knotty

-Our life looks like this: when we are born, our life path is smooth, as we live, we have untangling knots made by fate. Those who have a lot of knots face a lot of troubles and suffer. Untying them is not an easy task... When you pull on the towel, the knots become smaller but tighter. At this time, it is impossible to untie the knots...

What should we do to get rid of them?

First of all, you need to know who and what caused these knots. Pay attention to each one, think how to untangle them. Try to untangle the knots slowly and carefully. Remember - no knot can be untied with one hand. Appreciate everyone who is dear to you - it is your second hand. Our ancestors said: “The threshing floor fights with the wind, the knot with the people”... Don't forget the truth: Friendship and love are like a rope: if it is cut, it cannot be fixed without tying a knot. Don't cut the rope...

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Perhaps KNOT is the most contradictory notion that we constantly face in our life, but we don't get to its essence very often. The KNOT that is tied in our nappy for the first time when we open our eyes to the world, and in our shroud for the last time when we pass away...

... We are travelers on a road called life. This road is not long, nor is it smooth. On the ups and downs path of life, there are those of us who get out of the frying pan and into the fire, those of us who are warmed by the sun, and those who are gone with the wind. On this road where our fate is different, knots constantly accompany us.

If we managed to tie a knot in a shoelace, we were said, “Thank God, you have grown up”... We used to look for nuts and raisins in the small parcels of our grandmothers who tied knots on carpets and rugs... We had a tradition of tying knots around the waist of our newlywed daughters...

As we get older, the number of knots we face on the road of life increases.

Our emotions are rooted in our heart, and our thoughts are rooted in our brain, where nerves and veins interconnect and intertwine to create the complex fabric-the knots. Our eyebrows are knotted from nerves, our forehead from thought... When we confront an enemy -we clench our fists, when we go on a journey with a friend - we ourselves are knotted, that are a strong bond is created between us...

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KNOT is as old as the world is. The first knots were made by our ancestors before they got fire - the simplest tools and weapons were made by wrapping a stone in a stick and knotting it. It was believed that the knot brings success, heals wounds, and fulfills wishes.

In the dim and distant past, boats were made using knots in ancient Egypt, and in Greece, knot-tying competitions were held. If the Romans used knots in the treatment of the sick, in Babylon the view of the knot were different - the knot was considered a means of making a person sick and weak.

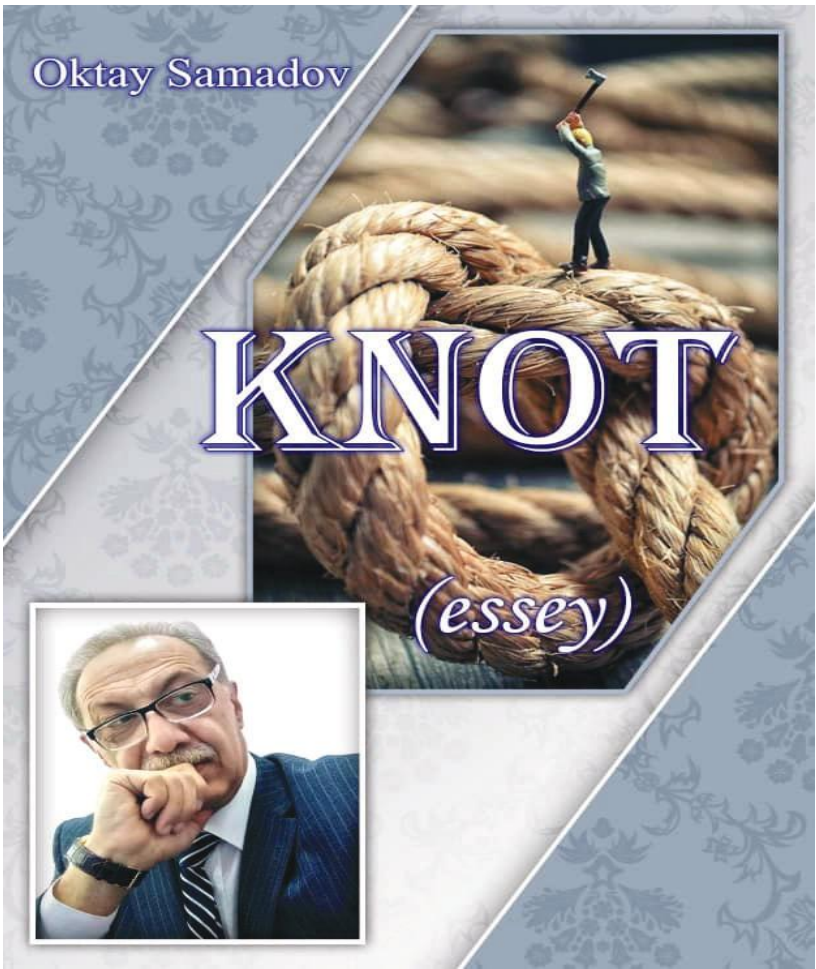
Known as a symbol of the interdependence of all events and living things in the universe, the KNOT was considered a symbol of longevity, love and harmony, stability and change, and the unshakable unity of compassion and wisdom in ancient China.

We use knots today without thinking about their age. It does not occur to us that people used different types of knots thousands of years ago. Today, Egyptian knot-tying techniques have been discovered in very ancient ship models, unearthed during archaeological excavations and called “ships of the dead”. The knotting techniques were also found in the rope hanging from the door of the third room, in the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun.

Has there been a person in the history of mankind who did not use knot even once in his life?! Knots are ubiquitous in human life, being used in a wide variety of fields and situations.

Although it is not clear who took the initiative to use the knot to transmit information, it is widely known that knotted writing, called khipu, was used for a long time. It is even hypothesized that the letters of the alphabet of many nations are copies of painted knots. The ancient Incas made calculations and records and compiled documents using the khipu. Currently, the richest collection of khipu, consisting of 298 knots, is exhibited in the Berlin museum.

The scientific view of knots, which is widely used in seafaring, agricul-



ture, tourism and many other fields, is reflected in nautical science, which has a history of almost a century. This branch of science, which investigates knot theory, classification and application of knots, studies the properties of new synthetic materials that are knotted in modern times.

The aesthetic value of knots has been expressed through the art form of shibari (also known as sibili) in Japan.

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Our life is a looped carpet. It is woven with knots. The front side is decorated, patterned, and the reverse side is a meaningless mess... There is a story that teaches us a valuable lesson:

The grandson, who is sitting on the opposite side of the hana (loom), asks:

What are you doing, grandma?

I weave beauty...

-”Beauty?... It's a colorful, messy knot...” - thought the grandson. When he came in front of the loom, he couldn't hide his surprise: what her grandmother had woven was really a beauty made up of colorful and mysterious patterns that complemented each other...

The child grew up. Whenever he encountered incomprehensible and confusing events that made difficulties for him, he turned to God:

Oh God, what are you doing?

And every time he got the answer he heard in childhood:

I weave beauty...

When we encounter complicated and tangled, incomprehensible and confusing things in life, when we come across many knots and broken threads, unnecessary gaps, we

should know that this is just the lining side of it. The time will come when we see the finished work of the wise Creator, the picture of our lives woven with colorful knots, and it will be more beautiful than we can imagine... like the “Khanliq” carpet of the Khan's daughter.

Tying a knot is easy, untying it is difficult... We need to be patient. It is weakness to cut and throw away every knot. Knots that cannot be untied have moral implications that outweigh pure intentions. They can be cut from the root... Also, when the cup of patience is full... The “Karabakh knot” that the world cannot untangle (maybe it doesn't want to untangle) is crushed by the clenched fist of our people and resolutely axed by our army...

It is resentment, grief and pessimism, envy and jealousy, hatred and anger that bind our thoughts and emotions. The sooner we get away from these feelings and thoughts, the more tightly we protect our inner world from knots.

Let's free our soul from knots that is from negative emotions and feelings. Let us cultivate common sense and tenderness, compassion and mercy, respect and love in our hearts. Let us not allow life to become a hardship, or our existence to suffer from humiliation...

KNOT is a contradictory notion. Like the life we live...

May our path be far away from the knots that are a heavy burden... May we always be in joy, happiness, wedding-knots... Each of us!

Oktay Samadov (Azerbaijan)



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Chicken Business Propel Maua Town’s Poultry Industry To New Heights

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Chicken Business

Maua Town, known for its thriving agricultural sector, has recently witnessed a remarkable surge in the chicks and chicken selling business. This surge has propelled the local poultry industry to unprecedented heights, transforming Maua into a hub of poultry commerce and resulting in economic growth.

The once humble enterprise of raising and selling chicks and chickens has now evolved into a highly competitive and lucrative industry. Poultry farmers in Maua have embraced advanced breeding techniques and effective marketing strategies to meet the escalating demand. Local farmers, renowned for their commitment to quality and excellence, have become the driving force behind the success of the chick and chicken business. These dedicated individuals have honed their skills over generations, passing down

time-honored knowledge that ensures the production of healthy and robust birds.

Speaking to journalists, Mr John Smith, a poultry farmer and business person in Maua town has established himself as a prominent figure in the town’s thriving chick and chicken selling business.

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connectivity, facilitating the distribution of chicks and chickens to neighboring towns like Laare, Kangeta, Muthara and Karama.

“The economic impact of this thriving industry cannot be underrated since business has become a significant contributor to Maua’s local economy, generating employment opportunities and fostering sustainable growth. Local residents have found new avenues of employment, whether it be in hatcheries, farms, or delivering services,” says smith who has so far employed two individuals who deliver the chicken and eggs to various customers including hotels and schools.

He adds that a one-month-old improved Kienyeji and white broiler chick goes at Sh250 and Sh300 respectively while a fully grown chicken sells between Sh800 to Sh1200 for hens and Sh800 to Sh1500 for a

rooster.

“In a good day I make a profit of Sh4000 to Sh5000,” says Smith adding that he is capable of educating his three children, paying rent and other bills through his business which he began five years ago with a mere Sh5000.

Moreover, Maua’s chick and chicken sellers have leveraged the power of digital platforms to expand their customer base and amplify their reach. With the advent of e-commerce, these business owners have embraced online marketing including WhatsApp and Facebook, allowing them to connect directly with customers across a wide range of market.

“I am happy about the positive impact of social media, especially in the business sector. I am able to link-up with most of my consumers through WhatsApp and Facebook where they make their orders,” adds Selina Nkatha who is also in the poultry business in Maua town.

Furthermore, the ripple effect of this booming business has positively impacted other business sectors in the town including suppliers of poultry feed, equipment like feeders, drinkers, egg crates, and veterinary services which have also experienced a surge in demand hence creating a vibrant ecosystem of interconnected businesses that thrive on the success of the chick and chicken industry.

Nkatha noted that the business has thrived amid challenges like high feed costs, disease outbreaks, and unaffordability of vaccines due to steadfast commitment to quality, innovation and customer satisfaction.

She urged residents to diversify from miraa business which has faced myriad of challenges including lack of international market and embrace poultry farming.

Nkatha however called upon the government to construct market shades to remedy losses incurred as a result of harsh weather conditions like strong winds, sunlight and heavy rains.

Key Issues Of Education Of Primary Classes

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Modern society depends on the education system the young generation, including its first stage - sets new requirements for primary education. State of entry into force one of the main tasks of providing primary education and upbringing according to the educational standard one is to educate a new generation of children with high creative potential.

But the problem is not finding talented, intelligent children, but children going to school purposeful formation of creative abilities in all children, non-standard in the world development of appearance lies in a new way of thinking.

The way a child of primary school age is formed, such is his life will be. Therefore, to bring out the creative potential of every child it is important not to miss this period. Children's consciousness is a deep way of life and with traditional ideas about how things should be is not limited.

It allows them to invent, spontaneously and predictably things that we adults have ignored for a long time allows you to notice.

Practice has shown that traditional forms of work cannot fully solve this problem. It is necessary to use new forms, methods and technologies.

Effective pedagogical technologies for the development of creativity in children one is TRIZ - the theory of inventive problem solving. This is the 50th in our country famous Russian scientist, inventor, fantasy writer Heinrich Saulovich It appeared through the efforts of Altshuller.

TRIZ is unique ideas that it is possible and necessary to find, develop a creative personality and teach creativity a unique means of proof.

TRIZ technology came to schools in the 1980s. But, nevertheless, it remains a relevant and in-demand pedagogical technology.

TRIZ technology child adapted for children of junior school age It allows teaching under the motto "Creativity in everything".

The beginning of the TRIZ concept for a child of junior school age point is the principle of conformity to nature in education. A teacher teaching a child it must come from his nature. TRIZ technology in primary education the purpose of use is, on the one hand, flexibility of thinking, mobility, consistency, dialectic, secondly, inquisitiveness, striving for novelty, speech and creativity is the development of qualities such as the development of imagination.

TRIZ for Elementary School Children:



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This is not to change the core program, but to improve its effectiveness is a system of team games and events designed to maximize.

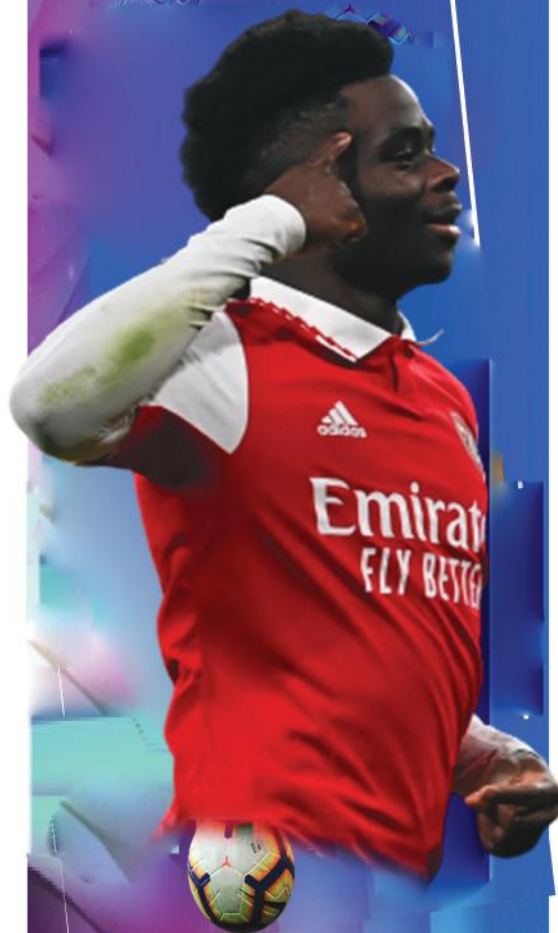
As G.S. Altshuller, the founder of this theory believed, —creating a new one, of course a process combined with calculation, logic, and intuition.

Children's creative and mental activity is significant when using TRIZ elements activates at the level, because TRIZ makes them think broadly, ongoing teaches to understand the processes and find his own solution to the problem.

Invention is creative is expressed in the imagination, then various types of children's activities - play, speech, invents things that are manifested in art and others.

The use of TRIZ in teaching children of primary school age allow them to grow into true inventors, who are inventive and innovative at an older age becomes a producer of ideas.

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Manchester City Win Premier League After Arsenal Defeat



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A second consecutive defeat for the Gunners left Mikel Arteta's men still four points adrift of City with one game left for them to play.

Taiwo Awoniyi's winning goal also had huge ramifications at the bottom of the table as Forest are now safe from relegation in their first season back in the top flight for 23 years.

City's title triumph could be the start of a treble as Pep Guardiola's men face Manchester United

in the FA Cup final and Inter Milan in the Champions League final next month.

Arsenal pushed the defending champions most of the way but crumbled in the decisive final months of the season.

They have won just two of their last eight games to allow City to canter over the line with three games to spare.

The visitors rarely even looked like scoring as a raucous atmosphere at the City Ground roared Forest onto survival.

Arteta's decision to name an experimental back four without any recognised full-backs backfired inside the first 20 minutes.

Morgan Gibbs-White has been central to Forest's recovery after winning just one of their opening 11 league games.

The England under-21 international created the only goal as he teed up Awoniyi to dink home his fifth goal in three games over Aaron Ramsdale.

Forest were then happy to retreat and defend their lead, but Arsenal were a shadow of the vibrant young side that shone in the early months of the season.

Bukayo Saka's tame shot that was easily saved by Keylor Navas was the closest they came to an equaliser.

Arteta's squad is the second

youngest in the Premier League and they have run out of steam just as City have hit top speed.

The newly-crowned champions are unbeaten in 23 games in all competitions, including a 4-1 thrashing of Arsenal when the sides met in a top-of-the-table clash last month.

At the other end of the table, Forest move six points clear of the drop zone meaning two from Everton, Leeds or Leicester will join Southampton in the Championship next season.

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GET THE BEST OF WORLD

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The Kenya Lionesses after their third place play-off match against Japan. PHOTO/KRU

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The ladies were jolted into the reality of the caliber of their competition when their hosts dashed into the lead courtesy of a penalty to make it 3-0.

However, Kenya were only behind for a few moments before Grace Adhiambo put them in the driving seat with an unconverted try to make it 5-3.

Spurred by a vociferous crowd at the Stade Makis, the hosts piled pressure on the Kenyans

as they sought to give their fans something to smile about.

Adhiambo ‘twisted the dagger in’, however, when she jumped over the white line to widen the gap to 10-3 in favour of Kenya.

It went from good to better for the visitors as a penalty try offered a golden opportunity to extend their dominance, which they duly obliged by converting to leave the scores at 17-3.

Despite being down to 13 players, the Madagascars were not to be cowed, brimming with fire in the second half, which subsequently yielded another try to reduce the gap to 17-10.

However, the hosts’ resurgence seemed to offend their rivals who responded like wounded lioness-

es, scoring another try via Judith Akumu who benefitted from some impressive donkey work by Natasha Emali.

Another try from Madagascar had the home fans on their feet as they sensed a comeback that was never to be.

Soon after, Akumu scored her second try of the afternoon after some wayward play by their guests.

However, disciplinary challenges for the Kenyans saw them reduced to 14 players, which made for a nervy ending as Madagascar sought a way back into the game.

The hosts managed to score one last, converted try but it proved to be more than just a consol-

ation as the home girls held on for a triumphant start to their continental campaign.

They will also play against South Africa and Cameroon in their subsequent matches.

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Making Shoshong Village Great Again

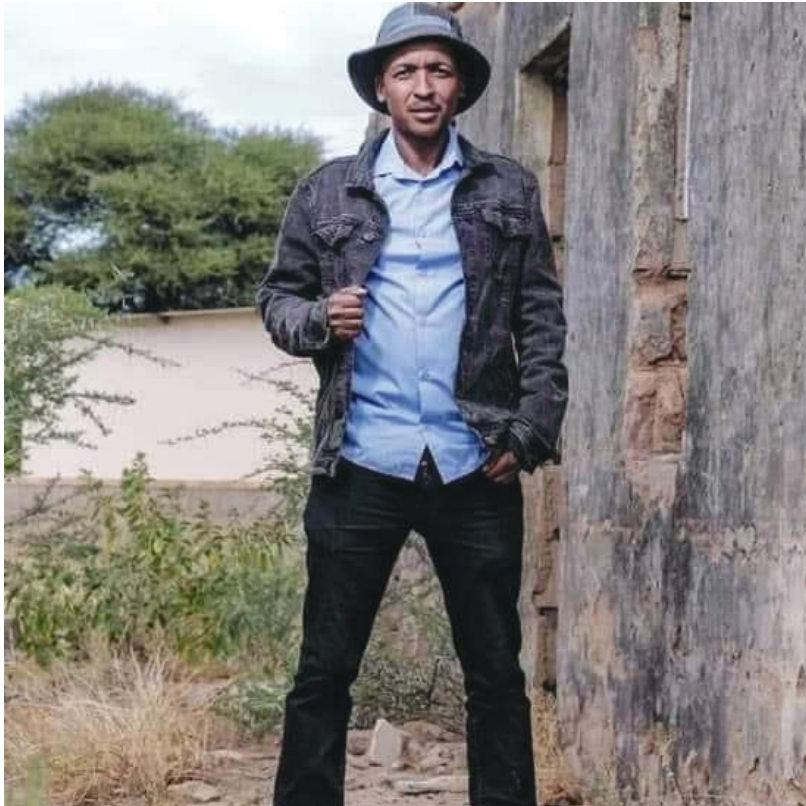


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Tiro Keogotsitse-entrepreneur.



Sweater of Tiro's label.

Shoshong village is situated on the west side of Mahalapye village, approximately 40km drive.

It is a village surrounded by hills and beautiful nature.

History says the Bangwato clan or tribe assembled in the mountains in the past during inter-tribal wars.

But later passed through Mahalapye, Palapye and settled in Modern day Serowe.

Bangwato did not all leave most remained including the paramount chief of Bangwato who left the seat a year ago Sediegeng kgamane.

Getting into Shoshong there is ruins of walls and buildings that signify great history of the Baphuting and the Baphaleng, Bakaa and others.

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All these names are nicknames to the great Bangwato village called Shoshong.

Talking to him about what inspired his label, he reckoned that the love of his roots was all that resonated and made his choice of clothing line.

The market has received the clothing label well as many people are coming and buying especially the youth that has roots of Shoshong and Ngwato clan.

Mr Tiro also sells dried biltong now and then and got a printing company for those open to make their own distinctive products.

