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# President Ruto Urges Leaders To Unite, Stop Divisive Politics

By: PCS



President William Ruto.

**Worth Noting:**

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- Border towns, such as Malaba and Busia, he explained, will also have their infrastructure upgraded to ease traffic flow and accelerate cross-border commerce.
- Governor Paul Otuoma pledged to work with the Government in making better the lives of the people of Busia.
- “We must turn Busia into the gateway of East Africa. That is how we will tackle poverty in our country,” he observed.

President William Ruto has asked leaders to unite rather than divide the country. He said it was retrogressive for some politicians to further division and chaos in the society. “We must think as a nation. We can differ without harming our country,” he said. He noted that he was willing to listen to diverse views that will enrich

and take Kenya forward. He was speaking on Sunday in Busia Stadium, Busia County, during an inter-faith thanksgiving service. President Ruto said leaders must endeavour to work together because “elections are over”. “It is time to uplift the underprivileged,” he reiterated. He said the Housing Programme will transform the country through

the creation of thousands of job opportunities. “It is our business to make the youth earn a living.” He committed to change the County’s fortunes by reviving its agriculture. He regretted that the area is among the poorest in Kenya yet with huge economic potential. “We have a plan; we will add value

to agriculture and shed off middlemen so that farming is made profitable,” said the President. Border towns, such as Malaba and Busia, he explained, will also have their infrastructure upgraded to ease traffic flow and accelerate cross-border commerce. Governor Paul Otuoma pledged to work with the Government in making better the lives of the people of Busia. “We must turn Busia into the gateway of East Africa. That is how we will tackle poverty in our country,” he observed. He called on the Government to step in and help restructure Boda Boda business to rid it of shyllocks that are choking the sector. The Busia Governor, who declared his support for President Ruto, asked the Opposition to retreat and play a productive role in developing Kenya. “Let us put our energy in driving the economic growth of our country,” he argued. Cabinet Secretaries Ababu Namwamba, Moses Kuria, Bungoma Governor Ken Lusaka, several Principal Secretaries, MPs and MCAs were present. Former Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong, former Attorney General Amos Wako, former Westlands MP Fred Gumo and former Busia Woman Representative Florence Mutua were also in the function. They all rallied behind the Government. “President Ruto won fair and square. The Opposition should stop its theatrics,” said Mr Gumo.

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# Prime Cs In Nigeria For President-Elect Tinubu Inauguration

The Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi arrived in Abuja, Nigeria, yesterday afternoon for a three-day official visit.

Mudavadi is set to attend the inauguration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu on today with the possibility of holding bilateral talks with the new government.

Tinubu will be sworn in after winning hotly contested presidential election held on Saturday February 25, 2023 where Tinubu of the incumbent All Peoples Congress (APC) romped home with 8,794,726 votes. Atiku Abubakar of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) was second with 6,984,520 votes while Peter Obi of the Labour Party was third with 6,101,533 votes.

At 27%, voter turnout was one of the lowest since the end of military rule in 1999. It was the seventh General Election since the restoration of democracy in Nigeria in 1999, with 18 contestants running for the presidential office. While Tinubu's 8.8 million votes represented about 37% of votes cast, they were less than

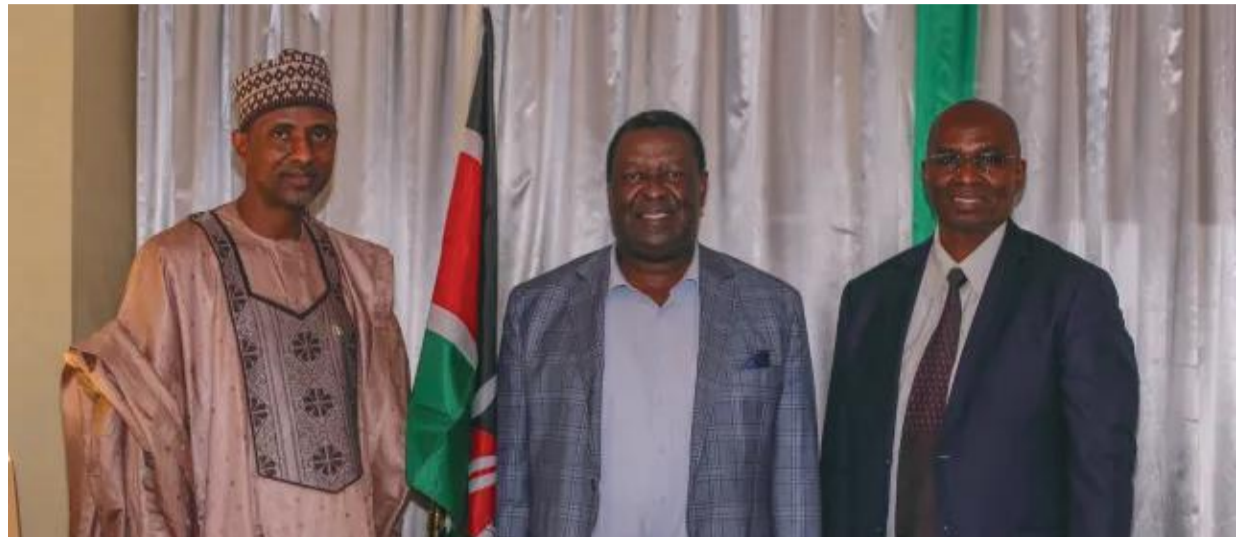
10% of the 93 million Nigerians registered to vote.

Bola Ahmed Tinubu is 70 years old, a Muslim and was briefly the senator for Lagos West (1992-93) as well as the Governor of Lagos for two terms between 1999 and 2007.

Both Kenya and Nigeria are considered African economic powerhouses patched on the eastern and western parts of the continent respectively.

While Nigeria is Sub-Saharan Africa's largest economy with a gross domestic product (GDP) of US504 billion dollars and a population yielding an income per capita of over 2,326 US dollars, trade between the two nations is low. However, Kenya bests Nigeria where its exports to Kenya in 2021 amounted to only US1.44 million dollars, while Kenya scooped US33.12 million dollars in exports to Nigeria.

It is expected that Mudavadi, will utilise the opportunity between celebratory banquets and gala dinners to squeeze in bilateral talks on the sidelines, especially in matters finalising pending instruments for various



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bilateral agreements, especially on trade.

Another area of interest is shared diplomacy of conflict management. Kenya is deeply ingrained in seeking solutions to conflicts in the EAC and IGAD countries while Nigeria keeps watch on the volatile western rim of Africa.

Indeed, while Nigeria has to contend with internal and regional terror wrought by the Islamist Boko Haram, Kenya is faced with the same malady occasioned by Al Querida terror group. Nigeria is battling the insurgency within and also sending troops to help ECOWAS counties contain the insurrection.

Kenya, on the other hand, has had to secure itself from Al Queida by sending troops to create a buffer zone in Somalia, apart from contributing heavily to the EAC Standing Force to pacify eastern DRC.



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# Stakeholders Call For Partnership To Address Period Poverty

As the world gears towards the commemoration of menstrual hygiene on Sunday, stakeholders have cited lack of public awareness, culture, climate change and high cost of living as a major threat contributing towards an increase of period poverty among many women in Kenya.

According to The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), period poverty is a situation where teenage girls and women can't afford to buy period products or don't have access to them and as a result they suffer in silence.

Menstrual hygiene that is marked on May 28, annually seeks to raise awareness on the need for empowering women and dispel the myths and taboos about menstrual health hygiene since it is a normal fact of life as this year's theme denotes "Making menstrual a normal fact of life by 2030."

Laikipia county governor's wife Grace Wakahora Irungu speaking during a menstrual hygiene summit in Nanyuki, said that her office is committed in supporting local communities in making accessibility of menstrual health and products possible in the region and ensure young girls and women regain their menstrual dignity.

"We will partner with like-minded stakeholders to ensure our adolescent girls regain their menstrual dignity in bid to achieve menstrual health for our girls," said the gover-

nor's wife.

Laikipia East Assistant County Commissioner Kimberly Champagne said local women and women with disabilities were the most affected by lack of access to sanitary hygiene products.

She noted they suffer in silence because they believe it is a taboo for them to speak out publicly about periods hence denying them quality of life.

Ms Kimberly called for partnerships from stakeholders to support women and girls access pads since it was their basic reproductive health right.

Drawing Dreams Initiative, a community based organisation in Laikipia county Director Grace Wanene said that 65 percent of women and teenage girls in Kenya could not access or buy sanitary products and 72 percent of boys lacked awareness about reproductive health education which had led to an increase of period poverty.

"Our goal is to bring all prayers together aimed at getting solutions and ideas to address period poverty since the majority of women in Kenya can't afford menstrual products," she said.

Wanene blamed climate change as a major concern that is making period poverty skyrocket.

She noted that, lack of access to sanitary products among girls and especially in Arid and Semi-Arid areas counties in the country, had led



Laikipia county governor's wife Grace Wakahora Irungu .

to increase of teenage pregnancy and school dropout. She said it was the high time the community acknowledged periods among women as a normal way of life.

Drawing Dreams CBO supports teenage girls in Laikipia and neighbouring counties of Isiolo and Samburu access sanitary products to avoid school dropout and early marriages.

Laikipia county assembly speaker Lantano Nabaala said that it was important to formulate policies in the government that could help up-

hold women's rights on reproductive health and ensure they are not stigmatised for lack of support in addressing their menstrual needs.

"This is a taboo to speak out publicly in my pastoralists communities. They are things shrouded in secrecy, however, it is a serious thing and this summit is a good foundation for the formulation of policy and then legislation because period is something with us and natural," said Nabaala.

On her part, Laikipia County chief education officer Beatrice Wachira said that boys should also be in-

involved in menstrual health education and should not be left out, and when girls are being offered sanitary kits, boys too can be given underwear since most of them come from humble backgrounds and cannot afford to buy undergarments.

The two-day event dubbed Nanyuki menstrual hygiene summit was sponsored by the Drawing Dreams Initiative and partners.

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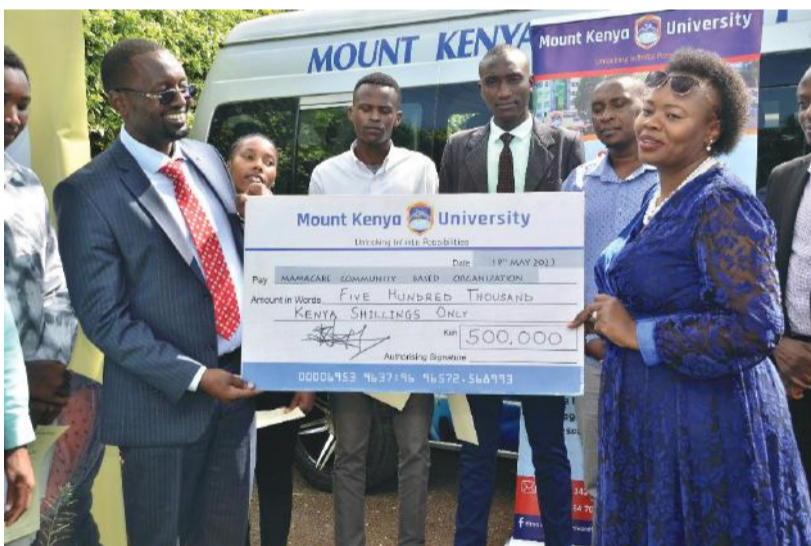
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Githunguri Member of Parliament, Gathoni Wamuchomba in blue outfit receiving cheque.

## Worth Noting:

- The German language training opportunity follows a partnership signed last year MKU and Germany's Hochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences to offer a Health Care Assistant training programme and apprenticeship pact where it is seeking to tap on growing demand of health workers in Germany. Hochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences is the lead partner.
- The training is being implemented by MKU through a two-semester course and thereafter releases the students to German hospitals for guaranteed apprenticeship and subsequent job placement. The programme is being offered at the institution's Main Campus, Thika and Mombasa Campus. "Students will be provided with career opportunities in German hospitals.



Five students from Githunguri constituency in Kiambu County will get free training in German language skills at Mount Kenya University (MKU) after which they will be flying to Europe for paid internships in German hospitals from mid next year.

This follows a partnership between Githunguri Member of Parliament, Gathoni Wamuchomba, through her MamaCare Initiative and the university. MKU has paid for the training by supporting MamaCare with a Sh500,000.

The five students, some of whom are university graduates, commenced learning at MKU's main campus in Thika town last week. According to Dr Christopher Mutembei, Director, MKU Centre for Professional Development and Kenya project coordi-

nator, learning in German language will take a year at the campus after which the students will go for further training in German hospitals at an initial salary of about Euro 1,200 (Sh170, 000) per month.

Launching the project for Githunguri youth, Wamuchomba profusely thanked the university, particularly the MKU founder and chairman of its Board of Directors, Prof Simon Gicharu. "Am now a very proud mother and MP for Githunguri after getting this huge opportunity that will see the training of these five youth in German language skills to make them ready to work in the health sectors in Germany," said the MP.

Mamacare Initiative is a non-profit programme aimed at helping common Kenyans surmounts various

challenges. The project entails adult education dubbed Tusome and a social protection scheme for vulnerable men and women, including tackling drug abuse and alcoholism. Launched in 2018 by former President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Mama Care Addiction Recovery Centre has rehabilitated more than 300 addicts. A partnership with a technical college offers technical training where the addicts get life supporting skills. The German language training opportunity follows a partnership signed last year MKU and Germany's Hochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences to offer a Health Care Assistant training programme and apprenticeship pact where it is seeking to tap on growing demand of health workers in Germany. Hochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences is the lead partner.

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The MKU-Hochschule Koblenz University partnership aims at

bridging a shortfall in the number of healthcare professionals in Germany, in which many people in the profession retire without enough people to replace them.

The opportunities are a result of groundwork done by a research consortium formed in February this year to look into how to resolve healthcare challenges while creating opportunities for healthcare professionals in Africa. The consortium comprises of Hochschule Koblenz as the project lead, AG Career Hub consultancy offering information on career and business opportunities in Germany and Africa) and African Nurses/Pfleger in Germany (a network with more than 2,000 African Healthcare in Germany).

"Due to its aging population, Germany is facing a significant shortfall of healthcare in the coming years. Various studies estimate a deficit of between 400,000 and 600,000 vacancies by 2030," the research consortium noted.

Candidates are selected based on high school grades (equivalent to Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) C(Plain) and proficiency in German Language Skills in addition to an aptitude Test.

The German institution will ensure that students successfully complete the course in Kenya are guaranteed an apprenticeship in Germany. "Students will enjoy the benefit of getting a student visa, salary and are provided with excellent job opportunities for full-time employment after completing their training," said the MKU Vice Chancellor.

For the training in Germany, students are not charged any tuition fee but are entitled to get a working contract for the training with a monthly salary to cater for the basic needs and accommodation. During the preparation in Kenya and training in Germany, the African Nurses/Pfleger and AG-Career Hub in Germany will support the students to successfully integrate into the training and working environment in German hospitals as well as organize the mentors and colleagues in Germany to accompany them during their stay.

"Upon successful completion of the apprenticeship, students will be offered career opportunities for full-time employment in German hospitals exposing them to extensive further specialized training opportunities among other benefits," added Prof JAGANYI.

# DP Gachagua Issues Stern Warning To Politicians Aiding The Silent Insurgence Of Criminal Gangs

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has warned political leaders aiding the silent insurgence of criminal gang groups in the country.

Speaking during the retirement celebration for the Archbishop Dr. Julius Njoroge Gitau in Thika, the Deputy President said the Government will deal with those associated decisively.

“We have heard your concerns about the revival of the criminal gang. The government will not allow it. I ask parents to talk to their children so as not to be misused. Any attempt will be dealt with swiftly and decisive action will be taken,” said DP Gachagua.

“If you have a problem with William Ruto and me why don’t you come and face us wachana na hawa watoto. Ati you are trying to revive a criminal gang to intimidate us.

Watoto wao wamepeleka EALA na wengine mabiashara lakini mnataka kutumia watoto wa maskini to come and undermine govt,” he added.

The deputy president lauded Archbishop Njoroge as a committed servant who has served in the ministry for 50 years in different parishes. The Archbishop was also lauded for pioneering the A.I.P.C.A Theological college while also serving as a key figure in seeking ways to build bridges of peace and reconciliation.

He called on other leaders to emulate the leadership portrayed by the archbishop by retiring peacefully and letting those serving to do so without interference.

“We have listened to your history and you are very committed. Calling it your day when your time comes is such maturity. We get embarrassed when our leader is subjected to humiliation. We continue to urge him to stop.”

The DP also expressed that the government has made tremendous steps in the war against Alcohol and sub-



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwa.

stance abuse and is optimistic that the menace will soon be a thing of the past.

“We agreed as a region that our priority is to deal with the issue of alco-

hol and substance abuse. The war is 70% won na tutaendelea. This battle is for the long haul,” he remarked.

The Deputy President was accompanied by Governor Kimani Wa-

matangi of Kiambu county, Governor Moses Ndirangu Badilisha of Nyandarua county and several members of parliament. The leaders echoed the DP’s sentiments.

# Plans For Holding Mass Weddings For Police Officers On-Pastor Dorcas

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has reiterated her commitment to the annual mass wedding for uniformed and disciplined forces.

Speaking when she graced the annual central region uniformed and disciplined forces at Our Lady of Consolata Cathedral Nyeri, Pastor Dorcas said the move is meant to safeguard family values within the forces.

The program will be conducted in collaboration with the office of the Inspector General of Police and the clergy.

“Together with the office of the IG (Inspector General of Police) we will be conducting uniformed matrimony every year. And we will see how we can fund it, so that there is no excuse. All you will need to do is to wear your uniform and come with your wife,” she said.

On January 18 this year Pastor Dor-

cas held a meeting with the Inspector General of Police Japheth Koome in his Jogoo House office. The IG committed to support the program.

Uniformed servicemen are currently registering for the wedding in their various stations.

Pastor Dorcas said many families are left in destitute situations when their bread winners who are serving in the uniformed service pass on.

She said many officers indicate their parents as their next of kin when they join the service at an early age and rarely do they change to their wives when they get married while still in service.

“And when you join the service the person you had indicated as your next of kin is your parents, unfortunately when you die, your wife and children are left in destitute, because in many instances they may not be given what you worked for cannot be given to them, because they are

not legally recognized ,” he said.

Central Regional police boss Lydia Ligami said many times people don’t understand the uniformed forces.

“Many are times people just see the faults in us (police), but we are very human and before God we were created like any other person, and we have our weaknesses but we have our strengths,” she said.

The mass was conducted by Rev. Peter Kairo-Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Nyeri who challenged the officers to serve Kenyans with integrity. The annual service brings together officers from Kenya Police Service, Directorate of Criminal Investigations, Administration Police, Kenya Prisons, Kenya Forest Service and Kenya Wildlife Service.



Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi.

# Country Has To Work Out Full Integration Of Youth In The System - Mudavadi

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi addressing students at Kangaru School in Embu

## Worth Noting:

- ‘We must say no to corruption and fight this vice. We can get quick money, but quick money gives you nightmares. This is an indicator that if you engage in corruption, the police will be looking for you, other agencies will be on the watch out for you and you will not be able to sleep. Therefore when you think you are getting golden sleep, you will be having nightmares. My clarion call to you is that we must avoid corruption at all cost,’ said Prime Cabinet Secretary.
- Mudavadi said, ‘We must all learn to work hard, honestly and work with progression so that we can have that golden bed and eventually golden sleep because you sweated for it.’

Kenyans should wake up to the reality that as a nation, our demographics have changed drastically in favour of youth, says Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi.

Speaking when he joined Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire for a tree planting exercise at Kangaru School, Mudavadi said the country should take advantage of the youth numbers and integrate them in decision-making.

He urged learners to maximise their time in school to produce stellar performance as an investment in the future.

‘The name Kangaru is so important that if we are to write the history of education in this country, it will not be complete if Kangaru is left out of history. This means you have a reputation, a legacy and you cannot afford to have it distorted. We rely and depend on you. Therefore safeguard the reputation of both Kangaru and the legacy that the pallbearer has left. Let’s build on it,’ said Mudavadi.

Prime Cabinet Secretary went on to tell learners to put their best foot for-

ward to become reputable people in society. He further urged students to take keen note of what teachers say as their sole goal in students life is to make them dependent on oneself and their ability. They are providing them with tools for a better life ahead.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, ‘If you want to help a man you do not give him a fish but rather give him a fishing rod to learn how to fish. Teachers here, your parents and the community are making sure you learn how to fend for yourself and not become a dependent on other people,’ said Mudavadi.

Mudavadi alluded to the late retired president Moi who when addressing corruption menace in the country once said, ‘You can buy golden bed but you cannot buy golden sleep.’ He further urged Kenyans to desist from corruption as this vice will end up hindering the developments and nation building.

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if you engage in corruption, the police will be looking for you, other agencies will be on the watch out for you and you will not be able to sleep. Therefore when you think you are getting golden sleep, you will be having nightmares. My clarion call to you is that we must avoid corruption at all cost,’ said Prime Cabinet Secretary.

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Mudavadi went on to urge to desist from peer pressure of alcohol and substance as it will derail their life leading to addiction, unwanted pregnancies and eventually dropping out of school.

‘Be strong, be upright, shun away from alcohol and substance abuse. It does not help, it does not pay, it will just be a pain to you, family and community. Let us all desist from this vices. If we do that the legacy and reputation of Kangaru boys and girls shall endure forever,’ said the Prime Cabinet Secretary.

Mudavadi summed up by wishing learners well in their examination and endeavours. He further emphasized on learners being innovative in bringing new inventions and ideas.

‘We want new ideas and let us all leverage in history and not live in history. For anybody who was listening, We all now know that the young people of today as much as they want us to leverage on history, they also want as to talk about the future and work towards the future,’ paused Mudavadi.

Embu has made us proud. It has become the center of gravity in the Country for this week. We shall crown it on the 1st of June as Kenya becomes 60. For the youths, you are the ones to lead us so that we shall be talking of when Kenya becomes 100. Start to visualize on what you are going to do to drive Kenya ahead.

Embu County is known for macadamia farming owing to the fact that it is the largest producer of macadamia in the African Great Lakes.

# Kenyans Should Emulate Ruto, File Tax Returns



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President William Ruto filing tax returns.

## Worth Noting:

- Here, the president fell short of saying. Some of you owed loyalties to my political opponents and you are serving their interests.

- You know if we don't meet targets, I (President) will resort to imposing more taxes to Kenyans and over-borrowing foreign loans. This will give my opponents political fodder to fight me.

- President Ruto is facing challenges similar to those encountered by his predecessors - Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

- During the era of the previous administrations and even the current one, the prosecution crafted and read a common thread that goes.

- We have withdrawn these cases because of two reasons: Lack of sufficient evidence and witnesses' refusing to testify. This would happen to high profile cases involving the rich and well-connected personalities.

A few days ago, President William Ruto became the first head of state to personally file his tax returns at Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) headquarters in Nairobi.

In a brief speech to the staff, the President took this opportunity to register his dissatisfaction with performance of their duties which he termed as below expectations.

When I assumed power, I met you and we set out the targets. You have not met them and this was deliberate.

As a country, we are facing a serious financial crisis and this has incapacitated our job of delivering services to the people of Kenya.

Instead of helping my government to expand the scope of revenues collections so as to bridge the deficit gaps, you are busy planning how to sabotage me from fulfilling the pre-election pledges.

To succeed, he accused them of turning KRA into a den of corruption, wanton bribe-taking and adverse interference with modern technology.

Besides, the parallel stamp duty collection exercise paved the way for the loss of Sh7 billion.

While vowing to deal firmly with

state officers engaging in corruption, the President warned the KRA rogue officials.

Your days are numbered. I know some of you do not mean well for the country. You are out to sabotage my administration.

I'm coming for you. If you don't shape up, I will definitely sack all of you.

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I remember President Uhuru Kenyatta issuing a stern warning.

While addressing a gathering at KICC, he faced at his Office (OP) at Harambee House and stated. I know corruption is rampant there. I'm going to purge corrupt officials.

A few days later, the heads started

rolling. A number of top officials working in state departments of finance and procurement were sacked and others suspended.

For those arraigned in court, no conviction was secured.

Many blamed the prosecution officers for letting them off-hook after receiving hefty bribes from them.

For President William Ruto, I have no reason to doubt his commitment to slay the dragon of corruption.

The other day he set the ball rolling when he sacked a PS and dozens of other top state officials linked to KEMSA and toxic sugars scams.

He asked the anti-graft bodies to carry out speedy investigations and bring the culprits to book.

However, some of the officials were somehow lucky. They were either transferred or suspended.

For now, the buck stops with state agencies falling under the criminal justice system.

I hope they will not let President Ruto down by looking for excuses and scapegoat.

During the era of the previous administrations and even the current one, the prosecution crafted and read a common thread that goes.

We have withdrawn these cases because of two reasons: Lack of sufficient evidence and witnesses' refusing to testify. This would happen to high profile cases involving the rich and well-connected personalities.

They used a small fraction of ill-gotten wealth to bribe the witnesses to keep off the cases and even recant their evidence.

How do we deal with this recurring problem? This is my suggestion to lawmakers. Enact laws to compel the witnesses to testify.

This should target those who had recorded statements and sworn affidavits.

As I conclude, allow me to say this. President Ruto's decision to file his returns in person was a move in right direction. This demonstrated his commitment to lead by example.

I urge Kenyans to emulate him as he has assured us that he will protect our taxes and ensure are spent prudently to rebuild our economy.

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# Reserve Your Right To Think

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## Worth Noting:

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- Love is the most important commandment to follow for us to enjoy healthy relationships. Much as we love others we should think and rethink before following their teachings for they need to fit us as some are beneficial to them only and in the current situation.
- A look at the major religions you will realize some differences in the way they carry out their operations, it is as a result of following what the one in charge says without asking any question about the idea.



*Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all..... Hypatia.*

Human beings are social beings. They like association with fellow human beings more so being followed that is why you find the higher the number of fans or followers one has the more one feels privileged.

Those who are advanced in life in terms of wealth and popularity have many people who are willing to imitate them without evaluating the pros and cons of doing so.

Even if one put a funny hairstyle provided you are a celebrity many of those who see you will just follow thinking that is how one does to become a celebrity. In 2002 football world cup finals Brazilian superstar Ronaldo Nazario was limping he decided to have unique haircut that worked well by diverting the attention of fans and media from his leg to his hair style.

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eral population who adopted that hair style thereafter so as to look and perhaps feel like this legend has experienced.

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You will find that even the teachings are unquestionable denying the followers right to know what is informing the preacher.

A look at inter religion or inter denomination movement you will realize that some of the followers keep migrating without providing any rea-

son and they are always welcomed in their new destinations as each of the religion wish to have majority of the following in the globe.

If these followers had been convinced of the reasons for them to belong to a certain religion they would be able to retain their positions no matter which other religion is being introduced to them. From the word go one would join a certain religion after thorough analysis of what is required of him, how manageable it is for him to serve and which benefits to expect due to that decision one has taken.

Some of the parents expect the kids to follow his or her ideas without understanding the reasons behind these teachings arguing that due to their seniority in age and the fact that they have given birth to them without considering the impact of such actions.

If the parents allow room for the kids to reason they would probably

have an easy time doing the follow up for every policy they introduce as after explaining any new policy to them any of the child who refuses to follow should likewise provide convincing reasons.

As human beings let us train ourselves to reason in each and every issue that is what distinguishes us from all the other creatures as we have a higher capacity of doing this. Having been blessed with brains it is good we can best use of them.

# Stakeholders Continue Presenting Their Views On The Finance Bill 2023

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The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning has continued receiving proposals on the Finance Bill 2023. In a session chaired by Kuria Kimani (Molo), different stakeholders continued submitting their proposals, majoring on different taxations and the National Housing Fund.

The Old Mutual Group was the first to present its submissions on taxation of insurance compensation for the loss of taxable supplies, whereby the stakeholders proposed a deletion of that. This is because compensation for loss is not a gain or supply but a reinstatement of the position before the loss occurred. The stakeholders claim that this will discourage Kenyans from taking up insurance policies and therefore frustrate financial inclusivity efforts.

MAK Partners & Advocates submitted on the requirement to deposit 20 percent of disputed taxes with the Commissioner or security, equivalent to 20 percent of the disputed tax before filing an appeal to the High Court, whereby they argued that it may result to an infringement of the taxpayers right as it puts a premium to the cost of accessing justice.

Viongozi wa Kiambu, led by former Kiambu Township MP Jude Njomo proposed on amongst other issues, a review of the intended increase in excise duty rates on mobile money transfer. They argued that increasing rates from 12 percent to 15 percent will most likely increase mobile money charges by telecommunication operators, which will be pushed to the consumers of the service.

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However, the organization rejected the proposals on the increase of

VAT on petroleum products from 8 percent to 16 percent, increase of tax on mobile money transfer and digital lending fees, increase in turnover tax rate to 3 percent and lowering of the tax band to Kshs. 500,000 per year, introduction of a Kshs. 5 excise duty on sugar, the mandatory 3 percent housing fund and the introduction of 15 percent withholding tax on digital content monetization.

Mr. Henry Kabogo of the Water Bottlers Association of Kenya raised concerns on the Excise Tax on water, a basic human need. He noted that Section 10 of the Excise Duty Act, which subjects basic goods like water to excise tax, should be repealed. He instead proposed bottled water to be dropped from the First Schedule of the Excise Duty Act 2015, and instead the Sin Tax to be pushed to the plastic bottles as they are detrimental to the environment.

Munene Micheni & Company Advocates proposed different reviews on taxation, and presented a new proposal under the Retirement Benefits Act (RBA), whereby they called on an extension of the term of office of trustees to five years, renewable once. They also proposed an amend-

ment of the Act to allow members of a pension scheme to access loans from their savings; of up to 40 percent to fund purchase of a residential house, up to 20 percent to fund critical medical cases and up to 10 percent to fund education.

The Lawyers Hub, highlighted different proposals for consideration, including introduction of tax incentives such as reduced tax rates or exemptions for small businesses and start-ups which will stimulate economic growth and create jobs. The group also proposed an introduction of investment incentives such as tax breaks or credits for investments in priority sectors including healthcare, technology, and renewable energy.

The African Women Studies Centre from the University of Nairobi, presented their memoranda on the introduction of excise tax on human hair and other products like wigs, false beards, eyebrows and eyelashes. The team proposes that levying an excise on these kinds of goods which have no negative externalities should be reviewed.

The public hearings continues.

## Government Urged To Resettle All IDPs In Nakuru

More than 500 IDPs from Nakuru have asked the government to resolve land conflicts that have persisted for years.

Speaking in Nakuru the group made up of people displaced in the 2007 clashes said although previous administrations of Presidents Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta's had made progress, a few people had been left out.

"Many of us were promised Land but never received any. There are a lot of areas where we can be resettled in Central and Rift Valley. We just want an end to this homelessness," said Kenya Internally Displaced Persons Organization (KIDPO) Patron Peter Tena.

Mr Tena at the same time urged the government to remedy historical land injustices countrywide which he said started in the pre-colonial era way back in the 1960s.

He said the nature of the injustices are the same across all the regions in the country and follow specific patterns that relate to colonial displacement, inequitable land adjudication, incomplete land acquisition, natural resources conflict, evictions and nat-



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ural disasters.

Mr Tena said some IDPs left the displacement camps in 2008, but had nowhere to call home.

He pointed out that officials in the Provincial Administration including then district commissioners, district officers and chiefs who handled the initial phases of resettlement were the main beneficiaries in the first cash disbursement following the poll violence.

Lack of checks, added Mr Tena, meant the officials would include

non-existent people, cronies and family members in the list of beneficiaries, ensuring the compensation programme started on a wrong trajectory.

An estimated Ksh 1.5 billion was spent in the first phase dubbed 'Operation Rudi Nyumbani' targeting people who owned land to go back even though most had their homes razed during the chaos.

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) was also urged to reopen a probe on former members of

National Coordination Consultative Committee (NCCC) on IDPPs over alleged loss of billions of shillings meant for resettlement of people displaced in the 2007/2008 post-election violence.

Mr Tena said criminal charges had not been preferred against three prominent members of NCCC despite detectives having probed them and unearthed massive theft of funds.

He claimed that though the committee was expected to play a crucial role in enabling the government to discharge its functions by facilitating the resettlement of the IDPs, its former members responsible for the loss had not been brought to account.

Lands Chief administrative Secretary Kimani Ngunjiri assured the group that the state will audit all land bought by taxpayers money for purposes of settling IDPS.

At least 660,000 people were displaced during the 2007/2008 post-election violence as per reports from human rights organizations.

The Kibaki government started an elaborate Ksh 20.7 billion compensation scheme for the thousands of Kenyans affected by the violence,

which was concluded by the Jubilee administration.

The National Treasury was in charge of the fund, but the payment was overseen by the National Coordination Consultative Committee (NCCC) under the Devolution and Planning ministry.

County commissioners that work under the Interior ministry coordinated the county payments. In 2013, the Jubilee administration took over the compensation scheme.

The government through the Devolution ministry disbursed more than Ksh17.5 billion as compensation for the IDPs.

Later, corrupt cartels infiltrated the process and registered bogus IDPs at a fee. The fake IDPs later benefited from the fund at the expense of the genuine ones.

It also emerged that some 27,000 persons countrywide had been omitted from the Ksh 50,000 compensation package.

## Kahawa West Locals Enlightened On Title Deed Issuance Process



Area Member County Assembly (MCA) Dr Clement Kamaru.

Residents of Kahawa West ward were on Saturday undertaken through training and sensitisation program on the process of acquiring the title deeds at Mahiga primary school.

The exercise which was presided over by Nairobi County Chief Officer of lands Cecilia Wangari among other county and national government officials saw the area Member

County Assembly (MCA) Dr Clement Kamaru gracing the occasion.

Wangari noted that she will employ the open door policy to ensure the department serves residents efficiently and with ease of acquiring title deeds.

"We are here today to send light on this important process that guarantees you land ownership, and by the end of this year we shall have giv-

en a number the title deeds and by next year we should be through with Kahawa West. At the beginning, we will prioritise lands which have no ownership disputes and court issues. I have changed lives of Nairobians by issuing over 15,000 title deeds to low income earners and will not relent in my agenda to keep empowering common mwanachi" she stated.

Dr Kamaru on his part reiterated his commitment of continuing to work with relevant stakeholders led by the county land officials in a bid to reclaim public land grabbed by private developers.

He promised that no effort will be spared to repossess land meant for public use like expansion, recreation and parking, as institutions like schools continue to grapple with expansion challenges in the wake of learners transitioning to Junior Secondary Schools.

"I want to thank my people for attending this noble initiative and I assure them that the process of issuance of title deeds will be complete by the end of this year. I urge them to

cooperate and embrace one another in land dispute resolution and take advantage of this process to apply for their land ownership documents. County administration led by our Governor Johnson Sakaja means well for us and everything will be okay in due course" remarked Kamaru.

For years, local leaders, in Kahawa West have petitioned the government to allocate title deeds to the landowners following concerns of long queues by owners of parcels of land situated within the area flooding the Mahiga Primary School in anticipation of the registration process that would allow them get land title deeds, after 38 years of waiting.

"It is an advantage getting the title deeds because we can now do a lot of things we couldn't do before. For instance, we can use the land to access credit," said one of the residents who sought anonymity.

The landowners' acquisition of title deeds was also largely hindered by a grueling court case that dragged on from 1991 to 2019, when the Lands

Court in Nairobi made a ruling.

Last month, Lands Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru urged leaders to help resolve local disputes in their areas to enable the Department for Lands and Physical Planning to accelerate the process of issuing title deeds.

Appearing before the Senate, Njeru noted that Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development was in the process of creating a Land Value Index which will be used in matters related to compensation.

"The Ministry of Lands is coming up with a National Land Value Index to make compensation for land uniform and seal loopholes that are used to overpay or underpay compensation for land," he told Senators.

He also disclosed that the Government was in the process of opening up new registries in areas that were not reached by the Ministry of Lands in the past including many of the counties in northern Kenya.

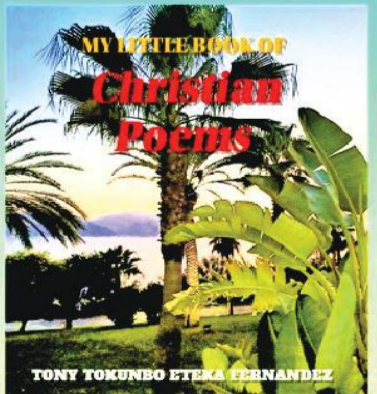
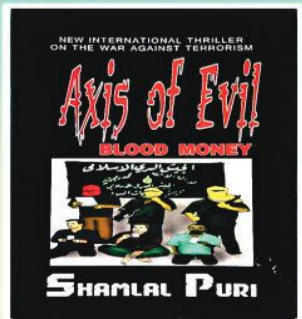
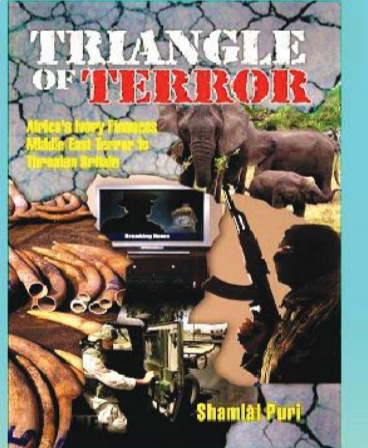
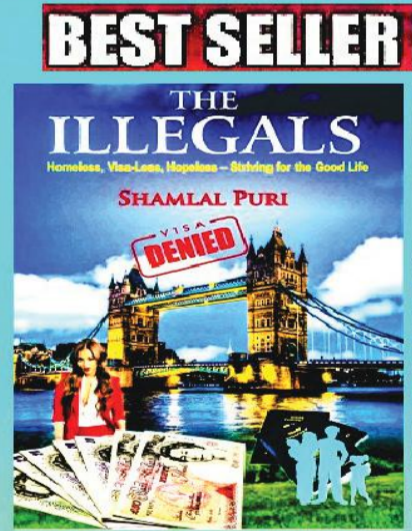
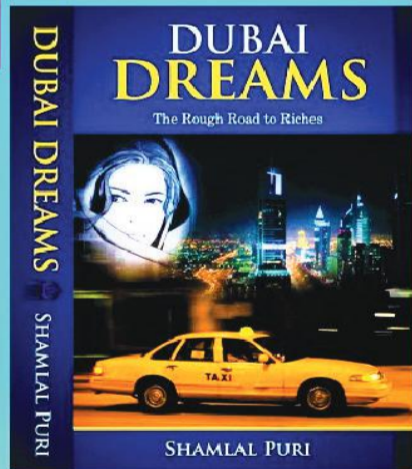
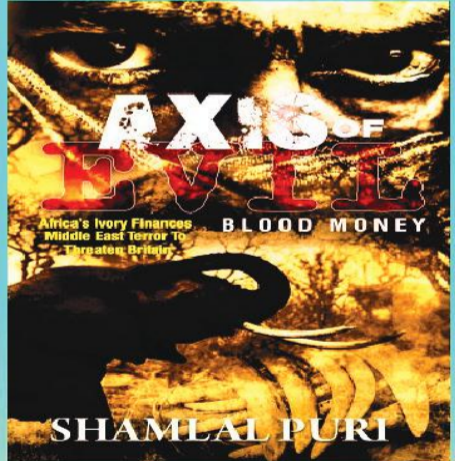
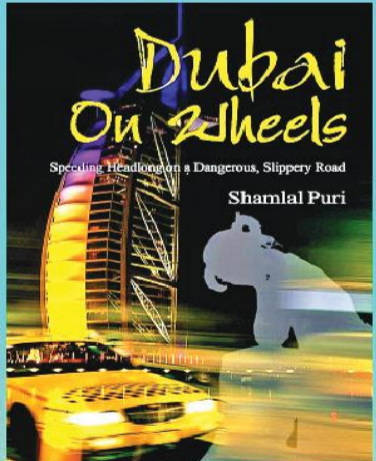
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# BUSINESS

## One on One with Aspiring KNCCI President Dr. Eric Rutto

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### Worth Noting:

- The key objective of my candidature is to return the business lobby institution in the hands of the business community as was the foresight of our founders. Over the past few years the Chamber leadership has lost direction almost taking it back to the days of politics but thanks to the solid structures and foundations that its governing council has put in place over the years it has survived the tide.
- Looking at the key objectives of why our forefathers thought that we should have a chamber can guide us into the future. First, the chamber is supposed to be the trade support institution of choice for all businesses in Kenya where members can look up to whenever they need a balanced and fair marketplace to trade.

Dr Eric K. Rutto is a businessman with investments in the health sector, a doctor by training and the Chamber vice president seeking the top seat at the Kenya national chamber of commerce and industry. I am driven by values including honesty, transparency and integrity which are important when conducting business. I also believe in a business managed and built on strong structures where for the sake of KNCCI the board and secretariat have clearly defined roles that enable them to work heterogeneously.

### Reason you're the best candidate for KNCCI

I am the best candidate for this post because I have the interest of the business community at heart having started my business as an MSME to its current state through honest means and sheer hard work by the entire team. Also going by the past four years and my manifesto which

we will launch next week, I can confidently say that only our team has a plan and the right one. Lastly, the business community, that the chamber represents, deserve a strong and equal to the task trade lobby that can champion their rights and enable them achieve their aspirations.

### Your key objective

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supposed to be the trade support institution of choice for all businesses in Kenya where members can look up to whenever they need a balanced and fair marketplace to trade. This can be achieved through lobbying for the right policies that promote, coordinate and protect the commercial interest for all its members and the overall business community. This includes but is not limited to opposing legislations and ineffective regulations and other policies by any branch of government that is against the interest of its members.

Secondly the chamber also has the responsibility to enable its members have access to markets locally, regionally and internationally by first using its vast networks of chambers across the world and also providing access to various exhibitions, fairs and displays for networking purposes.

Thirdly, as you are aware there will always be disputes arising from business. The chamber can then be

the safe haven for the business community to settle commercial and industrial disputes with the institution providing an arbitration center.

Lastly due to its vast networks locally, regionally and internationally the chamber is well placed to provide data on the market including analysis through a number of ways including; commercial exchanges, newsrooms, libraries, surveys, outlooks, magazines to name but a few.

Let me add that all this can only be achieved through inclusion where the business community is not hampered from participating based on age, gender or any form of disability. My objective is thus to lead the chamber to achieve its key objectives to the benefit of the entire business community.

### Parting shot

Kenya National Chamber of Commerce is at the right place in history to take advantage of the increasingly breakdown of barricades to trade both regionally and internationally with particularly EAC, COMESA and AfCFTA providing channels of trade with our neighbouring states. We have however to look internally at some of our policies that continue to hamper trade within our country such as the multiple taxes across counties and the multiple licenses that our business community continue to encounter. This together with our delayed payments problem by both the private sector and government continue to be the biggest impediments to our business community achieving its full potential. These are some of the priority areas that the chamber will embark on immediately we take office. We have also committed to the women in business, youth and people with disabilities offices and strong county offices that will drive mobilization and lobbying activities at the county level. The future is bright with a Dr Eric Rutto and Mustafa Ramadhan leadership.



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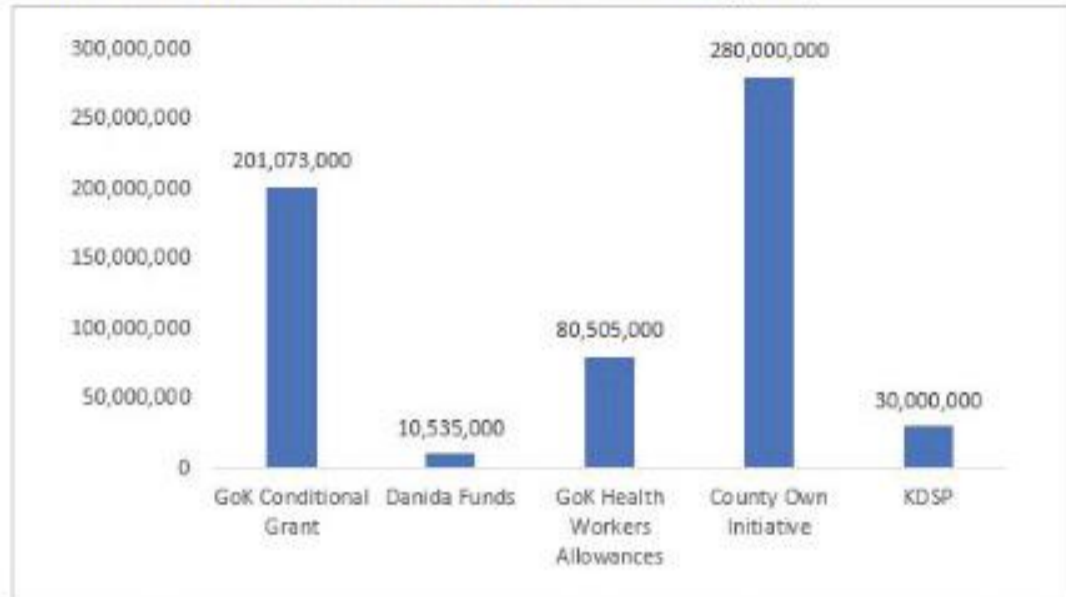
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# Embezzlement Of Covid-19 Funds In Nakuru County



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**Chart 2: Amount of Funds received for Covid-19 in Nakuru County (Ksh)**



Source: Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Utilization of Covid-19 Funds by County Governments (Page 438)



**Worth Noting:**

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It's astonishing to find out that millions public funds meant to manage covid19 effects ended up in a few elites pockets, who were connected to the political class or the political class itself. This revelation is so sad bearing in mind that COVID-19 was not an ordinary disease to be belittled in whatever manner, but it was unusual disease never experienced in the world there before and which had a potential to wipe a generation. It's so shocking that instead of these well connected elites utilizing these public resources to the later, in making sure that there are appropriate infrastructures to arrest the effects of Covid-19 in view of its un-reversible damages, they were actual doing contrary, creating an environment to catalyst it's effects to the later.

It's so unfortunate that some elites were busy using this environment of Covid-19 to mint and loot public funds for COVID-19 to enrich themselves to later, as if they will not face the inevitable cruel hand of death, at the detrimental of large population who were at risk of not escaping the unforgiving hand of death which was ready to send thousands of people to the graves courtesy of covid19.

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The Audit Queries aver that:

- Absence of work plans, procurement plans and training plans for conditional grants, Danida and SDP funds received from National Government.
- Delay in utilization of the Conditional Grant, Danida, and KDSP funds amounting to Ksh 241,608,000
- Failure to open Special Purpose Account for the Covid-19 grant with 15 days
- Analysis of IPPD and Payroll data revealed that workers had been paid of Ksh 83,418,833 in different months July, August and September which is Ksh 2,913,833, above the allocated budget for front-line health workers allowances.
- The county reported to have paid Ksh 83,283,833 to 1976 workers which did not include Ksh 135,000 for the 7 workers. Omission of payment of Ksh 135,000 for 7 workers.
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- Overpayment of Ksh 292,500 to Lake Nakuru resort
- Inadequate support of payment vouchers for Ksh 312,385,235. The payment vouchers did not have adequate support documents linking them to their tendering process. The requisition forms, extracts of tender reports/minutes, contracts and distribution reports were not attached to payment
- Failure to value donations in kind and disclose the value in appropriate books of account. These donations included hand sanitizers, KN95 masks, ventilator, face shield, gowns and other materials. Establishments of Centre for Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance (CEDGG) a Non-profit organization in Kenya based in Nakuru in solidarity against the misuse of these funds had this to say: "We have taken time to investigate the Auditor General's report on the use of money that was allocated to address the issue of the covid-19 epidemic. We did this to facilitate transparency in the use of public money, but especially to enable citizens who want to be more involved in knowing what is going on with their money. The three things that have been noted are that the money that was allocated could not be used, it will be noted that out of the money that was allocated six hundred and two million in the year 2019/20220 we saw 280 was used".
- Despite the constitution of Kenya 2010 having the provision of access to information in chapter four, article 35, there is no Nakuru County government entity that is willing to supply information in respect to the usage of COVID-19 funds. Several attempts to access information in that respect in the relevant offices including the Assembly which is mandated to oversight the executive

have hit a snag. My request of access to information was declined for there was no single respond to that effect. These gestures violated my right to access to information as espoused in article 35 and read together with Access To Information Act 2016. No county Government official is willing to be interviewed on the subject matter of usage of COVID-19 funds. This information seems to be classified to the later as the way marijuana is sold secretly in slums.

One of top administrator of Nakuru government who requested not to be named because of victimization aver that tenders to supply food stuffs and other COVID-19 materials including services never followed the procurement procedures. The tenders were all reserved to the political elites, and it was who is who in the County. It's was all about scrabbling and partition as the way Africa was scabbled subdivided by the ill-advised colonialists, the so called the whites men, and women if indeed they were among them.

This government official further avers that "tenders were awarded to the companies that did not qualify as per the enabling laws. It's was how well you're connected to the elites. That was the basic requirement".

"The foods stuffs that were procured for purposes of mitigating hunger and as a relief to the vulnerable across 55 Nakuru County wards were too little compared to the millions of shillings which were allocated for that course in each ward. Each household being given one bar soup, five kg of maize floor two litters of cooking oil, two kg of beans and two kg of rice which can't sustain a family for one week", says that government official. "The maize were contaminated and some were rotten unfit for human consumption". It's so tragic that in a pandemic some elites can supply food stuffs that are unfit for human consumption and yet they expect to be paid millions of shillings for goods delivered. It's so unfortunate that because of the fear that was in the atmosphere in view of anybody being vulnerable of getting the virus, there were no checks and balances to foods stuffs supplied, for there was limited movement.

"The so called services rendered during COVID-19 times many never happened", says this government official. "Activities like community

# President Ruto Throws Weight Behind Finance Bill 2023

President William Ruto has thrown his weight behind the controversial 2023 Financial Bill.

The bill that is set to be debated in bicameral Parliament has proposed a raft of taxation that has rubbed the opposition the wrong way with the opposition chief Raila Odinga threatening to mobilize Kenyans to go the streets.

Raila has accused the government for crafting a law that will see Kenyans overburdened by taxes.

Speaking in Busia during an inter-denominational prayer Sunday, President William Ruto said the bill proposes tangible and achievable means of raising resources that will see his administration achieve its development agenda.

One of the most contentious bits in the bill is the proposed 3pc Housing Fund to be taxed from all salaried workers to enable the construction of affordable houses.

Despite strong opposition from the Azimio Camp the president insisted that the proposal targets the few

employed Kenyans who in turn will aid in the wider scheme of creating employment for the millions of Kenyans yet to be employed.

Opposition chief Raila Odinga has threatened to mobilize Kenyans to demonstrate against the proposed bill claiming that the Kenya Kwanza administration has overburdened an already over taxed Kenyans.

In a Saturday's passionate appeal to the president through a press statement, Raila said his opposition to the bill was not personal as he was unemployed, but in a rejoinder, the president was having none of it.

During his tour to Busia, the Head of State promised a dual carriage, economic park, and a raft economic stimulus initiatives that will see Busia County fully exploit its potential.



President William Ruto. Photo/Courtesy

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sensitization by road shows for the communities to make informed decisions in respect to the covid19 effects many never happened. So many were hoaxes." He aver that "some elites just cooked papers here and there for purposes of services rendered and allowances which in reality they hoaxes. It was all about scrabbling for how much you can draw from these emergency COVID-19 funds".

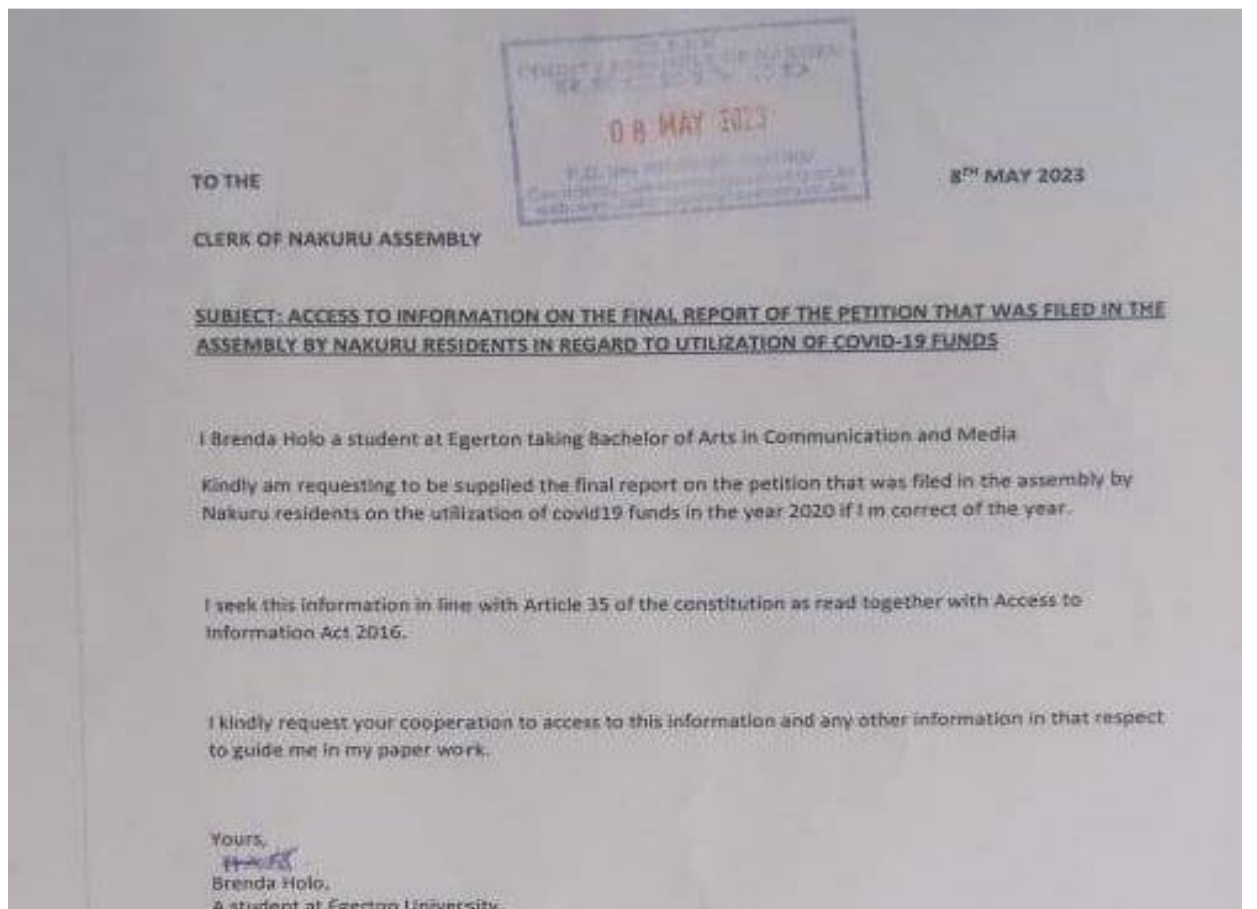
The measures put in place in our public hospitals to manage covid19 and displayed in media, were just a cosmetic public relation exercise. The Doctors, nurses and other hospital stuffs were being exposed to danger of contracting this virus. Yes it's true that there were little PPEs and other preventive materials supplied to medical fraternities but they were so few.

A Nakuru based grassroots human

right defender Mr Laban Omusundi aver that, "foods that were delivered in all 55 wards of the Nakuru county to the selected vulnerable families in each ward was a mockery compared to millions that were allocated to each ward". He says that maize was rotten and unfit for human consumption, a statement that is in harmony with the County official cited above. He recommends that the EACC should take appropriate action against these elites who misused public money for covid19 in the context of mitigating Covid-19 effects.

Millions of COVID-19 funds remain unaccountable for. Covid19 was a pandemic and funds for covid19 were another pandemic too.

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# Top Five Chinese Restaurants In Nairobi

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Did you know that sometimes your stomach can travel to where your feet have not? One of the things people love about travelling to other countries is tasting the local cuisine. But what if you can taste foreign cuisines locally? Here are 5 excellent restaurants that can allow you to taste a feel of foreign Chinese Cuisine right here in Nairobi.



**TASTE OF CHINA RESTAURANT(TOC)**

The luxurious restaurant offers a wide range of finger-licking Chinese dishes that are well-prepared by chefs with vast experience. It is open for reservations, takeaways and deliveries. It has an attractive and aesthetic appearance which tends to attract more customers.

TOC serves an extensive range of dishes including vegetable dishes, seafood plates, crispy noodles, appetizers and different kinds of drinks. It has an appealing and comfy ambience for family dates and little meetups.

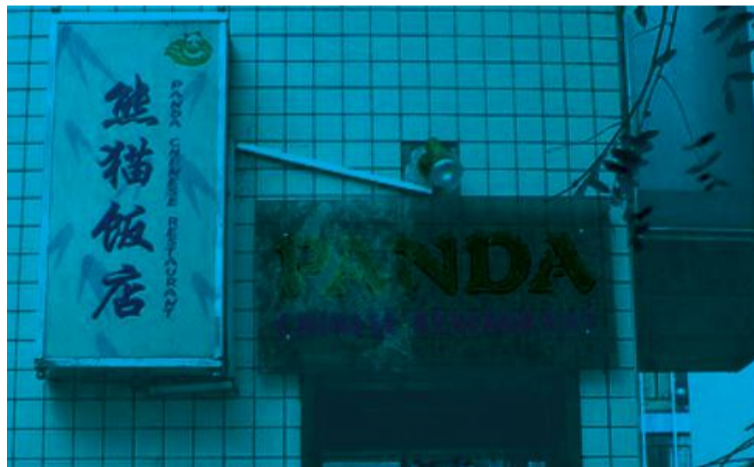


**FOR YOU CHINESE RESTAURANT**

This is one of the most affordable Chinese restaurants in Nairobi that offers a diverse menu that comprises starters, unique dishes, soups, vegetarian entrees, seafood, drinks, rice and noodles

Travellers across the world have opted to visit For You as it has higher demand from tourists since it is located close to Nairobi national park, it, therefore, creates ease for a place to eat or take a brunch.

It has also set up recreational activities, including table tennis for adults and children in the backyard.



**PANDA CHINESE RESTAURANT**

The restaurant offers delicious Chinese and Asian food in downtown Nairobi. It is open for reservations, take away and deliveries, their chefs are well known for their excellent Chinese cuisine, and they are experts in choosing the colour, aroma, flavour and taste. It is believed by them that food is not only a taste but also a work of art for its aesthetic value.

It is an ideal space for taking candid photos as its admirable and pretty. Most tourists have also visited the hotel as it offers good hospitality services.



**ZEN GARDEN**

It is an attractive Chinese restaurant with lovely Japanese and Chinese meals and the best thing about it, it has outstanding beef rolls.

Service and food are top-notch. Lovely, airy restaurant in a tasteful setting. Pristine-clean – and one of the best meals one can have.

Plaporw – with sea bass a last-minute replacement for the sea bream – is absolutely wonderful. The fish is beautifully cooked, moist and tender, and the blend of spices was out of this world.

It is expensive, but as a rare treat, as it is served at the Zen Garden.

It is a cosy Asian dining which is also favourable to large families.



**MISTER WOKS RESTAURANT**

This restaurant is always open for lunch, dinner, home deliveries and takeaway. It serves good and sweet cuisines, accompanied by an amazing ambience. Its a small but elegant restaurant that serves authentic Chinese food well suited to meet your needs, it has various branches in different malls in Kenya.

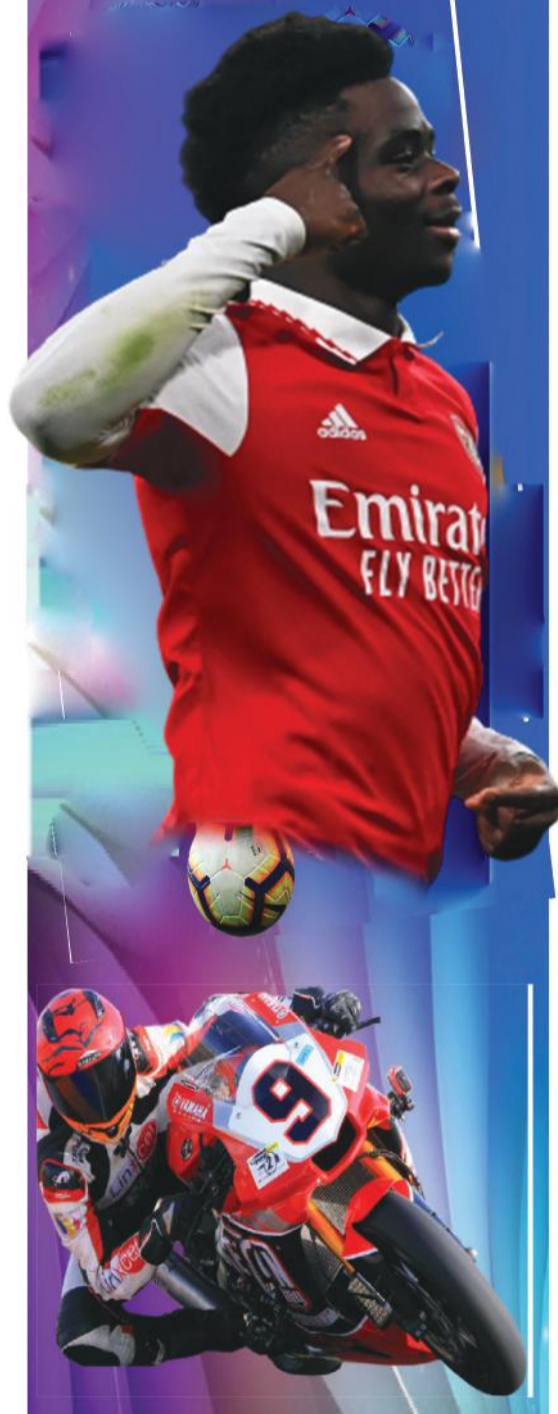
So if you feel like eating some Chinese, visit any of these restaurants!

**Worth Noting:**

- TASTE OF CHINA RESTAURANT(TOC)
- FOR YOU CHINESE RESTAURANT
- PANDA CHINESE RESTAURANT
- ZEN GARDEN
- MISTER WOKS RESTAURANT

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## 'Timo' Reigns Supreme In Los Angeles As Namesake Cheruiyot Claims Another Podium Finish



Timothy Cheruiyot celebrates after winning the 1500m race at the Monaco Leg of the World Athletics Diamond League. PHOTO/World Athletics

Olympic 1500m silver medalist Timothy Cheruiyot continued his preparations for the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary when he won the men's 1500m at the Los Angeles Grand Prix in the United States on Saturday night.

The 2019 world champion clocked 3:31.47 ahead of World Under 20 1500m champion Reynold Cheruiyot, who timed 3:32.01 in second, as American Hobbs Kesler came third in

3:34.61.

This was 'Timo's first race since the Kip Keino Classic World Continental Tour Gold on May 13 when he finished third in the men's 800m after clocking 1:44.99.

For Reynold, it was the first time he has missed out on first place since March this year when he finished second at the Lille Half Marathon 5km race.

Since then, the World Cross Country junior silver medalist

has clinched the continental title at the Africa Under 20 Athletics Championships in Ndola, Zambia, in addition to winning the men's 1500m race at the Kip Keino Classic – where he beat World Indoor bronze medalist Abel Kipsang to first place.

In the men's 800m, American-based Kenyan Festus Lagat clocked 1:44.98 to finish second as American Clayton Murphy clinched first place in 1:44.75.

Another American Isaiah Jew-

ett finished third in 1:45.10.

The World Indoor 800m silver medalist Noah Kibet of Kenya timed 1:45.39 to finish fifth in the same race.

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# PSG In Need Of Reset In Future Without Messi



Lionel Messi might leave PSG .

Now that Paris Saint-Germain have completed the job of retaining the Ligue 1 title, they can focus on the latest rebuilding job in the French capital, where sweeping changes are needed to the faltering Qatari project.

PSG's 11th domestic league triumph — their ninth in the last 11 years — was secured despite Christophe Galtier's team losing six games in 2023 while nearest challengers Lens have taken most of the plaudits.

"It has not been our best season but it has still been a good one," insisted captain Marquinhos recently.

It has been largely forgotten now, given their latest elimination in the Champions League last 16 at the hands of Bayern Munich, but PSG were superb at the start of the campaign.

They were unbeaten before the World Cup, when Kylian Mbappe, Lionel Messi and Neymar appeared driven by the prospect of the approaching tournament in Qatar.

Yet the unravelling that followed was dramatic, with Neymar again cut down by injury

and Messi being suspended for missing training after taking an unauthorised trip to Saudi Arabia.

The mood around the club in recent weeks has appeared sullen, with fans disaffected.

"When we take stock, we need to analyse the first half of the season and what state the players were in when they came back from the World Cup," Galtier said on Friday.

"But I understand the disappointment. It has been a very strange season."

– Mbappe front and centre –

The coaching job has at times seemed too big for Galtier, who arrived last year in the wake of Mbappe's decision to snub Real Madrid and sign a new three-year contract.

Mbappe — scorer of 40 goals this season — might wonder now if he made the right choice, although the question of his future is bound to come up again soon.

According to reports, the 24-year-old's contract will run

out next year unless he exercises an option to stay until 2025.

However, PSG must now seek to rebuild with Mbappe the focal point more than ever.

The ageing and out-of-contract Messi is expected to depart and the physically frail Neymar, now 31, is fading as a force.

All eyes will be on what Luis Campos, PSG's Portuguese recruitment guru, does in the transfer market.

He is restrained by UEFA's Financial Fair Play rules and by the fact that PSG have an array of unwanted players on big contracts who are set to return after a season on loan.

The saving on Messi's annual salary of an estimated 30 million euros (\$32.5m) net would provide some leeway.

Much has been made of the willingness to focus on younger players hailing from the Paris region, a prolific breeding ground for talent.

This, after all, is a club who have been stung by the decision to let so many prospects leave in recent years, from Kingsley Coman and Adrien Rabiot to Mous-

sa Diaby, Christopher Nkunku and Mike Maignan.

– Galtier on the way out? –

The holy grail is the Champions League, in which PSG have gone out in the last 16 five times in seven seasons, regularly coming up short at the crucial moment.

"Lots of teams want to go all the way but only one can do so," said Galtier.

"To win the Champions League, or to give yourself a chance, you need to be on form in February and March and we were not."

PSG have been here before, and Nasser al-Khelaifi, club president since the Qatari takeover of 2011, surely cannot afford to get another rebuild wrong.

Qatari interest in buying Manchester United, via Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani, has led to questions about the potential impact on PSG.

Meanwhile, the club's owners continue to be thwarted in their attempts to buy the Parc des Princes from the city of Paris so they can expand capacity, raising the possibility of a move to the larger Stade de France.

All of which means some uncertainty about what lies ahead, although Galtier at least knows his future is likely elsewhere.

Under investigation over allegations that he made racist and discriminatory remarks to players when in charge at Nice last season, which he denies, Galtier's authority has diminished over the campaign.

A new coach capable of commanding the dressing room's respect is required, and Jose Mourinho and Luis Enrique have been linked with the job.

With PSG having gone backwards in two years with Messi, it remains to be seen if the latest rebuild succeeds where past attempts have failed.

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## Meru Leaders Castigate Classification Of Miraa As A Drug

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A section of Meru leaders has castigated the classification of Miraa as a drug by National Authority for the Campaign Against Drug Control (NACADA).

Led by Meru senator who doubles up as Senate Deputy Speaker Kathuri Murungi, the leaders said that they will table an amendment Bill seeking to struck out Miraa from the list of drugs in the country.

Speaking in Maua Town Senator Kathuri further said that the region fully depends on miraa and the government should in turn help them find new markets.

Mwenda Ithiri, Minority leader at Meru County Assembly echoed the calls urging Meru Mps to ensure that they protect the crop.

Miraa has been rated third in the latest report by NACADA on up scaling the fight against alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya.



The leaders have castigated the classification of Miraa as a drug.

## Withstanding Bullies



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A bully is anyone who makes others uncomfortable either verbally or physically. Bullies unsettle the mindset.

Bullies thrive more where they are just watched and cheered, but if counter attacked they get disarmed.

Bullies normally get others off the school system as the bullied often lose interest in school.

Bullies normally stop once reported to the school authorities and parents, and it's normally a result of underlying unrest at home or in the past of a bully. Low self-esteem issues are the fun-



Bullies

damental issues that lead to one individual to behave in this disorderly manner.

Consequences of bullying are being expelled from school and if the bullying goes unnoticed some victims commit suicide which means bully-

ing is deadly thing if kids get unnoticed.

However even at workplace bullying occurs hence it is important to be assertive and self-confident not to allow others to control or bully one in any circumstances.

Bullies thrive under hidden spectrum and it is always important to blow a whistle when one sees signs of bullying, as bullies usually loved the idea of doing things under the dark.

Schools, workplaces are important

to be safe and secure hence it is necessary for parents, peers to communicate well and bring joy and positive energy daily to workplace or schools.