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Raila Threatens Fresh Demos If Bi-Partisan Talks Don't Start Tomorrow

By: Capital News

Worth Noting:

- He accused President William Ruto's Kenya Kwanza ruling coalition of failing to give the talks the seriousness they deserve.
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Azimio La Umoja One Kenya leader Raila Odinga...

Opposition leader Raila Odinga has threatened fresh mass action if the parliamentary-led bi-partisan talks will not have started by Wednesday. Odinga said his coalition-Azimio la Umoja One Kenya alliance had ceded ground and agreed to resume talks after Kenya Kwanza replaced Aden Keynan on their side with Saku MP Dido Rasso but the talks are yet to resume. Speaking yesterday he said, "We have given them today (Monday) and tomorrow (Tuesday)...the talks must start in earnest by Wednesday...if they don't start we will treat that gentleman's agreement as canceled," Odinga told a news con-

ference.

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action.

President Ruto's government had called for bipartisan talks to try to resolve the crisis, but the process was stalled because of several disputes. Azimio said it had summoned its negotiating delegation to discuss "further engagement" with Ruto's Kenya Kwanza (Kenya First) alliance.

"We also wish to reiterate that we will not hesitate to resume mass action at the slightest indication of lack of good will and honesty on Kenya Kwanza side," Azimio said last week.

Sporadic violence had erupted on Tuesday last week, with police firing

tear gas on opposition MPs while the government accused gangs “masquerading as political protesters” of looting, arson and other criminal acts.

In March, three people were killed when the protests turned violent, triggering international calls for restraint.

Odinga's supporters have staged several protests since March over claims last year's presidential vote was rigged but also over what he says is the government's failure to tackle the soaring cost of living.

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Nyandarua County To Establish A Museum In Honour Of Mukami Kimathi

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Nyandarua County Government is documenting, preserving the Mau Mau history and establishing a museum at the colonial house in Kin-yahwe, Gathara ward, Governor Kiarie Badilisha has announced.

Speaking when he visited the home of departed freedom fighter Mukami Kimathi in their Njabini home, Governor Badilisha also amplified his earlier call for the national government to look into ways of identifying the remains of Dedan Kimathi who was killed by the colonial administration and allegedly buried at Kamiti prison.

Charged with the responsibility to chair the county team planning for her funeral, Governor Badilisha held a meeting with the family, the clergy, county Members of Parliament, and

national government stakeholders on according the departed heroine a befitting burial.

“Let us bring closure to this sad chapter by identifying the site the body is buried, and bury that hero with the honour he deserves.

“The late Mukami was a distinguished freedom fighter and we will be burying a patriot whose contribution to the birth of a modern independent Kenya is eternally embedded in the history of this Republic; she deserves state honour and rites as a freedom fighter,” said Badilisha.

Before her demise, the Mau Mau heroine had sworn not to be buried until the remains of Dedan Kimathi were found or his graveyard identified.

Her family however, said that they had decided to bury her this coming Saturday but will continue with their resolve to identify Kimathi’s graveyard.

The event was graced by the Depu-

ty President Rigathi Gachagua who promised to foreground issues and welfare of the Mau Mau.

The Deputy President assured county residents of his commitment to addressing the historical injustices that have faced the freedom fighters and their families.

The late Mukami will be buried on Saturday in Njabini in a ceremony expected to be graced by President William Ruto.

The late Mukami died on Thursday night aged 96 years. She was the wife to Mau Mau general Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi Waciuri who was captured and hanged by colonialists in February 1958.

Governor Kiarie Badilisha (L).



Limuru Milk Plant To Receive Sh 145 Million Funding For Upgrading

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Dairy farmers in Limuru are set to benefit from Sh 145 million funding meant to install an Ultra Heated Treated (UHT) milk processing machine, as the World Bank and Kiambu county Government agreed to unlock the implementation of the funds

This was agreed upon last Friday in a meeting convened by Kiambu Governor Wamatangi which involved National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) representatives, Limuru Dairy Cooperative board and officials, and the Kiambu County Government

In the agreement the World Bank pledged to provide Sh 100 million to partially fund the purchase of an Ultra Heated Treated (UHT) milk processing machine, for the Limuru Milk Processing plant.

And Sh 30 million will be raised by the Kiambu County Government while the remaining Sh 15 million



Kiambu County governor Kimani Wamatangi, Limuru Dairy officials and World Bank representatives pose for a photo after the meeting..

will be contributed by farmers

According to Kiambu governor Wamatangi the World Bank had given the facility management, a deadline of December last year to have complied with the terms of the agreement but they have however agreed to extend the time

“The World Bank has promised to consider releasing the Sh100 million grant it allocated for the project that was on the verge of collapsing due to suspected conflict of interests by unscrupulous officials,” said Wamatangi

The governor blamed brokers who

sneaked into the deal disguised as the Dairy cooperation official for slowing the process by demanding some percentage of the funding.

“When we were conducting several meetings, consulting and deciding on the way forward, some people were busy misleading our people,”

he said.

The funding is aimed at the revival of the Limuru Milk Processing plant.

On his part Limuru Dairy Cooperative Chairman Njuguna Chege told KNA the project would boost the fortunes of the Limuru dairy farmers cooperative which is wholly owned by smallholder farmers.

“The machine we are currently using is one of the oldest in the country, upgrading of the facility will have a tremendous impact on Limuru, Ki-kuu, Lari and Kabete sub-counties dairy farmers who depend on the dairy cooperation,” said Mr Chege

The chairman added that “Dairy farming is the backbone of our people’s economy and the installation of the UHT machine can add value to farmers’ milk and increase productivity,” he said.

Francis Kabunyi a dairy farmer in Limuru said “we look forward to the project because it will save us from the middle man who buys out milk at a very low price since the dairy cooperation has no capacity to take all our milk,” he said

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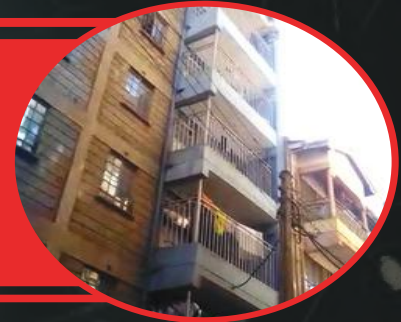
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Othaya MP To Set Up A Constituency Food Bank For Vulnerable Residents

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Worth Noting:

- “The food bank will be a safety- net for the constituency during the drought season because it will ensure that food is available throughout. Additionally, we will not have to over rely on food donations from the government especially during the drought season. Our target groups will be the elderly and people living with disability who are more vulnerable,” said Wainaina.

Last week, the law maker distributed 15,000 kilograms of relief food from the National Government to the locals where a total of 2,400 families consisting of the elderly and people living with disability benefited.



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina (holding a bag) giving out relief food

Othaya Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina has broached plans to set up a constituency food bank to cushion vulnerable families from hunger.

Wainaina who is commonly known by the local as Mount Kenya says that with the common constituency food bank, surplus non-perishable foods such as maize and beans will be stored and distributed mostly to the old and disadvantaged members of the constituency during food crisis such as the drought that of late has been affecting most parts of the country.

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The food is expected to sustain the beneficiaries as they wait for the maturity of crops planted during the March-May planting season.

“Even if the rains have started pounding, the first harvest is yet to be witnessed. It will take another few months for them to harvest so this donation will greatly benefit these families,” he said.

Last month, the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) identified parts of Karima ward in the constituency as one of the new areas that had joined the list of drought af-

fectected areas in the county alongside parts of Mukurwe-ini, Mathira East and Mathira West sub-counties.

Other worst hit areas include Kieni-East and Kieni-West, where over 80,000 residents have been depending on relief food.

In their latest assessment, the authority says that despite the rains the drought had affected 85 per cent of the county.

Overall, the NDMA has classified Nyeri at the alert phase of the drought with over 200,000 people in need of humanitarian support.

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Interior CS Warns Politicians Against Inciting Communities Over Land Disputes

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Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki has warned politicians from Meru and Tharaka Nithi Counties against inciting residents over land issues, especially at the border points of the two Counties.

Speaking on Sunday during a church service at St Joseph Benedict Cottolengo Catholic Church in Mwanganthia ward, Imenti Central, Meru County to commemorate the Parish's Patron Saint feast and family day, Prof Kindiki said there was no big issue about the boundary but politicians were bloating it for their political interests.

The CS threatened to take lawful action against those who will be found inciting the residents regardless of their status.

"I want to state clearly without any fear of contradiction that I will ensure that those who will incite their



Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki.

people against their neighbours will be arrested and legal action taken against them," said Prof Kindiki.

He added: "We are brothers and I want to assure you that the problems facing us for all those years are getting to an end soon."

The CS said he has been in politics and was aware of what some politicians were doing to appear to support their people.

"I have been in politics but never sat with anyone down to incite them against their neighbours. Those who are doing this are criminals like any

other and should be treated just like other criminals whether they are my friends or not," said Prof Kindiki.

The CS said it was a shame that he was handling serious security matters in other parts of the country and back at home, some people were inciting others to fight for simple things that could be resolved amicably.

"It's a matter of a few days before we end the small problems concerning lands near the boundary. We are calling on the residents to be patient for a while as we find a lasting solution to the issue," said Professor Kindiki.

Concerns about the boundary issue were raised by a number of Meru MCAs led by majority leader Evans Mawira who also attended the service.

A week ago, the CS directed the County Commissioners from the two counties to hold an urgent meeting under the supervision of the regional commissioner to come up with a program on how the disputes will be dealt with.

Real Estate Developers Urged To Hire Qualified Manpower

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The chairman of the Association of Contractors in Nakuru County, Julius Njihia has appealed to real estate investors to utilise skilled labour and use standard construction materials besides following the National Construction Authority (NCA) regulations while electing houses as a matter of principle.

Mr Njihia who spoke in Nakuru town yesterday said investors should also engage contractors with a proven track record of building quality and safe structures.

The contractor noted that taking shortcuts, such as using substandard materials could lead to serious consequences for both the developer and the workers at sites since it leads to significant economic losses, and it puts people's lives at risk.

Njihia noted that many of the collapsed buildings in the country have been attributed to shortcuts taken by developers and contractors and highlighted the need for more caution in the construction industry.



DP Gachagua Hosts Outgoing UK Envoy Marriott

By: DPPS

Kenya is boosting its collaboration with the United Kingdom in rolling out programmes to develop and beef up security in the Northern parts of the country.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua on Monday said the Kenya Kwanza administration is eager to stimulate development in the region saying its potential is immense to the nation’s economy.

Speaking when he hosted British High Commissioner to Kenya Jane Marriott at Harambee House Annex, Mr Gachagua said the North-Eastern region is endowed with vast and arable land that needs to be exploited.

“A secure and stable Northern Kenya is the best thing for this country. The land is vast and highly productive,” the DP said.

He said the government will invest in the region to ensure better roads, increased electricity connectivity and build more dams to make the re-



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua meets outgoing UK envoy Jane Marriott when she paid him a courtesy call on May 8, 2023. /DPPS.

gion more productive. “We want to make the area so productive it will produce food for the country and surplus for our export,” he said.

Mr Gachagua said peace and stability are key for the realization of development programmes the government has earmarked for the region. The UK is working with Kenya, So-

malia and Ethiopia on a cross-border peace project that seeks to enhance stability in the region. Ms Marriot said the UK is focused on supporting the government’s ef-

forts to ensure sustainable peace along the border, saying stability in the region is crucial to rolling out development initiatives.

“It is our obligation to work with the government and support efforts to enhance long lasting peace in the region. This project is critical in boosting ongoing peace efforts,” Ms Marriot said.

The Borderlands peace project focuses on strengthening the effectiveness of national responses to insecurity along the border, supporting local conflict resolution and management structures and building individual and community resilience to the influence of violent extremist actors.

Mandera Governor Mohamed Adan, who was present in the meeting, said the county is enjoying peace because of efforts by various actors at county, national and international level. He said the county will continue to support initiatives that will make Mandera realize long-lasting peace.

Miano Upbeat on EAC Political Confederation

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East Africa Community Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano is upbeat and equal to the task in matters East Africa Affairs.

Yesterday during a meeting in Mombasa she said, “This morning, I officially launched drafting the Constitution for EAC Political Confederation National Stakeholders consultations in Mombasa.

The National Consultations we’ve launched today reaffirms our commitment to onboard all EAC citizens and have their views on the ongoing Political Confederation process.

I commend the team of eminent Constitutional Experts for a job well done.”

The Political Confederation is a transitional model of the East African Political Federation. On 20th

May 2017, the 18th Summit of EAC Heads of State adopted and directed the Council to Constitute a Team of Constitutional Experts to Draft the Constitution for the Political Confederation. Subsequently, the Council appointed the constitutional experts in January 2019. The Team is comprised of two Constitutional Experts and one Constitution Drafting Expert from each Partner State.

With the addition of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) into the bloc, the 43rd Meeting of the Council of EAC Ministers directed the new Partner State to submit the names of the Constitutional Experts by 30th March 2023.

Since their appointment, the Constitutional Experts have held a series of activities. In April, 2019, they held a meeting with Uganda’s President, Yoweri Museveni; who was selected by the Summit to provide political guidance to the Constitutional Experts.



East Africa Community Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano .

Friendship’s Loyalty Pt 2



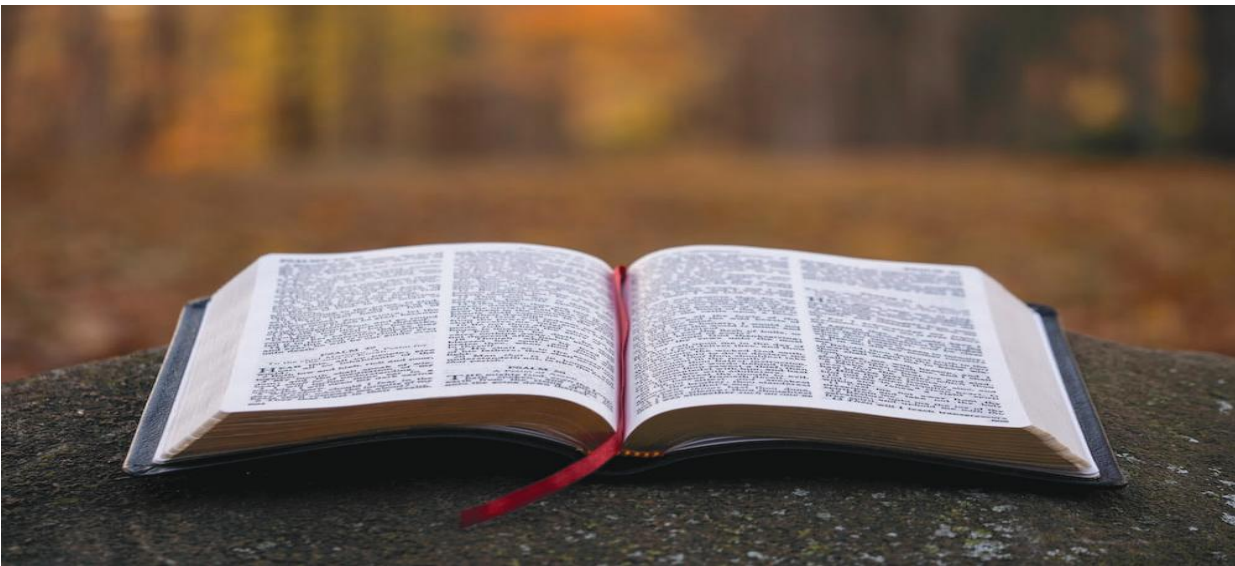
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Jonathan’s encouragement was more than “everything is going to be okay.” The verse quoted above literally reads, “He strengthened his hand in God.” Jonathan pointed David upward to the grand perspective which had first drawn him to the shepherd boy. This undoubtedly involved instruction, prayer, and mutual worship. The Apostle Paul experienced similar comfort from his friend Titus: “But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus . . . so that my joy was greater than ever” (2 Corinthians 7:6, 7).

This is the “Titus Touch” — the

golden touch of an encouraging friend. As we have catalogued the beautiful elements of Jonathan and David’s deep friendship — mutual-ity, love, commitment, loyalty, and encouragement — we have observed that they came largely from Jonathan. But it did not remain one-sided. Repeated mutual commitments began to mark the friendship of these two remarkable men. The apex of their commitment was the mutual promise to care for one another’s family, should one be taken (cf. 20:14-17) — “I’ll take care of yours, and you take care of mine.” They bound their lives and their children’s lives to one another.

Later, when they reaffirmed their promises, “David wept the most” (20:41, 42). It appears that Jonathan’s friendship had drawn David to unexpected heights of devotion. Male friendship has reached Heaven when men make such promises to each other. I treasure a sacred moment when my old childhood friend, married and with family, met



my wife and me on vacation in the Colorado mountains and said, after a late-evening meal, “If anything happens to you, Kent, Judy and I will look out for Barbara and the children.” It was a sacredness I gladly reciprocated.

GOD ENABLE US, FOR WE ARE YOUR WORKS, HALELUJAH

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The Proposal To Increase Fuel Tax Had Been Drafted By The Previous Govt



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Worth Noting:

- I remember honorable John Michuki, one of the powerful cabinet minister in President Mwai Kibaki government, saying. “You cannot plant today and expect to harvest tomorrow. We urge you to tighten your belt and give us time. President Kibaki is on the right course. He is working hard to return the economy back on track. You will start to reap the fruits in coming months”.
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- As we recall, President Kibaki had made a raft of promises during the campaigns. He would not fulfill a good number of them within the timelines he had set out.

The Finance Bill, 2023 continues to elicit mixed reactions following the revelation that the proposal to increase fuel tax is one of its key highlights.

Those opposed to it are training their gun on President William Ruto. During the campaign, Dr Ruto had promised to bring down the cost of living if he wins the elections.

Today, the story is different. We are being overtaxed. If the fuel price goes up, a new burden will be added on our shoulder. The food prices and bus-fares would go up.

The fuel provide the energy used in the industries and in transportation sector.

To me, these complaints were not new. The presidents of the previous governments faced similar accusations and this would start just a few months after ascending to power.

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As we recall, President Kibaki had made a raft of promises during the campaigns. He would not fulfill a good number of them within the timelines he had set out.

For others, he had not fulfilled them by time he retired after serving his two-five-year terms.

When it came power, the story was the same for the Jubilee government. President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Deputy William Ruto kept assuring Kenyans that they were committed to walk the talk.

As you can see, we are on the right track. They enumerated what they had achieved so far.

Dr William Ruto, who is now at the helm of power, is encountering similar public back rash.

If you ask me, he has made bold steps and strides in terms of fulfilling the pre-election pledges.

He has remained to his word of using a different strategy to fix economy.

Upon taking the oath of office, he immediately removed subsidy programme.

He said the subsidies were being used as conduit of looting public coffers.

The billions allocated by the National Treasury ended up lining up the pockets of super-rich cartels-cronies and friends of the two principals

of the ‘handshake government’.

The public never benefited. To demonstrate this, Sh7 billion had been allocated for Unga subsidy in the eve of 2022 polls.

Kenyans had been told the price would drop to Sh100 per 2kg packet. That Unga was only seen for one day and it only reached a few parts of the country. The lucky ones got only one packet.

The fuel subsidy gobbled up more billions.

The fuel price would come down for just one or two weeks and then go up.

The directors and managers of multinational petroleum companies reportedly shared the money.

Many believed a huge chunk of it would go to their bosses. And part of the loot was used to bank-roll the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition campaigns.

It is worth to note this. Despite fuel subsidy being in place, the ‘handshake’ government led by President Uhuru Kenyatta and his partner Raila Odinga supported the proposal to increase fuel tax.

This would have seen the petroleum products being subjected to 16 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT), up from 8 per cent.

The duo’s efforts however did not bear the fruits. The proposal was

shoot down.

President Kenyatta had already fallout with his deputy. This demonstrated the latter was a force to reckon with. The members supporting him carried the day.

Putting politics aside, Dr Ruto had a good reason to reject the proposal. The fuel subsidy was in place. So, how do you resort to doubling this tax? This was unfair.

For now, it seems the proposal to increase VAT on fuel is enjoying the blessings of President William Ruto.

I think this is part of his strategy to fix our economy. He has been telling us that borrowing is a bad idea.

Our economy has stagnated because 65 per cent of revenues the government collected was used to service foreign loans.

Listening to remarks attributed to Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, the message is clear. As Kenyans, we should tighten our belt. The economy is being fixed. This will not take long. You will have money in your pocket.

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Freedom Need To Be Exercised Within A Moral Framework

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Worth Noting:

- In some countries brewing and consuming alcohol is legal. There are those who misuse this freedom by consuming excess of alcohol on daily basis leading to health problems as well as failure to attend work due to drunkardness.
- Any attempt to curtail the amount they drink will not be warmly received by them as they will see you as a threat to their freedom forgetting that once they become addict it will cost them a lot and at times be unsustainable.
- Humans have freedom to bear kids. They own those kids but cannot kill them and go unpunished if it is ascertained that they have done it.



Freedom will destroy itself if it is not exercised within some sort of moral framework, some body of shared beliefs, some spiritual heritage transmitted through the Church, the family, and the school Margaret Thatcher.

Everyone who is sane worldwide can attest that he needs freedom but few of them will tell you how they are prepared to deal with the excesses associated with that freedom.

At basic and secondary schools where it is mandatory for the students to wear uniform some will claim that they want more freedom to wear non uniform cloths forgetting that uniform is a standard aimed at promoting equity among them in fact some would be less confident if there was no such a regulation resulting to poor performance while others would promote unethical dressing

style in the institution disrupting attention of fellow students whenever they interact. The sense of belonging would also not be enhanced as there will be little common denominators among the students.

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Humans have freedom to bear kids. They own those kids but cannot kill them and go unpunished if it is ascertained that they have done it.

Their freedom of how to treat these kids is curtailed by the laws of the land. If they were given absolute freedom over the lives of those kids cases of enslavement and killing as a hobby could be experienced hence violation of basic human rights.

People have freedom to interact but not all people are prepared to treat those they interact with in a humane manner. Had there been set no regulations of what to do and what not to do with other people the strong and wise could have taken advantage of other reducing their chances of survival by feeding on them, over working them, beating them and all kids of mistreatment hence for peaceful coexistence some boundaries have been set guiding how people relate.

Men are curious beings, they are literary in charge of the rest of creatures but cannot consume all of them

as there will be repercussions some of which will not be favourable to them for example much as one can feed on almost whatever he want there is extent of the amount one can be able to eat at any given time.

Not every substance is edible by human beings you find wood plants not edible so much as they are available man cannot cut and eat them, the same thing with metals he cannot eat copper or silver so naturally there are limits he cannot exceed despite not having a law that forbids him from taking these actions.

Never blame those who set up certain regulations unless you fully understand the reasons that made them enact those regulations as in some situations it would be intolerable if no such rules were put in place.

Governor Badilisha Meets Representatives Of The Mau Mau Fraternity In Preparations For The Burial Of The Late Mama Mukami Kimathi

By: John Kariuki
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Yesterday, Governor (Dr.) Moses Kiarie Badilisha has met the leadership and representatives of the Mau Mau fraternity in Nyandarua County as part of the preparations for the burial of the late Mukami Kimathi scheduled this Saturday in Njabini-Kiburu, Kinangop sub-county.

The meeting discussed their participation in the funeral service as well as other issues of interest to the Mau Mau veterans, many of them residents of Nyandarua.

“We remain eternally indebted and grateful for your sacrifice to this nation, and our independence is the product of your blood, sweat and devotion to country; as your Governor, these sacrifices will not be in vain, and I will do everything possi-

ble, within my mandate and that of the County Government, to support you,” Governor Badilisha assured them. The Mau Mau fraternity was led by Brigadier John Kiboko.

As part of honoring the Mau Mau and centrality of Nyandarua in Kenya’s independence struggle, Nyandarua is establishing a museum at the colonial Kinyahwe house and also documenting the history for posterity.

A follow-up meeting will take place after the funeral to draw up a framework of engagement and possible areas of support and interventions. Present were CECM Hon. John Mui-ru, Chief Officer (Dr.) Pachomius Wambugu, and CoS Peter Thiari among others.



Governor Badilisha Meets Representatives Of The Mau Mau Fraternity

Wakili Njeri Maina Prioritizes on Education

By: John Kariuki
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Kirinyaga woman representative the Honorable Wakili Njeri Maina has demonstrated keen interest in matters education in her county.

She notes,

“TUPANGE KESHO PROGRAM.

On Saturday 6th May 2023, my office issued bursaries and scholarships to over 500 orphans, especially abled children and children from underprivileged families across Kirinyaga.

I was in the company of Baragwi MCA Hon. David Mathenge. The County Commissioner, area DCC and local administration officials were also present.

I want to commend our National Government Affirmative Action Fund coordinator and his committee

for a job well executed.

I also want to thank my young office team for the support in ensuring that today was a success.

Some of the most needy children will be absorbed into our already active TUPANGE KESHO full scholarship program so that we can ensure we support them and inculcate them into our mentorship program.

I want to thank the great people of Kirinyaga County for their continued love and support.”



Supplication



One feeling is bothering me
I feel anxious and worried
This spring is on a rainy day
But it's burning me inside

My sins have increased
O, God heal me yourself
Looking for a word for repentance
How many nights I can't sleep

I asked and wished for the word

to a letter without reins
God
God
meet me
to a wordless bereavement pain.

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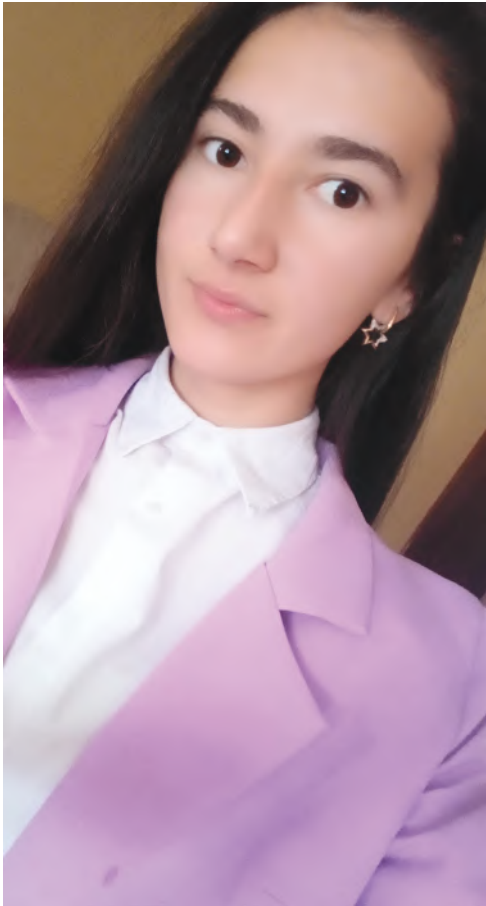
You Can Never Find Me

By: Mohinur Asqarova
You can never find me,
If I head away.
Maybe then my worth is known,
If I leave a mark on your heart.

My parents miss me,
They have been waiting for me for years.
Looking at the streets where my
childhood was left
You know my worth again.

You can't find me,
Your dreams are telling the truth-
You look for my laughter, though,
You can't find them either, my friend!

You ask the moon where I am
He is ashamed of not being able to
answer.
I repeat again, my dear ones,
You will never find me



That Is Worrying Me

Humanity is created in such a way that it is natural that the surrounding world, society, and various situations in it are directed towards the good side for someone and the bad side for someone else. At the same time, people cannot always take a positive approach to events, they cannot always face their surroundings in a happy state. On the way of life, you will be hit by various shocks, bumpy roads, sometimes even stones under your feet. We call various problems the greatest danger, from our own personal situations to relationships about the good and bad days of others, but the problem that bothers me is the most disgusting qualities in people around us: greed, envy, arrogance, arrogance, etc. The reason I think like this is

that in the world I live in, thank God, there are no external threats, but the situations that I feel worried about are various injustices and lack of justice. Humans are the cause of this. It is exactly as I mentioned, that the worst vices of a person are openly scattered around him. Due to this, there are differences in weddings, luxuries, career-seeking people who put their loved ones in difficult situations, jealous people who do all kinds of evil without seeing someone's personal development. You are traitors to the religion and the nation, who have gone so far as to sell your own religion. If in my world those same people are passing on their secrets to each other, I have nothing more to worry about. Just as good and bad times

happen to people equally, luck and bad luck happen equally. We don't always eat cream, sometimes we have to bite hard bread. But it is the wisest choice to try to reach a bright destination through honest risk-taking and a pure heart, without looking at other people's happiness and wealth, hoping that I will get luck and happiness sooner. After all, there are two worlds of joy for people who leave a good mark under a good name.

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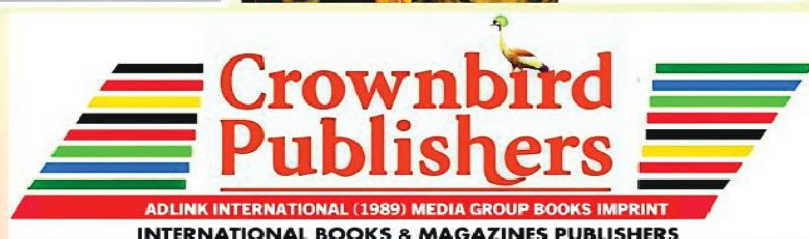
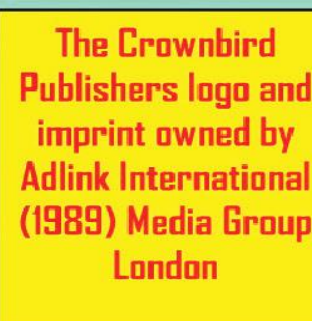
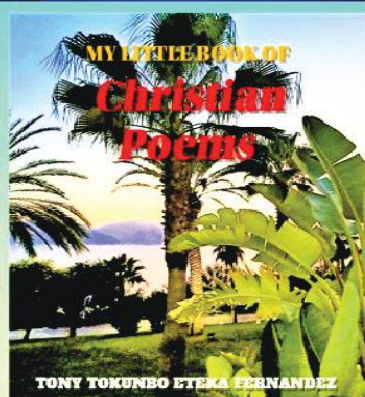
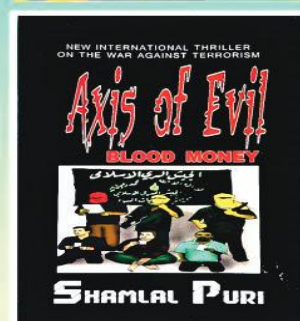
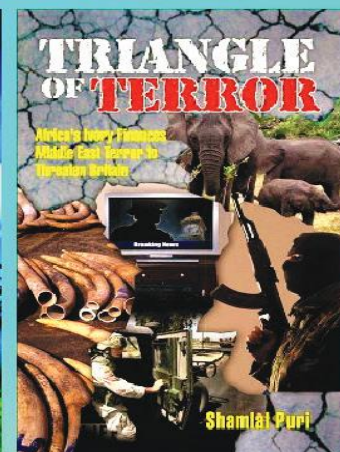
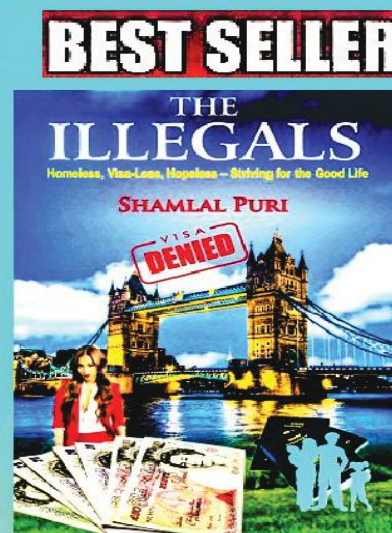
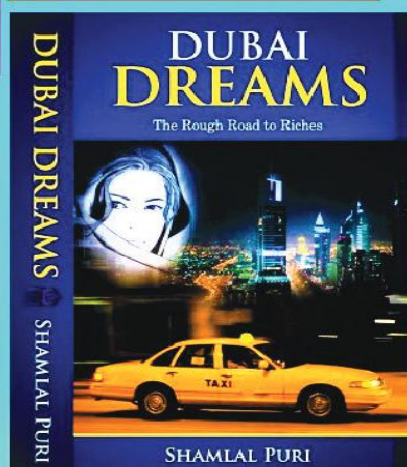
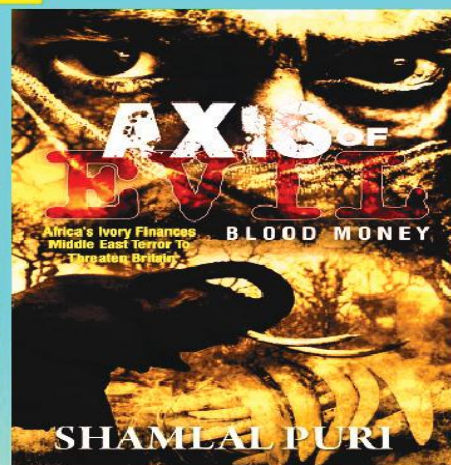
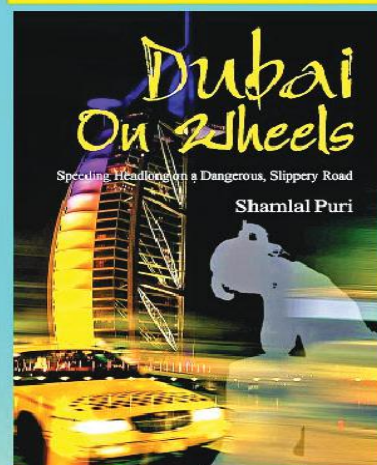
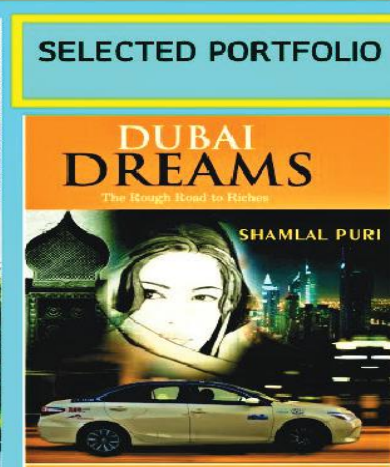
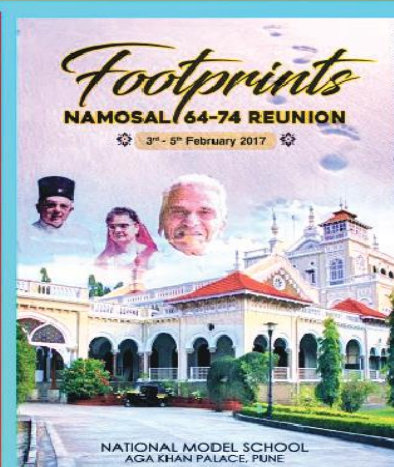
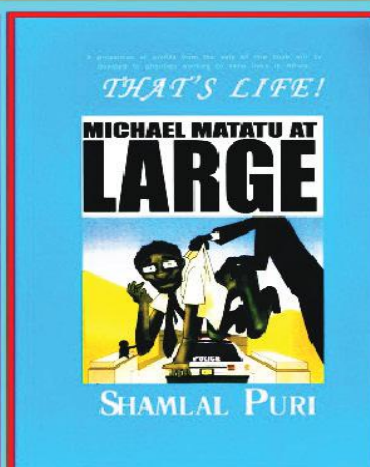
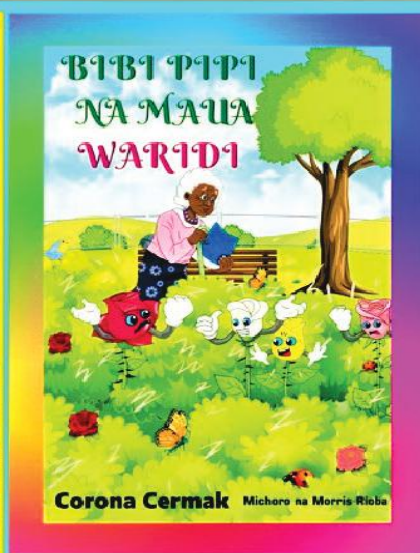
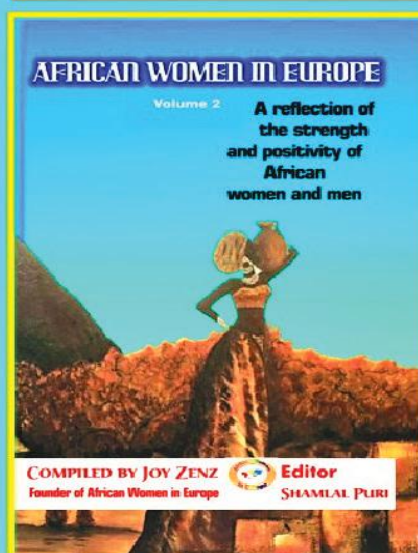
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BUSINESS

KICC Roll Out Grassroots Campaign To Promote Conference Tourism



KICC officials during the launch of the conference tourism

Worth Noting:

- The country, she said, was endowed with rich tourism attraction sites adding that through the programme, KICC was set to showcase to the world different venues and facilities to host meetings and conferences.
- “When we go out to market Kenya as a conference destination, we also want to tell them that we don’t just have KICC in Nairobi but other venues as well,” she said.

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Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) has launched a grassroots initiative to boost conference tourism in the country.

Through the initiative dubbed MICE Mashinani, the country’s premier conference facility targets to create partnerships with various stakeholders in the sector across the country to grow meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions.

KICC Acting Chief Executive Officer Patricia Ondeng said the initiative aims at opening up rural Kenya to tourism to spur economic development.

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“When we go out to market Kenya as a conference destination, we also want to tell them that we don’t just have KICC in Nairobi but other venues as well,” she said.

Various towns and cities in the country, she added, have demonstrated capacity to host international meetings, adding that through MICE Mashinani, KICC plans to build their capacity to give visitors world class experience.

She pointed out Kisumu City which last year played host to the Afri-Cities conference where over 10, 000 delegates from around the world attended.

Speaking during the launch of the initiative in Kisumu, Ondeng said KICC plans to partner with hoteliers, tour companies, resorts, county gov-

ernments and other stakeholders to grow the country’s conference and meetings capacity.

“We have the knowledge and technical know-how which we want to share with them to help grow the sector,” she said.

The move, she said, would have a ripple effect on other businesses and in the process stimulate economic growth.

Kisumu County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Tourism Farida Salim said the initiative was timely adding that it will go a long way to market the lakeside city and other areas in the lake region as conference hubs.

The county government, he said, has made great strides in putting Kisumu on the world map adding that the partnership with KICC would take the programme to greater heights. We are very much on track

and we believe that with this partnership we are set to go far,” she added. Lake Victoria Tourism Association Chairman Robinson Anyal said the initiative was set to unlock tourism potential for the lake region.

Investors, he said, have come up with state of the art facilities dotted across the region adding that through partnership with KICC the facilities were set to secure business. “We have very good hotels here in Kisumu. Even in small towns across the region you can’t fail to see medium size hotels,” he added.

He said the programme was a shot in the arm for the hotel industry which is still recovering from the negative effects of the Covid-19 lockdown.



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African Leaders Urged To Harness Seafarer Green Skills Momentum

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Worth Noting:

- Africa is well positioned to be a green seafarer hub, explains South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) Occupational Health & Safety and Maritime Welfare Manager, Sibusiso Rantsoabe. “There is currently unprecedented demand for African seafarers and the urgent need to decarbonize creates further opportunities for our workers, who have already demonstrated their excellence in a global setting.
- Transitioning away from fossil fuels requires additional skill sets that must be properly developed, and while this is definitely a challenge, it is also an opportunity for African countries to develop their own highly skilled seafaring workforces.
- Given the international scale and urgency of the action needed to decarbonize shipping in line with the Paris Agreement, coordinated action by stakeholders is vital.



Nancy Karigithu Principal Secretary, State Department for Shipping and Maritime and CS Alfred Mutua Foreign and Diaspora Affairs

To take advantage of the social and economic benefits of shipping’s green transition, African maritime leaders are being encouraged to implement infrastructure to train and upskill seafarers.

As the maritime industry transitions to a low and zero-carbon future, African policymakers are being advised to implement training infrastructure as quickly as possible to maximize ‘high-quality’ employment opportunities for African workers and facilitate the continent’s green transition. Speakers at today’s ‘Unlocking Green Maritime Jobs’ panel-discussion outlined the growing demand for seafarers able to handle low and zero-carbon fuels (such as hydrogen and ammonia) and new technologies that will be needed in order to progress towards a decarbonized maritime shipping sector by 2050.

Negotiations are underway amongst International Maritime Organization Member States this July to consider a target for net zero emissions for shipping by 2050 in line with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement. Were this to be adopted, seafarer

supply countries that take early action are likely to reap significant socio-economic benefits. Research commissioned by the Maritime Just Transition Task Force found up to 800,000 seafarers could require additional training by the mid-2030s to use these low- to zero-carbon fuels under the possible net zero target.

African initiatives

Africa is well positioned to be a green seafarer hub, explains South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) Occupational Health & Safety and Maritime Welfare Manager, Sibusiso Rantsoabe. “There is currently unprecedented demand for African seafarers and the urgent need to decarbonize creates further opportunities for our workers, who have already demonstrated their excellence in a global setting. Becoming a supply hub of the seafarers of the future is a win-win situation that will not only benefit African countries through the creation of good quality jobs, but the entire world by lowering the environmental impact

of human actions. This presents an opportunity for Africa to ensure that we are not left behind but also cement our place as a potential new crewing frontier for shipping,” he says.

There are some noteworthy initiatives already in place. The National Seafarer Development Programme (NSDP), run by the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI), is a regional effort that is empowering the deck, engine room and fishing crew of the future and creating good jobs for workers. SAIMI and the International Maritime Employers Council (IMEC) are also due to launch an IMEC South African cadet training programme this year, with the first group of 50 cadets starting this month.

IMEC CEO Francesco Gargiulo, explains, “As an organization that represents over 260 maritime employers around the globe and works to negotiate fair and sustainable seafarers’ wages and conditions of employment on their behalf, it is clear to us that shipping’s decarbonization journey will be powered by human beings. The industry is already experiencing a need for sufficient skilled workers to operate modern vessels and this will only continue to grow over the coming years. As a potential major seafarer supply continent, developing the talent of African seafarers offers us a pathway to delivering a greener future for shipping and the wider maritime world.”

Rewarding efforts

As one of the world’s biggest growth markets with 1.3 billion people and a combined GDP of \$3.5 trillion dollars, Africa could reap some of the rewards of shipping’s green transition. International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) Africa Regional Secretary, Mohammed Dauda Safiyanu, says: “Transitioning away from fossil fuels requires additional skill sets that must be properly developed, and while this is definitely a challenge, it is also an opportunity for African countries to develop their own highly skilled seafaring workforces. As part of a Just Transition, these jobs must be decent, which includes meeting the highest health and safety standards. They should also be fairly-paid, bringing economic benefits to the region and thereby improving parity between the global north and the global south. The sooner that we begin investing in green skills, the

more likely it is that we can crew the low emission vessels of tomorrow. The future of green shipping in the region must involve high skill, high quality jobs for African seafarers.”

Another advantage of setting up green seafarer training initiatives as early as possible is to minimize risk and human error when transitioning to new fuels and technologies, explained ICS Senior Manager Policy and Employment Affairs, Helio Vicente, ahead of the meeting. “Given the mix of low and zero carbon fuels set to power ships in the future, training and upskilling seafarers has never been more urgent. Technology must evolve in step with seafarer skills so that the shift to a greener future is done as safely and efficiently as possible, minimizing risk along the supply chain. African maritime leaders must act now to ensure that their workforces are primed for shipping’s green transition,” he states.

Support for inclusive approach

Given the international scale and urgency of the action needed to decarbonize shipping in line with the Paris Agreement, coordinated action by stakeholders is vital. The Maritime Just Transition Task Force, which is primarily funded by Lloyd’s Register Foundation, believes that by working together, governments, policy makers, ship owners and operators, seafarers’ unions, and other stakeholders, will maximize the likelihood of a Just Transition. Sturla Henriksen, Special Advisor, Ocean, UN Global Compact, says: “Shipping’s green transition brings with it opportunities for thousands of high-quality, green jobs. Our Maritime Just Transition Task Force works to ensure that shipping’s transition to a zero-emission industry is as inclusive as possible. We now need governments to come to the International Maritime Organization this summer and align to the 1.5°C of the Paris Agreement. This will create the market certainty to unlock the investments in seafarer training and skills today to support high-quality, decent green maritime jobs of the future – including in Africa.”

The Task Force, which recently highlighted opportunities for African seafarers at an event in Ghana, has also published a 10 point action plan to achieve a Just Transition for seafarers in its ‘Mapping a Maritime Just Transition for Seafarers’ position paper.

POETRY

Ochildiyeva Shahnoza Abdivohid



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In 2022, her new book came out of publication under the title “She’riyat o’ziga ayladi asir”. Her new book which was called “Happines” was published in Amerika. Nowadays her books are selling in 26 countries of the world!

Why I love my Motherland

Why I love my Uzbekistan
Let the wind tells about it.
Take a deeper look at my motherland,
It’s wearing a wreath from glorious history.

Look for Ulegbek’s eyes there
Who spend life staring at the stars in the sky
In historical pages of my country
All great beings are alive and alive.

Maybe it is a childish love
Let the world know its glory and fame.
Namangan’s bright red apples
And Samarkand’s baked shirmoy bread.

I still have a smell in my throat
Of sweet sumalak by my aunt
Leads us right towards the dreams,
A wish made in front of sumalak.

Glittering on the nch of my country
A bright necklace made of fame.
Oh, friends, you will all see it too,
Each necklace is a champion.

Look at my lovely motherland
It’s wearing an embroidered long dress
Brightly different colours,
Suits my beautiful country.

Margilon satin is fine and tend
The embroidery would adorn it fully
Tying her waist with a decorative belt,
Standing in body with full of beauty.

Clothes worn by my Motherland
Golden robe woven by Bukhara
I think this is an another reason,
Of the fiery and pure love of me.

My contry leads us in its hands,
Thousands of kids, boys and girls.
Towards a great bright future,
All generations with enthusiasm.

My country is lingting everywhere
As a symbol of the brightest sun
It’s dear to me as long as I live
As my supposedly loving mother.

Olmaqand * seller (Story)

Give me the most beautiful happiness, my Lord!
These words have been ringing in my heart for years. With these words, behind this good intention, I have achieved many goals! I left school with excellent grades and studied at prestigious higher education institutions. Now I have created my own very famous educational center. I also teach English at my educational center. The students of our educational center always take leading po-

sitions. If I run into the parents of my students on the street or at work they can try to explain their satisfaction!. I want to do more good!

Every day, when I went to my classes early in the morning, an uncle who was sitting in a stroller with an umbrella near the building of our educational center, always attracted my attention. He is dressed ordinary , his hat is on his head! I think he is about fifty years old. The face of this thin, dark man, but with beautiful eyebrows and eyes, exudes a kindness and sincerity. Maybe that’s why I loved this person from the bottom of my heart.

One day I was going to class when I heard someone calling behind me. As soon as I looked, the salesman was smiling at me. Then I saw that he was missing one leg and was walking on crutches. My love for him grew even more...

- Hello, my son! - began to speak politely uncle seller: I had an important request from you, won’t I take your time?

- No, no, uncle. Please tell me.

- Thank you, my son. I have known you for a long time. I am interested in you. I have unlimited respect for knowledgeable people. You know, I have a son... - after a short silence, the seller’s uncle continued again, my only and only son! I’m going to sit here all day because of my illness. I’m not fit for any other job. At home, my son helps his mother to make almaqand. Livelihood! He graduated from the fourth grade this year. He studies well at school. He is interested in learning languages. I want to educate my son. I said that if he attends your classes, he will learn from you. I wish there was a teacher like you. It is true that we are having a little trouble, but I will try to make payments on time.

I heard the uncle’s words with excitement. I thought that If the prices of our educational center are high for this simple-minded person, they will really suffer.

Then an idea came to my mind and I was happy. I wonder where I came up with it. Maybe Allah put it in my heart.

- Oh uncle, I said excitedly: You are such a lucky person. Let me tell you something new, the admission process was going on at our educa-



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tional center. I have announced a bonus for my English classes. I will teach the latest student for free. Today is the last day of admission and there is one place left. Your son got this bonus. You don’t even have to pay now. Congratulation!

The uncle was surprised. Then, when he realized everything, he was so happy that it is difficult to rate. He hugged me and prayed for a long time with tears in his eyes. He said that he will never forget my kindness and talked about his son’s hopes for a bright future.

Seeing the uncle’s joy, I was over the moon in the world. I thanked God. I told the uncle with joy in my eyes:

- Uncle, first of all, thank God. You have such a nice luck. This is your happiness . To be The cause of your happiness is my happiness!

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Demand for English language grows in Uzbekistan

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In reviewing the relatively small quantity of studies published on parental involvement in foreign language learning, a number of important issues stand out. The first is the responsibility for foreign language learning. How parents view this seems to depend on cultural beliefs. These beliefs can differ between contexts, such as between China and America, or within a context, such as within China.

For example, in Chi and Rao's (2003) study on parental involvement in rural China, parents argued that the responsibility for teaching children English rested entirely with the teacher. Parents seldom participated in any of their children's learning activities.

This placing of the responsibility on the teacher may be due to traditional values (for more details about traditional values see Ho, 2006), the lack of time that parents have to spend with their children due to work commitments, and perhaps most importantly, a lack of knowledge of English (Chi and Rao, 2003).

In contrast, Xuesong's (2006) study of a group of upper-class students from urban China studying in Hong Kong revealed the strong role played by parents in students' English learning. As the students explained, their parents used different strategies to support their English learning, such as instilling a positive attitude towards learning English, providing English TV programmes and movies, and financing private tuition in English.

Some students described how their parents were able to help them even if they didn't know any English (Xuesong, 2006). The responsibility for teaching English, then, was largely taken up by these upper-class parents..

Within the Asian context, Lee's (2008) study on Taiwanese parental involvement in children's English language and literacy learning found that parents were very active in supporting their children's learning, but that factors such as their perceived language proficiency, financial resources and available time all influenced their degree of involvement too.

In Malaysia, Boivin et al.'s (2014) study on parents' engagement in social multiliteracy practices with their children found that whilst most parents were very interested in helping with their children's English social literacy learning, they lacked knowledge of how to do so effectively.

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Demand for English language grows in Uzbekistan

In relation to this, a limited number of studies have examined the influence of the home on the literacy practices of children in Hong Kong (Chow and McBride-Chang, 2003; Lau and McBride-Chang, 2005; Li and Rao, 2000).

Li and Rao (2000) examined Chinese literacy development in three different locations: Beijing, Hong Kong and Singapore, and emphasise the influence of the home environment on literacy development in Chinese. Chow and McBride-Chang (2003) focused on the literacy development of children in terms of picture vocabulary in both Chinese and English in Hong Kong. Both studies were directed at children at the pre-school level. Although Lau and McBride-Chang (2005) examined the Chinese reading ability of Primary Two (P2) students (aged around seven or eight) in Hong Kong, together with their parents, research into home English literacy and the English literacy development of children in Primary One (P1, aged around six or seven) is scant.

The motivation of children learning a foreign language is a second important issue in the literature on parental involvement in foreign language learning. As expected, motivation differs across contexts.

In Hong Kong, for example, parents are aware that English proficiency

is linked to material success and prosperity in society (Choi, 2003; Evans, 2008, 2011), so there is a strong motivation to help their children acquire English. One of the most common ways in which Hong Kong parents do this is by enrolling their children in afterschool English classes and hiring tutors (Bray and Kwok, 2003).

There is a fundamental difference when learning a foreign language in a country where English is the first language, and as such the status of English as a lingua franca means that students are already in a position to learn one of the world's most influential languages, English.

Evans (2013). Kirkpatrick (2007) and Phillipson (2008) discuss the power English has as a lingua franca in the local context.

However, learning a foreign language does happen in many different contexts. For example, in the United States, parents may want their children to learn a foreign language because it is the child's heritage language (Sung and Padilla, 1998) or because they believe in the educational or social value of foreign language learning (Sung and Padilla, 1998), or in many cases they have no choice and a foreign language is part of the educational curriculum.

In Canada, where English is the majority language and French the minority one, many English-speaking

children learn French via what has been called additive bilingualism (Swain and Lapkin, 2005). Foreign language learning occurs in many different contexts and, as noted earlier, little is known about parental involvement in supporting a child's foreign language learning, especially in the context of Hong Kong.

Lastly, it is important to consider the type of parental involvement. In some studies, parental pressure to learn a foreign language was considered to be a type of involvement (e.g. Sung and Padilla, 1998). In others, involvement was described as teaching learning strategies (Xuesong, 2006).

Yet for others, involvement was described as teaching children the non-academic aspects of a language, such as parents teaching children about traditions (Lawton and Logio, 2009). In their longitudinal studies on the effects of parents.

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Mills Ltd; youths in football got to showcase their talent, with the winner getting a cash award of Kshs 100,000, and the 1st Runner up getting Kshs 50,000, while the 2nd Runner up get-

ting Kshs 25,000. On top of these, there were plenty if goodies from the renowned company; with each team that participated getting at least a bundle of PEMBE Unga.

Director Sir. Ahmed Salim of Pembe Flour Ltd, categorically stated that this was just the beginning, as the company plans to promote peace, local talent, and engage youths in productive activities; such as football. There were Guest of Honors invited to the event, amongst them, PS in the Ministry of Health, Transport, amongst other dignitaries. Also renowned businessmen were in attendance, such as SamWest Distributors Ltd Director Sir. Sam Njuguna who is amongst the major distributors of PEMBE Ltd products. He also sponsors sports, and has a football team known as Sam-West BlackBoots F.C, featuring in the FKF(Football Kenya Federation) Division 2, Eastern

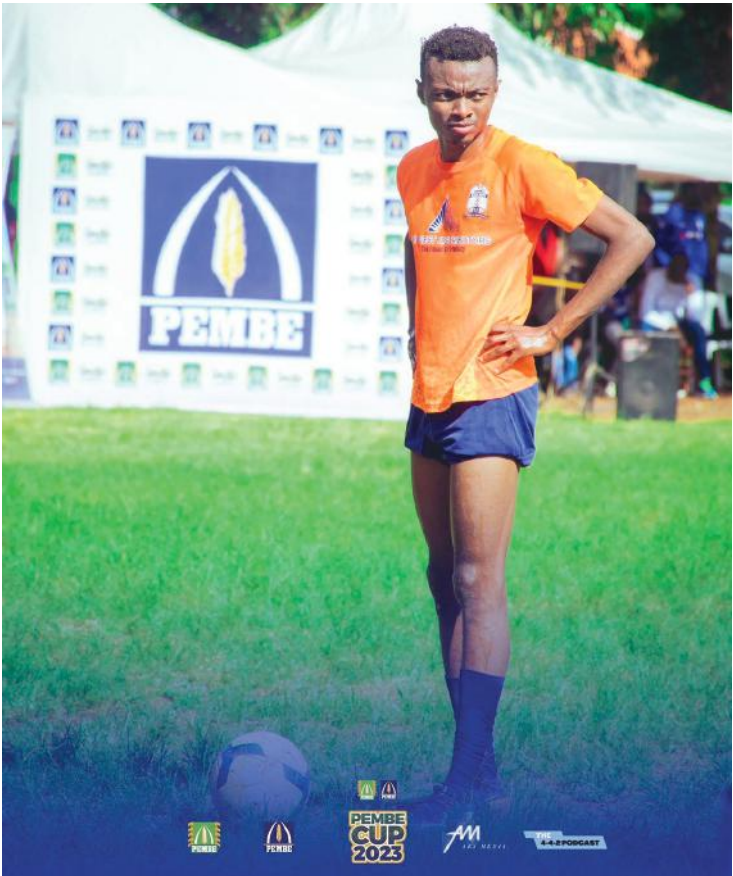


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Player Kirio: King, amongst the Top players in the PEMBE Tourney

Zone. Pembe Ltd also communicated their plans to follow such a path, and form or sponsor a formidable team to be known as PEMBE F.C

Other teams that featured in the event were Bomas of Kenya(in FKF Div 2), Nation Media F.C, Karen F.C, Wazoefu F.C, Pirate Boys F.C and many others; gathering as many youths in Kenyan communities, making a total of 32 teams that participated in the tourney. The tournament was exhilarating from the word go, with teams giving their best to reach the finals.

The Finals were played on Sunday, 7th May 2023, with the finalist being Pirates Boys F.C and SamWest BlackBoots F.C, with Pirate boys F.C emerging as the winner from a superb

strike from the player known as Rashid, thus, match ending 1 - 0 at final whistle. Pirate Boys were crowned as the PEMBE CUP 2023 CHAMPIONS amid jubulations, and SamWest BlackBoots F.C getting the 1st Runner up position, while Bomas of Kenya F.C getting the 2nd Runner up position.

Pundits and stakeholders agreed and said, that this was a successful event, and highly commended PEMBE FLOUR MILLS LTD and Director Ahmed Salim, for being in the frontline in promoting the peace Agenda, as well as the Talent/ Youths promotion Agenda.

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Plenty of goodies from PEMBE Ltd for teams& community members in the tourney

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Her Eminence, Princess Onyinyeomachukwu, gifts Ancient Kingdom, Atta, Ultra-Modern Facilities



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her the privilege and divine enablement in executing the projects, emphasizing that the presence of such projects will attract many more developments to both the school and the entire community.

While expressing gratitude on behalf of the Atta Community, HRH Eze Geoffrey Anika (KSC); the Traditional Leader and Eze- Umunawuike II of Atta Ancient Kingdom alongside the Sole Administrator of Ikeduru West Local Government Area, Very Rev. Dr. C.N.N. Nwanebu, eulogized the benevolence of the Christian Leader, Princess Onyinyeomachukwu, describing the act a selfless act of philanthropy to the good people of Ogada Atta.

Dr. C.N.N. who on behalf of the Executive Governor of Imo State, Sen. Hope Uzodinma, welcomed Princess Divine-Gift Onyinyeomachukwu, said that her philanthropic gestures and efforts to the good people of Ikeduru LGA are likened to Jesus Christ's second fold ministry who go about healing and caring for the needy. "Christianity is not just about speaking in tongues but reaching out to the concern and needy", he maintained.



Group photograph for newspaper Publication.

Meanwhile, HRH Eze- Umunawuike II of Atta Ancient Kingdom, explained that the Atta Ancient Kingdom has upheld a culture of special recognition to philanthropists who avail themselves of uplifting the community through their magnanimity. "To this end, on behalf of Atta Ancient Kingdom, I am conferring you, Her Grace and Great Eminence, Distinguished (Ambassador) Princess Samuel Divine-Gift Onyinyeomachukwu MON, the Special Honour of 'ADA-UGO NDI ATTA', in recognition of your exclusive performance in the building and donating Ultra-Modern Facilities to our Community", he hinted.

Women and persons with disability across the Atta Kingdom were also gifted with food items and sets of wrappers during the celebration.

Apologetic Messi Returns To Training With PSG

Lionel Messi returned to training with Paris Saint-Germain on Monday six days after Argentina's World Cup-winning captain was suspended for going on an unauthorised trip to Saudi Arabia.

"Leo Messi returns to training Monday morning," tweeted the club along with a photo of the 35-year-old in action.

His return makes it likely he will feature in PSG's home match with relegation-threatened Ajaccio next Saturday.

PSG hold the whip hand in defending their Ligue 1 title, a six point lead over Lens with four matches remaining.

He was suspended by the Qatar-owned club after failing to turn up for training last Monday.

Instead, the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner travelled to Saudi Arabia without PSG's permission to fulfil commitments as part of a contract with the country's tourist office.

Messi subsequently apologised in a video posted on Instagram to his 458 million followers.

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"I had organised this trip to Saudi Arabia having cancelled it previously. This time I couldn't cancel it. I am sorry for what I did and I wait to see what the club decides to do."

The affair has made it increasingly unlikely that Messi will remain at PSG beyond this season, when his two-year contract with the club expires.

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[FILE] Paris Saint-Germain's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi attends a training session at the club's Camp des Loges training ground in Saint-Germain-en-Laye. (Photo by FRANCK FIFE / AFP)

