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Give Us An Alternative Way To Raise Revenue, Mudavadi Tells Finance Bill Critics

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi.

Worth Noting:

- He made the remarks at the Bomas of Kenya when he addressed members of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI).
- “It is clear why we are where we are as a country in terms of the hurdles we are facing to try and fix our economy. But the truth of the matter remains that we have been elected and we cannot continue crying, we need to now start finding solutions. The solutions must be local and we need to work towards the improvement of our society, we have no choice but to work together,” he affirmed.

Critics of the Finance Bill 2023 have now been urged to give the government an alternative avenue to raise revenue to support the country's economy and operations.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi told off opponents of the bill, who are claiming that the government is employing punitive taxes on Kenyans.

Mudavadi said the situation at which the country is in calls for tough decisions, some of which will be painful on the short term but Kenyans will benefit in the long run.

“Do not just criticize and oppose what the government is proposing yet you are not giving us an alternative on how we will get solutions to fill the existing gaps. For those opposing we are asking them what is the alternative pre-position?” Mudavadi posed.

He added: “We have to look at this conversation holistically, since we

are on the journey to revamp our economy and as government, we have an obligation to grow our people,” added Mudavadi.

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He urged members of the chamber to support government in changing the current debate on the Finance Bill 2023, as government means well for the citizens.

“We have to change this debate about the Finance Bill 2023. There is no country globally that can sustain itself without taxes. No government has any resources other than those it gets through taxation,” said Mudavadi.

He urged the members of the chamber to help the government in giving Kenyans the true picture of what is intended, rather than allowing itself to be swallowed in the politicizing of the bill.

“The truth of the matter is that the pain we are feeling as a nation is because fewer people have been paying taxes and the tax-man has been repeatedly coming back to the same people again. So, we need to find a way of broadening that space and we have to make some sacrifices, painful at the beginning but once we change the debate, Kenyans will realise the government means good for its people,” said Mudavadi.

“We will be seeking commitment from the Chamber to support us and we work together,” added Mudavadi.

He also defended the new house levy saying the idea has been misconceived and politicized to make Kenyans feel like the Government is imposing a burden on them.

He said leaders rallying Kenyans to reject the proposal are being mischievous and selfish.

“Let me put this question to Kenyans, that if I Mudavadi has finished educating my children - can I begin saying that since my children have finished all the stages then I have no obligation to contribute to an education fund. Is that morally, right? Is that how you build a nation, by assuming that since you have finished a certain league then you have no obligation for anybody else to get involved?” posed Mudavadi.

“If I drive to my village in Mululu I am on tarmac because we have been paying road maintenance and petroleum levy. But ask yourselves the person driving to Elwak or Lodwar do we say because I will never use the road to Elwak it is none of my business to pay petroleum or road maintenance levy? Then how do we grow the country?” Mudavadi wondered.

He said the debate must change from mere talk to how effective the fund will be managed and then shift the conversation to how to provide shelter to Kenyans as a constitutional requirement just as government is obligated to provide food, clean water, universal health care and other services.

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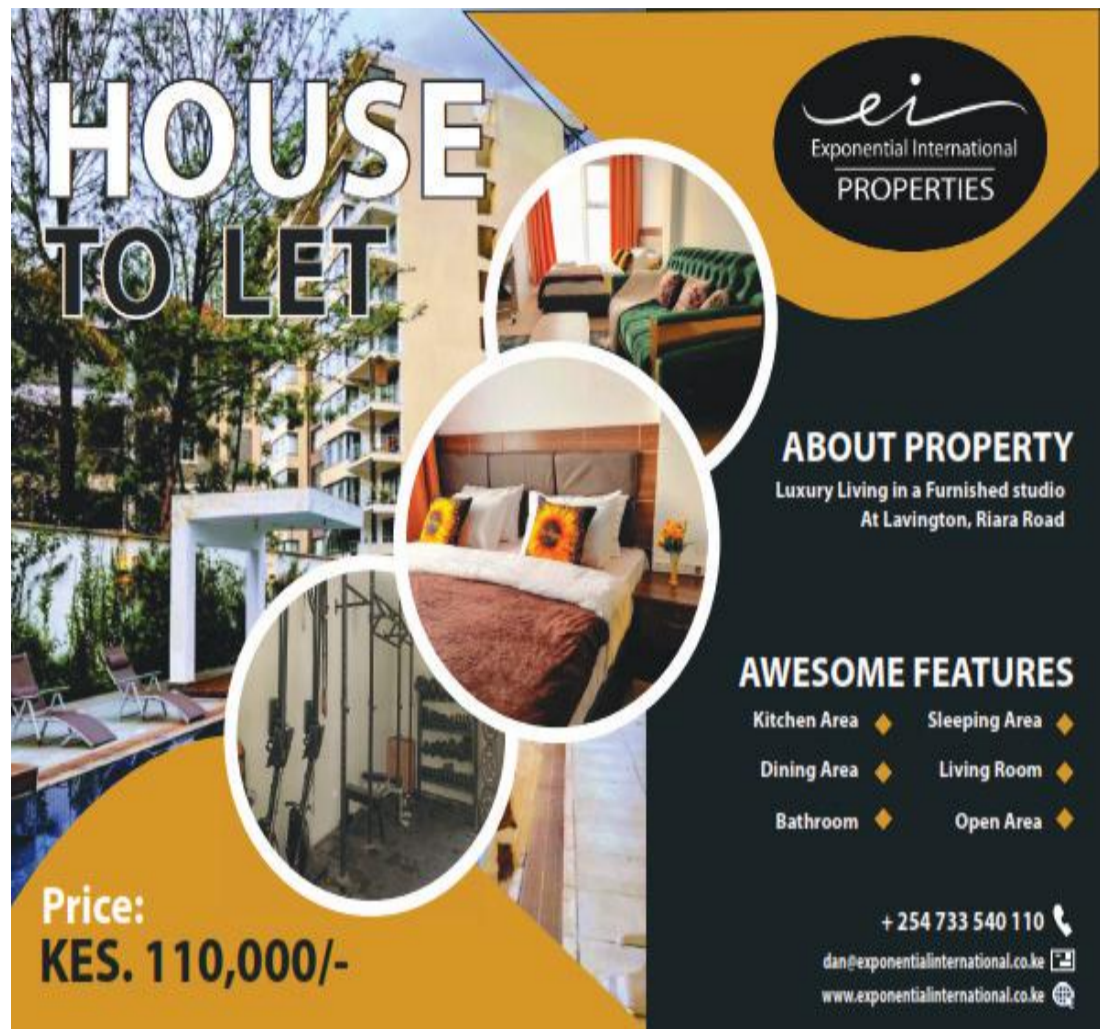
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Free Cancer Screening In Thika During Cancer Survivors Day

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Residents in Thika were beneficiaries of a free cancer screening exercise at the Thika Level 5 Hospital as the world marked the National Cancer Survivors Day.

According to the World Health Organisation, cancer is the leading cause of death worldwide and was accountable for nearly 10 million deaths between 2020 and 2022 worldwide.

The exercise sought to bring awareness to early detection of the disease, with this year's theme being A Celebration of Life: I am Thriving, where residents were encouraged to go for frequent cancer screenings offered at the hospital, as lives can be saved if cancers are detected early.

"The most common types of cancer we have in Kenya are breast, lung, cervical, colon, and prostate cancers. Most are consistent with debilitating human activities like intake of tobacco products, high body mass index, alcohol consumption, low fruit and



Free Cancer Screening In Thika .

vegetable intake, and lack of physical activity," said Dr Jack Oduor, an oncologist at the hospital.

"There are also cases where the cancers are caused by infections like the human papillomavirus (HPV) and hepatitis. These are extremely prevalent in low- and middle-income countries," he said.

"Nevertheless, more than half of those who have been diagnosed early have survived once they started their treatments. We also urge them to strictly follow instructions given by

their doctors and nutritionists to ensure that they have a fighting chance at beating the disease," Oduor said. The doctor said the biggest issue, however, is psychological. "For most patients, once they are diagnosed, they shut down emotionally

and mentally, and unfortunately, once this happens, the physical follows suit. This is why awareness is important, because we want people to know that cancer is not a death sentence. It can be treated and managed, but only if it is detected early," he added.

Wanja Wa Maina, a breast cancer survivor present during the screening, said she was alive only because the disease was detected early.

"I found a lump in my breast while taking a shower, and I immediately sought medical treatment. I was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer, placed on treatment, and two years later, I am now cancer-free. It was not an easy journey, but I survived, and I am here to encourage people who have been diagnosed or who have friends and family ailing from the disease to not give up. It is treatable," said Maina.

Apart from screening for cervical, breast, prostate, and colon cancer, the residents were also sensitized on the treatment and management of cancer in case they or their loved ones were diagnosed with the disease.

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Who Are You To Issue Demands? DP Gachagua Fires Back At Raila

By: Martin Mwanje



Worth Noting:

- “You were in the government of Uhuru Kenyatta, you were an advisor, you could have addressed the issues you are raising. You did nothing. You left us a country that is torn apart. You destroyed the Jubilee agenda, completely.”
- He made the remarks Friday while addressing a high-level Coffee Reforms Conference in Meru County.
- The DP expressed the sentiments a day after Azimio leader Raila Odinga issued ten demands to President William Ruto.



DP Rigathi Gachagua is welcomed to Meru.

Azimio leader Raila Odinga has no moral authority to issue demands to President William Ruto.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua accuses him of failing to address the very issues he is raising when he entered into a handshake with ex-President Uhuru Kenyatta.

“Who are you to give demands?”

Who elected you? Who are you in Kenya? Can't you wait until 2027 and persuade these people to give you an opportunity?” Gachagua fired back even as he expressed optimism that their bold decisions will be vindicated by the people of Kenya in the next two years.

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Key among the demands was a call on President Ruto to withdraw the Finance Bill 2023 that has sharply divided the court of public opinion.

“We ask Ruto to humble himself, withdraw this bill, offer apology and seek forgiveness from Kenyans for anxiety caused then and begin afresh,” urged Raila while addressing the media Thursday.

Rather than burdening Kenyans, the Opposition also called on the ruling regime to stop duplication of county roles and responsibilities and adopt a zero-based budgeting approach.

The government was at the same time urged to live within its means by cutting down the size of the budget.

According to Azimio, this can be done by sealing the loopholes that lead to the loss of revenue, stopping non-essential government expenditures including the appointment of Chief Administrative Secretaries, reduce the size of government and by cutting non-essential domestic and international travel.

The Opposition further called for a freeze on ministerial out of station allowances, ministerial house allowances and domestic allowances for Cabinet and Principal Secretaries and wants corruption and theft of public funds stopped.

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President Ruto Appoints Africa Climate Summit Boss

By: KBC Digital

President William Ruto Friday appointed Joseph Ng'ang'a as the Chief Executive Officer of the Africa Climate Summit (ACS) that will be held in September in Nairobi.

Ng'ang'a is the Vice President of the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP).

He will head the ACS Secretariat and oversee the planning and coordination of all activities.

Ng'ang'a will work closely with Environment Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya and other stakeholders.

GEAPP is an alliance of philanthropy, governments, technology, policy and financing partners founded by The Rockefeller Foundation, IKEA Foundation, and the Bezos Earth Fund.

GEAPP was created to help accelerate clean energy for everyone, ev-

erywhere, for people and the planet.

Ng'ang'a is also the chairman of the Funders Council for Sustainable Energy for All and a co-founder of the Africa Carbon Markets Initiative.

The African Climate Summit will be co-hosted by Kenya and the African Union in Nairobi from September 4th to 6th.

Ng'ang'a was joined by Mr Simon Harford, CEO GEAPP, and Mr William Asiko, the Vice-President Rockefeller Foundation Africa, at his unveiling at State House, Nairobi.



NTSA Board Chair, Three Others Shown The Door In Fresh State Appointments

By: Eric Biegon

President William Ruto has revoked the appointment of Aden Noor Ali as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).

Noor was shown the door just four months after the head of state appointed him to the helm of the agency.

In a special gazette notice released Friday morning, the President announced he had settled on Dr. Manoj Shah to take up his position.

“IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 6 (1) (a) of the National Transport and Safety Authority Act, I, William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, appoint—MANOJ

SHAH (DR.) to be the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Transport and Safety Authority, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from the 9th June 2023,” the Gazette Notice read

The immediate former NTSA Board chair vied unsuccessfully for the Mandera gubernatorial position in the August 2022 elections.

Ali previously served as a member of the Transport Licensing Appeals Board.

And that was not the only change at the apex of the transport agency. In the notice, Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport Kipchumba Murkomen announced further changes revoking the appointments of Nimo Omar Haji, Charles Nyabuti, and Simon Kalekem to the Board.

In their place, the Transport CS has appointed Johnson Losilian, Paul Posho, and Lilian Nyabonyi Mogeni to be members of the Board of



Directors of the National Transport and Safety Authority, for a period of three (3) years, with effect from the 9th June 2023.

The changes come amid concerns over the Board's capacity to manage the transport sector. In fact, there have been calls for the board to be

disbanded over issues such as the recent rise in the number of road accidents among others.

Coffee Farmers Upbeat As Reforms Conference Gets Underway In Meru

By: Martin Mwanje

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua Friday officially opened a two-day Coffee Reforms Conference that is aimed at coming up with recommendations to address challenges faced by the coffee farmers in the country. The event, being held in Meru County, brings together Governors from coffee growing counties, government officials, lawmakers and other stakeholders in the chain, among others. The coffee sector has been faced with challenges that have almost crippled the sector. The Kenya Kwanza manifesto has put weight on Agriculture as the backbone of the economy and has expressed willingness to do everything possible to bolster the sector. "For the next two days, we will establish structures for long-term

reforms in the coffee sub-sector," Gachagua told the well-attended gathering. "In the Executive Order Number 1 of 2023, President William Ruto tasked me with overseeing public reforms. Reforming the Coffee, Tea, and Dairy sub-sectors have formed part of my work as I engage stakeholders like yourselves, towards a turn-around to profitability." The conference is the climax of wide consultations with farmers, various State and non-State agencies within and without the country on sustainable reforms. "For far too long, those who sweat most in producing the cash crop have benefited the least. This is why we are here today. We want to link the farmer to the consumer, directly," noted the DP. Some of the challenges bedeviling the sector have been attributed to legal and policy gaps. The Deputy president has however brought on board Members of Par-

liament from the sector to brainstorm on possible policies that could be pushed in parliament that will aid strengthen the coffee sector. From the engagements, legal, policy and operational gaps in the production and marketing chain have been identified forming a key component of the output of the conference. The Kenya Kwanza administration is laying down strategies that will add value addition and identify high value markets for the commodity globally. "With the high cost of Kenyan coffee in the international market, the Kenyan farmer should thrive economically as was the case some years back. Our farmers must get maximum returns from coffee. This will also boost our foreign exchange," remarked the DP. "We must rewrite the history of the Kenyan coffee, which dates back to 1894. This brand, was and still is known across the world by its superior and distinct aroma and flavour."



Leaders welcoming DP Gachagua in Meru

The conference is expected to come up with far-reaching reforms that will, among other things, ensure coffee becomes the leading foreign exchange earner for the country.

Kindiki: Gov't To Construct Cross Community Schools In Six Conflict Prone Counties

By: Martin Mwanje

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The government will construct cross community schools in six North Rift Counties that have for years faced insecurity challenges. The move, Interior CS Prof. Kithure Kindiki says, aims at promoting peaceful co-existence and integration among residents of the targeted counties. They are Elgeyo Marakwet, Turkana, Samburu, Laikipia, West Pokot and Baringo where education has been listed as a key change agent. "In order to bring lasting peace, we will build five special schools so that children from different communities including those from West Pokot, Elgeyo Marakwet and Turkana can learn together and collaborate in promoting peace in future," Prof.

Kindiki said during a meeting held at Dira Primary School in Tiaty Constituency. "Along Kerio River, we will establish irrigation projects that will bring together people from all communities so that as they work together, peace will prevail." The meeting was attended by security, political, religious and community leaders among them Elgeyo Marakwet County Governor Wisley Korir and Tiaty MP William Kamet. The CS indicated that the 15 schools that were vandalized and destroyed by bandits in Tiaty Constituency will be reconstructed adding that the government was determined to ensure all pupils go to school. He assured locals that the government will ensure the safety of the learners to facilitate uninterrupted learning. The Interior CS was later expected



Interior CS Kithure Kindiki.

to visit the sites where the five cross community schools will be built at the intersection of Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and West Pokot to encourage education uptake, integrate children from different communities at an early age and limit their recruitment into banditry.

Njia Residents In Igembe Central Receive Water Tanks, Courtesy Of Meru Governor

By: Kamanja Maeria and Edith Mwendwa

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Residents of Njia ward expressed relief for having their long-time cry of scarcity of water heard and acted upon by the county government led by Governor Kawira Mwangaza. Mwangaza conducted a mass distribution of water tanks and pipes at Muutine Chief's Camp to all areas in Njia Ward, Igembe Central.

She noted that the county government has donated thirteen tanks to thirteen Njuri Cheke houses, namely Rikiau, Kiujuline, Nkaria Muiko, Ndoleli, Mwenjelene, Ntabari, Njoune, Kiruumo, Kabuitu, Miori, Muuro, Thiitha, and Kathithi.

"The County Government has also donated ten thousand-liter tanks and pipes to the following boreholes; KK Muuti, Cattledip, Kaumone, Mwiyo, Thamare, Thuuru, Ntui, and Kwa Ntorukunga," the county boss stated. Mwangaza also gave a brand new

motorcycle to the Umoja self-help group. She maintained that she is working hard to make Njia ward better, citing the ongoing construction of a perimeter wall at Muringene Market and the construction of the Thamare Dispensary maternity room.

She further called upon members of the county assembly to support her leadership to ensure adequate service delivery to the residents of Meru County.

Governor Kawira Mwangaza.



KPA Plants 2,000 Trees At Degraded Sites In Shimoni

By: Sadik Hassan

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The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) planted 2000 trees in degraded sites where the Sh2.1 billion Shimoni Fishing Port is being constructed in a bid to conserve the environment.

KPA Chairman Benjamin Tayari said the move is aimed at boosting the government's efforts to plant 15 billion trees by 2032 to mitigate climate change.

Three degraded sites were identified by the local communities. Some 1,900 trees will be planted at the highly degraded Bahati landing site in Mwazaro Village. Shimoni and Kichaka-Mkwajuni Primary Schools will each have 50 baobab trees.

The Authority, the chairman said, has plans to adopt other highly degraded sites by planting more mangrove trees at Wanga landing sites in Anziwani Village, Changai, and Kiwambale landing sites, respectively. "These sites have open patches

caused by ecological imbalances due to human activities and require continuous tree replenishment," said the chairman, adding that they are keen on planting and saving trees because they play a vital role in the ecosystem.

The chairman further revealed that the Authority has a full-fledged division handling environmental matters in all port facilities, guided by the KPA Green Port Policy.

The aim of the Green Port Policy, he said, is to make the Port of Mombasa a leading world port in the sound stewardship and management of the environment affected by port operations and to continuously improve the environment for both the community and staff.

The Authority, chairman Tayari said, uses new technology and recyclable materials for all new construction and development to reduce its carbon footprint.



Shimoni fish port project.

Is Raila's 10-Point Economic Blueprint designed to settle Political Scores With Ruto?



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga
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A few days ago, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition Party leader Raila Odinga offered President William Ruto a 10-point economic blueprint which he reasoned is a better alternative to proposed high taxes.

When I read this document, two questions came to my mind. Did the gesture demonstrate that he truly cared for the interests of ordinary Kenyans?

Was this a continuation of his well-known agenda of settling political scores with President Ruto?

As a person who understands the history of Raila, I want to say this without fear of contradictions.

His main goal here is to play politics. We know he has been harboring a bitter grudge with President Ruto which was triggered by the outcome of August 9, 2022 presidential elections.

Raila's thinking ever since is that he had won the polls but Ruto rigged him in a broad day light.

This is laughable; it is hard to believe it. Let me explain why.

First, Dr Ruto was not in good books with the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta and, in fact, he was considered to be more of an outsider than an insider.

At some point during the campaigns, President Uhuru would no longer play his political cards behind the scene.

He came out and openly declared he fully supported the candidature of Azimio leader Raila Odinga. I don't trust my deputy and I have no confidence in him. Let him wait. For now, I prefer Odinga to succeed me.

Mzee means for the country. If elected, he will continue from where I have left and take our nation to great heights of shared prosperity and success.

The senior government officials took the cue and joined their boss to drum up support for Raila.

As a result, this political machinery earned the names of 'Deep State' and 'System'.

On his part, Dr Ruto remained strong and never wavered. He would tell them. You have the 'systems'. For me, I have God and the people of Kenya to my side.

First forward to what transpired after Raila lost the elections to Dr Ruto.

He resorted to using the same old scripts he had used in previous elections.

He filed a petition at the Supreme Court of Kenya and he suffered the same setbacks.

In a unanimous decision, the sev-



Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition Party leader Raila Odinga

en-judge bench dismissed his case and consequently upheld the Dr Ruto's victory.

To arrive at their decision, the judges explained. The petition had been built on quick sand and shaky ground.

The allegations were nothing but a cocktail of raw propaganda, vendetta, half-truths and outright lies.

The local and international elections observers had also given the polls a clean of health.

The latter comprised observers from US, European Union, Africa Union and other parts of the world.

Up to date, Raila believe that Dr Ruto had compromised those who endorsed him. How? I have given the background. So, I doubt anyone would buy this?

For Raila, it is aluta continua. The war with Ruto is not yet over.

Many believe this is because the president has totally refused to cave in to his push to share the government with him.

Raila's anger is also exacerbated by what he sees as Ruto's demeaning and belittling altitude towards him. This is because the President has equally refused to invite him to a one-on-one meeting.

Well, media reports had indicated that the two leaders were regularly having conversations over the phone.

For Raila, he does not want this. This is what he would prefer.

After holding the meeting, President and himself emerge to address the waiting journalists.

Each would read the statement prepared and the text would be like this. Our meeting has borne the fruits. We have a deal that is premised on reconciling our people and ensuring

peace prevails on our country.

Also, engaging in a hearty shake of their hands. For Raila, he would want this to go down as marking a cessation of hostilities.

This explains why Raila is bitterly opposing Ruto's tax proposals and Affordable Housing Plan.

In his 10-point agenda, my attention would be drawn to the two which he had listed as the core ones.

One, corruption is what is messing up our country. So, we are asking Ruto to immediately withdraw the Finance Bill 2023 and focus on fighting corruption.

To me, these claims do not hold any water. Reason? For the eight months that Dr Ruto has been at the helm of power, we have not heard that any taxpayers' money had been looted or stolen.

Regarding the case of mosquito nets that roped in KEMSA and that of condemned sugar, no money was lost.

In the first one, the Global Fund had not released the money.

Turning to toxic sugar, the concern was on how this sugar was released into the market.

The media reports indicated this condemned sugar had arrived in 2018 and Kenya Bureau of Standard (KBS) immediately declared the consignment unfit for human consumption.

I'm sure you recall the 'Handshake' government led by President Uhuru and Raila Odinga was at the helm of power at the time.

It was also during their tenure that KEMSA was rocked by multiple mega scandals that roped in senior state officers.

They took advantage of Covid-19 pandemic to make a kill through

supply of air. The tenders to supply the safety equipment had been awarded without following the due process. We never heard Raila blowing the whistle. He was contented because he had fought his way to the high table.

Raila have also faulted Ruto's tax proposals on ground that a huge chunk of money would finance luxuries at State House, Deputy President (DP) office and that of Prime Cabinet Secretary.

The State House was being allocated almost similar amount of money during the reign of 'handshake' government. How come you remained quiet? With due respect, my call to Raila is: Control your anger. Stop inciting Kenyans in order to sabotage the government agenda.

The government has no money of its own. It relies on money it collects from the citizens to fulfill the promises.

President Ruto's first budget of Sh3.6 trillion is set to be tabled by Treasury cabinet secretary in the next few days.

He has been reiterating that this budget will help his administration to turnaround the economy.

We took over at a time when the country was being confronted by four main challenges; a ravaging drought (the worst in 40 years), dilapidated economy, huge foreign debts, Russia-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovering from devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic. When you find yourself in a hole, you don't dig it more. So, let us give him time.

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Worth Noting:

- First, Dr Ruto was not in good books with the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta and, in fact, he was considered to be more of an outsider than an insider.
- At some point during the campaigns, President Uhuru would no longer play his political cards behind the scene.
- He came out and openly declared he fully supported the candidature of Azimio leader Raila Odinga. I don't trust my deputy and I have no confidence in him. Let him wait. For now, I prefer Odinga to succeed me.
- Mzee means for the country. If elected, he will continue from where I have left and take our nation to great heights of shared prosperity and success.

To Be Faithful To Others Start With Yourself

By: N. George

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Worth Noting:

- Birds of a feather flock together. If you are a liar most probably those in your circles for long will tend to be liars. Each and every one of you will be comfortable with each other after lying to each other and your colleague establishing what happened you too will remember at time that you too lied to him.
- If the person you are dealing with is not a liar like you he will tend to avoid you or be extra cautious while transacting with you.
- Whatever culture you develop at personal level you are likely to extend it to those you interact with so if you are virtuous person you will likely extend this character to your colleagues.



If I must be faithful to someone or something, I have first of all I have to be faithful to myself.....Paulo Coelho.

Behavioral psychologists will bear witness that how one behaves reflects his way of thinking. You can study someone's behaviour to tell some of things that could be exciting or challenging him.

Acting differently from what you preach is easily noticed by those who follow you keenly and it becomes hard for them to trust you in any other issue as they assume that you are likely to follow the old habit of serving self-interests and openly lying without feeling ashamed.

Kids are well known for imitating what the senior people around them are doing more than listening to what

you are saying so if you are a compromising person even to your kids they will emulate you and would feel okay to lie then do the other actions different from what they verbally state.

You will find it unpleasant when they will nicely talk to you then like you go ahead and do what is contrary to what they have been advocating.

If you get used to lying to others it will not be abnormal to lie to yourself as lies will become part of your life. This will happen by your imagination that you have something that you really do not have that is why some people lie to themselves that they can use debt to finance their living and fail to pay the debt. They can claim that those they owe will forget or fail to find something commensu-

rate with what they owe them that they can use as compensation.

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a certain aspect you are likely to influence those around you to be so.

Loving yourself makes you to wish to remain as pure and positive as possible hence try to maintain this at all costs hence you will not contaminate yourself staying true to your course minimizing the chances of committing error. You can only share what you have try to endow yourself with what is good so that when you want to share with others you give what will not be regrettable to both you and the person who you are sharing with.

KCA University Envisions a World Class Creative Arts Centre

By: John Kariuki

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KCA University is positioning itself to establish a globally competitive creative arts centre to match and feed the budding creative economy in the country and across the borders.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaiah Wakindiki shares with us this ambitious plan.

“The whole focus is not just on the centre but this University has a very vibrant department that deals with film and creative industry in general. And now we want to empower our learners further by linking them directly with the industry and that’s why we are talking about the creative industry centre established at KCA where our creative artists right from graduation can enter in the centre and link with the industry while they are learners here.

So, we are at the beginning of setting up a creative centre but the department is up and learning and has



KCA University Creative industry hosting CS Ababu Namwamba.

already graduated quite a number of students and currently we have about 500 students who are registered in various degrees around the creative industry.”

VC added that the Creative Centre will be a one stop shop:

“Creative industry is wide that Will involve things like film making, we

will have fashion designers, actors, among others. This is a national centre, it’s not a domestic and a personal centre so we are developing some partnerships with both the Government and the private sector to establish this centre for creative arts.”

The VC spoke on Thursday when KCA University hosted Hon. Ababu

Namwamba, Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, the Arts and Sports for a panel discussion on “Creative Economy as an exciting frontier for national development.”

On his part, the Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Film Commission Mr. Timothy Owase noted:

“We have discussed various as-

pects relating to the growing of the creative economy in this country. Kenya Film Commission is a critical player to see to it that we have a properly working creative industry that is able to actually create wealth for our nation.

We are already partnering with the University in areas of capacity Building because we believe the University is a centre of excellence when it comes to releasing practical skills that will be applicable in the film industry, so we partner with the university in terms of identifying and nurturing talents and I wish to reiterate the fact that as the University plans to set up a centre for creative arts basically the Commission is willing to work with the University to see to it that the centre will be able to offer an array of products and services that will be able to help this country move to the next level as far as the skills within the industry, services in the creative sector as well as nurturing talent that is world class.”

Congratulations Galore To Newly Elected KNCCI President

By: John Kariuki

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Newly elected Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) President Dr. Eric Rutto has continued to receive heaps of congrats after his Thursday evening well-deserved win.

Dr. Rutto clinched the seat after garnering 291 votes against the outgoing President Richard Ngatia who managed 208 votes.

KNCCI Nairobi Chapter Chairman James Wanjohi congratulated and wished him well

In his congratulatory message, Mr. Wanjohi, an astute businessman noted:

“Congratulations Dr. Eric Rutto on your election as the new KNCCI President. Am looking forward to working with you and you can count on my support and input as a director KNCCI. Let us serve our members and our nation in togetherness Unity



KNCCI President Dr. Eric Rutto.

if purpose a d oneness. Once again hongera our new Chambers’ President.”

Rutto, who has been the chamber’s vice president, will be deputised by Mustapha Ramadhan. While unveil-

ing his manifesto on Tuesday, Rutto pledged more inclusivity within the chambers including plans to increase participation by women and youth owned businesses.

This, he said, will also apply to



KNCCI Nairobi Chapter Chairman James Wanjohi .

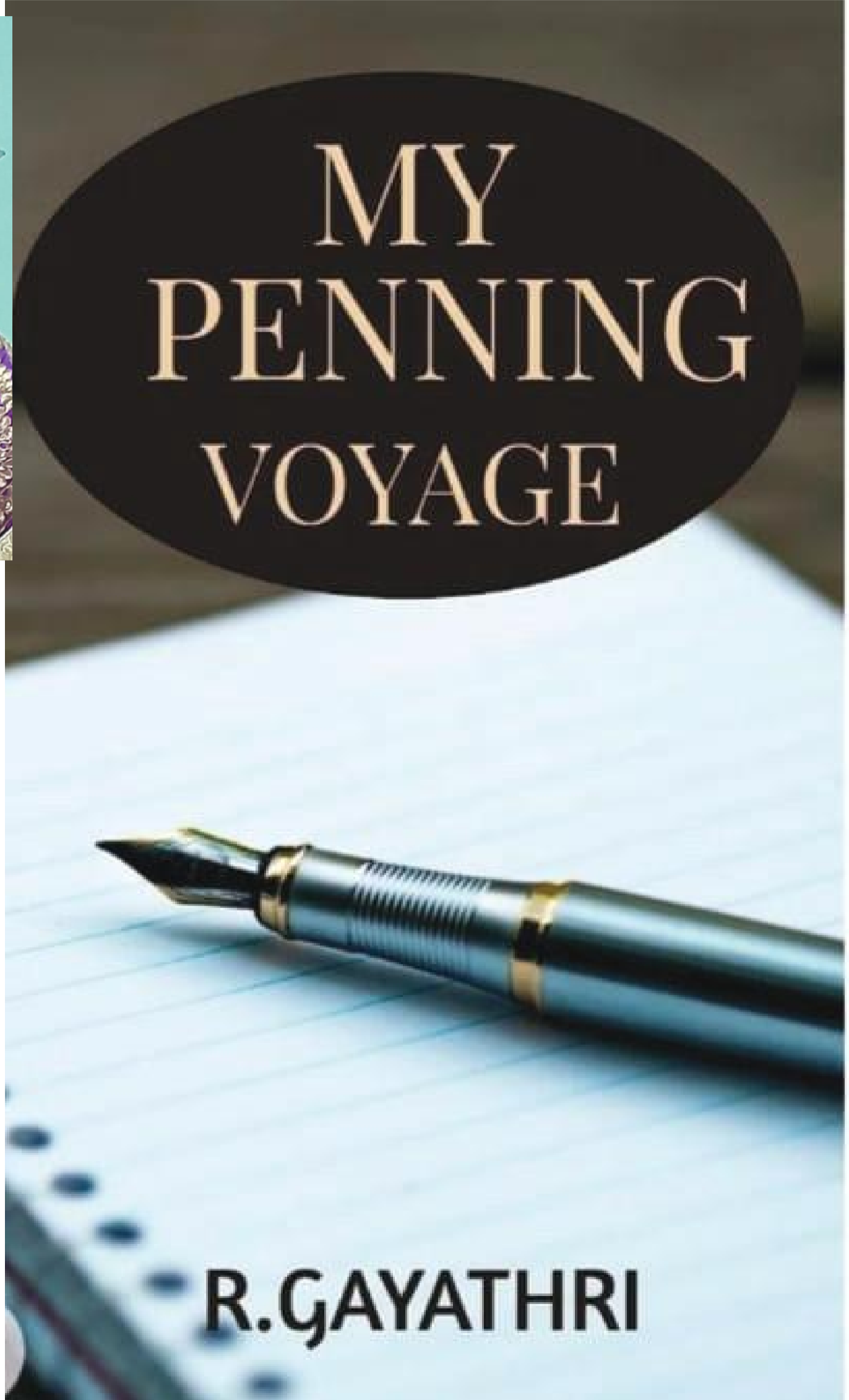
businesses ran by persons living with disabilities.

Rutto also said he was going to create a business conducive environment if he won the seat.

His plan is to be achieved through advocacy, networking and collabora-

tion, economic diplomacy, strengthening governance and leadership at the chamber and market linkages and diplomacy.

Gayathri Author My Penning voyage



Mrs. Gayathri working as a Mathematics teacher in Dharmapuri Dt, Tamilnadu state. Her passion is reading books and writing poems in English and Tamil. During covid times, Creative Writers group kindled her thoughts in the way of poems, a new journey. She published the first book named "My penning voyage" in the month of May 2022. It's available in Amazon and Flipkart websites.

It consists of 100 poems on various topics. Everyone can understand easily and you can feel the taste of reading. The topics related to life oriented situations, nature, relationships and leaders also.

I must thank Brinda madam, creator of Creative Writers group who has been given opportunity for many of the writers.

R. GAYATHRI

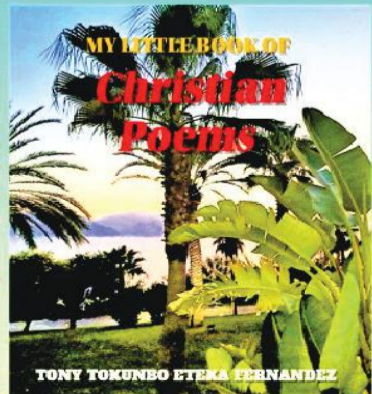
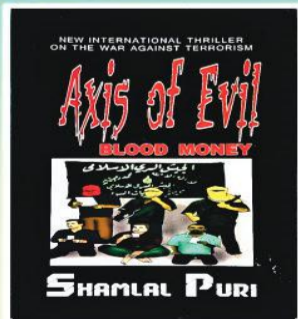
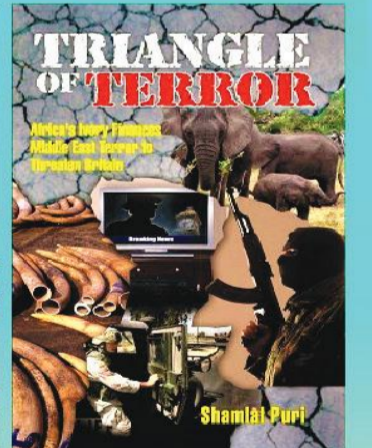
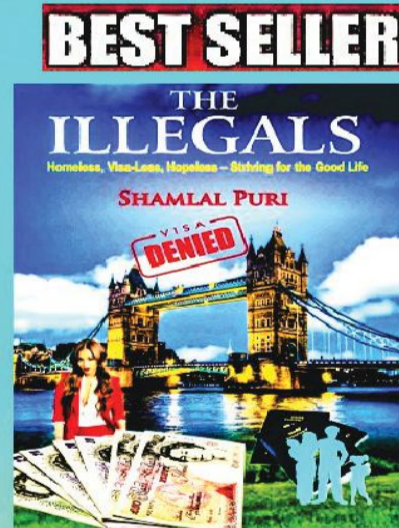
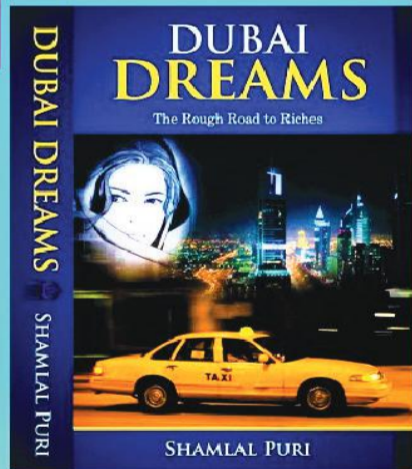
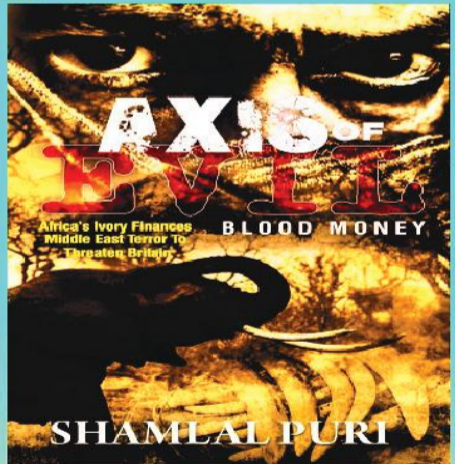
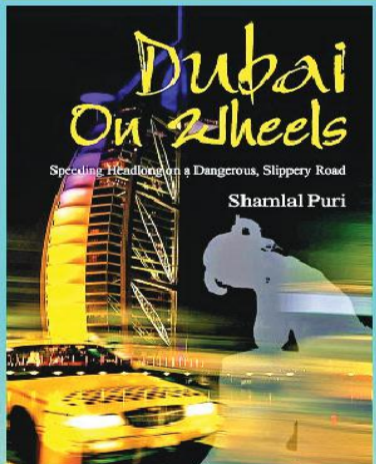
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BUSINESS

Gov't Puts Measures To Curb Dollar Shortage

By: Christine Muchira



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Worth Noting:

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- “Dollar unavailability has been a big challenge, aggravated by the devaluation and sliding of the Kenya shilling,” added the Cabinet Secretary.

The government is easing pressure on the country's Foreign Exchange (Forex) Reserve by implementing a raft of measures that will ensure dollar availability.

Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir said the government-to-government fuel importation deal that the State has entered into with three international oil firms will ease the dollar shortage that has been crippling the economy for the last one year.

Chirchir noted that petroleum products account for about 35 per cent of the total Forex requirements, adding that under the deal, firms will nominate local oil marketers that will oversee the importation and collection of money that will then be paid after the expiry of a six-month credit period.

He added that the credit period, in addition to oil marketers paying for products using the shilling as opposed to dollars as has been the case, is expected to reduce demand for the US dollar and reduce pressure on the foreign exchange reserves that are at their lowest levels in over a decade.

The CS explained that a key objective of the arrangement is to reduce the demand for the US dollar driven by petroleum imports by extending the time required to source dollars from five days to 180 days.

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Chirchir spoke when he commissioned a new bottom loading system at the Kenya Pipeline Company depot in Nakuru.

He said the tightening of monetary policy by the US government due to post-Covid 19 inflation that hit all-time high 9 per cent had contributed to the dollar shortage.

Kenya has selected Saudi Arabia Oil Company (Saudi Aramco), Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc), and Emirates National Oil Company (Enoc) to supply petroleum products on credit for nine months (270 days), with an extended credit period of six months (180 days).

Saudi Aramco will supply two cargoes of diesel every month, Adnoc another two cargoes of diesel and one cargo of dual-purpose kerosene, while Enoc will bring in three car-

goes of super petrol per month.

Prior to the government-to-government fuel importation deal, companies that import products for their production, such as oil marketers and manufacturers, were forced to buy a dollar at a premium to the Central Bank of Kenya's official average exchange rate.

This saw the spread between the US dollar's printed rate by the CBK and the market rate for customers quoted by banks and foreign exchange bureaus widen.

Mr Chirchir, who was flanked by Nakuru Governor Susan Kihika, stated that the government had made significant progress in curtailing the fast depreciation of the shilling when inflation was being caused by the tightening of the US foreign Forex policy.

He pointed out that dealing directly with the oil-producing countries would give Kenya an opportunity to get the fuel at discounted prices.

“I want to assure our fuel companies that they will now be able to pay for their fuel in Kenya shillings; they will no longer have to look for dollars every month because we as a government have done what we must do to ensure that we ease the burden of people who want to realize their returns in dollars,” the CS added.

The local oil industry requires about Sh64 billion every month to buy approximately 740,000 metric tonnes

of petroleum products. The oil marketing companies have to pay the importers in US dollars.

The cause of the dollar shortage has been attributed to various factors, including declining exports, high import bills, and reduced remittances. Foreign exchange reserves are largely tapped for government payments such as servicing external debts and essential government imports such as pharmaceuticals.

The CBK keeps foreign currency reserves such as dollars, euros, Japanese yen, and other currencies as a financial safety net.

The reserves, the bulk of which are in US dollars, also serve as backup funds in unlikely emergencies such as the devaluation of the shilling, thus giving confidence to investments.

Paying in local currency rate than what has been factored in the price caps.

It will also ensure the security of fuel supply, avoiding scenarios witnessed previously whereby some oil marketers could not find dollars to pay importers and, in turn, could not access their products to the extent that they started experiencing shortages in some of their retail outlets.

The Cabinet Secretary disclosed that the commissioned bottom loading system had been manufactured by local engineers, adding that it will reduce long truck queues at the storage facility as it pumps into a fuel tanker 1400 cubic litres of fuel per minute.

“It is the first of the proposed 15 we intend to set up. We want to gradually phase out the top loading system, where a staff member climbs on top of the tanker, exposing them to the risk of fire and hazardous fumes. We will continue to invest in safer and more efficient technologies,” the CS disclosed.

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Africa To Showcase Green Growth Potential, Attract Investments At Climate Summit, Cs Tuya

By: Christine Muchira



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya

Worth Noting:

- CS Tuya spoke on Friday at a meeting of youth leaders convened by the Dutch Ambassador to Kenya Maarten Bouwer at his Nairobi residence to discuss young people's participation in the Africa Climate Summit. The representatives were drawn from various climate action youth organisations.
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Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya has said Africa will showcase her rich green growth potential including renewable energy resources, and pitch for increased investments at the inaugural Africa Climate Summit set for September 4th to 6th in Nairobi.

"The Africa Climate Summit will take a resource display and a capital invite approach. This is the approach we want to take in our September summit, so that we can exploit Africa's resources. The whole world will be invited to bring their capital to Africa to foster climate positive green growth," CS Tuya said.

"It is going to be about resources and capital. Africa will showcase its resources to the world, and invite the world to bring its capital to Africa if indeed we're keen on tackling the climate challenge," she added.

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She said the success of the Africa Climate Summit will depend on the participation of Africa's climate action partners, and invited all stakeholder groups to take a keen interest in the three-day conference that will be held concurrently with this year's annual Africa Climate Week.

"Africa Climate Summit is going to be delivered through partnerships.

Kenya cannot deliver the summit on its own. We want to collectively come up with complimentary solutions to the climate crisis.

"We must put our heads together because the nature of climate crisis is such that it has no boundaries, it affects all of us. If we continue with the status quo, we're all going to suffer.

"It beholds on all of us to come together, think together as a globe, not just Africa. To come up with bankable solutions to the climate crisis," CS Tuya said.

"As we bring the African voice together, we want our voice to resonate with that of the North so that we bridge the gap, and stop the finger pointing. We have to come up with a common position on how to tackle the climate crisis," she added.

On the outcomes of the first of its kind conference, CS Tuya said co-hosts Kenya and the African Union anticipate a declaration that will among other aspects consolidate the continent's green growth priori-

ties including new climate financing mechanisms.

In his opening remarks, Amb Bouwer said Kenya was a global leader in climate action, and urged Kenyan youth to take a frontline role in climate action saying young people are "a powerful source of change".

"Kenya has been an exemplary leader in climate action regionally and globally. Take for example in the power sector where 90 percent of all power is coming from renewable energy sources. There are not many countries that can say that," Amb Bouwer said.

Also present at the meeting were German Ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth and his European Union counterpart Henriette Geiger as well as representatives of American and Swedish embassies.

Weapons Recovered, Scores Arrested In Nakuru

By: Anne Sabuni and Merceline Khaemba
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Security agents in Nakuru County have arrested 78 suspected criminals believed to be behind a spate of stabbings and armed robberies in the Kaptembwa and Rhonda areas.

Led by County Commissioner Loyford Kibaara, the team recovered assorted weapons from the blood-thirsty gangs that have caused the residents sleepless nights in the recent past.

Speaking at the Central Police Station, where swords, knives, ported marijuana, and other crude weapons were displayed, Kibaara regretted that the 78 were young men who were supposed to be helpful to the community but had opted to join criminal gangs.

“These are very dangerous weapons that they have been using to terrorize the residents while extorting money and valuables from them. As we

said, we are not going to give them room,” said Kibaara, noting that the 78 will be arraigned in court.

He assured the residents of continued security, noting that the resurgent criminal gangs had been abated by security officers who had over-stayed in the area.

Three people had been killed as a result of the resurgence of the Confirmed, TZ, Mungiki, and Mauki criminal gangs, with the officers decrying the lenient fines and penalties meted out to them once they were arrested.

Cases of stabbings and killings have in the recent past been reported, with members of the Mauki gang group said to be in revenge mode following the killing of their leader last week.



Nakuru County based government officials displaying assorted weapons.

Governor Mwangaza Unveils Laare Health Center Upgrade

By: Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza
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In a momentous visit to the Laare Health Center grounds yesterday in Igembe North, Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza left an indelible mark as she launched a transformative project aimed at bolstering healthcare services in the region.

The focal point of her visit was the official opening of the much-anticipated men’s ward, signifying a substantial stride forward in the provision of gender-balanced medical care.

In a ceremony attended by local leaders, healthcare professionals, and community members, Mwangaza unveiled her ambitious plan to enhance the healthcare infrastructure and service delivery within the precincts of the Laare Health Center, including making it a level 4 hospital.

The governor’s approach is expected to revolutionise the healthcare landscape of the region, promising improved access and quality medical services for all.

Laare Health Centre will also receive other benefits, including the expansion of the emergency department, the procurement of advanced medical equipment, and the recruitment of additional medical personnel to bolster the center’s workforce.

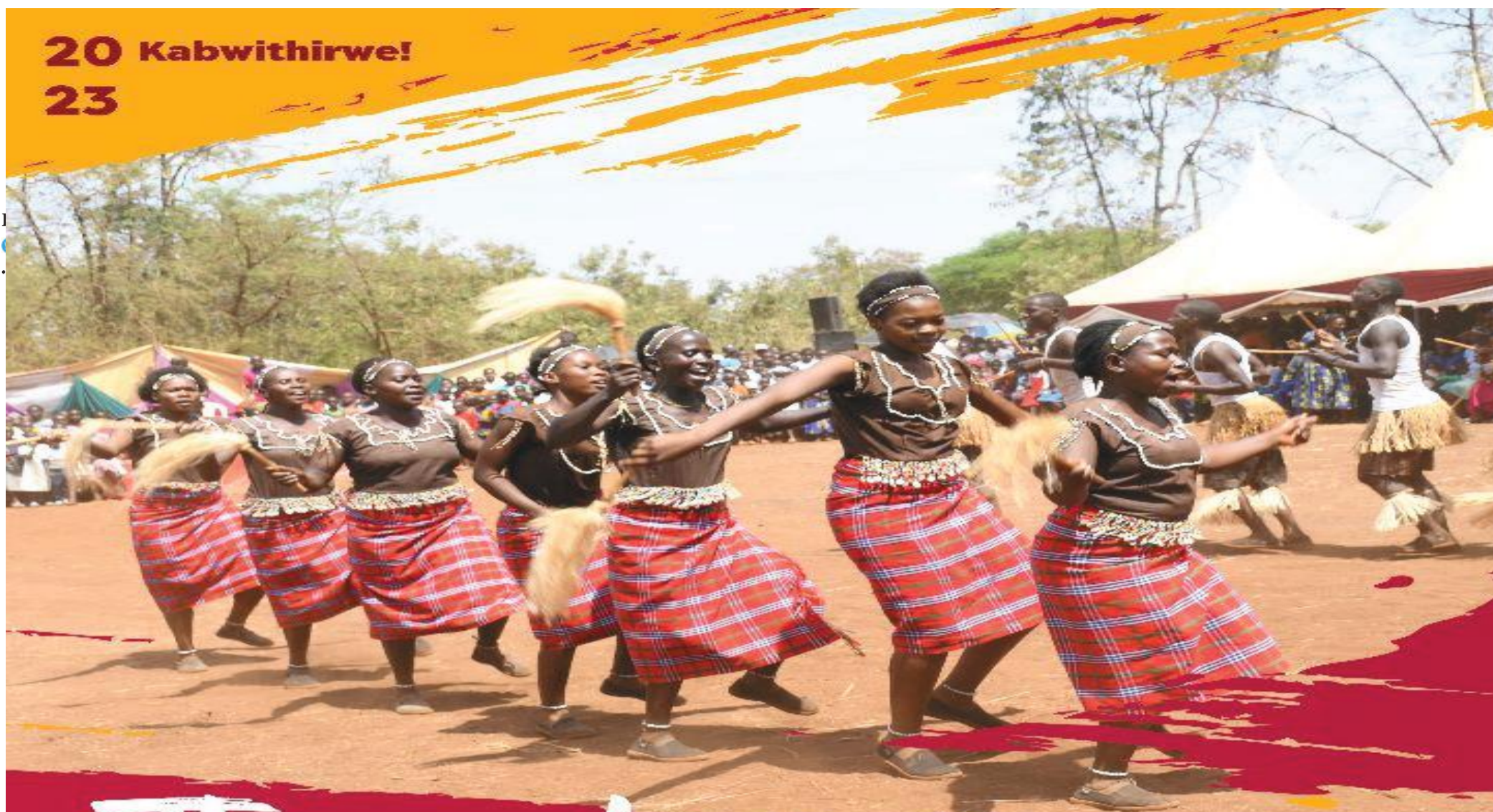
The residents, who could not hide their joy, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Governor Mwangaza for her unwavering dedication to uplift the healthcare status of the region.

Mwangaza further expressed her commitment to ensuring Laare Health Center becomes a beacon of medical excellence and a symbol of progress for the entire region. “It’s my wish that this facility gives effective, efficient, and quality health services to Mwananchi,” Mwangaza said.



Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza

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BUSINESS

Cairo Named New Venue For 3rd Intra-African Trade Fair

By: Christine Muchira

The Egyptian capital city of Cairo has been announced as the new host of the third Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF2023) which will take place from 9 to 15 November 2023.

The IATF2023 Advisory Council said in Cairo that the decision to change the venue and dates of the continental event, originally scheduled for Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 21 to 27 November 2023, followed indications received from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire that it was no longer in a position to host the trade fair due to difficulties faced in importing semi-permanent structures and in complying with certain hosting requirements.

Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, Chairman of the IATF2023 Advisory Council, which is the governance body of the trade fair, commended the commitment of the Egyptian Government for agreeing to step in as the new host. "We must thank the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for its responsiveness, flexibility and dedication in, once again, hosting the Intra-African Trade Fair," said Chief Obasanjo. "This, undoubtedly, demonstrates its commitment to promoting and expanding trade among African countries. With Egypt, the biennial IATF was launched in 2018 with flying colours. We, therefore, reassure all IATF2023 stakeholders, including exhibitors, conference delegates, buyers and trade visitors, that we have no doubt that the experience we have gained with Egypt in 2018 and with South Africa during the second edition in Durban in 2021, will make this third edition of Africa's premier trade and investment platform a success beyond our expectations."

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"Coordination is underway with the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) to host the third edition of the Intra-African Trade Fair, due to be held during 9th – 15th November 2023," said Eng.

Ahmed Samir, Minister of Trade and Industry of Egypt. "We are keen on

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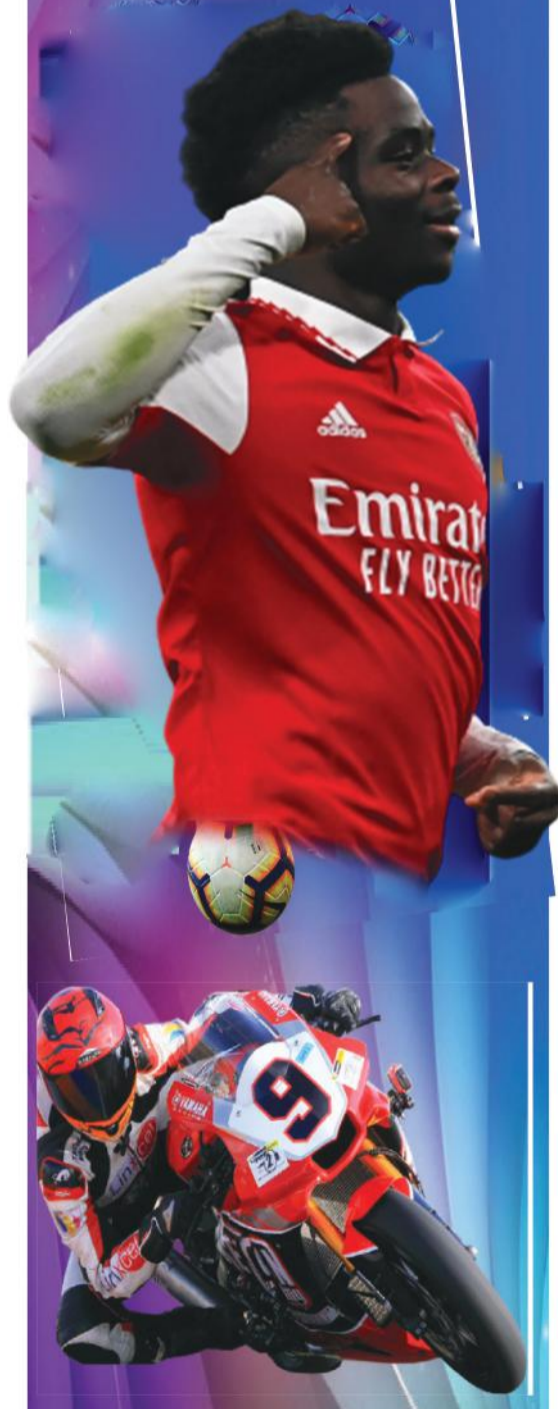
rican Continental Free Trade Area." IATF2023 harkens to the decision of the 2023 Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union which adopted "Acceleration of AfCFTA Implementation" as the African Union Theme of the Year 2023. This underscores the high im-

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Sports >> *Former Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema was unveiled as an Al-Ittihad player in front of thousands of fans in Saudi Arabia on Thursday, a day after the oil-rich kingdom just failed to reel in Lionel Messi.

After missing out on Messi, Saudis give Benzema gala welcome



Karim Benzema being welcomed in Jeddah. PHOTO/Al Ittihad.

Former Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema was unveiled as an Al-Ittihad player in front of thousands of fans in Saudi Arabia on Thursday, a day after the oil-rich kingdom just failed to reel in Lionel Messi.

Fireworks and flame-throwers greeted Benzema, wearing their black and yellow kit with the number nine, at Al-Ittihad's 60,000-seater stadium in Jeddah, where a giant 'KB9' was emblazoned on the pitch in bright lights.

"Assalam o aleikum!" (Hello), the 35-year-old said to the crowd, before hoisting the Ballon d'Or — the trophy he won last year — above his head.

Benzema joins Portugal idol Cristiano Ronaldo as the latest superstar to join the Saudi Pro League, which has a hit-list of

high-profile targets, according to a source close to the negotiations.

The Frenchman's appearance in Jeddah follows a strenuous Saudi courtship of Messi before the Argentina World Cup-winner opted for Inter Miami on Wednesday as his final club before retiring.

It also comes after Saudi-funded LIV Golf pulled off a shock merger with the PGA Tour and DP World Tour following more than a year of acrimony and legal disputes that divided the sport.

Benzema, who won five Champions Leagues, four La Liga titles and three Copas del Rey with Madrid, said he was hoping for more silverware with the Saudi champions.

"I'm hungry, I want to play and

show what I can still do on the pitch, and especially to put the club where it should be, which is right at the top," he told a brief press conference.

With billions of dollars in oil wealth, Saudi Arabia has been on a buying spree of sports assets as part of plans to diversify its economy and attract tourism and investment.

The conservative monarchy, often targeted over its human rights record, bought English club Newcastle United in 2021, the same year it hosted its first Formula One Grand Prix.

— 'Je t'aime Benzema' —

In January, Ronaldo, 37, joined Riyadh club Al-Nassr in a two-and-a-half-year deal said to total more than 400 million euros.

No figure has been released for Benzema.

The Public Investment Fund sovereign wealth vehicle which is behind the purchases also took controlling stakes in four clubs including Al-Ittihad and Al-Nassr this week.

Saudi Arabia, whose neighbour Qatar hosted the World Cup last year, is tipped to bid for the tournament after exploring a tri-continental edition with Egypt and Greece.

Supporters, many wearing Al-Ittihad colours, created a festive atmosphere at the unveiling, waving yellow flags and placards saying "Benzema 9" and "Je t'aime Benzema" (I love you, Benzema — in French).

A drone image of the player's face hovered above the venue in the Red Sea city, the gateway to the holy city of Mecca where Benzema, a Muslim, has performed two "umra" pilgrimages.

Banners welcoming Benzema adorned the city, and according to press reports, 60,000 tickets at the symbolic price of nine riyals (\$2.50) sold out within five hours.

After joining Madrid in 2009 from Lyon, Benzema made 648 appearances and is second on Real's all-time goalscoring list with 354 — only Ronaldo has more.

But after a stellar 2021-22 season when he led Real to Champions League glory and was rewarded with the Ballon d'Or, he was troubled by injuries in 2022-23 and missed France's World Cup campaign in Qatar.

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Physical trainer Adem Koyuncu, Team Manager Tolgahan Tuglu and assistant coach Kenan Atik. PHOTO/Timothy Olobulu.

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The tactician has brought on board Kennan Atik as a new assistant coach, an additional member of the coaching unit having already had William Muluya and Ken Odhiambo as his assistants.

Atik has worked as coach during different stints at his former club

Denizlispor between 2020.

He has also brought on board Adem Koyuncu as the new physiotherapist while Tolgahan Tuglu will be the new Team Manager of the national team.

“Kenan is a very experienced coach. He knows me well and how I am thinking. He also knows very well how to work in development of young players. His job will not only be the senior national team but also to bring structured in our youth national teams so that we have a real program for the future,”

Firat said on the new addition of an assistant coach.

On the new physio Koyuncu, Firat said; “We have to adapt more to professional ways with machines and things to help the team recover and also players coming back well after injury.”

“We also have a new Team Manager who is very experienced in international football. I believe it is not enough to only be a team manager on the ground, you also have to bring new relations from international fronts,” the tactician said.

Jectan Oitiang’or was the previous Team Manager while Enos Karani was the Physical Trainer, but both have now been replaced. Stars are preparing to travel to Mauritius on Saturday, ahead of the four-nation invitational tournament against the hosts, Pakistan and Djibouti.

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What Is Happiness?

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Worth Noting:

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- Happiness is actually happiness when we open our eyes in the morning and see a bright world, they answered.

In our life, we see many people. We have also come across that their lifestyles, worldviews, and opinions are different for each person. There are such situations when people are stuck in problems and feel unhappy. But their strong will and patience help them. Having support of the closest friends and family members will increase their self-confidence and help them feel that they are strong. They can feel happy with them. Happiness is actually having loved ones and family near us. It is also a great happiness that they are proud of us. About happiness, what is it really? When I conducted a survey asking about happiness, what is it really, what do we imagine it to be, this was the answer from my close people:

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What do you see happiness in? Do you share happiness? Have you ever thought about these things?

If we study and consider the opinions of famous people about happiness, Joseph Addison once stated that happiness is based on three laws.

Be busy.

Someone who loves.

Believing in something.

It is true that a person needs to do some kind of business, because the creative process fills life with meaning. When each day ends with creating something new, you involuntarily realize that this is happiness. Love also plays an important role in the formation of happiness. Many statements about happiness are related to love. And, of course, faith. Hu-



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mans are so arranged that they only have to believe in something and hope for something. Even atheists believe that they believe in nothing. Well, yes, it turns out to be a play on words, but if you look at it, it's real. I think we all understand it in our own way. You can't touch happi-

ness, you can't smell it, you can't taste it, but it's not hard to notice. Happiness is the joy of a child who presents a small fluffy friend - a kitten, this is the sparkle in the eyes of newlyweds, this is the cry of a newborn baby, which delights and delights the ear. Happiness is such a

wonderful feeling that everyone has the right to feel.

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