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# Kenya To Host The 25th Africa Energy Forum Next Week

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Kenya is set to host the 25th Africa Energy Forum (AEF) 2023 on June 20 to 23 this year at Kenyatta International Convention Centre in Nairobi.

Addressing the media on the upcoming event at a Nairobi hotel yesterday, the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir said the forum titled 'Africa for Africa in building energy for the just transition' seeks to foster interactive conversations on energy needs in Africa.

Chirchir said the event that brings together key stakeholders in the energy sector aims to promote gender diversity and inclusion in the sector as well as highlight the crucial role of international and private investors and governments on how to meet their energy needs.

He said this is the first time Kenya is privileged to host the AEF 2023 forum, an event that will see the country handing over the mantle to Egypt who will host the AEF 2024.

"The African continent is witnessing a transformation in its energy landscape and Kenya is at the forefront of this transition," said the CS.

He added that Kenya is a beacon of renewable energy in the African region and recognised as a global leader in renewable energy deployment, demonstrating its commitment to a sustainable and environment friendly energy.

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The CS said the forum that will be hosted by the Ministry in collaboration with KenGen also seeks to grow access of electricity in the country which is currently over 78 percent which is projected to rise towards the 100 percent target in the Kenya Kwanza government.

He said Kenya is celebrating milestones made by green energy de-

ployment with 93 percent of energy consumed and harnessed from renewable sources like geothermal, hydro, wind, solar, biomass among others

Chirchir announced that the government is working to incorporate and grow clean green energy cooking technologies from 70 percent of biomass used in homesteads to liquefied petroleum gas which is set to go up

to 100 percent in the next 4 years to reduce the carbon footprint.

He reiterated that the AEF 2023 will also mark the launch of the Youth Energy Summit set to empower African youth in the energy industry with an aim of providing a platform for engagements, collaborations and capacity building in the energy sector.

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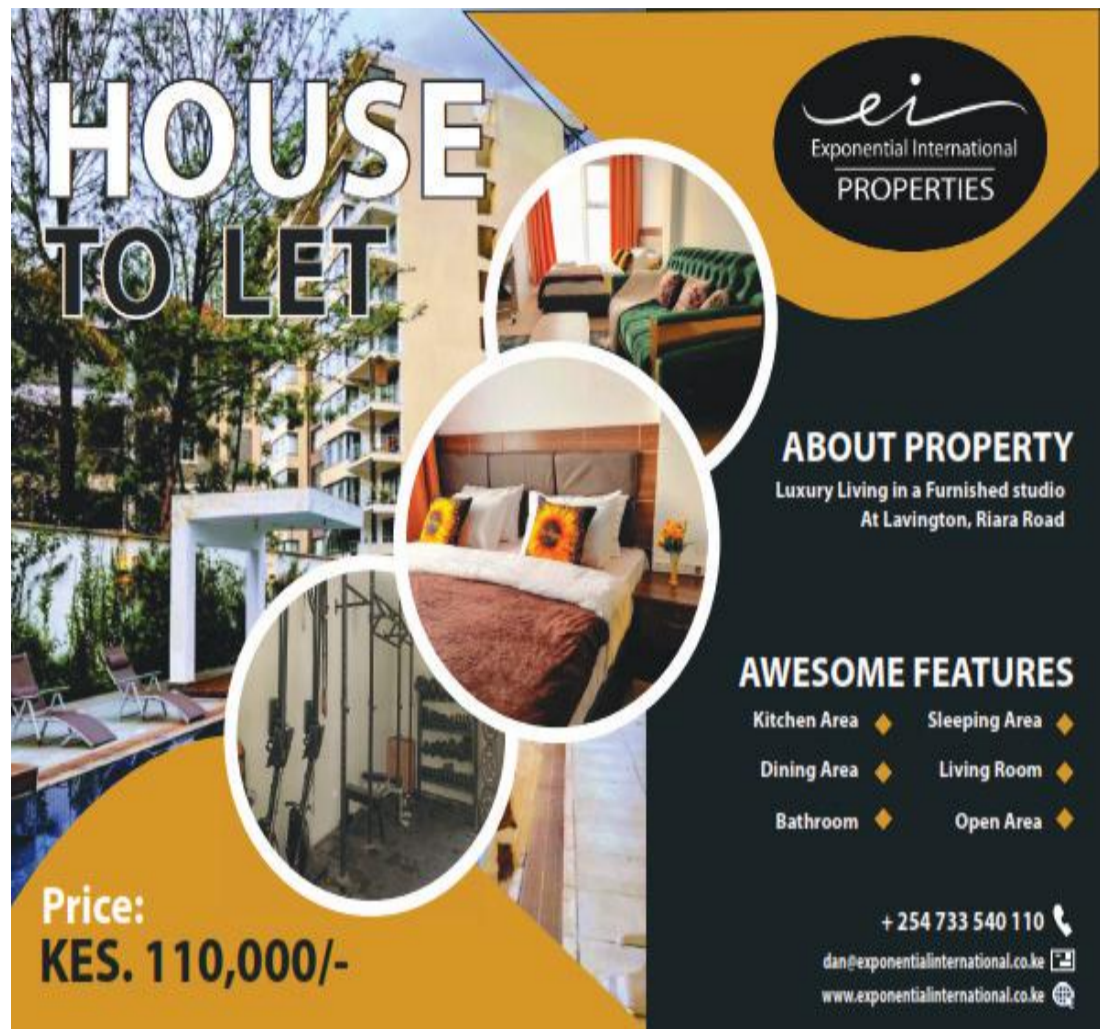
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# ODPC To Institute Reforms To Accommodate Special Groups

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The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) is in the process of updating its regulations and policies to accommodate special interest groups.

According to the Principal Registration and Certification Officer at the ODPC Mr. Boniface Gathee, the office is working on legal reforms on the Data Protection Act of 2019 to ensure that it accommodates the concerns raised by People with Disability and other special groups.

“Basically, data should be presented to you in a way that you can read and understand. We are still updating our regulations and policies to fully capture and take care of the special groups,” he said.

“We are also trying to do some legal reforms so that we adequately bring out the aspects that affect these special interest groups within the Data Protection Act,” added Gathee who

was speaking during a Data Protection sensitization forum in Nyeri.

Additionally, Gathee urged members of the public to embrace the online method to lodge their data related complaints.

He noted that in addition to putting in place safeguards to regulate and protect the rights of data subjects, the ODPC website had set up an elaborate online platform to allow members of the public and the different categories of data handlers to access the various services offered by the ODPC.

“You can file your complaint on your phone or your computer as long as you have the internet. When people file a complaint, we acknowledge it within seven days. The matter is then investigated and a determination is issued. Notably, the powers of the ODPC’s determination are legally binding because they can only be appealed in the High court,” said Gathee.

As at May this year, the ODPC had received a total of 2,675 complaints from members of the public. Out of



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these, 857 cases have been admitted while close to 80 per cent of the complaints were dismissed with the Data Commissioner, Immaculate

Kassait, citing that a majority of the complaints had been filed by third parties. Similarly, the office declined complaints that had been any-

mously filed or duplicated.

# CS Machogu Orders School Lessons To End By 3.45Pm

By: Capital Correspondent

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Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu has asked headteachers of primary and secondary education to ensure teaching starts at 8.00am and ends at 3.45pm on weekdays.

Machogu said the Ministry provides for a maximum of 6 hours teaching, noting that education of learners should be natural and not forced.

He said Finland has a 3 hour teaching regime yet it is reputed to have a world-class system of education.

He stressed the need for schools to adhere to the school hours which allows learners to manage their own learning and engage in Physical education activities.

The Cabinet Secretary said this when the officials of the Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (KESSHA) led by Chairman, Min-

dimuli Kahi paid a courtesy call on him at his Office at Jogoo House.

Present during the occasion was the Principal Secretary for the State Department of Basic Education, Belio Kipsang.

Machogu, however, thanked KESSHA for the support it was giving the government in the management of education and in particular, the education reform the government is undertaking.

Kipsang challenged the leadership of KESSHA to regulate the costing of school uniforms among its members.

Indimuli raised various issues he wants the Ministry to address to make it easier for principals to manage secondary schools.

The chairperson identified capitation funds for free day secondary education programme, school uniform, disbursement of curriculum materials, management of co-curricular activities and auditing of school finances as some of the issues the association wants the ministry to ad-



Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu

dress.

The Cabinet Secretary said the Ministry will set up a team to study the issues and provide solutions to them.

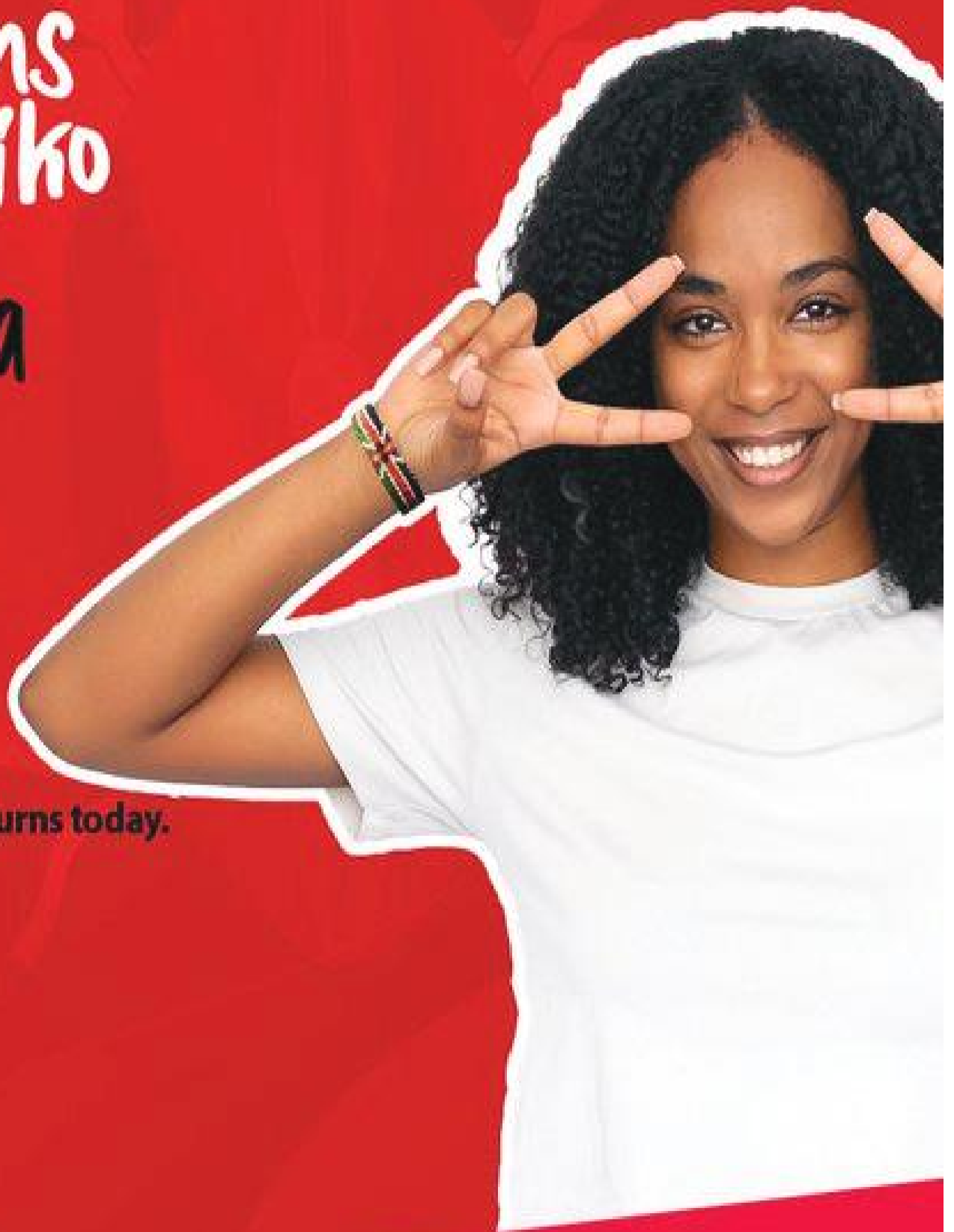
He, however, asked the association to submit proposals on possible ways of addressing the issues.

Present during the meeting were se-

nior officials in the Ministry and the executive officials of KESSHA.



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# Kenyans Urged To Register For NHIF Cover For Ease In Medical Attention

By: Diana Meneto

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Kenyans have been urged to register for the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) medical cover so as to be able to access health care services with ease.

Speaking in Kajiado during the Community Engagement Open Day, NHIF Nairobi Regional Manager Ms. Mary Nyachae said that medical bills in Kenya are currently very expensive but with the NHIF cover, Kenyans can access medical services at convenient, affordable rates.

“We should all register for NHIF as through it, the government is committed to ensure that all its citizens’ access health care services in all hospitals that are NHIF accredited. Instead of organising harambees every now and then to seek funds to clear medical bills, NHIF will ensure that one can access health care services in an easy convenient way without bothering other people,” said Nyachae.

Nyachae remarked that NHIF covers outpatient and inpatient services, dialysis, renal, oncological services, all drugs and medications, maternity and various other services at an affordable fee of Sh 500 per month.

“NHIF has also improved its services as an organisation by automating identification of beneficiaries through the use of biometrics. Through a web based system, hospitals can now register beneficiaries thus one can also register as they visit the hospital,” added Nyachae.

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Assistant County Secretary Ms. Naomi Parinkoi also urged Kajiado residents to register with NHIF and revealed that in addition to the 24,000 people already sponsored by the county for the Universal Health Cover, it is planning to support 1,167

more households in payment for the cover in the next financial year.

Yahe Abubakar, one of the registered NHIF members also urged residents to register with the healthcare cover, reiterating that it is affordable and reliable.

“I have really benefited from the NHIF Cover. I had kidney problems and the NHIF cover paid for shs 450,000 medical bill. My child also had heart problems and NHIF settled her shs 1.5 Million bill which I could not afford had I not registered with NHIF. I therefore urge all Kenyans to register,” said Abubakar

Another beneficiary, Mary Malit says that NHIF has helped her settle her medical bill of Sh 600,000 which accrued after she underwent stomach surgery.

“If I wasn’t registered with NHIF, clearing the bill could have been a huge challenge given that the cows which I depended on as my source of livelihood were ravaged by the recent drought,” said Malit

To create awareness on the services it offers, NHIF is currently undertaking Community Engagement Open Days Nationwide which entails rallying people to register for the health cover, addressing challenges faced by the beneficiaries and free medical camps as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

The sensitisation programme took place in Kajiado town, Enkorika and Ilbissil town centers.

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# KEPSA Unveils New Leadership During Its 19th AGM

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KEPSA's 19th AGM.

## Worth Noting:

- KEPSA CEO, Ms Carole Kariuki noted that the organisation will be embarking on the implementation of its new business strategy over the next five years focusing on creating a globally competitive and prosperous Kenya by 2027.
- “The new business strategy challenges us into building partnerships and shared vision with the government and all other stakeholders to realize an enabling business environment that delivers Kenya’s global competitiveness.” Said Ms Kariuki. She also reported that in the recent past, the organization’s membership has experienced a surge of micro and small enterprises who continue to benefit from some of its programs and projects and will be supported further to scale up, including through integration into various priority value chains where larger enterprises operate.

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) has appointed Mr Jaswinder Bedi of Bedi Investment to serve as the Chairperson of its Board of Directors and Ms Brenda Mbathi of the American Chamber of Commerce, Kenya as the Vice-Chairperson during the organization’s 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was held today at Serena Hotel.

Mr Bedi, who has served as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board since 2021 succeeds Ms Flora Mutahi after her two-year tenure at the helm of the KEPSA Board. The KEPSA Board also received fresh blood from newly appointed Directors replacing the outgoing Directors, having served their term.

The changes also heralded new leadership at the institution’s Governing Council where various sector leaders were handed the mandate to steer the sector boards.

KEPSA, which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary later this year, has made a significant contribution to the economy and the business

operating landscape by working together and building formidable partnerships with the government across all arms, its members and all other stakeholders.

At the AGM, KEPSA emphasized its unwavering commitment to the growth, support and representation of its members by continuing to foster an environment of collaboration and shared success and ensuring that its members thrive in their respective industries.

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Some of the KEPSA Projects that were highlighted at the AGM to have benefitted SMEs and youth include Ajira Digital Program, SME Accelerator Program, MSME Financing Gateway, Jiinue Growth Program, COAST Project under the Sustainable Inclusive Business – Kenya and numerous inbound and outbound trade and investment missions.

In his inaugural speech, the new KEPSA Chairperson committed to delivering a world class competitive business environment leveraging the young and energetic population and also taking the opportunity to unlock the African business potential through African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement.

The AGM was followed by a business dialogue and was graced by the

Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry Hon. Moses Kuria in a panel discussion that include the KEPSA leadership and the newly elected President of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr Eric Rutto. Hon. Kuria invited the private sector stakeholders to put the priority of the country first and join efforts with the government for the realization of economic development. The Cabinet Secretary also challenged Kenya’s private sector to think big, noting that the private sector business operations are critical in unlocking the economy.

# Government Commits To Establish National Urban Development Fund

By: Christine Muchira



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua (second left) after two days of deliberations..

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The National Government has committed to create a framework to establish, and operationalise of the National Urban Development Fund as provided for in the National Urban Development Policy in collaboration with the Council of Governors.

This came out clearly on the last day of the First Edition of the Kenya Urban Forum 2023 in Naivasha that brought together Government officials from the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development, the Council of Governors, the World Bank, UN-Habitat, Kenya Institute of Planners, National Land Commission, among other partners.

The Forum under the theme “The Future is Urban Strategic Pathways to Inclusive and Sustainable Urbanization in Kenya was closed by Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua after two days of deliberations.

It highlighted the need for more emphasis on urban sector enabling Legislations, Policies, and Global urbanization frameworks including the Resolutions of the 2nd United Nations Habitat Assembly, the New Urban Agenda, and the SDG11 indicators to anchor the urbanization discourse.

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At the same time, County Governments with the support of National Government and urban sector stakeholders shall establish mechanisms to leverage own-source revenue potentials as identified in the study by the Commission on Revenue Allocation including adoption of innovative funding mechanisms such as the Land Value Capture

PS Hinga said, the National and County governments shall strengthen and expand cooperation and multilevel climate action in order to enhance inclusion of local-level contributions in new and updated nationally determined contributions and support the implementation of

nationally determined contributions at the local level.

The forum further resolved that the National and County Governments shall collaborate in the provision of adequate housing for all including the integration of urban social rental housing into the Affordable Housing Program.

And in need for a harmonized approach to urban land management, all public land shall be inventorized, planned, surveyed, and titled for land banking to support public purpose developments and investments.

The PS said as the conveners of they will take responsibility to ensure the 13 resolutions are achieved adding Kenya can’t run away from the problems facing the urban poor across the Country.

# EAC Rolls Out Campaign To Grow Agri-Export Trade

By: Christine Muchira

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The East African Community (EAC) has launched a campaign aimed at creating awareness on the agri-export trade opportunities that have been created through the EU-EAC Market Access Upgrade Programme (MARKUP).

Through the campaign, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agricultural value chain, co-operatives and farmers, as well as government entities in the EAC will access information and tools on agri-export trade.

Speaking at the 14th June, 2023 launch of the campaign, Flavia Busingye, the Acting Director of Customs at the EAC Secretariat, said that MARKUP had created numerous trade opportunities for agri-SMEs in the region.

“The campaign ‘MARKUP: Growing agri-export markets’ aims to raise awareness of the opportunities in agricultural trade, and to demonstrate that international markets are

within reach of East African exporters,” said Busingye.

Busingye that since its inception in 2018, MARKUP had generated useful resources for growth of agri-exports in five EAC Partner States, namely Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania.

She said that the programme, which is a collaborative initiative of the EAC, the EU, the German government and other development partners, has generated resources such as the EAC Quality Portal, the Financing Gateway and the Burundi Trade Information Portal.

Market studies, practical guides and handbooks as well as policy briefs have also been produced in the EAC-EU initiative, she said, and added, “MARKUP has contributed to stronger quality infrastructure in the region, including harmonization of standards and frameworks for intra-regional trade in food products.”

“I urge you to actively participate in the campaign through the various channels and platforms,” she said.

She said that SMEs in the agriculture sector face numerous constraints in trading within the EAC region.

She highlighted constraints such



as lack of access to market information, including on standards and quality requirements; cumbersome and sometimes costly customs procedures; poor connectivity, among other things.

“The scale and impact of these challenges rises exponentially when it comes to accessing markets outside the EAC. This is one of the rea-

sons that we at the EAC Secretariat worked in partnership with the EU to design and roll out MARKUP,” she said.

Also working on the programme which is being implemented by GIZ are the International Trade Centre, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, Uganda Coffee Development Authority, Solidaridad

East Africa, Oxfam and the Institute for University Co-operation.

Max Middeke, the Deputy Programme Manager at German Development Cooperation (GIZ) – EAC Programme said that the MARKUP campaign comes at a time when the bulk of activities of the program are drawing to a close.

# Majority Of Domestic Workers Don't Access Social Protection

By: Our Reporter

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The Ministry of Public Service Gender and Affirmative Action estimates that just 6% of domestic workers globally have access to full social protection.

The State Department's Permanent Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action, Veronicah Nduvah, observes that 94% of domestic workers do not have full social protection.

These figures were released on Domestic Workers Day this year, which was observed under the theme “safe and decent work for domestic workers.”

Eveline Senerwa, another domestic worker, has had difficulties in performing her job duties.

Kudheha addressed the injustice and mistreatment that domestic

workers experience at the celebration of domestic workers day in Nairobi and urged for the ratification of the International Labor Organization conventions 189 and 190, which establish the fundamental rights of domestic workers.

This was reiterated on Friday when Kenya joined the world in marking this year's international day of the Africa Child.



# Azimio Decision To Boycott Ruto's Maiden Budget Was Ill-advised, In Bad Faith



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Azimio La Umoja party leaders.

## Worth Noting:

- Though they would cast an image of holier-than-thou and wanted Kenyans to believe that they were championing their interest, this has not been the case.
- Politics of back stabbing, character assassination and of sabotaging and derailing the efforts by the government from fulfilling its promises were at the core of their anti-Ruto campaigns.
- Why would Azimio do this? It is simply because Dr Ruto defeated them at the ballot.
- For how long will they continue to hold this grudge?
- President Ruto is not going anywhere. He was elected by the people of Kenya to serve for a period of five years.

Payment of taxes is a legal requirement and an act of patriotism. Every working citizen in both Government and private sector is required to comply with laws on full compliance.

The notion that that in self-employment particularly those at the bottom of the pyramid are exempted is neither here nor there.

The tax is based on your earning. The more you earn, the more you pay.

Given this scenerio, the narrative of Azimio La Umoja-OKA party leader Raila Odinga was ill-advised and made in bad faith.

At one time, I heard him likening President William Ruto to Zakayo who was a tax collector.

The Bible says that Zakayo was a short rich man and had made his fortunes through collection of taxes in Churches and Synagogue.

He climbed on a tree when he heard that Jesus was passing there. The Jesus heard his voice and turned to him.

Jesus forgave him after he confessed his sins and pleaded for forgiveness. I have three reasons why Raila's analogy did not hold any water.

First, Zakayo was collecting money while inside the altar of the house of God.

President Ruto is a God fearing man and he has been living up to this calling.

When he attends Church service, he would always humble himself before God. He would take this opportunity to praise the Lord and present his needs to Him by way of prayers.

So, he won't go there with a whip and force the worshipers to pay taxes. This is what Zakayo used to do.

Secondly, the Bible says that we

should give Caesar what belongs to him.

Thirdly, we know that God recognizes the government and He compels us to obey and respect the President He has anointed.

For Azimio brigade, one does not need to be rocket scientist to know why they were opposing everything that President Ruto and his administration was doing.

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So, they should hold their horses and wait to face Dr Ruto in 2027 polls.

The other day the President was in Nakuru.

He said that his priority right now is addressing a raft of challenges facing Kenyans but not 2027 elections.

He cited unemployment and high cost of living. These are the same problems that confronted the previous administrations.

We also know he assumed power at a time when the country was confronted by four other challeng-

es: Drought and famine (rated as the worst in 40 years), hefty maturing foreign debts, Russian-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovering from Covid-19 pandemic.

In Nakuru, Dr Ruto stated that he was committed to come up with tangible solutions.

My success would mean that I will have smooth sailing back to power. You will re-elect me because of my sterling performance. My track record will be there for all to see.

With this, I doubt Azimio will stand any chance of defeating him.

To me, Raila was making a lot blunders and this explains why his popularity has been tumbling down.

The latest blunder is that of instructing his troops to boycott the presentation of President Ruto's maiden budget by Treasury Cabinet Secretary Professor Njuguna Ndungu.

This could have happened because of two reasons. One, failure by his team of economic and political advisors to advise him accordingly.

Two, maybe because he opted to ignore them.

This was the truth of matter. Majority of Kenyans supported the proposed taxes.

For them, Dr Ruto inherited a dilapidated economy.

They believed Raila had contributed to this mess in a big way because he was a principal partner in the 'handshake' government.

As such, he had no justification to turn around and fault the measures that Dr Ruto's administration had been putting in place to rebuild the economy.

The government does not have money of its own. It relies on reve-

nues raised through the taxation.

The other reason why millions of jobless 'hustler' supported this budget is because the salaried workers were the main target.

In my estate of Githurai (44), I heard some 'hustlers' saying. Let the rich contribute the money to build these houses. The money is being used for a worthy cause; affordable houses for us, the hustlers.

We know Raila has been banking on 'hustlers' whenever he calls for demonstrations. Does he expect them to now turn up? The answer is a big No.

Some of his troops heeded his order. They staged a walkout of the chamber immediately after Professor Ndungu rose up to present the budget for 2023/2024 financial year.

This is the biggest budget ever totalling Sh3.6 trillion.

Azimio's MPs move did not make any difference. Majority of the members remained in the chamber and CS presented the estimates without any interruptions.

If Azimio means well for Kenyans, I would have expected the party to change tack and support this budget. Once it is passed, then they should shift gear and focus on playing a watchdog role of ensuring the funds are not stolen, misappropriated.

The funds are instead used prudently for purposes of which the monies were allocated.

If Azimio did this, it could gain more political mileage.

This is time; Kenyans do not want to hear the stories of servers' vis-vis stolen election.

They want to see those they entrusted with leadership fulfilling the promises they made to them.

The opposition leaders should support them when they do the right thing.

When they do a wrong thing, the outfit should correct them and do this in a structured and constructive manner. This is the hallmark of a mature and functioning democracy.

As I conclude, I want to ask Raila. If you could have won the elections, how did you expect to raise money to run your government? No shortcut, no miracle.

You could have resorted to taxing the citizens, maybe even more. This is the same thing that Dr Ruto is doing.

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# Whatever Belongs To You Genuinely Will Eventually Come To You

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## Worth Noting:

- It is difficult to force someone to marry you. If you do he or she will one day leave you. It all depends on whether the two of you were naturally meant to settle down together or not.
- In a marriage situation the couple has their preference of the kids they want some want baby girls others baby boys but this does not purely depend upon their wishes they may fail to conceive at all. Others may want boys only to give birth to girls while some who want girls give birth to boys. It is purely upon nature as to whether you will get what you wanted.

*If I am really a part of your dream, you will come back one day..... Paulo Coelho.*

When interested in buying land and you go to the market many are times that the seller puts a margin on the selling price. There is a discount which he is willing to give to the buyer. Having publicly announce his intention to seller many of the interested buyers have taken note of that property, several of them have approached the seller and set their offers. Prices may not be the only factor for the seller to consider once he receives several offers especially when several of the interested buyers are offering a certain price. If you happen to be one of these buyers what will determine whether you will be the lucky one to purchase will be whether the plot was to belong to you naturally as a number of you are offering similar terms yet the seller just want to dispose it to just one person.

You may not be the one the seller will sell to but the one who buys after sometime gets a new deal where he requires cash aware that you were interested in that piece of land he will be the one to request you whether you want to buy, if you do then the land will become yours albeit the previous seller refused to sell to you.

In your courtship your partner may be having other interested parties in him making it difficult to determine who is the best suitor if he really belongs to you naturally that is without requirement of you to over endear yourself to him he will evaluate and reevaluate his options then propose to you.

He can leave you for another person but within no time their relationship will fade and come back to you begging for forgiveness and seeking a hand in marriage.

He can try to marry several of those interested in him but he will not feel comfortable till he marries you no

matter how well behave other suitors could be.

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A farmer is always eager to plan at the onset of rains or whenever he is ready to provide water for his crops but as to whether the seeds will germinate or not is beyond him. His work is to prepare planting medium, planting material and offer suitable

conditions like water, warmth, aeration and growing medium. If the seeds were to grow they will definitely do so. If they were to fail to germinate, planting will not guarantee their success.

Whatever succeeds in life was meant to be so since its inception the same case applies to whatever was destined for failure. It will eventually fail.

Never undermine the gateman. Had he not been there at work probably you would not be comfortable doing that task. Know that everyone is usually where he rightfully belongs at that particular time. Nature is always orderly it is man's interventions that disrupt it.

# FIDA To Empower Female Leaders And MCAs In Machakos

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FIDA vice Chair Christine Kungu

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- Kungu added that in the 38 years that FIDA has been operating, it has fought for women’s rights and their access to justice helping over 4 million women and girls through their legal aid programme and through policies and legislative lobbying.

- Machakos County Assembly Speaker Ann Kiusya speaking at Kyaka hotel during a two day workshop by FIDA on empowering female leaders and Members of County Assembly in Machakos. Photo by Anne Kangero

The Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya (FIDA) has launched the women inclusive, governance, accountability, performance and participation programme for women leaders and Members of Machakos County Assembly to empower and increase peer support among women leaders.

FIDA vice Chair Christine Kungu while speaking during a two day Women Leaders’ Mentorship workshop at Kyaka hotel in Machakos town on Thursday, said they were empowering women leaders to encourage them to be confident as they do their job of passing legislation.

Kungu added that they wanted to help women leaders in Machakos to know their roles as leaders and to help them brand themselves as they find out the challenges they faced in their line of work.

The FIDA Vice chair said they wanted the women leaders to know what the gender agenda is all about in terms of policies and legislation which would help women in Machakos County.

She said they have realized if they don’t walk with the women leaders, their five years would be over and they would not have done their part to uplift and push policies that would empower other women in the county.

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“FIDA Kenya is dedicated to fostering a culture that maintains and respects women’s rights and its objective is to advance individual and collective strength in all areas,” added Kungu.

She further noted that they planned to work with other partners such as the Council of Governors and mobilize more than 100 women for political seats to discuss shortcomings such lack of inclusivity in making of decisions and how to deal with social barriers that affect women in

leadership.

Machakos County Assembly Speaker Ann Kiusya pointed out that without a critical mass of women in the Parliament, boardrooms and County Assembly, women voices were still absent from the major decision making in the country.

Kiusya, who is the only female Speaker in the country, added that there is need for enhanced gender mainstreaming as a strategy towards realizing gender equality.

“Empowering women has benefits for everyone and helps to build healthier lives and a strong economy because we all gain when women actively engage in all aspects of society,” added Kiusya.

She lamented that in Machakos County Assembly, out of 40 MCAs, only two were elected female MCAs yet last year, there were four women elected.

“In almost all other Counties in Kenya, there is either one elected MCA or none and I am worried that if we don’t seriously fight for these positions, we may end up with no elected woman MCA in the near future,” decried the Machakos Speaker.

Kiusya called upon her colleagues in Government, Non-Governmental Organizations and the private sector

to collaborate on policies and resources aimed at making work safer, more inclusive and more equitable for women.

She further urged women to step up and take on leadership roles in order to fight against inequalities and to remove obstacles that prevent women from achieving their full potential.

Machakos Deputy Governor Francis Mwangangi, who represented the Governor, was also present and emphasized on the need to expose women to superior positions in Government which would make them bolder and more empowered to take up leadership roles.

He motivated women to fight for the top positions and not expect anyone to hand it to them because that is the root to economic empowerment.

“You should aspire to be elected in the next elections or get someone elected which will increase representation that is inclusive and balanced,” added Mwangangi.

He pledged that he would offer support to women and urged them to invest in educating girl child and not to discriminate when it comes to empowering the youth so as to achieve gender mainstreaming.

## Commemorative Of My Birth

The day returns again, my natal day;  
What mix'd emotions with the Thought  
arise!

Beloved Friend, four years have pass'd  
away

Since thou wert snatch'd forever from  
our eyes. –

The day, commemorative of my birth  
Bestowing Life and Light and Hope on  
me,

Brings back the hour which was thy last  
on Earth.

Oh! bitter pang of torturing Memory! –

My heart is like a singing bird  
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;

My heart is like an apple-tree  
Whose boughs are bent with thickset  
fruit;

My heart is like a rainbow shell  
That paddles in a halcyon sea;

My heart is gladder than all these

Because my love is come to me.  
Raise me a dais of silk and down;  
Hang it with vair and purple dyes;  
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,  
And peacocks with a hundred eyes;  
Work it in gold and silver grapes,  
In leaves and silver fleurs-de-llys;  
Because the birthday of my life  
Is come, my love is come to me.

Ortikova Jasmina



## Childhood Memory



By: Khurshida Aytuvova

The playground is as crowded as ever.  
The surroundings are quiet. The warm  
breath of spring is blowing everywhere.

From time to time you can hear the chirping of birds. Every time Khadija passes this place, she feels a warm feeling in her heart. He watches the children for a long time. Even now, he sat on a bench by the side of the road and stared at the children for a long time. A little girl is running to her mother from afar. A 5-6-year-old boy is flying on a horse. A few feet away, a group of children are making sandcastles. Perhaps now Khadija was thinking about her childhood. Khadija was brought up in an orphanage. Yes, his parents left him here. There were a lot of children here. But Khadija was still a little girl. He did not understand why parents leave their children in orphanages. He thought a lot. However, he could not find an answer to his question. How old is he, he is still looking for answers. His childhood was not so difficult. His foster sisters gave him the love that his parents did not give him. When he was sick, they took care of him. They even brought him to the hospital for treatment. But still, the role of parents is different. Khadija's color turned pale. So this

woman is not his real mother. What for? After all, he has been waiting for these moments for a long time, what should he do, go with this woman? No, Khadija was afraid that her mother would come and look for her. Khadija had a different idea of her mother: she thought that she was a beautiful and kind woman dressed in simple clothes. – I can't go with you, she finally said with a trembling voice. I'm sorry, I can't be your daughter – she said while panting. Tears rolled down his eyes. Something stuck in his throat. And he turned and ran to the door. Those who were standing here looked after Khadija in surprise. Even the woman did not follow him. Because she also understood that she could not be a mother to this little girl. Even though she was still young, right Khadija was very sad and thoughtful. He always stood out from his friends. Being alone, he liked to think about his parents. Despite how many years have passed, his character has not changed. He became a famous artist as he dreamed. Of course, he achieved this due to his study aspirations and hard work. He got married. Her husband is also a very kind person. He has a daughter and a son. He

loves his children very much. She was a famous singer since childhood and dreamed of singing such beautiful tunes about mothers. He achieved his dream. Now he has everything. Except for his mother. He still thinks about his mother. "Why do some mothers give birth to a child who has been carrying a child for 9 months and leave it in an orphanage?" After all, these are chicken babies who can't distinguish between black and white!? What is wrong with them? Can't they think of these babies?! No, they only think about themselves. Unfortunately, there are parents among us who even give up their children for money. They are so tolerant that not even the cry of their child can be heard." Khadija was always tormented by such thoughts. – She was lost in thought for a long time and did not notice that time was running out. There were also fewer children on the playground. A cool evening breeze is blowing around. Khadija slowly got up and walked along the sidewalk.

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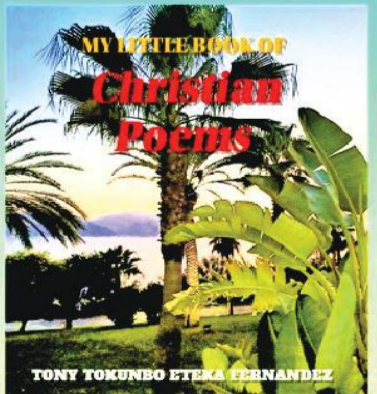
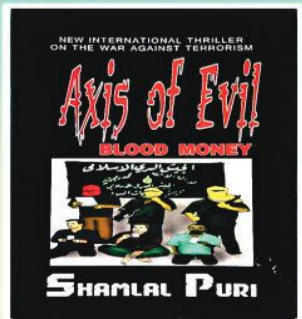
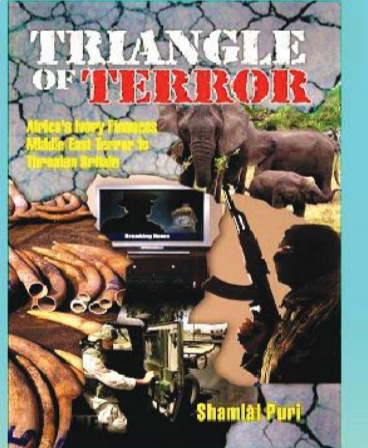
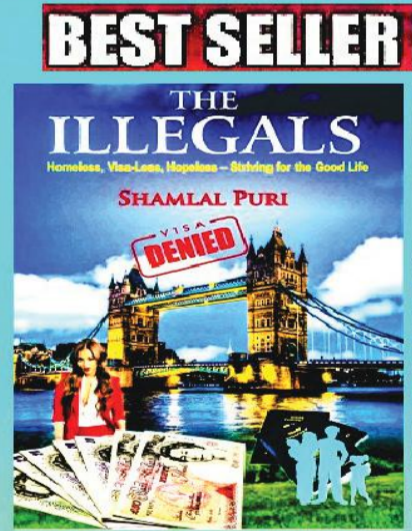
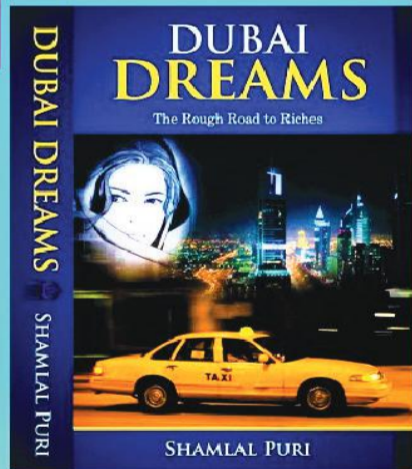
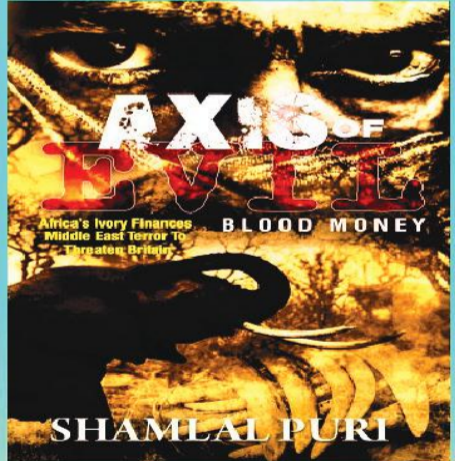
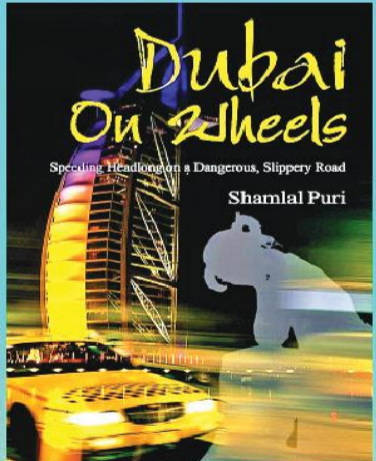
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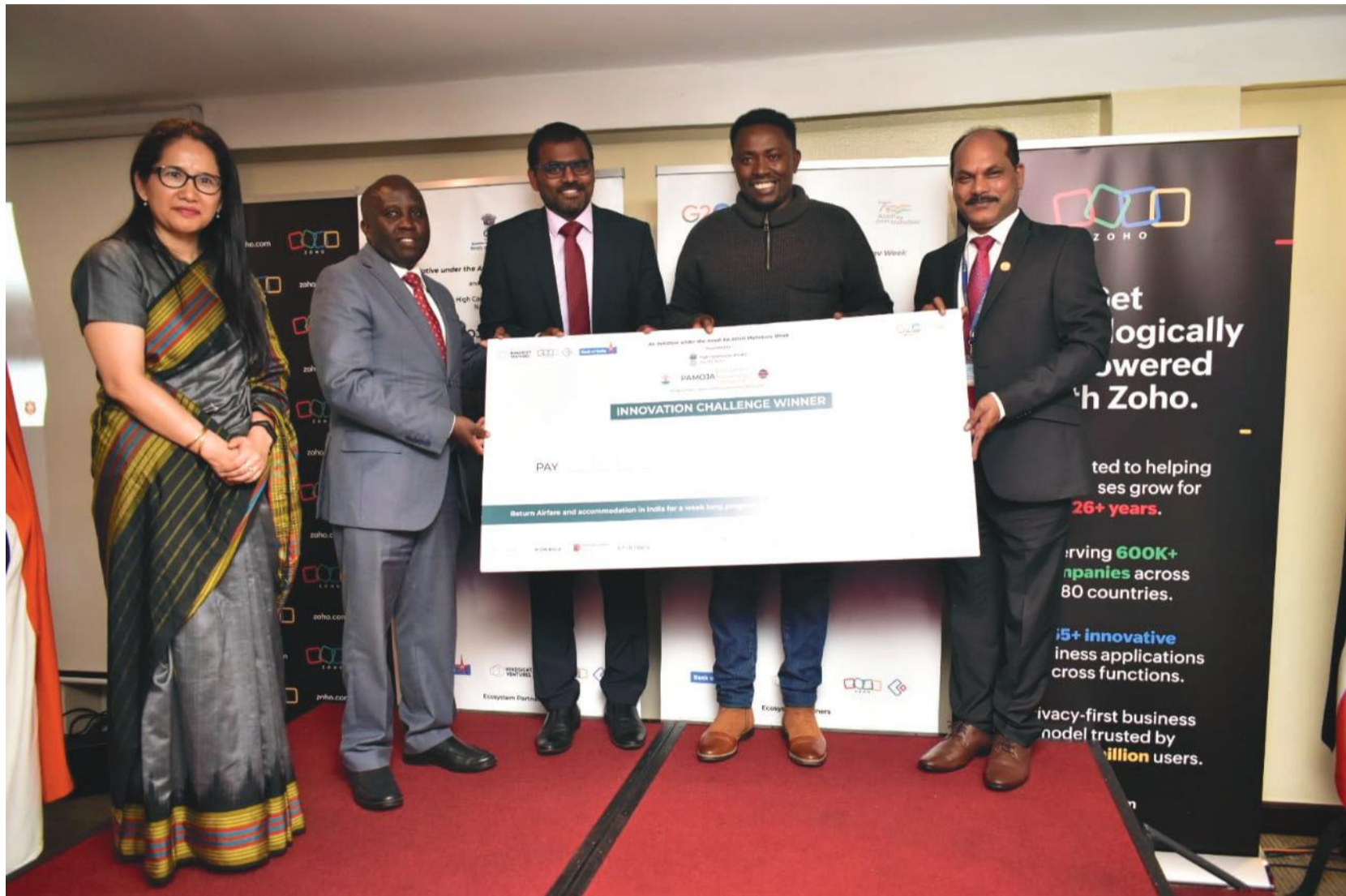
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# BUSINESS

## Zoho and The High Commission of India in Kenya Unite for Pamoja Hackathon, as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Week

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### Worth Noting:

- The challenge received 85 entries for the hackathon track and 54 entries for the innovation track. After a meticulous selection process, 32 hackathon entries and 10 innovation entries were shortlisted. The submissions were evaluated by a distinguished panel of six jury members, including industry leaders from Godrej Consumer Products Limited, Bank of India, BDO East Africa, Zoho Africa, Duhqa, and Hindsight Ventures.

- The jury selected 10 ideas (5 from each track) that were nurtured during a week-long boot-camp where participants received guidance and support to refine their solutions that were built on Zoho Creator. Today, the participants presented the functional prototypes to industry experts, investors, and collaborators.

Zoho, a global technology company, today announced the winners of the Pamoja Hackathon and Innovation Challenge, an initiative conducted in collaboration with The High Commission of India, Nairobi, Kenya and Hindsight Ventures, an Africa-focused startup accelerator. The initiative, aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth of Kenya, is a step towards establishing a bilateral startup and innovation corridor between India and Kenya.

By encouraging young entrepreneurs to come forward with their ideas, the program intends to identify original solutions for ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance), Sustainability, and Net-Zero problems. The overall winner of the Innovation challenge will be rewarded an all-inclusive, fully funded mentorship trip to India for a week-long tour of the innovation ecosystem and engage in networking activities. Furthermore, the top two winners from each track will be bestowed with

monetary rewards: KES 75,000 for the first prize and KES 50,000 for the second prize.

“The Pamoja Hackathon and Innovation Challenge aligns with Zoho’s commitment to enabling local tech ecosystems, nurturing entrepreneurship, and creating a positive impact in the community. The initiative is a great way to discover entrepreneurs and young talents who can build a sustainable future with their ideas, and we are excited to work with Hindsight Ventures and The High Commission of India, Kenya for this. Besides, we are glad that the challenge participants were able to quickly build and submit working prototypes of their solution ideas with the help of Zoho Creator, our low-code development platform,” said Veerakumar Natarajan, Country Head - Kenya, Zoho Corp.

“This hackathon and innovation challenge provides a much-needed platform for the Kenyan entrepreneurs to present their ideas and connect with tech leaders, industry

experts, and investors. The initiative has also allowed us to collaborate with like-minded organisations like Zoho in supporting the local youth build for the future. With the help of Zoho Creator, we have been able to see various ideas live in action as functional applications,” said Her Excellency Ms. Namgya C. Khampa High Commissioner & PR to UNEP & UN-Habitat.

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Zoho Creator is a cloud-based low-code platform that allows users to easily create custom web and mobile applications with minimal coding expertise. It offers a drag-and-drop interface and pre-built templates to simplify app development.

The winners of the hackathon are as follows:

In the Hackathon track:

1. Wesley Kijedi - Zero Carbon
2. Mary Njoki - Ustawi

In the Startup Track:

1. Kennedy Kariuki - Thorium Organic Foods (overall winner)
2. Rosaly Akinyi - ROAK Swahili Wear

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# When Will We Realize How Important It Is To Preserve The Environment

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planet, wind blowing, ocean currents, the birth of new plants, climatic change, rocks, relief, and soils on the earth's surface appeared.

Evolving existence is not unique to us; in fact, in order to progress, we must help unveil the secrets of nature that we do not understand. The natural balance is disrupted when any of the natural variables alter.

Every living being is responsible for maintaining this balance so that we do not disrupt it. A tiny influence on a component of nature can sometimes cause unforeseen changes and destroy the unbroken chain of nature that has existed all year.

The natural environment that surrounds any living thing has an impact on it. He obtains what he requires from it. Adapts to its surroundings. To some extent, it alters the circulation of matter and energy in the environment.

The present amount of gases in the earth's atmosphere is the result of organisms' living activities, the generation of important minerals such as gold, silver, copper, and coal, as well as the composition and development of the soil layer.

Humanity's existence drastically altered the relationship between the organic world and the natural environment. Because of the incorrect use of pastures by work instruments, People began to have a significant impact on nature.

He develops his relationship with nature. As a result, a person's living area expands and he constructs an atmosphere for himself. The amount and quantity of natural elements utilised has risen. As a result, human strain on nature has increased in both quality and quantity.

Man constructs an artificial environment in addition to the natural environment in order to live and work. With the advancement of science and technology, for example, the creation of cities, residential buildings, parks, water reservoirs, highways, factories, industries, and other productive forces, The value of natural resources, the places where they are used, and the manner in which they are used have all changed. Goes They employed only a few of the sarcastic elements or other natural means in ancient times, but now they use all of them.

Thus, in addition to violating nature's laws and causing damage to it, leads to the destruction of humans as well as nature. Today, we argue that huge calamities are caused by

nature's whims, but the truth is that they are created by people's disregard for nature. In a nutshell, man kills not only nature or animals, plants, and other living things, but also himself.

It is vital to protect the Earth's resources, including water, flora and fauna, atmospheric air pollution, and harm, from damage, destruction, and incorrect use. Reserves, national, historical-natural, and memorial parks, botanical and zoological parks, zoological gardens, and specifically protected natural regions and animal and plant objects listed in the International Red Book should be enlarged.

The goal of nature protection is to create favorable conditions for the rational and non-destructive use of nature for human health, ecological balance, and the interests of sustainable socio-economic development, as well as to preserve the richness of species and genetic fund of living nature, ecological systems, landscapes, and it is necessary to preserve the unique diversity of nature, as well as to preserve the cultural heritage related to natural objects, which have been given to mankind.

Carry out these actions. Nature has provided us with everything. As a result, we must learn to be grateful for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Preserve the environment and use its resources properly. Individuals should make a concerted effort to conserve and enrich the wealth and environment in general, as well as its beauty and purity, for their own advantage. People today prioritize their own interests above all else, yet the consequences are tragic.

Also, let us recognize our insignificance. Let us leave the magnificent nature's secrets to future generations. Let us work together to protect the environment.

Let us defend ourselves against death!

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Nature is a power that is not bound by civilization, man, or the law. Man seeks to subjugate nature, yet events in Turkey yesterday shown once again that nature is stronger than society. An earthquake struck Turkey's southern and central regions on February 6, 2023.

The magnitude of the earthquake, which occurred at 4:17 a.m. Turkish time, was reported to be 7.7, and the second tremor happened 9 hours following the main earthquake. 3381 persons were killed, while 2534 were injured. Several individuals were left under the rubble in Syria as a result of the earthquake.

The 7.7 magnitude earthquake caused damage to many buildings both below and above ground, increasing the number of disasters. In terms of damage, the main earthquake was the most destructive in Turkish history, surpassing even the 1939 Erzincan earthquake. According to the "Sino" TV channel, an average 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurs 5 times every year around the world. Seismic activity In the last 25 years, Turkey has had at least seven

earthquakes of magnitude 7.

Of course, these events had an impact on other parts of the world as well. Earthquakes have been reported in Syria, Afghanistan, and Kazakhstan, in particular. Such calamities are the outcome of human-caused environmental deterioration.

Babies were among the countless innocent persons who died young. We blame you for this calamity. - Why is the air we breathe toxic?

Why is the availability of food and water dwindling?

- Look at him, he's striking his own leg with an ax. When are humans going to stop hurting each other?

There are numerous questions. The answer remains no. The current natural environment in which humans live is the consequence of long geological periods, 4.5-4.7 billion years, caused by the combined action of various causes, namely the creation and alteration of the sun, air, water crust, and external activities.

Without human intervention, the impact on the development of organic matter, sunlight falling on the

# Chinese Firm Vinchin, Partners' Mitsumi Distribution To Tap Into Kenyan Market

By: Our Reporter

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Data protection solutions, Vinchin has announced a strategic partnership with Mitsumi Distribution as part of its plans to tap into the Kenyan market and Africa at large.

The China-based firm, which specializes in developing backup software across the world intends to work closely with like-minded distributors to supply cost-effective and cutting-edge solutions for customers.

Announcing the cooperation at Mitsumi's head office in Nairobi, Shall Ao, Vinchin's Sales Director said the widespread cyberattacks across the world cripple systems, disrupt services, damage reputation, and result in direct financial losses that runs into billions of shillings.

She said there was a need to mitigate the risk, and impact of cyberattacks and data loss urging organizations to implement robust cybersecurity measures and regularly perform data

backups.

"Mitsumi Distribution brings on board an in-depth knowledge of the African IT market and a vast network of customers, making it an ideal distributor for Vinchin Backup and Recovery, which is meant to meet the growing demand for a reliable and affordable backup solution in the African market. The cooperation will enable Vinchin to leverage the distributor's extensive network to reach more customers and increase brand awareness in the region." Shall Ao explained

The partnership highlights the importance of data protection in today's fast-paced business world, and underscores both companies' commitment to providing customers with the best solutions to safeguard their critical data. Mitsumi Distribution will now be able to provide customers with trustworthy and efficient backup and recovery solutions that will ensure business continuity amidst the growing complexity of data.

Mitsumi Distribution Managing Director Mitesh Shah said signing up



with Vinchin will ensure customers are able to access top-notch data protection solutions across Africa.

"Vinchin's commitment to innovation and reliability aligns perfectly with our mission of providing best-in-class technology solutions to our

clients. Together, we will empower organizations to optimize their IT infrastructure and protect their valuable data assets." Shah added.

Mitsumi Distribution is a prominent distributor of IT infrastructure that specializes in telco, networking,

hardware, and storage solutions in the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region. It has a strong presence in 24 countries across Africa, the Middle East, and Europe with over 3200 clients worldwide.

# Bill Gates meets Xi Jinping as US-China tensions simmer

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Microsoft's co-founder Bill Gates met China's President Xi Jinping on Friday as tensions remain high between Washington and Beijing.

Mr Xi told Mr Gates that he was "the first American friend" he had met in Beijing this year, according to Chinese state media.

Mr Gates is the latest high-profile US business leader to visit China since it reopened its borders.

This weekend, the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will also visit China.

"I often say that the foundation of Sino-US relations is among the people, and we always look to the American people and hope that the two peoples will continue to be friendly," Mr Xi was reported to have said to

Mr Gates.

It was Mr Xi's first meeting with a foreign business figure in recent years. He stopped travelling abroad in 2020, when China shut its borders during the pandemic. Mr Xi and Mr Gates are last known to have met in 2015.

This year, Tesla's Elon Musk, Jamie Dimon of JP Morgan and Apple's Tim Cook have all travelled to the country.

While they held meetings with senior Chinese officials, they did not meet Mr Xi.

Mr Gates is in China in his role as the co-chairman of the The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation he started with his former wife.

In 2020, Mr Gates stepped down from Microsoft's board to focus on the foundation, which focuses on global health, education and climate change.



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# A Loving Child Or A Reliable Family Support

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In a village where flowers grow abundantly, birds and animals live in peace, many families live in harmony. In the village, various holiday events, competitions and competitions are organized, and the most active of all is a girl named Donokhan. Donokhan o He is studying in a secondary school. He has been passionate about science and studies since he was young. He has been actively participating in competitions. He is always the winner in all competitions. He is growing up. His father is sick. After the doctors said that his life is coming to an end, Donokhan has been looking at his father without going to study. He is always looking for a cure for his father's illness in books. Finally, he found information about a medicinal plant in an encyclopedia book. He is a medicinal plant. Only one plant grows in the hills. Even though he was young, he wanted to find this plant for his father's health. He went to his father and asked for permission.

- Father, father, I have found a cure for your pain!

I am coming to ask your permission as I want to go on the road tomorrow "I'm a smart girl, I'm fine. Besides, I can't send you on a long journey alone. God willing, everything will be fine and I'll be fine," said her father.

Of course, no father will send his child on a long journey alone, even if it is necessary for him, even if he is on his deathbed. But Donokhan is a very stubborn girl. inherited from his mother.

- no, dad, I will treat you. I am a fearless girl. I know very well where and how to behave. After all, I am your daughter.

- I know, my daughter, I believe in you. But only God knows what awaits you there. I can't send you to a dangerous place with my own hands.

- If not, go with me

So the father tried to get up. He even took a couple of steps. But he couldn't control himself and fell down.

- Well, my daughter, your father is old. He is sick. I can't go. After all, I couldn't even stand on my feet. I wish your mother was alive... We wouldn't be living like this now.

- father, I will definitely fix you. Please believe me. I will definitely bring the plant to you safely. Then you will be healthy. You will start walking again. You will take me to the zoo, dad.

- I will turn myself into a loving

daughter. After all, that plant may not even exist.

- If there was no plant, God would not have put this desire in my mouth. I trust in God. In sha God, I will bring that plant to you.

So the girl persuaded her father and took his father's blessing and set off. It was not difficult for her to find the way. On the way she met an old man. She greeted him and gave him food and water. Ramadi. Because he knew the purpose of the girl. He was an old magician. The old man said that he would ask her 4 questions, and if he could find it, he would give her a medicinal plant. The girl definitely agreed. Because she was a smart girl who could think logically well. The old man began to ask questions

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- Now it's time for the second question. The question is as follows: "What kind of stone is not in the water?"

- Grandfather, there are definitely no dry stones in the water

- That's right, bless you. The third question is as follows: "It is in the form of a circle. But you will not fall from it. What is it?"

- We live on a circular planet. But we don't fall.

- Well done to you! Now it's time for the last question. The condition of the question is: "It's easy to pick it up. But you can't throw it far. What is it?"

- This is a feather.

- Nice! My daughter, you are really a smart girl. May your future be bright! Here is a medicinal plant for you. May your father recover. Good luck!

And so the old man disappeared.

Donokhan was surprised. He ran home so as not to be late. When he got home, his father's condition was very serious. then the father woke up and hugged his daughter.

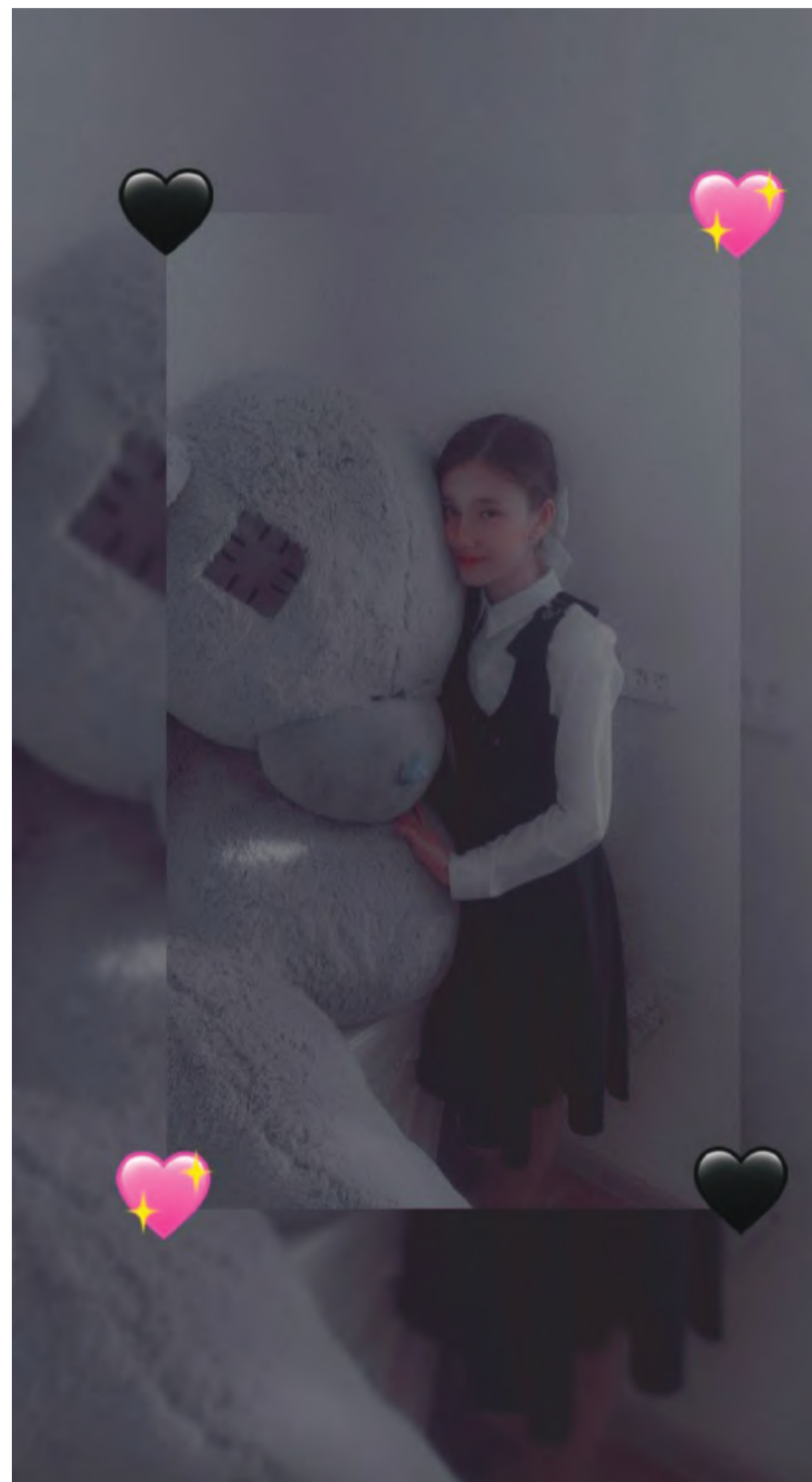
- My dear daughter, thank you. You healed me.

- Father, I was able to bring the plant because of your trust in me. You are the best father!

Will you take me for a spin now?

- Yes, of course, my daughter. Come to school tomorrow. You are late for your lessons. Then I will definitely take you to spin.

In this way, father and daughter lived a happy life for many years.



Diyora Kholmatjonova.

The father saw the happiness of his daughter. When the daughter grew up, she became a doctor who benefited kind people and her country.

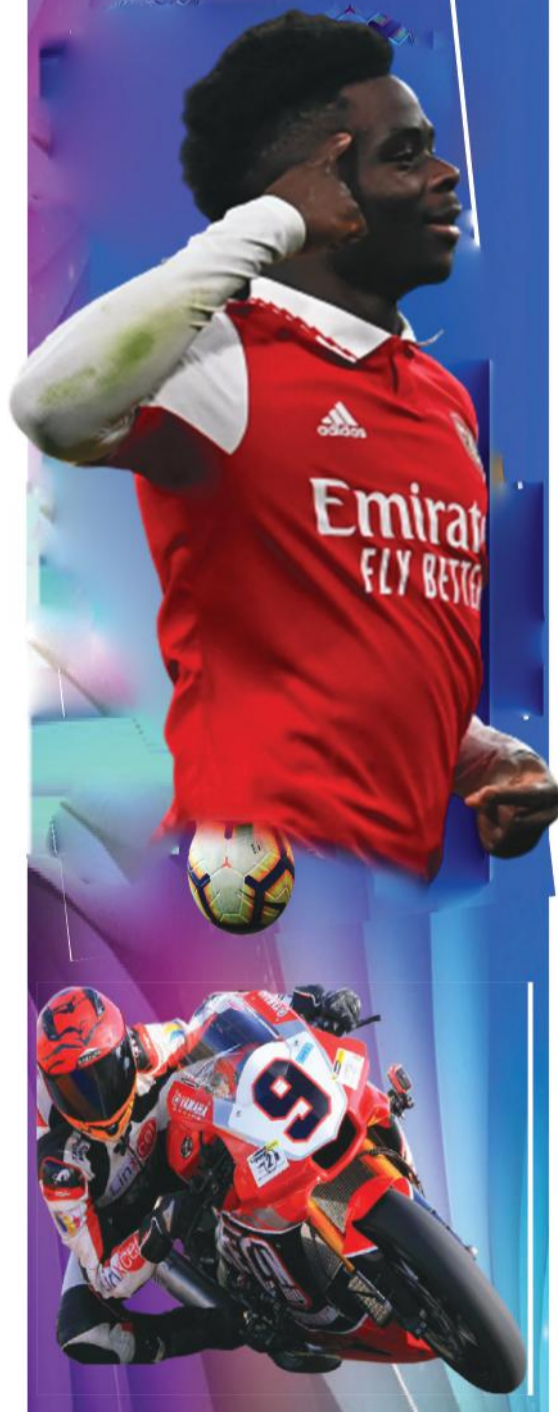
The bottom line is that parents should trust their children. If there is trust between them, the family will be strong. Children should also be kind to family members and not abuse their trust. save dears!

**Diyora Kholmatjonova Bakho-dir's** daughter was born on October 27, 2009 in Tashkent region. He is an official member of Pakistan's IQRA

Foundation, Egypt's Creativity Organization and Argentina's "Juntos pol las letras". His creative works have been published in several countries such as Moldova, Great Britain, Kenya. , official delegate of "Young businessmen and economists" forums. Winner of the title "The best delegate" of "Unity forum season 7" and "Young businessmen and economists" forum. Graduate of Shine girls academy. Winner of more than 30 republican olympiads and participant of more than 5 anthologies.

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## Clinical Crusaders thrash Blues to reach another Super Rugby final



Crusaders

By: **TEAMtalk Media**

The Crusaders advanced to this year's Super Rugby Pacific final after clinching a dominant 52-15 victory over the Blues in Christchurch on Friday.

In a fast-paced and entertaining encounter, the home side delivered a clinical performance in which they outscored their opponents by six tries to two, with Leicester Fainga'anuku leading the way with a brace.

Braydon Ennor, Will Jordan, Codie Taylor and Fergus Burke crossed for their other five-pointers, while Richie Mo'unga finished with a 22-point haul after succeeding with five conversions and four penalties.

For the Blues, Beauden Barrett and Caleb Clarke scored tries, and Barrett also added a penalty and a conversion.

The result is a momentous one for the Crusaders as it means they have now won 30 straight knockout games at home since making their first home play-off appearance in 1998.

The Crusaders were fastest out of the blocks and opened the scoring as early as the third minute when Ennor gathered a skip pass from Mo'unga inside the Blues' 22 and glided through a gap in his opponent's defence before crossing for the opening try.

Hoskins Sotutu was then blown up for ruck infringement, and

Mo'unga slotted his first penalty before Fainga'anuku extended the home side's lead when he scored his first try, after Jordan did well to draw in a couple of defenders before offloading to his wing, who had an easy run-in for his try.

Mou'nga failed with the conversion attempt, but a penalty from the All Black followed, which meant the home side held a comfortable lead by the 20th minute.

The Blues needed a response, but they battled to get into the game as they were met by a solid defensive effort from their hosts. They eventually opened their account via a Barrett penalty in the 25th minute.

That was as good as it got for the visitors in the first period as the Crusaders continued to dominate as the half progressed, and in the 35th minute, Jordan went over for their third try, after running on to a short pass from Ennor deep inside the visitors' 22.

Just before half-time, the Blues were reduced to 14 men when Sotutu was yellow-carded when he entered a Crusaders' maul from the side.

From the resulting penalty, the hosts launched another lineout drive inside the Blues' 22 and were rewarded when Taylor crossed for his converted try, which gave the hosts a 32-3 lead at the interval.

The second half started in a similar fashion to the first, with the Crusaders in a rampant mood, and they were rewarded in the 49th minute when Fainga'anuku went over for their fifth five-pointer.

This, after he gathered a pass from Sione Havili-Talitui at the back of a lineout on the Crusaders' 10-metre line and beat several defenders on a barnstorming run before crossing the whitewash.

To their credit, the Blues did not surrender, and 10 minutes later they were rewarded when Barrett crossed for their first after good work from Rieko Ioane in the build-up.

They continued to make mistakes, however, and Mo'unga slotted his fourth penalty in the 66th minute before replacement back Burke crossed for their sixth try shortly afterwards.

Mo'unga added the conversion and penalty, which brought up a half-century of points for his team. With the game in the bag, the Crusaders took their foot off the pedal, and the Blues crossed for a late try, but it was too little too late as the defending champions advanced to another Super Rugby Pacific final.

# GET THE BEST OF WORLD

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The buyer group is led by Gabe Plotkin, chief investment officer at Tallwoods Capital LLC and Rick Schnall, co-president of private equity firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice. The group also includes musicians J. Cole and Eric Church, said a press release from Hornets Sports & Entertainment that did not disclose

financial terms.

The star player, often known as "MJ," will retain a minority stake in the franchise, the team said. The transaction is subject to approval of the National Basketball Association.

Jordan acquired a controlling investment in the Hornets in 2010. The franchise has been the league's sole team with Black-majority ownership.

The value of Jordan's stake came to about \$3 billion, according to a report on ESPN.com that

cited league sources.

Often considered the greatest ever basketball players, Jordan led teams to six NBA titles, won the league's most valuable player award five times and garnered two Olympic Gold Medals. He played his last game professionally in 2003.

The origin of Jordan's lucrative partnership with Nike was chronicled earlier this year in the film "Air," which was directed by Ben Affleck.

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# SPORTS AS THEY HAPPEN



## Multi-Talented Personality Jyotirmayee Panda

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### Worth Noting:

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- \* Article Published Many times in “Bharat Times “, “Sanskar News “ And one of biggest international News “The MT. KENYA TIMES Paper “.
- \* Personal Article Published :- Xpress Times, Web Stories India, The Entrepreneur Bytes, The Flimy Beat, Bharat Exclusive, Indian-Xpres, Indian Flux, Best of Hindustan, Digital Scoop India, Medium .



Miss. Jyotirmayee Panda, the tale of a woman who persevered in the face of numerous setbacks that caused her to reach her Best zone. As a fellow human being, her only goal was to inspire others and help them believe in themselves. In terms of her strengths, she is a quick learner, a hard working girl, and a self-motivated individual who strives to be in a learning zone at all times. In addition, she is a published author and motivational speaker. All she ever said was “Stay strong and believe in yourself”. Writing is her hobby and she writes short poems, short stories, novels, essay and quotes. She believes in “Everything happens for a reason” and that is how her whole writing journey started.

Miss. Jyotirmayee Panda is a 23-year-old young lady (born on 21st May 1999 in Cuttack, Odisha) who is in the limelight today in a very short span of time. After completing her mca in 2022, She used the Covid period to gradually improve her writing style. With the blessings of God and the inspiration of all her relatives ,The support of her family, the inspiration of her younger brother “Pabitra” , All colleagues in her office ,With the guidance and encouragement of “Mr. Surya Narayan

Rout(Managing Director,OCA)” and her all teachers one of whom is “Khirood Kumar Biswal” , her all well-wishers one of whom is “Pravatsir” for whose prayers, She herself was a student and worked in a well-known institute “Odisha Computer Academy” for about four years, continuing all these things She started a new writing career. More success than expected slowly touched her feet. At first She started her writing in some famous sites like “pratilipi” and “storymirror”, then gradually her writing started to be appreciated by the people and the judges there, for which She won many awards , certificate and some prize money in her short writing career .

Achievements And Accomplishments Of Multi-Talented Personality Jyotirmayee:-

- 1) Success in winning numerous awards, certificates, and prize money from renowned writing platforms like “StoryMirror” and “Pratilipi” is a reflection of her talent and hard work.
- 2) She has obtained more than 150 certificates from “storymirror” and “pratilipi” sites.
- 3) Among them, the “Golden Batch

Holder”, “Next Great Podcaster “ , the “Best Writer of the Week” twice, the “Best Writer of the Month” has been selected twice. This time She is nominated as the “Best Writer of the Year”.

4) She recently Co-authored 120 above books , Authored 10 above books and compiled 4 above books , which are sold on Amazon and various other platforms.

5) She opened her own motivational channel for people, which is slowly becoming popular with people under the name “JJ Motivation”.

6) She won Asia’s Top 100 Influential Women Awards For “Young Writer And Motivational Speaker -2023”.

7) Highest civilian award of National Book Of Records “Bharat Vibhushan”.

8) 50 UNDER’50- Global Inspiring Women’s Award- 2023 For “Emerging Writer”.

9) Femmetimes Magazine Presents - India’s Top 30 Women Leaders (Magazine Feature) -25th Mar 2023 For “Young Writer”.

10) NayeRahi Winner Of Valentine’s Week - 2023.

11) Cosmic Inception Publication “Literacy Award For The Year -2023”.

12) IWHM- INSPIRATION AWARD -2023 For “Young Inspiring Writer Of The Year -2023”.

13) Festorganisers Presents - Star Of Year Awards 2023 For “Best Author Female”.

14) 30 UNDER 30 Talented & Rising INFLUENCERS, ARTIST & ENTREPRENEURS, Glaze Iconic Awards 2023 “Young Writer and Motivational Speaker “.

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\* Personal Article Published :- Xpress Times, Web Stories India, The Entrepreneur Bytes, The Flimy Beat, Bharat Exclusive, Indian-Xpres, Indian Flux, Best of Hindustan, Digital Scoop India, Medium .

\* Article published in “Kirtimaan Sahitya Patrika :- May- June -July 2023 “

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