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President William Ruto, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Trade CS Moses Kuria and EU Delegation during the conclusion of the Kenya-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement

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Illicit Alcohol Trade Denies Government Kshs 71B In Annual Taxes

By: Christine Muchira

Kenya loses an average of Kshs. 71 Billion in taxes annually as a result of the proliferation of the sale of il-

licit alcohol in the country.

This is according to a report released by Euromonitor Consulting which was commissioned by the Alcoholic Beverages Association of Kenya (ABAK) on the impact of

illicit alcohol on the Kenyan economy.

The report also reveals that the volume of illicit alcohol sales has recorded strong growth in value since

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DP Gachagua Opens Kenya Water Conference 2023

By: DPSC

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua Monday opened this year’s Kenya Water and Sanitation Conference and Exhibition in Mombasa county on behalf of President William Samoei Ruto.

The conference themed “Harnessing Technology and Innovation to accelerate access to safely managed water and sanitation for all” seeks to explore technology in accelerating water and sanitation access.

The Kenya Kwanza government in its Manifesto promised to ensure that all Kenyans are able to access clean water and the conference brings together stakeholders in the sector to deliberate on fast ways to leverage emerging innovative technological solutions to accelerate achieving the plan of providing water and sanitation for all.

The conference comes at a time when the country has experienced major challenges occasioned by climate change. The DP has urged the stakeholders to utilize the time to share experiences as well as knowledge that will aid in getting through different climatic conditions.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has assured Kenyans that they will continue reaching out to partners through the public private partnership program to establish projects that will accelerate achievement of a water sufficient country.

The Government has continued to call on county Governments to work with the national government in addressing the water challenges.



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Nairobi UDA Leaders Declare Support For The Finance Bill And National Budget Contents

By: John Kariuki

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United Democratic Alliance (UDA) Leaders from the larger Nairobi County have come out to express their unwavering support to the Kenya Kwanza Government. In a statement, the leaders under the patronage of Dr. Boaz Kiprop Cheluget noted:

“The Kenya Finance Bill and the read brilliant national Budget are two big policy leaps by the government demonstrating encouragement for more young people to pursue self-employment. This is demonstrated in reduced rate of digital content monetization Kenya is at the CROSS-ROAD. Cross to its failure or build on its people, good will, its potential to address the runaway public debt, high cost of living and high rate of unemployment. We know Kenya has no choice but to raise revenue to become self-reliant. We support this effort and direction unlike others who want Kenya to fail.”

“We the UDA Nairobi leaders that work at grass root level to popularize and articulate the Government’s agenda, declare our support to Kenya Kwanza government on the projected and anticipated achievements planned through the Kenya Finance Bill of 2023 and the Brilliant Budget read on Thursday 15th June 2023.

We note the genuine government efforts to put in place policies, legislations and actions that are aimed at increasing government revenue in order to implement the Kenya Kwanza promise to the people of Kenya in line with the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto.

We also note that no country can remain stagnant without reviewing its economical social landscape and identifying emerging issues that can be utilized to improve its stakeholder’s situation.

This includes reviews on emerging capital and transactions that happen as a result of international and local innovations that increase gross sales such as digital assets proposed with a tax of 3% levy on the transfer charges applied during an exchange of the assets.



UDA Leaders from the larger Nairobi County in a press briefing.

Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina Launches Upgrading Of Roads In The Constituency

By: Our Reporter

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.....As He Flags Off Tonnes Of Relief Supplies To Area Needy Families

At least eight feeder roads within Othaya constituency are set for upgrade to make locals easily access their homes.

The roads are lined up for graveling, a process that was launched by the area lawmaker Michael Wambugu Wainaina alias Mt Kenya.

The roads, traversing the constituency, include Gatugi - Mbari ya Ngai Road, Kiyu - Kiruga Road, Mutundu Road, Kianjamba Road, Thunguri Road, Kwa Munyu Road/Kabebero Road and Rwathe-ini- Giakaru. Road.

The MP visited all the said roads where he met local residents and explained to them the Kenya Kwanza administration plan for them in vari-

ous economic sectors.

He explained to them why there was a need to support the government’s initiative of collecting taxes and told them not to listen to naysayers.

The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) MP said some people were misleading citizens on some tax issues like that of Housing, saying such will only affect those who are employed but not every Kenyan.

Earlier, before launching the roads, the MP flagged off tonnes of relief supplies for distribution to the needy families in the constituency.

He said the supplies will be given out to about 2,400 families as they await to harvest from their farms.

Those who spoke during the visits in various parts of the constituency thanked him for his kind gesture in ensuring they have good roads and care for the needy in the area.

Further, they observed that since his election in August last year, he has initiated a unique project of putting



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina addressing some of his constituents during the launching of rehabilitation of roads in the area.

up decent houses for the underprivileged in the area.

This project, which the MP is carrying out with support from well-wish-

ers, is targeting to build timber houses for all those who have been living in mud houses within the constituency.

So far, more than 100 families have benefited from this special scheme as others await their turn.



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Govt Will Not Sit And Watch Land Grabbers: Ruto Warns Mumias Investors

By: Our Reporter

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Worth Noting:

- Ruto further said the 15,000-acre piece of land must be used to benefit the people of Mumias and promised to revive the sugar miller.
- “I came here in December and said I’ll sort out Mumias Sugar woes. It was not a joke; it is in our manifesto. We will deal with the Mumias Sugar issue once and for all,” the President said.
- The Head of State also stated that government spent up to Sh5 billion to revive the sugar miller in the past, but nothing came out of it.



President William Ruto/FILE.

President William Ruto has warned private entities against grabbing Mumias Sugar Company land saying it belongs to the people of Kakamega.

The comments by the Head of State come against the backdrop of a High Court decision that held Uganda’s Sarrai Group of Uganda and its directors in contempt over continued operations at the miller amid a suit contesting a controversial lease.

Speaking on Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral, Kakamega County, the President said the land cannot be taken by individuals whose aim is to make money of it.

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piece of land must be used to benefit the people of Mumias and promised to revive the sugar miller.

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“The government spent up to Sh5 billion in the past to revive this factory but nothing happened. This time around, we must get it right.

“I have instructed the ministry con-

cerned and I’ve taken a proposal to the Cabinet to sort out the mess at Mumias Sugar,” Ruto said.

The President said the Cabinet will discuss the revival of Mumias Sugar with a view to secure land and make it profitable for both the county and Mumias sugarcane farmers.

In December 2022, the President threatened to evict Sarrai Group from Mumias saying they had not done anything to turn around the sugar miller.

“The government will clear all outstanding debts of the miller and bring in a new investor under an agreement that he will be remitting Sh100 million monthly to the County Gov-

ernment of Kakamega to improve on standards of education, health and improve the road network,” he said.

President Ruto said many investors were willing to work with his administration to take over the running of Mumias and improve the sugar sector in the country.

He regretted that while hundreds of the local youth were starving for job opportunities, and yet Mumias Sugar was in a position to address the same.

The Uganda-based Sarrai Group had been awarded a 20-year-lease to operate the troubled miller but it was later cancelled.

In his ruling on April 14, 2022, Justice Mabeya said if the lowest lease amount of Sh5.8 billion by Sarrai Group was accepted, the sugar miller would never bounce back to profit.

He said the amount was not even sufficient to settle the debt owed, pay cane farmers and resume the company’s operations.

“The receiver manager cum administrator was seriously conflicted in awarding the lease to Sarrai Group.

“The lease should have been awarded to a company with financial muscle to bring the company back to life. “I do not understand why he disregarded the highest bidders,” Mabeya said in his ruling.

Tumaz and Tumaz, a company associated with US-based business tycoon Julius Mwale, emerged as the top bidder with Sh27.6 billion for a 20-year lease in the Mumias Sugar bidding process which had attracted a total of eight bidders.

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KNCCI-Nyeri Unveils Online Marketing Platform For SMEs

By: Yvette Kimani and Wangari Mwangi
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Worth Noting:

- Further, the platform will grant the users access to verified service providers and allow the women from Nyeri to network with other traders.
- According to Martin Ndirangu, the Nyeri KNCCI Nyeri chapter Chief Executive Officer, the application has been designed to help women address information gaps and unlock opportunities for participation in trade opportunities, formalisation of businesses, and growth in trade value.
- “iSoko will go a long way in addressing the key market and information gaps that exist for women traders while providing them and other traders with business tools and assets like business procedures, trade statistics, exchange rates, taxation rates and details, business documents, trade and market information, and business news and events,” he said.

Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) in Nyeri, in partnership with Trademark Africa (TMA) and the Canadian High Commission, has launched a business platform, iSoko, to support women in business.

iSoko, accessible online on mobile phones through a code, targets women traders from the five East Africa Community countries of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Burundi.

The platform will act as a regional marketplace where women can buy and sell goods and access vital trade and market information.

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“Through the platform, you can easily access details of various service providers and regulatory agencies, like the Kenya Bureau of Standards or the Kenya Revenue Authority, among others, and contact them to help in the smooth running of your business while saving you the time of having to physically visit their offices,” he added.

iSoko Business and web developer, Rachel Wangechi, said that in addition to businesses, the platform was also eyeing technology-related start-ups by women.

She noted that since the launch of the platform in March this year, 3,000 users and over 100 products have been registered on the platform, adding that iSoko aimed to bring 200,000 users from the region on board.

“It is our aim to support women’s entrepreneurship and innovation in all areas of our society. The platform we are launching will easily enhance market access by electronically connecting traders with their customers across all the five countries in the East African Community,” she said.



Participants during the iSoko platform sensitization forum.



iSoko’s Rachel Wangechi.



KNCCI Nyeri chapter CEO Martin Ndirangu.

President Hails EU Trade Agreement Where Kenya Will Access 27 Countries As Game-Changer

By: Sharon Resian

President Ruto has hailed the historic European Union trade agreement as a game-changer since Kenya will now have access to markets in 27 different countries.

Speaking during the conclusion of the Kenya-European union Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations on yesterday, the agreement signifies a long-term commitment to guaranteeing a reliable market for farmers, including those in the flower, coffee, tea, fish, pea, and edible fruit and nut sectors.

“Kenya now has further impetus to tap into sustainable global value chains, invest in competitiveness for the sustainable manufacture of high value products, accelerate technology acquisition as well as innovation for product development,” he said.

“Widen the opportunities available in green finance and investment, and strengthen our framework for export trade, including recalibrating our

foreign trade and commercial service sector to align it with emerging export opportunities.”

He continued by saying that the agreement would support trade, investment, and trade-related development cooperation, furthering the economic linkages between Kenya and the European Union while also fostering long-term economic growth and job creation.

In addition, the agreement will open new prospects for Kenyan and European firms, particularly Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises,

“Additionally, the Agreement will grant Kenyan products immediate duty-free-quota-free entry into the EU from the day it comes into effect,” he said.

“And in recognition of our varied stage of progress along the development journey, products from the European Union will progressively receive duty reductions over a period of 25 years.”

According to President Ruto, the Agreement will make it easier for Kenya to realize its goal of transforming to a green economy by



President William Ruto, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Trade CS Moses Kuria and EU Delegation during the conclusion of the Kenya-European union Economic Partnership Agreement

deepening trade and trade-related policy initiatives that will boost Kenyan enterprises’ participation in sustainable global value chains.

“We will deepen trade and trade-related policy measures that will create a supportive business ecosystem for Kenyan firms to participate in

sustainable global value chains,” he added.

The EU is Kenya’s first export destination and second largest trading partner, totaling €3.3 billion of trade in 2022 an increase of 27% compared to 2018.

The Economic Partnership Agree-

ment will create more opportunities for Kenyan businesses and exporters, as it will at once fully open the EU market for Kenyan products, and it will incentivize EU investment to Kenya thanks to increased legal certainty and stability.

Parliamentary Lands Committee Meets The National Lands Commission Over Delayed Compensation

By: Our Reporter

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The National Assembly’s Committee on Lands met with the National lands Commission (NLC) officials who had been summoned as part of an inquiry into the status of land compensation in the country.

This was the committee’s second sitting on the matter, having met with the road agencies last month, with the Managing Director of the Kenya Railways Authority set to appear to shed light on why the corporation was yet to settle monies owed to Project affected persons (PAP’s) who had relinquished their land for the construction of the Standard Gauge railway (SGR) in the year 2015.

However, the Managing Director failed to appear and instead sent a letter on June 14, 2023, stating that he was preoccupied with other com-



Assembly committee on Lands during a session.

mitments related to the Budget reading process.

With this being the second invitation that the MD had failed to honour, the lawmakers expressed their dissatisfaction with the Managing Director’s response, accusing him of taking the committee for granted.

In his submissions NLC chair Mr. Gershom Otachi informed the committee that they had paid a total of Sh48.7 billion to PAP’s for the four phases of the projects being: Mombasa to Nairobi for phase one, Nairobi to Naivasha for phase 2, The Naivasha ICD for phase 3 and, The

passenger line for phase 4 despite not receiving funds from Kenya Railways Corporation.

However, discrepancies were highlighted in the submissions, particularly when Kaloleni MP, Paul Katana, pointed out that two parcels of land to be compensated were similar,

with one of them having already received 1.8 billion. This raised concerns and questions regarding the payments made and the number of court cases the NLC were facing due to their ineffectiveness in resolving land compensation matters.

“NLC has been losing a lot of tax payers’ money in court. What efforts has your legal department and the management done to stop the magnitude of court cases that are facing the commission,” Katana.

He further added, “This committee needs a detailed report of all the case that the NLC have had with regard to failures by the NLC in settling land repayment matters.”

North Mugirango constituency MP Joash Nyamoko who chairs the parliamentary committee adjourned the sitting to allow for the committee to investigate the submissions further and to allow the Committee to sermon the Kenya Railways MD.

More Things Are Wrought By Prayer Than This World Dreams Of



By: Eric Musa
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Petitionary prayers for others brings grace to their lives. Few people know that the stupendous achievement of William Carey in India was fuelled by his bedridden sister who prayed for him for over fifty years. Tennyson beautifully gave verse to Paul’s wisdom, saying: “If thou shouldst never see my face again, Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice Rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or goats That nourish a blind life within the brain If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?”
For so the whole round earth is every way Bound by gold chains about the feet of God. How beautiful is the five-fold anatomy of petitionary prayer: In-Spirited — prayer “in the Spirit”; continual — prayer “on all occasions”; varied — “all kinds of prayers and requests”; persistent — “be alert and always keep on praying”; and intercessory — “for all the saints.” Certainly we are challenged and motivated! But the question is, how are we to pray in this way? Here we must turn to very practical advice.
GLORY, GLORY, BE UNTO THE MOST HIGH WHO UPHOLDS US. SELAH!
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Evangelist Eric Musa:
(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

Millets, Underutilised In Kenya, Widely Used In India

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A wide range of foods prepared with a variety of millets are on offer at the Indian Millets Food Festival that is being held at the Sarova Panafric Hotel in Nairobi to mark the International Year of the Millets.
The Indian High Commissioner to Kenya, Namgya Khampa, said, “The Indian High Commission to Kenya is delighted to bring the culinary diversity of India through this food festival,” adding that “We’ll showcase the kind of food you can make in India using millet.”

Crops Development Principal Secretary Kello Harsama said, “This festival gives us a unique chance to celebrate with nostalgia some of our less utilized traditional crops and reminds us why our forefathers cher-



The Indian High Commissioner to Kenya, Namgya Khampa, introduces guests; the Indian chefs specialized in millet dishes. On the left is Surendra Gandharva and Vaibhav Bhargava (centre). Photo by Duncan Sikoyo

ished these foods.”
Two renowned chefs from India were flown into the country to share their culinary arts with some of their colleagues at the five-star hotel.

The Indian chefs, Surendra Gandharva and Vaibhav Bhargava, have been arranging a mix of Indian cuisine, ranging from starters to soups and main courses that are all mil-



Millet

let-based.
The week-long festival was launched on June 17 and will run until June 23, and Kenyan chefs are expected to learn a lot at the event.
Visitors from different nationalities, particularly those of Indian origin, flocked to the event to sample the dishes.
The other members of the diplomatic corps represented were from Jordan, Belarus, Eritrea, and Turkey.

Drought: Kilifi Leaders Urge Gov't To Fast-Track Dam Project

By: Margaret Kalekye
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Worth Noting:

- “We want to thank Child Welfare Society of Kenya for supporting our schools that bear the brunt of the drought situation. After this we want to sit with all development partners to address the gaps identified in regards to the food situation in our schools and also look at long term interventions including the construction of the dam that has delayed” said the commissioner.
- MP Kazungu regretted that Ganze sub County was still reeling from the effects of Drought with many learners keeping off schools.
- He said the rains that have been experienced in the area would salvage the crisis but warned that the much awaited harvest in August would be poor owing to invasions by elephants that have destroyed crops.



From Left: Kilifi county commissioner Biwott, Ganze mp Kazungu and Woman rep Mbeyu.

Kilifi leaders are appealing to the government to fast-track the construction of Rare dam in drought hit Ganze sub County.

Speaking Monday during the flagging off of food supplies to schools that are yet to benefit from the government school meals program,

Ganze MP Kenneth Kazungu and Kilifi woman rep Getrude Mbeyu said construction of the dam will alleviate the persistent water scarcity faced by the resident due to recurring drought.

Kilifi county commissioner Josephat Biwott pledged to bring onboard

leaders from the area and stakeholders to address gaps to ensure the mega project that requires Ksh6B is prioritised.

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CWSK is distributing food supplies, stationaries and sanitary towels to 40 schools in Kwale and Kilifi counties.

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“As we speak now, over 2000 elephants are roaming in farms and KWS has deployed helicopters to drive out the animals but they seem to be overwhelmed,” he said.

He further called on the government to focus on investing in long term interventions that can improve livelihoods.

Woman Representative Mbeyu who graced the distribution exercise, blamed the rising cases of drop out among school going girls and teenage pregnancies on lack of sanitary towels.

She urged the government to allow women representatives to manage the sanitary towels kitty.

“The Ministry of Education is allocated 10 million for each county for free pads, the six coastal counties can come together to manage the fund. With Ksh 60million we can put up a sanitary towels factory. It’s cheaper, efficient and many girls in the coast will benefit as such improve enrolment and retention rates” she said.

The county which was in the alert drought phase has improved to normal phase.

According to Kilifi county drought coordinator Abdi Musa three sub counties namely Ganze, Magarini and Kaloleni sub counties remain vulnerable.

Child Welfare Society of Kenya has come to the rescue of 40 primary and secondary schools identified by the Ministry of Education in Kwale and Kilifi Counties that are yet to benefit from the government school lunch meals programme.

At least 21,444 learners are beneficiaries of the programme.

Where Possible Focus On Reality Not The Shadows

By: N. George

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Worth Noting:

- In such cases unless the parents are counseled it is be of little or no importance to discipline the kid as they are likely to follow the example by their parents more than that of a stranger.
- There are people who having not spent a day with you are eager to show hatred towards you. Never bother to befriend them on the same case do not have hatred towards them just ignore them. Knowing they hate you but having no solid basis of what is contributing towards this leaves you at crossroads in search of the contributing factor unless you identify it you could be getting it wrong so better to ignore them to start with as hating them is overburdening yourself with unnecessary luggage.



Do not take shadows too seriously. Reality is your only safety. Continue to reject illusion.....Wole Soyinka.

A wise saying urges that when a dog barks at you do not bother with it ask who the owner is. Had the owner not trained it like that probably it would not have interfered with you. No matter how harsh you can be towards it the chances are high that it will continue barking at you or the owner can send another one and do the same to you.

In a family where children misbehaves presence of visitors never concentrate on how to caution them about their behaviour no matter how the grownups in that family respects you know that they have bad manners and it is them the kids are emulating.

A thorough research would reveal that the kids do not think what they are doing is wrong as they have seen

or heard their seniors doing the same with no one taking offence in that.

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When you fall sick never over rely

on pain killers and fail to see a physician as you will just be getting temporary relief yet getting damaged internally.

When you go to the market to buy clothing or furniture and what you find in the display is not pleasing you do not bother enquiring about it from the seller as in most cases he will give you its description and go ahead to persuade you to buy it.

At the end of the day you may tend to buy it owing to persuasion but deep within you there will be no love for it so over time you will be regretting about it. What strikes you in the first instance you see something is important as you will always be attracted to it unless you find faults upon further scrutiny.

Those searching for someone to marry and you happen to find someone single and interested in marriage but you do not admire that person

by setting your sight on him do not tease him as you may fall in love do you easiness of the process as both parties are interested in getting married perhaps tired of searching though deep within you that is not your match.

In life time relationship go for what will rarely bore you rather that getting what you do not like them trying to find reasons for justifying your love.

While joining any organisation be clear in mind about what you will achieve rather than doing it because you can see some people in it who you know as at the end of the day you may be left disgruntled as the rest enjoy their lives.

Illicit Alcohol Trade Denies Government Kshs 71B In Annual Taxes

By: Christine Muchira

2020 to stand at Kshs. 67 billion, reflecting its wider distribution and increased preference, especially in low-income settlements. The popularity of illicit alcoholic beverages which are often sold at a lower price than legal drinks, has been fuelled by the non-compliance with tax and excise regulations. The low price of illicit drinks, high taxes, costly raw materials to produce safe alcohol, as well as easy accessibility through street vendors, licensed liquor shops, grocery retailers, bars, and other hospitality outlets, has been cited as one of the reasons why illicit alcohol has become more affordable. The main target for counterfeiting is the mass-market, high-volume brands that comprise a mix of mid-market and premium spirit brands followed by high-quality ci-

der and beer. Illegal traders are also interested in ethanol, driven by increasing demand from illicit commercial alcohol manufacturers. Quinton Walker, a Senior Consultant at Euromonitor International noted the presence of weak border patrols, widespread corruption, and unmanned entry points along Kenya’s borders continue to provide a safe passage for illegal traders to conduct their business. “Illicit ethanol traders have resorted to smuggling ethanol into the country taking advantage of rising local ethanol demand, price differences and higher ethanol availability in Tanzania and Uganda. The most preferred border routes are Isibania and Shimoni (Kenya-Tanzania), Mbale and Busia (Kenya-Uganda) and Moyale (Kenya-Ethiopia) are popular routes.” Walker noted. The report proposes the enforcement of the law to make it illegal for any person who involves himself in the production, distribution, or sale through licensed or unlicensed out-

lets will be considered criminal activity and be subject to punishment by the law. It also calls for more consumer awareness campaigns on the dangers of consumption of illegal alcohol highlighting the health effects on the human body. This will act as a deterrent and help reduce engagement in illicit alcohol production.

Illicit alcohol



Bishop Thagana Celebrated as Not Just a Father But a Role Model

By: John Kariuki
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Founder Bishop of Glory Outreach Assembly His Grace Bishop David Munyiri Thagana was celebrated as an icon, leader, role model, destiny connector and even a father and a grandpa during the world Father’s Day. The celebrations took place at Glory Outreach Assembly Headquarters at Kahawa Wendani. The humble, forthright, sharp and A Man Full of God’s Grace and Wisdom Bishop Thagana noted: “Such a day of Father’s day is fundamental to celebrate the toil and hardwork that our Fathers embody. It’s also a day to celebrate the good fathers who out of different circumstances are not able to celebrate such a chance.

In Glory Outreach Assembly we empower people in order for them to embrace their duties as Fathers. Today we are celebrating more than 790 orphans and vulnerable children who have gone through our eight children’s homes and most of them are here to celebrate with us representing 400 others spread across the eight homes cutting across Kenya. We are also co-celebrating today because of the award I recently won “The DIAR award in recognition of being a peace and cohesion champion, especially when I was preparing people ahead of the elections so that they could embrace peace, love and unity. It’s my appeal to all Fathers to take up their responsibility as a head of a family and a good role model to their children and provide unto them all the basic needs through practicing their fatherhood. Fathers should cease being forced

to take up their responsibilities and this goes to “dead beat” fathers who abscond parental roles. The Government is keen to emphasise that by 2032, no child should either be in the street or in a home. By then all children should and must have be reintegrated in the family unit. So this calls for concerted efforts in empowering the communities in order for them to have the requisite capacity to handle those disadvantaged children.” *Bishop David Munyiri Thagana is a highly respected cleric, because he is forthright, principled and leads by a good example. He is also the General Secretary of the Federation of Evangelical and indigenous Christian Churches of Kenya. The Man of God is accessible through the contact 0743608674.



Bishop David Munyiri Thagana founder of Glory Outreach Assembly.

Welcome back to the school

War



Welcome back to the school
The pillars of the future fortress,
The leaves of the future banyan tree,
The writings of future history,
Future Kings of the palace.

The colours of future paintings,
The protagonists of future epics,
Benefits of future horoscope,
Rays of future sun.

Future treasures of the earth,
The future depends on them,
The future sculptors are the students.

A beautiful big garden.

Here and there trees with beautiful flowers.
Peaceful in the leaf cover the canes blossoming
excitedly
As they danced to the humming of honey bees...
All over the city is fragrant with its quality.

Happiness rains on everyone.
It supports the disappearance of solitude.
Wealth makes the hearts flourish and makes
every day better.

The happiness of our life is the sugarcane that
we make in life...
Let's understand this and guide the sugarcane.
So far, the garden is the school!
Many trees; studying classrooms
Buds are 'Students' blooming enthusiastically!!
Those who bring education like water,
Wind and sunshine are the teachers who lead.

These are the ants...
The rain that spreads joy and fragrance,
All over the city.

These canes are the sweetest canes of our life!
So, I welcome my lovely students to visit the
garden school again.

Sr. Amalorpava Mary FSPM



The Earth is trembling
Hearing the sound of rockets.
The skies vomits the blood
Through projectile of the cannons.

The seas are waving,
Like the banner of objection.
The clouds are rocking,
As if they are going to fall.

Look, the birds are crying.
They fell through their songs.
The flowers are mourning
From the wish of to live.

The trees can't look at
Their growing shoots.
The mothers are wailing
For their newly born babies.

The war is death
It is a tear, it is oppression.

Hey, people, think for a while
What will you gain in the war?
If the humanity passes away
The world will turn to ruins.

Coldness

It was too cold
In BC
The rain drops of the sky
Was too tough
And there were little sun light.
Despite of all these
The human beings of the earth
Were brave and warm-blooded.
They warmed one another
With kindness and love.
They didn't have greediness
They weren't fraud.
But then...
The days became hot
The kindness
And the justice of the people
Disappeared.
You see that the hearts of the people

Are too cold
They are stone-hearted.
You see that the love
And the holiness and devotion of the people
Turn into ice day by day.

Then...

The people rise
To the top of the unhappiness
By falling through the eyes of one another.
Even they gave a name to their action- policy!
In this way
They get a lot of things.
They take posts, they get money,
They become famous.
Then
Their hearts turn into stone
One day
When they lose all what they had
And want to come back and be a human
The lifetime don't let them return...

Like a film

The forgotten paths
The tired knees
The waving seas
Are like my heart.

I don't know whether I am familiar or strange
Have a peaceful sleep, you are in my dream.
The life that caused you to shed tears
Is like oppression for me.

All which is born is like a breath,
The time is like the cage
The love which ends with parting
Is like a film.

Translated from Azerbaijani into English by Sevil
Gulten
VAHID ASLAN (Azerbaijan)

Biography

Vahid Aslan was born on September 29, 1972, in the village of Parakend of Gadabay District of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is a member of Union of Azerbaijani Writers and Union of Azerbaijani Journalists. He is the author of the books titled as "Green loves", "In the hand of Loneliness", "Love is holy", "Lifetime of a violet", "When the stones blossom", "Mathematics and Poetry", "Twin spirits", "Praying to the God", "The weather of rain", "The martyrs of Gadabay District", "Gadabay poets", "My heart is the nest of word", "Symbol of Dignity", including two textbooks, three monographs, and more than 350 articles. He was honored with a number of prizes for his activity in the field of journalism and literary. He is the docent of Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University (ASPU). He is the founder and editor-in-chief of the newspaper "Teacher's word".



Every morning at the table,
The bread that my mother covered is
only milk.
My father opens his hands to pray,
Get out of out of our house.

My brother and I hurry to school,
My father rides to the occise.

When watching us, my mother says,
May you all return safely.

Elite roads lead us to different
destinations,
In the dream, the wheel spins in different
ways.
My heard falls in love with my house,
Study and work when finished.

My sister and I will set the table,
When he cooks, he brings bread.
I look forward to the rest,
Even as expected dear guest.

Gathered at the table agein,
Let's share the joyful concern.
Vistory over sorrows,
The heard is filled with joy and forgets
sorrow.

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At the table

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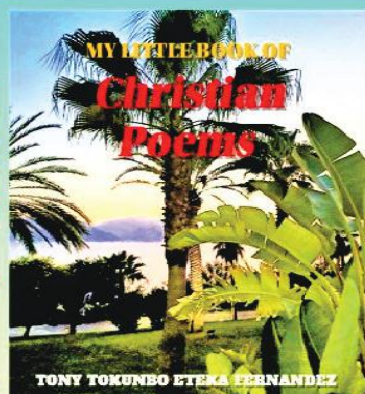
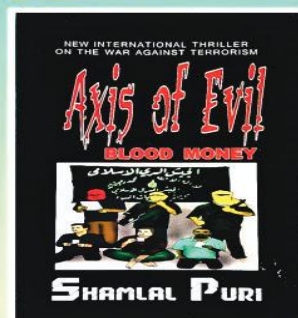
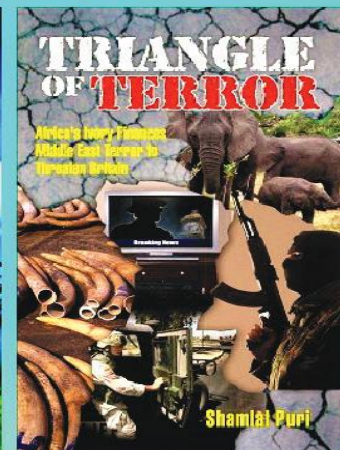
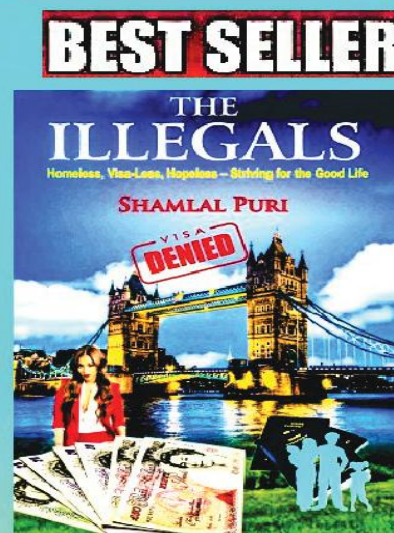
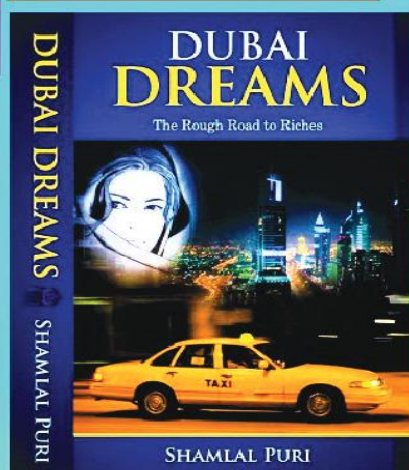
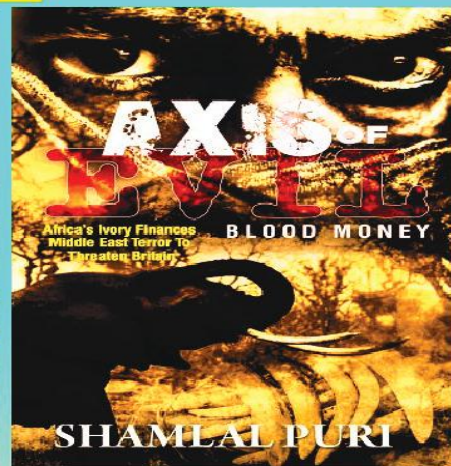
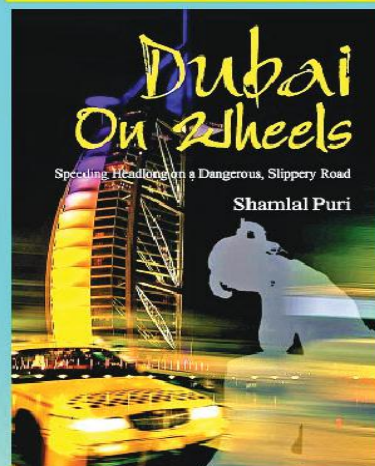
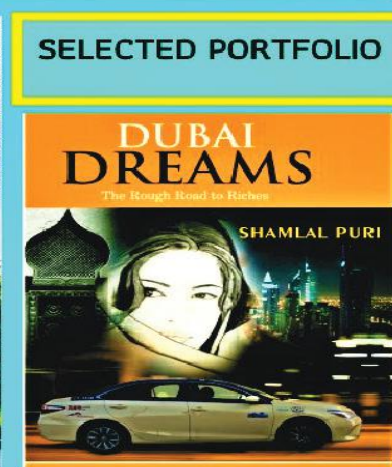
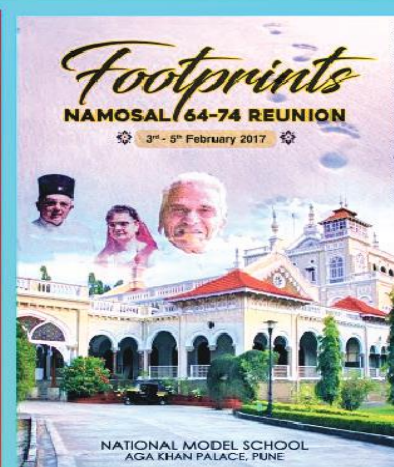
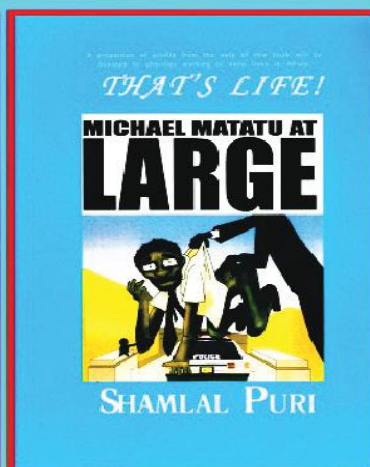
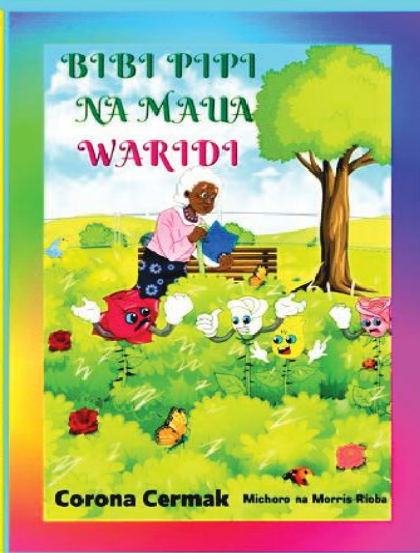
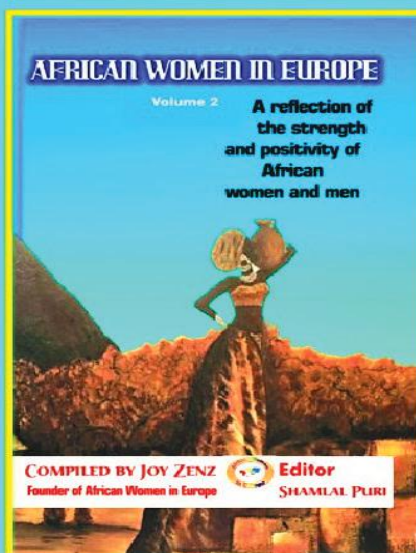
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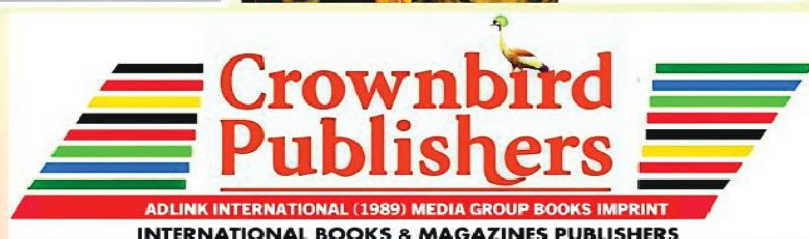
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Kenya Meat Commission Making Strides Towards Commercial Viability, MPs Told

By: PSCU

Worth Noting:

- Notably, KMC revealed plans to introduce sausages to Kenyan supermarkets, expanding its product range.
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The Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) is making strides that will eventually see it operate with financial reliance from the government.

The firm that is mandated to handle livestock for slaughter was revived a few years ago and is progressing on well, a Parliamentary committee was informed over the weekend.

During an inspection visit to the KMC facility in Kibarani, Mombasa, the National Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Livestock chaired Dr. John Mutunga met with Managing Commissioner, Brigadier J.N. Githaiga.

The committee, tasked with budget oversight, sought detailed information about the state corporation's operations, assets and finances.

Members of the committee toured the rehabilitated meat processing plant which handles 250 large stock and 500 small stock per day, the chilling facilities which have a capacity of 1750 carcasses operating at temperatures of between 0 – 2°C.

During the inspection, the legislators were taken through the strategic plan of KMC by the current Managing Commissioner, J.N. Githaiga, who showcased the company's ongoing efforts to improve its operations.

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Additionally, KMC aims to obtain ISO certification to enhance its credibility and market competitiveness.

Lawmakers were further informed that KMC has been supplying corned beef to various Security agencies, Government Institutions, County Governments, Financial Institutions,



Some of the MPs at the KMC facility in Kibarani, Mombasa

Embassies & Foreign Nations and the General. Furthermore, corned beef has been included as part of the strategic relief provided to drought-stricken regions.

“How can we make KMC commercially viable? What progress have you made in reducing reliance on the Exchequer?” asked Monica Marubu, MP Lamu County.

In his response, Brigadier Githaiga informed the committee members that KMC is gradually reducing its reliance on government funding, with 70% of its resources now being internally generated. The company plans to further expand its revenue sources through exports, franchise shops, and partnerships with the hotel and tourism industry.

Despite its positive trajectory, KMC faces several challenges that need to be addressed for sustained commercial viability.

The company grapples with aged

machinery and equipment, which affects its productivity and efficiency. Additionally, drought conditions have impacted the supply of animals for processing, while delayed payments from government agencies have led to cash flow challenges.

Land disputes and limitations in international certification have hindered the exploration of untapped export markets.

During its revival, KMC inherited 74 court cases, but significant progress has been made in resolving them.

Currently, only 8 cases remain pending, thanks to the allocation of exchequer funds, which have helped clear financial debts and litigation.

As the oldest and most experienced meat processor in Kenya and the larger East African region, KMC possesses immense potential to contribute to the country's economy.

With strategic investments, im-

proved operations, and a focus on quality products, the company aims to become commercially viable and expand its presence in both domestic and international markets.

Members of the National Assembly Committee Agriculture and Livestock pledged to continue to monitor KMC's progress and provide necessary support to overcome the challenges it faces.

Members present during the inspection visit included Dr. John Mutunga, Brighton Yegon, Pamela Njoki Njeru, Ferdinand Wanyonyi, Jared Okello, Monica Marubu, and Kibagendi Osero. The team was also accompanied by the area Member of Parliament Bady Twalib.

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Parliamentary Departmental Committee On Sports Probes CMO's Battles With KECOBO

By: PSCU

The Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture, chaired by Daniel Wanyama of Webuye west constituency held an engagement with the Royal Media Services (RMS) and the Music Publishers Association of Kenya (MPAKE) in a tussle between the Royal Media Services and the Kenya Copyright Board.

The Performance Rights Society of Kenya (PRISK) and the Kenya Association of Music Producers (KAMP) had sued Royal Media Services for Sh67 million.

During his presentation, Njenga Njihia, the Legal Advisor of Royal Media Service, informed the committee that the company had not engaged in any wrongdoing.

He stated that they had agreed to settle any pending royalty bills and resolve the matter out of court.

He also stated that the Media house had fulfilled its end of the agreement by paying up to Sh25 million, as per

the agreement made with the CEOs of the two Collective Management Organizations (CMOs).

On the other hand, MPAKE was accused of embezzling funds it collected after being registered and assigned by KECOBO to collect royalties alongside the three CMOs: PRISK, MCSK, and KAMP.

However in his submission, Bernard Kioko, the chairman of MPAKE, claimed that their financial records were in order and promised to submit them for scrutiny.

Mr. Maurice Okoth, CEO of KAMP, informed the committee that their board was not involved in the withdrawal of the case and was actually against it.

He also stated that KAMP only learned about the withdrawal after it had already happened.

Dr. Ezekiel Mutua, CEO of MCSK, praised the embattled Executive Director of KECOBO, Dr. Edward Sigei.

He informed the committee that after appearing before them, the three CMOs and KECOBO had signed a Memorandum of Understanding and



involved that the committee was in acting any new laws.
Parliamentary Departmental Committee On Sports .

were working together to resolve the issues plaguing the music industry and the payment of royalties.

In his closing remarks, Wanyama called on the formation of a single CMO to streamline operations and reduce costs at the expense of artists' royalties. He also assured all parties

the process of creating legislation that would benefit the creative industry.

He urged the parties to cooperate and participate in order to drive the industry forward, emphasizing that their involvement was crucial for en-

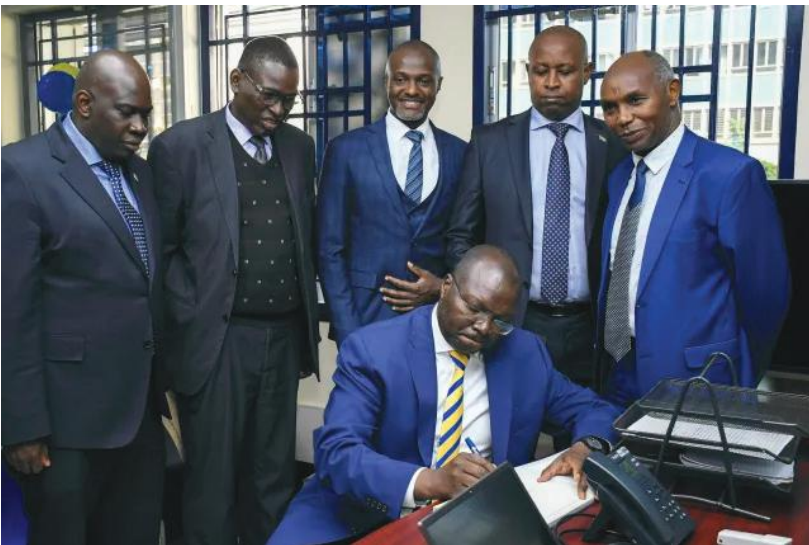
“We will help in creating legislation that will ensure artists are rewarded for their hard work, but I want to remind you that no law can be enacted without your cooperation and participation,” said Wanyama.

Sacco's Told To Share Ict Services To Enhance Inclusion, Cut Cost

By: Our Reporter
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Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations in the country are being urged to share their ICT infrastructure services in order to reduce cost and risks while at the same time increase financial inclusion.

Speaking during the launch of Stima DT Sacco 10th branch in Nairobi, Cooperatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui said the ministry is working on amendments to the Sacco Societies Act to establish the Central Liquidity and Shared Services Facility that will ensure the sacco sector have access to the liquidity for inter sacco lending, access the national payment system and provision of common shared services to more than 5.54 million members of 176 registered in Kenya.



Cooperatives and MSMEs Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui during the opening of Stima DT Sacco E-House Branch in Nairobi CBD. PHOTO | Courtesy.

“For us to focus and remain to true to our course, we have to share these information, communication and technology (ICT) services so that we are able to have a specialized ser-

vices provider to handle these ICT issues and give you time to focus on provision of financial service,” said CS Chelugui.

Sharing of services is backed to en-

sure cooperatives operating in the country spread cyber-security risks and emerging risks while at the same time improving the systems which smaller sacco without financial muscle to acquire the can access.

Stima DT Sacco Chief Executive Officer Dr Gamaliel Hassan said the organization is embarking on expansion strategy that will see its more than 180,000 membership access financial services with ease. This comes as firms cut back of physical branches to focus on alternative digital channels.

“There is indeed a reason and a need where we are saying although the world is becoming very digital and of course we are, we still think with only 12 branches we are putting up with an asset base of Ksh 55 billion, there is still room to grow some more branches. We look at branches becoming an outreach,” said Dr Gamaliel.

According to Dr Gamaliel, its physical branches have been profitable

and investment in alternative digital channels will ensure the two complement each other.

Currently, Stima Sacco conducts 70pc of customer transactions on digital channels with the remaining 30pc being done via mobile, a figure which is projected to grow further.

“As a fast-growing Sacco, it is imperative to continue seeking visibility and brand presence throughout the country. We have therefore embarked on an expansion drive to bring quality products and services to all Kenyans,” Albert Mugo, Stima Sacco Chairman.

The sacco says opening of physical office braches forms part its decentralization policy it is currently implementing in its efforts to enhance accessibility, convenience and ensure the operation effectiveness and impact to its members.

Stima DT Sacco has also opened two branches in Kisii and Meru bringing total branches to 12.

Finance Bill 2023 Will See Provision Of Better Services To Kenyans, Says Nyoro

Chair of the National Assembly Budget Committee Ndindi Nyoro says proposals contained in the Finance Bill 2023, set for its third reading tomorrow, will ensure Kenyans get better services.

According to Nyoro, the government is working to ensure Kenyans get better education, health and infrastructure saying the funds to implement development projects will be accrued through the finance bill 2023.

The parliamentary budget committee chairperson faulted a section of leaders, who he accuses of opposing the bill instead of working to ensure views of their electorate are included in the bill before it sails through the parliament.

He added that the education sector will get the lion's share of 640 billion shillings out of the entire 3.69 trillion shillings budget to support various programmes in the sector,

including 25.5 billion for junior secondary education, while another 30 billion will go to the Higher Education Loans Board.

Nyoro who is also the Kiharu legislator, said for the government to work effectively for its people, it must have a pool of funds saying the monies will be realized through the Finance Bill, which has since gone through second reading.

“Leaders in the opposition and those opposing the bill will have a chance Tuesday and Wednesday, when the bill will be tabled for third reading to bring in their proposal for amendments. Let’s work for Kenyans instead of deceiving them and inciting them to demonstrate,” he appealed.

A section of leaders has threatened to call for mass demonstration to oppose the bill claiming it will increase the cost of living.



Chair of the National Assembly Budget Committee Ndindi Nyoro.

DETECTIVES RECOVER BHANG, ARREST SEVEN IN CITY RAID

By: The DCI

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As Others Net Kenya Power Equipment Worth Millions

Eight suspects were arrested over the weekend and narcotic drugs recovered in an operation conducted by Starehe based detectives in Huruma, Nairobi County.

In the raid that was conducted following a tip off from members of the public, over 10 kilograms of weed, 450 rolls of the same substance, weighing scales, daggers and gas cylinders suspected to have been stolen were recovered during the raid.

A vehicle used to distribute the highly addictive drug in various parts of the city was also impounded.

The seven suspects identified as Alex Murimi, Woche Sipa, Clinton Odinga, Kevin Kimani, Mohamed Wako, John Chege and

Hassan Yussuf are facing charges of trafficking in narcotic drugs, being in possession of narcoticb drugs and preparation to commit a felony.

Meanwhile, ssorted Kenya Power equipment worth Sh11 million that is believed to have been vandalized, has been recovered by detectives based in Kiambu County.

The recovery made on Sunday night followed a raid at a scrap metal yard in Denderu location, owned by one Patrick King’ori who has since gone into hiding.

Transformer fuses, pilon bindings, transformer laminations, transformer shells, high tension cables among other equipment vandalized from power lines were among the recovered items.

One suspect identified as Florence Kariuki, 30 was arrested during the raid as efforts to arrest the main suspect intensify. #Fich-uakwaDCI 0800722203.



Assorted Kenya Power equipment worth Sh11 million that is believed to have been vandalized.



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State Seeks Additional Ksh 40B In Second Supplementary Budget

By: Our Reporter
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The government is seeking the approval of National Assembly to spend additional about Ksh 40 billion as the second supplementary budget for the current financial year 2022/23 which ends June 30, 2023. The additional cash is expected to be channeled to education, water projects and reduce the pending bills. The latest supplementary budget proposes to reduce allocation for roads by Ksh 14.26 billion , transport by Ksh 970 million, blue economy and fisheries has been slashed Ksh 346.9 million while the State Department of Irrigation’s allocation has been cut by Ksh 300 million. If the Supplementary Estimate II is approved in its current form, allocation for water and sanitation will increase by Ksh 5.9 billion, shipping and maritime affairs budget will get

an extra Ksh 22 million while Ksh 4 billion has been earmarked for completion of the Thwake Multipurpose Dam which is 80pc complete. Supplementary budgets, as provided for in Article 223 of the Constitution arise from the need to revise or adjust the original budget during the year and in the course of its implementation owing to maybe emergencies or unforeseen events, or situations that lead to realization of additional funds, cases of lack of funds, necessitating budget cuts.



A joint sitting of National Assembly and Senate listen to President Uhuru Kenyatta delivering his State of the Nation Address at parliament buildings on November 30, 2021.. Photo | Jeff Angote | Nation

Sakaja Unveils School Feeding Program To Benefit At Least 250,000 Learners

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Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja has launched an ambitious feeding program that will benefit at least 250,000 learners in public primary schools. Speaking when he presided over the groundbreaking of 10 kitchens in Njiru Primary School, Sakaja said the program aims at encouraging learners to attend school and improving their nutritional status. “By end of day tomorrow we shall have started work to construct 10 Central Kitchens in Dagoretti North, Embakasi Central, Embakasi South, Kasarani, Kibra, Makadara, Starehe, Roysamu, Ruaraka, and Westlands Sub-counties,” he said Sakaja noted that the meals will be cooked in the central kitchens and

transported in special sealed containers and vehicles to the surrounding schools. “Each kitchen is expected to produce about 10,000 nutritional meals daily, with each child getting 650 grams and a fruit daily as part of the programme,” he stated He added that parents will be required to pay Ksh5 for each learner daily while the County Government of Nairobi will cater for the other costs. The construction of the Kitchens will take about 10 weeks with the first meal to be served on the first day of the third term of this school year.



Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja

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Spain Beat Croatia On Penalties To Win Nations League



Spain beat Croatia 5-4 on penalties to clinch Nations League glory as they celebrated their first trophy win since Euro 2012. Substitute Dani Carvajal converted the winning spot-kick with a Panenka after the game had finished goalless after extra-time, giving head coach Luis de la Fuente, only appointed Luis Enrique's successor in December, a trophy-winning start to his tenure. Croatia, World Cup finalists in 2018 and third-placed finishers in Qatar last year, were hoping to lift their first trophy but could not find a way to goal across the

120 minutes despite the best efforts of Luka Modric, with substitutes Lovro Majer and Bruno Petkovic then seeing their penalties saved by Unai Simon in the shootout. It was a heartbreaking outcome for serial overachievers Croatia, who, four days on from their extra-time win over the Netherlands in the semis, once again fall painfully short of a historic triumph. Croatia, fatiguing after their extra-time win over the Netherlands only four days earlier, were certainly well backed in Rotterdam, with a sea of Cro-

atian flags and red and white shirts in the De Kuip stands. It remains to be seen whether this was Modric's final chance to deliver a trophy for his country, with the 37-year-old former Ballon d'Or winner set to make an announcement on his international future this week. Defeat may yet see him stay on to play in next summer's European Championship in Germany. Victory also means Spain become the second nation to win the World Cup, European Championship and Nations League following France, who

beat the Spanish in the 2021 Nations League final.
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Ronaldo Marks 199Th Appearance For Portugal



Cristiano Ronaldo won his 199th Portugal cap as his side cruised past Bosnia-Herzegovina to maintain their winning streak in their Euro 2024 qualifying campaign. Bruno Fernandes set up Bernardo Silva who opened the scoring with a chipped effort in the 44th minute. Fernandes added a second through a 77th minute header

and a third in the closing stages with a sweet strike. Ronaldo had a first-half header ruled out for offside at Estadio da Luz. Portugal stay top of Group J having won all three of their matches. Coming into the fixture in Lisbon, Al Nassr's Ronaldo, 38, had scored four goals across two European Championship qualifiers

in March. He was fractionally offside when he nodded home Joao Cancelo's cross in the 23rd minute, but Portugal were able to canter to victory without their talisman among the goals. Bosnia-Herzegovina are now fourth, four points behind second-placed Slovakia. The visitors could have taken the lead midway through the first

half but Edin Dzeko volleyed over when unmarked in the box. KBC

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The Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Eliud Owalo on Monday hosted Kenya Premier League side Posta Rangers for lunch and urged them to win their remaining matches before the end of the season.

The vibrant and sports loving CS urged the mail men to register victories in their Wednesday encounter against league chasing Tusker FC at Ruaraka grounds before they take on Banderi on Sunday in the last day of the top tier campaign at Thika Mu-

nicipal Stadium.

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In another game involving league deciding bid, record local champions Gor Mahia will lock horns against Kakamega Homeboyz at Nyayo National Stadium on Wednesday.

The two sides have been very impressive in the past few weeks and this is a match that holds so much at stake for either side.

After a one-week break, the 2022/23 Football Kenya Federation Premier

League culmination

resumes on Wednesday with eight matches on the cards across different venues.

The league took a break to allow for the participation of the national team Harambee Stars in Four Nations Tournament which ended on Sunday in Mauritius.