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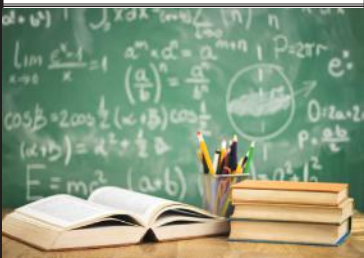
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President William Ruto

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DP Gachagua Assures Of Reforms In The Milk Sector

By: Capital Correspondent

The government is set to reform the dairy sub-sector through modernization of the New Kenya Cooper-

ative Creameries (KCC) factories and expansion of its market, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua said yesterday.

Gachagua also said the Government will help the New KCC to

acquire new market for its milk products within the national and county government institutions and school-feeding programmes in learning institutions.

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is taken through some of the products by New KCC chairman Maina Kamiru



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Car & General Partners With Indian Firm To Distribute Farm Implements

By: Our Reporter

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Worth Noting:

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- It adds to the wide range of products that target various sectors including mining and construction, mobility and transport, power generation and financial services.



From Left to Right: Beri Udyog (P) Limited Area Manager for Africa Himank Kochhar , Car & General Managing Director, Trading David Chesoni, Agricultural Division Manager Naomi Karagu and Beri Udyog (P) Limited Executive Director Karan Beri discuss the features of one of the Beroni implements on display at Car & General's showroom..

Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed distributor of power solutions and agricultural machinery; Car & General has entered into a dealership agreement with Udyog (P) Limited, the India-based manufacturer of Beroni, a globally acknowledged range of farm implements.

Under the deal, Car & General will serve as the exclusive distributor of Beroni agricultural implements in Kenya. Known for its cutting-edge

technology and precision engineering, Beroni, offers a wide range of agricultural machinery, including ploughs, harrows, seeders, cultivators, and more. These state-of-the-art implements are designed to enhance farming efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

"This partnership is aligned with our commitment to providing our customers with the exceptional range of Beroni farm implements

to our Kenyan farmers. Beroni's reputation for excellence and their focus on developing innovative and reliable agricultural equipment, values that perfectly complement our own values," said Car & General Managing Director, Trading David Chesoni, adding that the partnership marks a significant milestone in the company's commitment to providing Kenyan farmers with innovative agricultural solutions.

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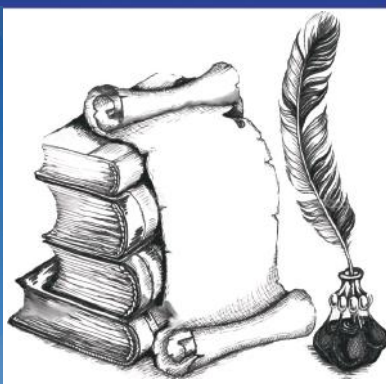
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Beroni farm implements are manufactured using the highest industry standards and incorporate the latest technological advancements. With their durability, precision, and ease of use, these implements empower farmers to optimize their operations to achieve optimal yields.

“We believe that Car & General’s deep understanding of the local market, their commitment to customer satisfaction, makes them an ideal partner to distribute our farm implements, and their extensive reach will enable us to empower Kenyan farmers with cutting-edge agricultural technology to drive sustainable growth in the farming sector,” noted Beri Udyog’s Area Manager for Africa, Himank Kochhar.

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International Micro, Small, and Medium Entrepreneurship (MSME) Day Marked In Kajiado

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Worth Noting:

- The Cabinet Secretary said that through leveraging digital technology and support from Mobile Network Operators, the Hustler Fund has so far rolled out two products dedicated to Individuals (Personal Finance Product) and Collectives (Group Micro Loan Product).
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Principal Secretary, Susan Mang'eni.

Kenya joined the world in marking the International Micro, Small, and Medium Entrepreneurship (MSME) Day in Kitengela, Kajiado County.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Principal Secretary, Susan Mang'eni, the Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and MSME Development, Simon Chelugui, said that MSMEs account for more than 90 per cent of all businesses and contribute to over 70 per cent of jobs globally in addition to generating 50 per cent of the world's gross domestic product.

He noted that the MSME sector in Kenya constitutes 98 per cent of all businesses, creating 30 per cent of the jobs annually as well as contributing 3 per cent of the 6.4 per cent annual GDP growth.

The CS said that the sector creates employment for over 16 million people, making it a high-priority segment in the realization of the Kenyan Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda.

He added that through the Ministry, the Government's flagship project, the Financial Inclusion Fund (Hustler Fund), has been addressing the perennial challenge of lack of affordable and accessible credit for MSMEs.

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While noting that the fund aims at realizing financial inclusion for millions of Kenyans, particularly MSMEs, who would otherwise be excluded from the mainstream financial system, the CS revealed that the Fund will have two additional products to cater for SMEs and startups.

“To enhance financial inclusion for MSMEs, Kenya Industrial Estates (KIE) provides affordable medium-to long-term finance (up to Sh20 million) to MSMEs in the manufacturing sector with a focus on value addition. Through the Uwezo Fund, women, youth, and persons with disabilities are able to access finances to promote businesses and enterprises at the grassroots level (constituencies). In addition, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund provides affordable credit to youth-led businesses in order to mainstream their participation in economic growth,” he said.

The Ministry has also prioritized key value chains within the economy that exhibit high growth poten-

tial, have sustainable job creation, and cater to a significant portion of the population. These strategic sectors include Agro-processing, leather, textiles, milk production, edible

oils, and construction materials.

“With a clear focus on these sectors, the Ministry is committed to enhancing cottage-level manufacturing with common user machinery to refine their production processes and facilitating the aggregation of MSMEs, leveraging the existing network of over 200 Constituency Industrial Development Centres (CIDCs) run by the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority, to support and promote value addition within these industries,” said the CS.

Chelugui also noted that there is a need to put emphasis on MSME activities and innovations that focus on green energy and environmental conservation, as Green Entrepreneurship is definitely the way to go.

The event also featured machine distribution to MSME associations across various value chains in the county.

The theme for this year's MSME Day was ‘Galvanizing MSMEs Worldwide by Supporting Women and Youth Entrepreneurship and Resilient Supply Chains.’



Principal Secretary Susan Mang'eni and Kajiado leaders go through the various exhibitions during the MSME Day celebration in Kajiado. Photo/Diana Meneto - KNA.



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Electoral Body To Pay Marketing Firm Sh248M For 2017 Poll Services

By: Our Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has been ordered to pay over Sh248 million to a marketing firm; Scanad Kenya Limited, for services it provided in 2017.

"An order of mandamus compelling the respondents Chief Executive Officer to pay the applicant the sum of Ksh.248,042,665.12 being the decretal amount together with interest at court rate from the date of award until payment in full," read court papers.

In default, the court ruled that IEBC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Marjan Hussein will have to show cause why he should not be cited for contempt.

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Court documents show that IEBC tapped the firm to provide strategic communication, integrated media campaign and consultancy services to the electoral agency through a contract that both parties signed on July 27, 2017.

"The applicant has a legitimate expectation not only access but also enjoy the fruit of the judgement," said Justice Chigiti in his ruling, further adding that Fair Administrative Action Act shall remain a dead letter unless the electoral body and indeed all judgment debtors settle the decrees.

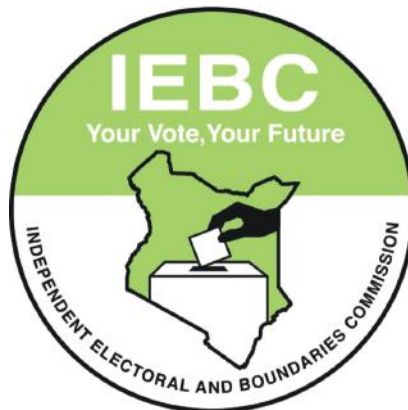
Through lawyer James Gitau Singh, the firm said the High Court entered a judgment of Sh245 million inclusive of value-added tax and costs of the suit against IEBC more than two years ago.

The judge said the polls agency did not file any responses and in that case, the matter was not opposed.

Quoting previous decisions, the



IEBC CEO Marjan Hussein..



judge said where a public office declines to perform the duty after issuance of an order compelling them to fulfil an obligation, the action amounts to insubordination and contempt of court hence action may perfectly be commenced to have cited for such.

In her ruling in April 2021, Justice Grace Ngenye (now a Court of Appeal judge) who first handled the matter said there was no doubt the

parties entered into the contract for the provision of strategic communication and integrated media campaign consultancy services.

The judge added that rejections of the existence of the contract by the electoral body were mere denials.

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State Banks On Commercialising Idle Land To Boost Food Production

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Worth Noting:

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The government has committed to fully implement the Land Commercialisation Initiative (LCI), which will put huge tracts of idle land into agricultural use as it seeks to increase food production and bridge the food deficit in the country.

State Department for Crops Development Principal Secretary Kello Harsama said that the government has large parcels of land under parastatals and other government organisations which are lying idle and can be cultivated to produce food for the country.

Speaking during the inaugural investors' conference on the Land Commercialisation Initiative (LCI), the PS said that the motivation for the government to cultivate the idle land is because of the severe effects of the recent drought, which almost brought about a food crisis in the country.

“Recently we experienced the biggest food deficit the country has ever seen with a shortfall of over 10 million bags of maize,” said the PS, adding that in the past in such instances the government imported food from the region, but this time round even the neighbouring countries did not have food to export.

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The PS said that approximately 2.5 million acres of arable land held by public institutions remain unused, and to meet the country's food demand, the strategy is to bring 500,000 acres of new land into production.

“The country has a deficit of 7.8 million bags of maize against a projected demand of 67 million bags of maize as of 2022,” said Harsama.

He explained that for the initial phase of the project, some of the parcels of land that the government has

prioritised include Galana Kulalu, the Bura irrigation scheme, Egerton University, Kimabere Farm, Kiriungu Field Unit, Masinga Farm, the Tana Delta irrigation project, and the Tana irrigation scheme.

“The Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) has over 1.5 million acres of land which is not utilised and as a government, we cannot allow such land to stay idle while it is enough to produce food to ensure that we move away from importing food,” said the PS.

Harsama said that the Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS) seeks to unlock 50 large farms with over 2,500 acres each, with over 150,000 acres put under food production.

“Some of the major agricultural commodities targeted are maize, rice, wheat, Irish potatoes, livestock, and fisheries and their products,” said the PS.

He explained that they are working closely with the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and other partners to ensure that they attract both local and international investors into the project to ensure its success and sustainability.

“Once we lease the land to the investors, we will give very strict conditions, which include removing the word idle. We don't want to give the land to investors and then the land continues being idle,” said Harsama, adding that they are contemplating introducing fines for those who will



Principal Secretary Kello Harsama

not put the land into use.

World Bank Principal Country Officer Dan Kasirye said that their strategy under the IFC is to create markets and unlock the potential of key sectors, and for this particular strategy, they are helping the Kenya government unlock its land potential.

Kasirye said that land is a key sector for any development objective, as it is a key resource not only in agriculture but also in other sectors like in-

dustrialisation.

“It is our sincere hope that the strategy will be a success and that it will generate investments in the agri-business space,” said Kasirye, adding that they support private sector investments and that they will consider financing and partnering in any other way.



Crops being irrigated.

Is President Ruto Ditching His Aide-De-Camp?

Head of State Also ‘Changing’ World Thinking On Some Issues

By: Moses Kinyanjui and William Muchiri
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All indications points to a Strong man who is out to change the normal and work differently from his predecessors.

From the way he is handling local and international issues, Dr William Ruto is emerging as a different brand of President who is not easy to predict his next move.

Currently, there is an international debate on some moves, the President is taking.

These include his call for use of local currencies in international trade as opposed to the traditional use of American dollars and his call for “equalisation” among all countries before the international monetary organization like World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Away from the international outlook, close at home, Kenyans are not used to seeing a President standing alone in a podium.

Since the country gained independence, a Head of State is always accompanied by a senior Military officer.

But it seems things are changing.

Chemistry issues, a deep appreciation for personal space, a preference to be less formal and trying to do away with strict traditional practices that should have been done away with a long time ago?

President William Ruto has, for the last few weeks managed to shake off the ever-present presence of his aide-de-camp, Colonel Fabian Lengusuranga and his deputy ADC Lieutenant Colonel Damaris Agnetta.

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Kenyans are used to the President always having an unsmiling, always-alert military personnel standing behind him when they are speaking at an official public function.

An aide-de-camp is a military officer who stands behind the President during official functions.

Contrary to popular notion, the ADC is not a bodyguard but one mandated with managing the president’s diary and liaising with his or her main security team.

Reporters have observed that there had been a definite change of protocol in the last few weeks as ADC Colonel Fabian Lengusuranga has been ‘benched’ whenever President Ruto walks up to the lectern to talk.

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President William Ruto .

Worth Noting:

- The last time there was reasonable consistency in Dr Ruto’s ADC appearance, according to Citizen Digital research, was in March when the Head of State was even enjoying the privilege of juggling between Col Lengusuranga and Female ADC Lieutenant Colonel Damaris Agnetta.
- Since then, President Ruto has only had an ADC accompanying him to the stage during the official opening of the Kenya Social Protection Conference at the Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete on April 4.
- Others were during the Prison Officers Cadet pass-out parade in Ruiru, Kiambu County on April 24, during the 60th Madaraka Day celebrations at the Moi Stadium, Embu on June 1.

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Save for during church services or on top of his car, President Ruto always has Colonel Lengusuranga behind him whenever he is addressing a gathering.

But from records, he has been leaving his ADC seated while he takes the podium. Worth noting that the ADC is always within the president, he/she just does not accompany him on stage.

As recently as last Monday, President Ruto was alone on stage at three events; when he launched the Boda Boda Empowerment, during the inauguration of the Kenya Health Human Resource Advisory Council that seeks to accelerate the realisation of Universal Health Coverage and during the 93rd Annual Inspection Parade of the St. John Ambulance.

Since March, there are more instances of the president without his ADC than with him.

According to a source with knowledge of military and security intelligence, there could be a few reasons why the president is pushing his ADC to the side.

“It could be a lack of chemistry with the ADC, or the President prefers to be less formal, less strict about adherence to traditional protocol practices,” said our source.

“The ADC is typically a symbol of authority and projects the President’s role as C-I-C because no other Kenyan can have a uniformed ADC from KDF. Symbolically the President must be owned by his security agencies.

They each have a role to play in his daily activities and the role of the ADC is the connection to the KDF.”

However, our source says none of the reasons stated is alarming but says an issue like lack of chemistry can be deeper than people think.

“If the chemistry is the issue, then it is likely there is tension with the close protection team. So, to avoid unnecessary squabbling the army guys usually take a back seat to avoid causing untidy scenes in public,” he adds.

Individuals holding this position are highly-trained senior military officers who are required to be part of the president’s itinerary at all times.

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, an aide-de-camp is a French word meaning “camp assistant”.

This was an officer on the personal staff of a general, admiral, or other high-ranking commander who acted as a confidential secretary in routine matters.

On Napoleon’s staff, such officers were frequently of high military qualifications and acted both as his “eyes” and as interpreters of his mind to subordinate commanders, even on occasion exercising delegated authority.

In modern times aides-de-camp are usually of junior rank and their duties are largely social. Military, naval, and air force officers, frequently of high rank, who act as aides to chiefs of state, such as kings or presidents, are also called aides-de-camp.

In Kenya, an ADC is largely a colonial hangover that has come to define the presidency.

The first ADC in Independent Kenya was Lt. Col. (Rtd) Samuel Ngure Matu who was Jomo Kenyatta’s first ADC before he was replaced by Major (Rtd) Marsden Madoka and Ma-

God-Centered Worship Pt 3



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Worship is what God wants from you and from me. Jesus hallowed and substantiated this in His chiding of busy, frenetic Martha, who was so critical of her sister's sitting at Jesus' feet: "Martha, Martha . . . you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41, 42).

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Major Samuel Macharia was Kenya's last ADC.

President Moi took the reigns of power in 1978 and ended up having six ADCs during his 24-year rule.

They were; Major Macharia, Major Peter Ngugi Ikenye, and Colonel Wilson Boinett - one of the longest-serving ADCs - who took over and was later promoted to the Director General of the National Security Intelligence Service (NSIS).

Colonel Alexander Sitienei replaced Boinett and later Lt. Col. Jonathan Rono took over. Colonel Stephen Boiywo was Moi's last ADC when he retired in 2002.

When President Mwai Kibaki came into power, Lt. Col. Josiah Mrashui

served as his first ADC who was then replaced by Lt. Col. Godfrey King'angi who later pursued politics and was elected as Member of Parliament for Mbeere South constituency. He was replaced by Col. Peter Mbogo Njiru who also served President Uhuru Kenyatta before being replaced him with Col. Victor Mburu.

Col. Mburu went on to serve as President Uhuru Kenyatta's ADC from 2013 to 2018 when he was replaced by Brig. Timothy Stelu Lekool.

President Kenyatta promoted Lieutenant General Peter Mbogo Njiru as the Commander of the Kenya Army.

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President William Ruto .

Raila’s Call For Civil Disobedience, Products Boycott Is Doomed To Fail



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Worth Noting:

- This is because President Ruto has totally refused to cave in to his demand for a ‘nusu mkate’ (half loaf).
- Tinga, you developed a bad habit. Every time when you lose the elections, you always resorted to forcibly pushing for a half share of the government. This will not happen again. Forget it!, Ruto once told him.
- He added: Tinga, you cannot change the will of the people of Kenya. They spoke loudly during the elections. So, accept you lost the election and move on.
- We want you to stick to your lane as an opposition leader. Criticize us when we go wrong. You should, however, engage us in a structured and constructive dialogue.

This is not the first time we are hearing the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Party leader Raila inciting his supporters to participate in a campaign of civil disobedience and boycott of certain products.

He would target the products and services owned and offered by those he had been made to believe ‘stole or aided in stealing his victory’.

He had unsuccessfully contested five presidential elections since the repeal of Section 2A of the constitution in 1991 to usher in multiparty democracy.

When the final results were declared and the victor is announced, he would always cry foul.

I had won this poll but I was rigged out in a broad day light, blah, blah blah.

This would irritate some of his critics who would pose. Why can’t he also rig? What stops him from doing this?

The story was the same when Dr William Ruto wrestled him to the ground in last year’s General Election.

He would once again resort to using the card of defiance. This time, the going is tough for him.

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We want you to stick to your lane as an opposition leader. Criticize us when we go wrong. You should, however, engage us in a structured and constructive dialogue.

Criticism is not enough. We expect you to also give us practical solutions.

As a demonstration of his commitment to this cause, the President has been in fore front pushing for the creation of the Office of the Official Leader of Opposition.

We recognize the critical role that the Opposition plays. We want to give them teeth.

The President repeated this recently during a working visit in Paris, France.

In an interview with one of the Media house, he told the reporter. I have no problem with Raila Odinga’s role

of putting my government in checks.

It is, however, important to note this. Kenya is not a banana republic. It is a country governed by the constitution and the rule of law. So, he is duty bound to fully comply with the relevant provisions of the constitution and related laws.

When he organizes his demonstrations, he must ensure they are peaceful and his supporters are unarmed.

As a government, we have a responsibility to ensure the rights and lives of those not participating are protected. Equally, we have a duty to protect the properties of all Kenyans.

What we have been seeing in the past contradicts this.

Raila’s demonstrations always turned chaotic, bloody and destructive. This is unacceptable.

Before the handshake between him and then President Uhuru Kenyatta, he had asked his supporters to boycott certain products.

This included the services offered by Safaricom PLC, the leading telecommunication in Kenya and milk products from Brookside, a company associated with Kenyatta family.

Many Kenyans did not heed his call and this prompted him to rescind his decision a few days later.

Nevertheless, Uhuru went ahead and shake hands with him.

Raila was upbeat. He got contented and never contested and faulted the decisions of Uhuru anymore.

Raila had earlier armtwisted, intimidated and blackmailed President Mwai Kibaki to share the government with him.

This time, the situation was so bad. Some 1,333 Kenyans lost their lives in the post-election violence that rocked the country. Properties worth billions of shillings were also destroyed.

Calm and normalcy was restored when the two leaders agreed to sign a ‘ceasefire’ accord.

This followed the interventions of the International community through Koffi Annan led mediation talks.

Given this background, it has dawned on many Kenyans that Raila did not believe in their cause.

He has been fighting for selfish and personal interests.

He would not care about how many people lose their lives.

For this reason, I’m persuaded to believe that his latest incitement on his supporters to participate in civil disobedience and shun some products will not bear any fruits.

You cannot tell the people to shun products without offering them an



Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Party leader Raila Odinga.

alternative. Secondly, this was purely an act of economic sabotage.

Kenyans are not ready to destroy their economy.

They know that the economy was in a very bad when President William Ruto assumed power.

The handshake government which was steered by President Uhuru and Raila was largely to be blamed.

This is because a huge chunk of taxpayers’ money was being channelled to bankroll political activities which were mainly designed to stop William Ruto from ascending to power.

The prices of essential commodities had shot up. For instance, the retail price of 2kg packet of Unga (maize flour) stood at Sh230.

The other question Kenyans would ask is. Had the owners of these products committed anything wrong? The answer is big No.

Raila used and exhausted all legal mechanisms in his bid to overturn Ruto’s victory.

He never succeeded because he failed to produce evidence worth the paper it had been written on.

The Supreme Court of Kenya made this observation when it termed his petition as a hogwash.

In a unanimous decision, the judges described it as a cocktail of propaganda, rumors, vendetta, outright lies and perjury.

Consequently, the apex court upheld the election of Dr Ruto.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC)

had complied with the requirements of the constitution and other related law.

So the polls outcome reflected the wish and aspirations of the majority of Kenyans, the court ruled.

The local and international observers had also given the poll a clean bill of health.

They included the observers who represented US, UK, European Union (EU) and Africa Union (AU).

With this, Raila should rethink his strategy. May be it is time he should call it a day.

Let me give him a free advise. It is hard to use the card of Finance Bill 2023 to incite Kenyans against Dr Ruto.

Reason? They know the government does not have money of its own.

The state relies on revenues it collects from taxpayers to implement the development projects and programmes.

Even if it is Raila who won the elections, he would not have performed any miracle. He would have relied on taxes to run the government.

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Education Is A Revelation To Human Race

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Worth Noting:

- In most of education institutions there is interaction among the learners, trainers and the subordinate staff. Rules and regulations are set to govern how they are expected to behave detailing the responsibility of each and every one of them. An error by either of the parties involved not only inconveniences self but also others who he interacts with. Learning how to maintain such kind of harmonious relationship is education in itself.
- In science based education whatever is said is observable, measurable and variables are clearly defined. There is a well-established sequence which requires to be followed in order to reach at the desired results.



What education is to the individual man, revelation is to the human race. Education is revelation coming to the individual man, and revelation is education that has come, and is still coming to the human race..... Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Like men apes and monkeys are mammals they give birth to young ones and breastfed them while still in jungle they train them how to jump from one tree to the other as well as what various sounds they produce mean.

Men are relatively at a higher level of intelligence than them. They are not only able to produce sounds but talk in a constructive and well correlated manner, stand upright, sit down and walk in that upright position even run and jump only when necessary.

They use logic to make decisions where they consciously drop some options to take others giving reasons for their behaviours.

Human beings are talented differently so you find that whatever one is able to do at ease naturally the other one hardly think of such issue even if he is taught to do so he will somehow struggle or fail to do it with a high degree of precision.

Those who get such revelation many are times they record their observation detailing the sequence of their happenings. They try to repeat these processes to assess whether all the trials will yield similar results if so others who will happen to know about these observations will try to verify and a theorem will be discovered and accredited to the person who was first to document and patent it.

It is from this point that these discoverers research for other applications of their theories in real life situations and come up with ideas of making products that will help bridge any gap that could be existing.

The awareness of these theories or product created by their application is spread to masses who now know the solution to what have been bothering them.

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In art based education there is more to do with the creativity of the party involved so not everything is measurable. It has a lot of imaginations so more of inspiration.

What we are taught is education whether formal or informal. It is about things that exist some of which we are aware of, others which we see and ignore. Education is an eye opener. We are taught how we can organize what we are gifted with to come up with products that everyone can enjoy utilizing.

Through education the potentials in us are revealed and organized in a way that they can help to make products that are important to fellow human beings.

Let all of us embrace education, tailor make it in a way that all of us will derive optimal benefits from the knowledge we share or acquire.

Every sober human being wishes to enjoy quality life and this is achievable through proper organisation of what the nature has already provided us with.

Never regret acquiring knowledge more so if your aim to utilise it to render better services to mankind compared to the existing ones.

DP Gachagua Assures Of Reforms In The Milk Sector

By: Capital Correspondent

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“The New KCC is a government-owned entity and is the vehicle that will sort out the dairy farmers. It is the organisation that serves the farmer, is not a profit-making entity. Milk sector had been affected by conflict of interest and state capture for long,” said Gachagua.

Speaking during a visit to the New KCC milk processing plant in Dandora, Nairobi, the Deputy President said the Government will introduce far-reaching reforms which will increase returns for milk farmers and that farm-gate prices will shoot up to at least Sh60 per litre.

He said the measures are part of the Government’s efforts to transform the dairy industry and empower the state-funded entity so that the company can process milk for local consumption and for the foreign markets.

The DP is set to hold a conference bringing together all the milk stakeholders to come up with strategies to

transform the sub sector.

Emphasizing that the intention is to turn-around the company to profitability, the Deputy President said government aims to double the processed milk to over three million litres per day for higher returns to farmer.

In return, he said, this will double to eight per cent the contribution of the subsector to the nation’s Gross Domestic Product.

Gachagua said he will work with the New KCC Board of Directors to explore new markets for its milk among the government institutions. processor instead of exploitative brokers.

“Doubling the deliveries also means we are not only improving our food security, but also multiplying direct jobs from the current 750,000 to over 1.5 million. This is rather urgent in contributing to sorting out unemployment,” he said.

He also urged the company to lead in diversification to more valuable products beyond the powdering of milk and traditional products.

The DP was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Co-operative CS Simon Chelugui and Nyeri Town MP Duncan Maina Mathenge bring taken through milk products processing

And Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development Simon Chelugui, New KCC Board Chairman Maina Kamiru and the Company Managing Director Nixon Sigei.

Also present were MPs James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Benjamin Gathiru aka Major Donk (Embakasi Central), Maina Mathenge (Nyeri Town), Joseph Cherorot (Kipkelion East).

Petition Committee Enhances Collaborative Efforts In Expanding Hola

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The National Assembly’s Public Petitions Committee held a meeting with the Principal Secretary of Irrigation, Mr Ephantus Kimotho, and Mr Charles Muasya, Acting CEO of the National Irrigation Authority. The meeting was on a petition on the de-gazettement of 2000 acres of the Hola Irrigation Scheme.

The petition seeks to facilitate the expansion of Hola town and the county headquarters and has initiated a collaborative effort involving a multi-agency team led by the County Commissioner. The objective is to produce a comprehensive report that not only addresses the town’s future development but also takes into account the issue of encroachment on the Irrigation Scheme by members of the local community.



Principal Secretary of Irrigation, Mr Ephantus Kimotho.

The Nimrod Mbai (Kitui East) led Committee questioned why in light of the petition’s decade-long duration; inquiries were raised as why

the Ministry has yet to take decisive action on the matter.

In his response, the Principal Secretary highlighted that the primary obstacle hindering progress in the

petition was the difficulty in identifying a specific parcel of land for de-gazettement, as this process involved multiple agencies. Consequently, effective oversight from the

Ministry was proving to be a challenge.

Hon.Mbai expressed his gratitude to the National Irrigation Authority for their willingness to de-gazette 2000 acres of the Hola Irrigation Scheme. Additionally, he encouraged them to make optimal use of the existing 7000 acres that are currently unutilized.

“We are glad that the National Irrigation Authority has agreed to shave off 2000 acres for the Community. If we can get the rest of the land under cultivation, we can get food from Hola for the Nation,” said Mbai

In his last remarks, Mr Kimotho emphasized the Ministry’s commitment to collaborating with the county to create a comprehensive spatial plan for the region. This plan aims to facilitate the development of the area, not only to attract investors to invest in the irrigation scheme but also to encourage investment in the town as a whole.

IS LOVE REALLY BLIND?



They say love is blind,
They did say love is blind,
And upto date, it is said love is blind,
Contradictory, love got eyes,
Love has found eyes in this generation!
Probably wondering where am getting
along,
Well! To keep it relevant and brief,
There's a twist of events,
How on earth would a young man
foresee that the lady is there to stem
some benefits from him?
How on earth would there be a spark of
love but the instincts castigating that
this is not the person one is honoured to

have?
How on earth would one estimate the
period love would last?
And all this turns out to be true!
Presumably,
Love got choices!
Love's driven by Papers!
We fall in love cautiously knowing
seasonably this love would wrap up!
We fall in love in fear of being solo!
We fall in love while detaching ourselves
while in a relationship ,
We fall in love because society approves
marriage is the chain of life ought to be
followed!
We fall in love because of the ranks one
holds!
We fall in love materialistically not
emotionally!
We fall in love not because of love but
how life's flowing!
Now well come convince me how in this
generation love would still be blind!
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Marjona Asadova

Country!!! Did you feel the power
of that one word? You say that this
word did not shake the hearts of some,
and did not make them cry! There is a
world of meaning in a five letter word.
So what is Homeland? The homeland
is the place where the blood from the
navel of man and his descendants was
shed. The homeland is the abode of the
ancestors, the land where the nation
grew up, where its language, religion,
history, culture, traditions and values
were truly formed and developed. The
homeland is each of our breaths, our
beating heart, our innocent eyes full of
love...

The more the country is described,
the less it seems. Therefore, in a
nutshell, Homeland is the place where
every person was born and raised.
As the homeland is dear to everyone,
my heavenly and beautiful homeland
is also dear and holy. My homeland is
UZBEKISTAN.

Our country has all the conditions,
only one thing is required of us. As they
say, "A child who reads a book now
will lead a hundred children who watch
television in the future." This is the
requirement of our time.
People have to deal with problems

carefully throughout their lives, even if
they are small. After all, problems that
seem insignificant to us can radically
change our lives. In fact, our daily life
and every action consists of these
tests. If we courageously overcome
these obstacles, we will undoubtedly
achieve our goals in life. I think all young
people in the country need attention
and conditions. Because every young
generation living and growing up in
this country has the right to receive
an education. We can only justify the
confidence of the whole country if we
unite and become one force. Because
"Strength is in unity".

If the children of the world unite and
concentrate all their efforts on acquiring
knowledge, no dangerous idea can defeat
such a noble force.

In my imagination, a peaceful world is an
example of the sea. The calmer and more
peaceful the sea, the more peaceful the
aquatic creatures at the bottom of the
sea. The same is true for humans. When
the whole world is at peace, people in all
countries live in peace and freedom.

For young people to have a peaceful
future, it is necessary for them to work
together, learn innovative ideas, exchange
ideas with young people from other
countries and exchange knowledge and
skills based on experience.

Talablarga Binonan



Qadringizga yetmadim ona.

Sirdoshingiz bo'lar edim siringizga,
Yo so'zlarim bo'ldimikan qalbingizga .
Axir tog'lar misol edi sabringizga,
Onajonim men yetmadim qadringizga,
Bugun gullar eltayapman qabiringizga.

Tilim hayron, o'zim hayron, ko'nglim hayron
Bugun yuzingizga boqib, dilim vayron.
Tentiradim qabr toshlar ichra sarson,
Onajonim men yetmadim qadringizga,
Bugun gullar eltayapman qabiringizga.

Dunyo ozor, bu dunyoda qizingiz xor,

Yetdimi yo joningizga mendan ozor.
Tuproq quchib yig'layapman bugun zor zor
Onajonim men yetmadim qadringizga,
Bugun gullar eltayapman qabiringizga

Bugun sizga dardlarimni sozlab Olay
Ba'g'ringizga bosib to'yib yeg'lab Olay
Yana bir bor bolam deng men qurbon
bòlay

Onajonim men yetmadim qadringizga
Bugun gullar eltayapman qabiringizga.

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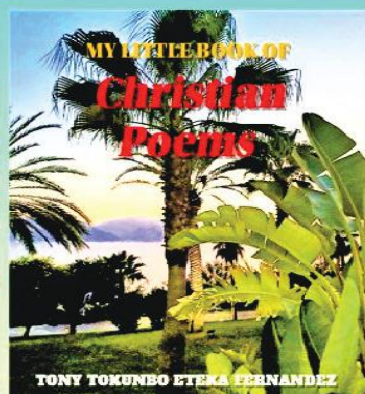
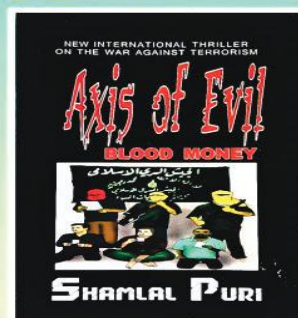
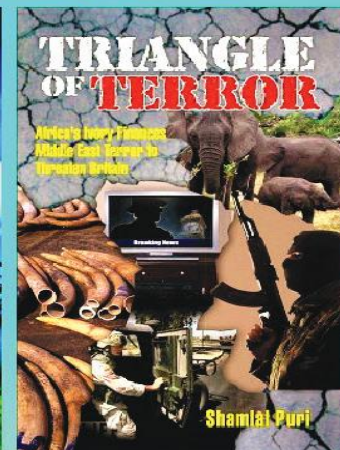
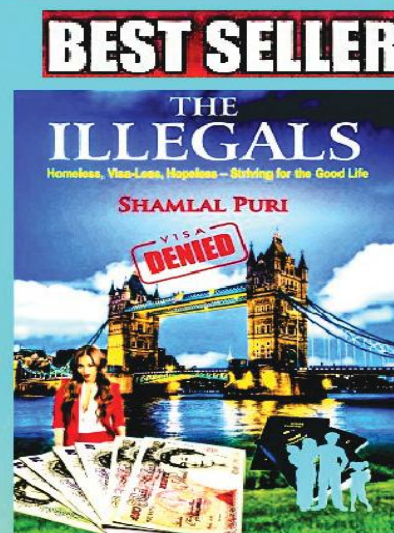
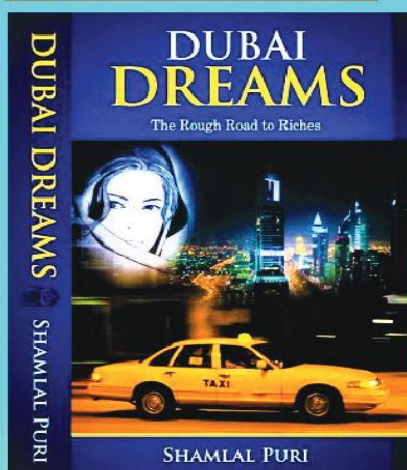
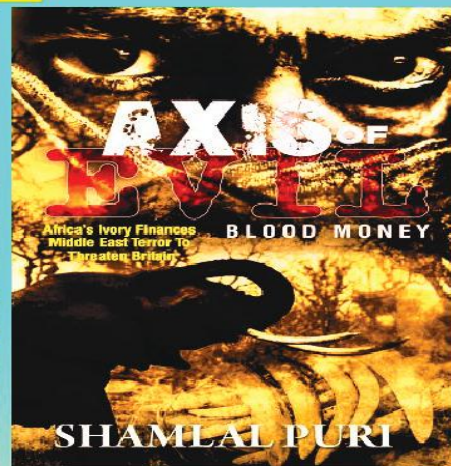
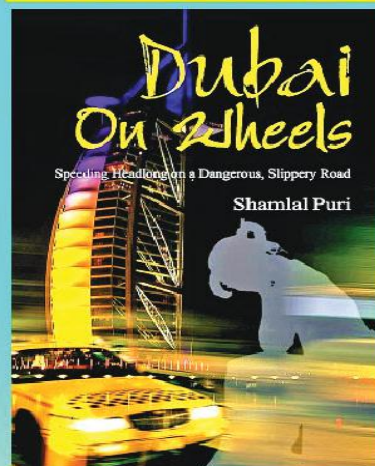
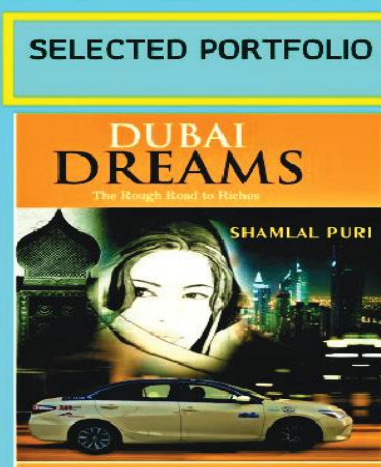
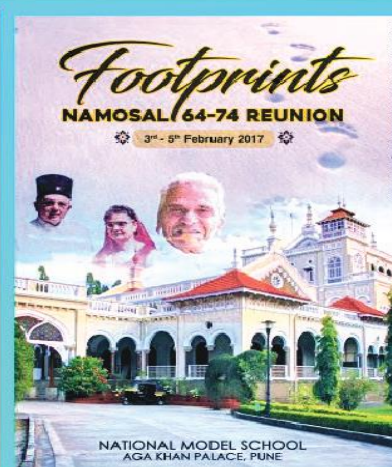
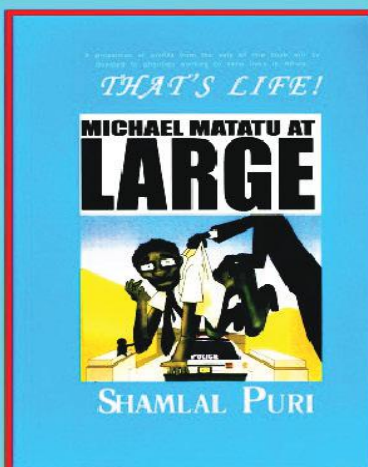
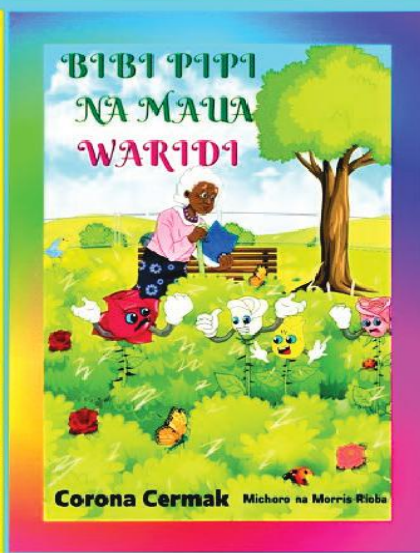
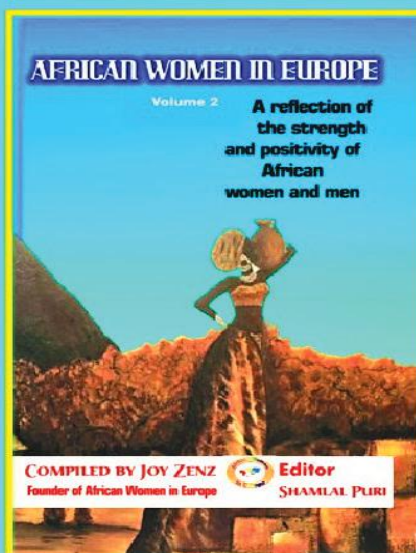
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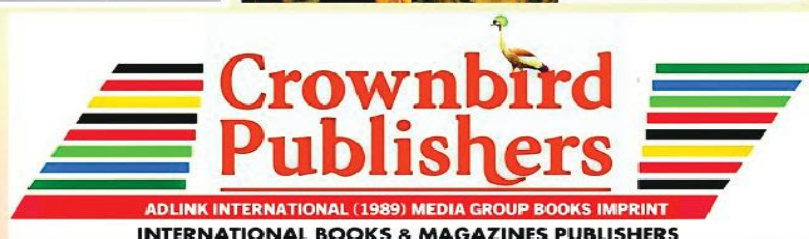
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House Committee Probes Land Dispute Between Kandara Residents And Del Monte

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Worth Noting:

- Due to delayed implementation of the recommendations by the National Land Commission, a petition on irregular renewal of leases held by Del Monte Kenya Limited by Mr. Philip Njuguna on behalf of Kandara Resident Association was presented to the House on 11th June, 2019.
- In the petition, the residents claimed to be the original owners of the land, but they were unlawfully displaced, and the land leased to the Del Monte Kenya Limited. In addition, the petitioners claimed that the County Government of Muranga renewed the Company's leases without involving the public contrary to Section 13 of the Land Act, 2012.



Geoffrey Kairu Kandara Residents association general secretary.

The National Assembly Committee on Lands chaired by Josh Nyamoko, MP met with the Kandara Residents Association regarding a land dispute involving Del Monte Limited.

The Association, representing residents from Muranga and Kiambu Counties, comprises individuals who have suffered historical land injustices and atrocities allegedly committed by Del Monte Kenya Limited.

During the meeting, Mr. Geoffrey Kairu, the Association's General Secretary, informed the Committee that they filed a complaint with the National Land Commission in 2019 against Del Monte Kenya Limited. He presented documents prepared by Real Plan Consultants, which outlined all the land parcels claimed and occupied by Del Monte.

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Scrutiny of documents before the Committee revealed that 4843 acres of land and 2696 acres of land were reverted back to Murang'a and Kiambu County.

In a bid to understand the root of the issue, Committee Members sought clarity on why the land couldn't be returned to the association. In response, Mr. Kairu emphasized the disadvantaged economic situation of the Kandara residents, stating that they lacked the means to defend themselves. He asserted that

Del Monte currently occupies 7,400 acres of land belonging to the Government.

Lawmakers acknowledged that the Kandara land issue had been investigated by the previous Committee on Lands during the 12th Parliament.

The Committee Chair, Joash Nyamoko, assured the attendees that the Committee would thoroughly examine the reports and provide further updates on the matter.

The Committee also met with Centum Investment Limited PLC, represented by Mr. Andrew Musangi, to discuss the ongoing land tussle in Vipingo.

Prior to this meeting, the Committee had consulted with representatives from the Ministry of Lands, who confirmed that ownership of the Vipingo lands could be traced back to the 1930s. However, there was no evidence to suggest that public land had ever been legally acquired by Vipingo Development Limited.

The Ministry further contended

that the company had wrongfully claimed ownership of certain land parcels, asserting that the number of squatters occupying these areas could only be determined through a consented ground verification exercise conducted by the registered owners.

The Committee had previously met with the affected squatters expressed that the Boyani Settlement Scheme in Vipingo served as the ancestral land for many indigenous residents.

Members of the Committee on Lands are expected to visit the Kandara area as part of their investigation. They further assured all parties involved that the Committee would carefully review the documents submitted and provide further updates on the matter in due course.

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School Heads Advised Against Sending Students Home For Fees

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Worth Noting:

- Capitation funds the tuition component, including the teachers, textbooks, and all learning materials, while school fees paid by parents cater for boarding facilities and food.
- Angwenyi said that the matter of sending students home due to delayed capitation should not arise because all tuition components on capitation are available at schools.
- “The main challenge teachers experience is when there is a delay in paying school fees by the parents to feed the students,” Angwenyi said.
- On the matter of school fees being increased, Angwenyi said that the government is working to moderate them and make sure that they are affordable to parents.



Director of Schools Audit Services in the Education Ministry, Victoria Angwenyi addressing journalists in Mombasa.

The Director of Schools Audit Services in the Education Ministry, Victoria Angwenyi, has directed Heads of Secondary schools not to send away fee defaulters.

She instead tasked the school heads to offer guidance to parents on the options available for boarders and day scholars to gauge their financial capability to avoid unnecessary disruption of their children over fees arrears.

Speaking during the 46th Annual National Conference of Principals and Exhibition at a Mombasa hotel, Angwenyi, however, said parents were obliged to supplement the government capitation with fees for schools to run smoothly.

She divulged that the government, through the Ministry of Education, was footing Sh22,244 of fees for boarders in public secondary schools and Sh57,974 for students with special needs in public secondary schools.

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However, she noted that all public schools have a limit on school fees paid and elaborated that boarding schools pay Sh45,000 and Sh53,000 for National Schools.

“The Budget was read and approved the other day, so if we give false

promises of increasing the capitation, where will the ministry get the funding from,” she answered when asked whether the government had any plans to increase the capitation.

The principal of AIC Kibomet, Gilbert Wamalwa, noted that the delay of capitation this year has greatly affected both the welfare of the students and the running of the schools.

“We have had some schools being taken to court because of delayed payments to suppliers who have had a difficult time understanding that there has been a financial crisis in the country,” Wamalwa said.

Wamalwa affirmed that there is a need to have principals sit down with parents to get them well-educated about capitation to avoid further misunderstandings and neglect of responsibilities.

Tom Shavisa, Principal at Senende Boys in Vihiga County, talked about the importance of having students registered with the National Health

Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The government, in collaboration with NHIF, provides health cover to all high school students from public Institutions called Edu Afya.

Edu Afya offers dental, optical, inpatient and outpatient, and overseas treatment cover in case a student needs specialized treatment overseas, whereas NHIF caters for everything, including travel logistics.

“In the event of the demise of a student, the immediate family receives a sum total of Sh500,000, which helps the family with burial arrangements,” Shavisa said.

“This has been an ongoing project in our schools, and we have witnessed many students benefiting from the Edu Afya Health Cover,” he concluded.

Suspects Linked To Armed Robberies Arrested-Two Firearms Recovered

By: The DCI

Two robbery with violence suspects were arrested and two firearms linked to various robberies in Nairobi, Nakuru, Kiambu, Murang'a and Kajiado counties recovered by detectives.

One of the suspect identified as Ezekiel Kiarie who has been on the run for the past few days was arrested along Limuru road as he escaped with his family from the city to his rural home in Dundori, Nyandarua County.

Detectives intercepted a Mitsubishi canter registration number KAM 231J, that was ferrying the suspect, his family members and their belongings to Nyandarua, after realizing that detectives were closing in on them.

After conducting search in the vehicle, a Czeska pistol with a magazine loaded with 2 rounds of ammunition and a CZ P-07 pistol with a

magazine loaded with 12 rounds of 9mm calibre were recovered.

The firearms have been linked to various incidents where victims have lost money immediately after making transactions in banks.

Another suspects David Mwangi alias Mzae is also in custody being interrogated in relation to their crimes before being arraigned in court.



Preparations Intensify For Kiswahili Day Celebrations Next Week

By: Chari Suche

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Different partners from the language cultural heritage in Mombasa have come together to enroll in a series of activities that are to be done in preparation for Kiswahili Day celebrations slated for Friday next week.

On November 23, 2021, during its 41st member State session held in Paris, France, the United Nations Educational Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed July 7 of each year as the World Kiswahili Language Day.

This makes Kiswahili as the first African language to be feted by the United Nations.

To commemorate this important day, the National Museum of Kenya (NMK), in collaboration with local community-based organisations and the Mombasa Old Town community at large, has started earlier preparations to organize celebrations to



Swahili Heritage Training Institute Coordinator Khalid Kitito and other stakeholders before they addressed the media.

mark the day.

The activities to be conducted include cultural displays and dances, lecture series, youth activities, a fashion show, women's talks, competitions and awards, poetry, and games, among other activities showcasing the Swahili culture.

The stakeholders have launched a series of curtain-raiser activities in the run-up to the Swahili Day celebrations that are to be held at the National Museums of Kenya Heritage Training Institute (NMKHTI), formerly known as the Swahili Culture Center.

Speaking to the media, Swahili Heritage Training Institute Coordinator Khalid Kitito said that they are ready to mark the annual festival in a big way, and they are going to invite Kiswahili scholars and speakers to grace the occasion.

Kitito said they will use the celebration to sensitize people on the importance of language and culture.

"The aim is to highlight the importance of the Kiswahili language globally and to revive dying traditional Swahili cuisine and handicrafts. People will showcase Swahili henna calligraphy and henna painting and also socialize and network with other people who will attend the event," he said, adding that the theme for this event will be "Kiswahili for peace, cohesion, and integration".

He said the main objective of the celebrations is not only dancing and enjoying them but also using them as an opportunity to showcase the coast, revive Fort Jesus, and make it a tourist destination.

Tourism, Culture, and Trade County Executive Member Mohammed Osman said that the county government welcomes everyone to participate in the celebrations, noting that the county leadership fully supports the growth of Kiswahili.

On his part, Chief Officer of Tourism Mudhatir Abdulkarim said that several departments have come up to show their interest in celebrating the date, and the county government welcomes them all.

He noted that they will work together to make the day a success, as the language is indigenous to the county.

According to Kitito, everyone will be included in the activities scheduled, which include games like football, swimming competitions, and debates for students.

The elderly people will also be given a chance to teach and showcase Swahili traditional practices, with women participating in cooking competitions.

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EACC Freezes Sh27.5M Nairobi Apartments Owned By Vihiga County Employees

As Cases of Government Workers Failing To Account For Their Wealth Rises

By: JOY KWAMA and PETER MWANGI
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EACC chairman Bishop David Oginde.

Worth Noting:

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- The commission noted that if the lady failed to move out, it would obtain an eviction warrant to enforce court orders.

The anti-corruption organisation; Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has obtained court orders freezing two prime apartments located in Nairobi for allegedly being purchased using government funds.

The apartments were partly purchased by government officials including a procurement officer from Vihiga County and his two wives. According to EACC, one of the wives is also an employee at the same county.

Others implicated in the case included a former County Chief Officer, his wife and eight other individuals.

In a statement, the commission disclosed that it will later release further details about the county officials involved in the case and their spouses. “A detailed brief including information about the spousal relationships of the county officials involved as well as the embezzlement money flow chart will soon be available to the public,” noted EACC in a statement.

Additionally, the commission noted that the two apartments located along Mombasa Road and Fourways Junction Estate, along Kiambu road were worth Sh27.5 million.

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The property was marked with a caveat while the woman, her servants, and agents were warned not to trespass or interfere with it.

“A permanent injunction restraining the woman, her servants and or agents from alienating, encumbering, disposing of, wasting, and trespassing upon or in any other way interfering with the property except by way of surrender back to the Government,” an EACC statement read in part.

A few weeks ago, Anti-Corruption High Court froze the assets belonging to a City Hall employee over Ksh537 million unexplained wealth.

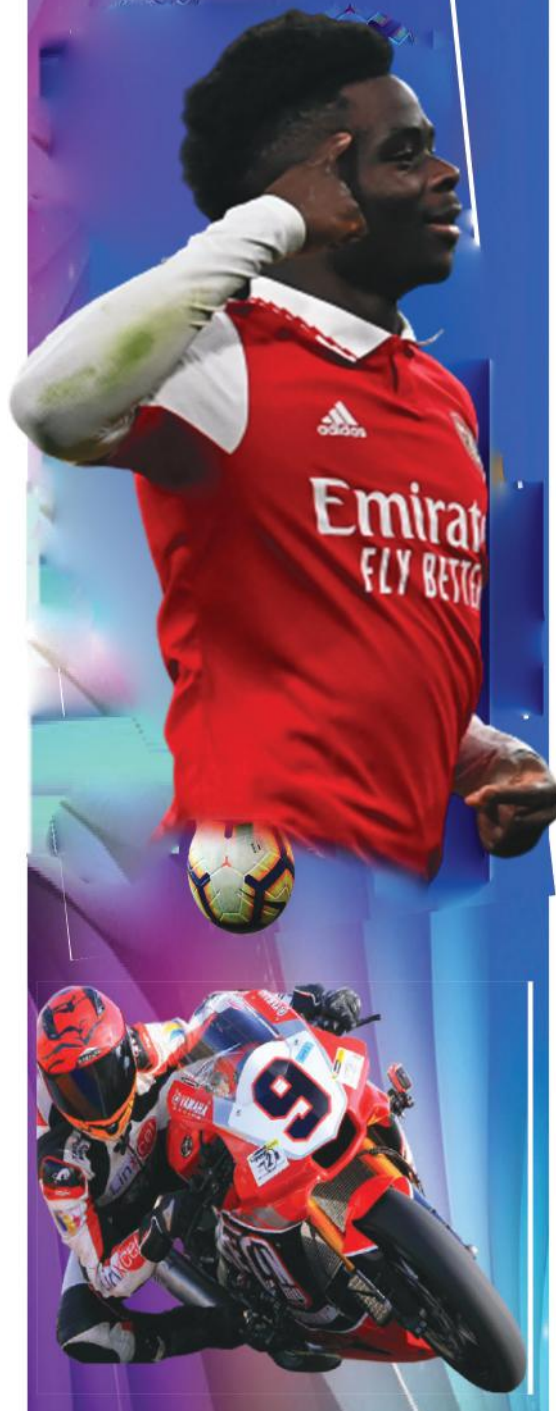
Justice Esther Maina issued orders freezing the multi-million shillings property belonging to Michael Auka Ajwang, a junior procurement employee earning a Ksh21,000 monthly salary.

The Judge allowed an application by Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to preserve the assets including 11 vehicles, nine parcels of land and a 3-Star hotel in Kisumu County belonging to Anjwag and his firm, the Hydeout Riviera Limited on grounds that the same was acquired corruptly.

Pressing for the orders then, EACC informed Justice Maina that Anjwag is believed to have engaged in grand corruption at city hall.

The judge proceeded to grant the orders to have properties belonging to the officer frozen pending the hearing and determination of the suit by the commission.

The properties include a high-end property in Kisumu County.

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Why Prize Money For Nairobi City Marathon Was Reduced By Ksh 2.5 Million



Nairobi City Marathon champion Brimin Kipkorir and AK president Rtd Lt Gen Jack Tuwei.
PHOTO/RAYMOND MAKHAYA

The prize money for the winner of the 42km race at this year's Nairobi City Marathon was reduced to ensure that at least the first 20 finishers walk home with something in their pockets.

Barnaba Korir, member of the local organising committee, said they want to ensure as many people as possible return home as winners hence the decision to reduce the top prize money from Ksh 6 million to Ksh 3.5 million.

"The 42km race for men and women is quite lucrative even though last year it was Ksh 6 million. This year, so that it (prize money) goes deeper up to number 20, we have number one getting Ksh 3.5 million... number two, Ksh 2.25 million... number three, Ksh 1.5 million... all the way to number 20, earning Ksh 30,000. That is

the first time we have athletes getting awarded from number one to 20 and it is still a huge amount," Korir said.

The winners of the half marathon will earn Ksh 150,000 each with the runner-ups collecting Ksh 80,000 — Ksh 30,000 more than the third placed finishers.

In the 10km category, the winners will walk home Ksh 100,000 richer as the second-placed and third-placed finishers receiving Ksh 50,000 and Ksh 40,000 respectively.

Korir said the marathon offers upcoming athletes who are struggling financially with the opportunity to put their talents to good use by earning some good money.

"So, you can see that this marathon will really benefit our Kenyan athletes especially the upcoming ones who have the

chance to make some good money. We also have those who won last year's edition who have confirmed that they will be running this year as well," he said.

Apart from the local contingent, the race has so far attracted runners from far and wide including China, who have registered 192 athletes to fly their flag high, as well as others from East African neighbours Uganda, Tanzania as well as Ethiopia, among others.

Korir, also the chair of Athletics Kenya (AK) youth development subcommittee, was speaking at the Nyayo Stadium on Wednesday morning during a media briefing on the preparations for the marathon.

Speaking at the same event, race director Ibrahim Hussein said it is all systems go for the

annual race, pointing out that they have worked round the clock to put everything in place.

"We are ready... with three days to go. The course is ready... the technical team have worked really hard to ensure everything is to specifications. I think the beauty of this marathon is that it allows for us to be different from other marathons," Hussein said.

The registration deadline for the event is on Saturday midnight with the number of participants projected to reach tens of thousands.

As of Wednesday morning, over 8,800 had appended their names to the registration list.

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Harambee Sand Starlets Earn Ticket To World Beach Games



National women’s Beach team in Tunisia during the Africa Beach Games.

The national women’s team, the Harambee Sand Starlets will represent Africa at the World Beach Games in Bali, Indonesia in August, after earning a direct ticket from the African Games.

Starlets were handed a walkover against their only opponents at the Africa Beach Games, Cape Verde after they pulled out in the 11th hour.

The Kenyan team had already arrived in Hammamet, Tunisia, the venue of the African Games, by the time the Cape Verde side had announced they would not be playing. This left Kenya as the only team in the Championship.

A letter from the World Beach Soccer Competitions Department to the Football Kenya Fed-

eration (FKF) confirmed that Kenya will fly Africa’s flag in Bali.

The team has now chosen to use the time in Hammamet to step up their training, with a new focus of playing against the best in the world.

Head coach Fathimi Hamisi says she is delighted that the team has earned a ticket to the World Championships for the first time ever, and says they will immediately embark on good preparation, with under a month before the games which kick off on August 2.

“We had been training in Malindi for the last 10 days and we were very well prepared for this competition. We had come ready to show that we are a good team

as well. We have a walkover but for us, we were ready to play and show our abilities,” said the tactician.

She added; “Of course we are really delighted to have qualified for the World Beach Games because this is a massive opportunity. We will not rest and immediately, we are going back to training and ensure that we have a very strong team.”

The team of 10 arrived in Hammamet on Tuesday afternoon and held their first training session early Wednesday morning.

The tactician says they will look to strengthen the team in areas of attack and will look for a few additions back home.

Meanwhile, captain Terry Ouko, a former captain of the Haram-

bee Starlets says the team is delighted to be playing at the World Games.

“We have a very good team with some players who were at the Women’s Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in 2016 and that means it is an experienced side. We are delighted to be playing at the World Games and we have to prepare well. It will be a good opportunity for us,” noted the skipper.

-Timothy Olobulu is reporting from Hammamet, Tunisia-

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SPORTS AS THEY HAPPEN



Akbar Goshaly (Azerbaijan)

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Worth Noting:

- In 1996-2000s he worked at the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He continued his career as a scientific researcher in Ataturk Center in Azerbaijan which is under the honorary chairmanship of the President of Azerbaijan in 2006. But in 2020 he was appointed the chief of the department.
- He is the editor of such films as "The First Success of the Nobel Brothers" (2019), "Stalin's Dark Past", "100 Years of Glorious Life – Haji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev", "Mistakes and Memories" which have been made by SSR Production and have won awards at many international festivals in 2021.



Akbar Goshaly.

Akbar Goshaly is a well-known poet and writer, public figure of Azerbaijan. He was elected for his social activity since his youth. He has infinite merits in the recognition of contemporary Azerbaijani literature in the Turkic world.

On the eve of his 50th anniversary, we take a look at his career path. This path of activity diverges into magnificent and different service directions. Akbar Goshal's biography creates a more complete impression of his work for Azerbaijani literature and culture. The great Azerbaijani poet Abbas Sahhat said, "My profession is my biography!". It is a "professional biography" of Akbar Goshal and all persons who have done great work for their country. I also want to confirm this opinion by introducing you to the biography and poems of a prominent Azerbaijani poet, and I wish success to the poet-writer Akbar Goshali.

Assos. Prof. Dr. Tarana Turan Rahimli,

Poet-writer, academician.

He was born in 1973 in Gosha village of Tovuz region of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is the graduate of Azerbaijan Technical University (1995) and the Academy of Public Administration under the President of Azerbaijan (2001).

From 1998 to 2013 he headed the World Union of Young Turkish Writers (WYUW). He is currently the Chairman of the DGTYB Advisory Board, the member of the Board of the Azerbaijan National NGO Forum, the Central Asia and South Caucasus Freedom of Expression Network (CASCEN), the member of the Union of Azerbaijan Journalists, the member of the Union of Azerbaijan Writers (AWU) and the Deputy Chairman of the EBRD, the member of the Public Council and the Deputy Chairman of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan since July 2021.

Since September 18, 2020 he has been working as the expert of the Committee of Culture of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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Akber was the editor of "Turan" supplement of "Adalat" newspaper, "Ya Adabiyyat" supplement of "Yeni Azerbaijan" newspaper. He is the member of the editorial board of "Adabiyyat" newspaper and "Ulu Chinari" magazine. He is the Azerbaijani representative of such magazines and newspapers as "Kitab Dunyasi" published in Uzbekistan, "Yuce Ereke", "Akin", "Kirkuk", "Turk Yurdu" published in Turkey, as well.

He was the fellow of the Presidential Scholarship Fund of Azerbaijan (in 2008-2009s for young writers).

He is married and has 3 children.

BIRTH AND DEATH

Life passed by counting the days,
We won't grow up in the grave,
We won't be born again,
We won't live again.

We won't live, we won't die,
The death will decrease itself.
Hey, destiny, don't speak much,
The dead can also speak.

The dead can't speak,
But the spirits are alive.
Between the birth and death
An exam exists.

POETS REUNITE AFTER GRIEVING

The poets reunite after grieving,
The candle burnt, the moth burnt.
The moth dies at dawn, returns in the evening
The candles are surrounded by the moth.

If they see that love has become less,
They'll return, wandering a lot of words,
Doomsday is almost here,
Is that true, moth?

Whatever happened, all passed,
The black loves became true.
Again the moth's wing was caught
The candle burnt the moth,
The moth burnt the candle.

YEARS COME TO TAKE OUR LIVES

Years come to take our lives,
Sorrow come to take our lives.
Why doesn't life let us live?
What does the world want from us?

When joy comes – it lasts a short.
When the angel comes, he turns to disaster.
With what does the world become example?
What does the world want from us?

It knows neither "wait" nor "endurance",
What it wants – it knows...
It knows the word "devil",
What does it want?

TEN FINGERS ON MY HANDS

Ten fingers on my hands,
Ten toes on my foot;
My hands say "Farewell",
But my feet don't move.

Our lips hope for a share,
When our eyes meet;
Why do we close our eyes
When we kiss?

Two hearts beat together,
And turns into a soul – if we meet;
When we part heart breaks,
One heart becomes two...

Rendezvous and parting! –
Who set this rule?
How many shapes will the heart have?
I wonder this for a lifetime.

Translated into English by Sevil Gulten