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# FAO Bolsters Fight Against Fall Army Worm In Kenya

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Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is increasing efforts to combat the effects of Fall Army Worm

in Kenya and Africa by supporting farmers to fight the pest and protect crops through Integrated Pest Management.

Kenya is among eight demonstration countries that have been identified for implementation of the

Global Action for Fall ArmyWorm Control (GA) by FAO.

Fall Army Worm is a ravenous transboundary pest that targets

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FAO Director of Plant Production and Protection Division  
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# Cars Made in England Dominate Concours D'Elegance Entries

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The 1925 Triumph of Dominique Antoine (right) is the oldest bike in this year's Africa Concours d'Elegance. The bike is examined by a Judge during a previous event.

**Worth Noting:**

- Before diesel and petrol powered pumps and generators became available steam engines were widely used around Kenya industry driving sawmills.
- Germany and Italy tie in second place for manufacturing cars that will be judged on September 24th with six each. A German made Ford Taunus and Kevit Desai's magnificent Mercedes 450SLC coupe will be in the line-up for assessment in the touring car classes alongside two VW Beetles.
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This has been owned since new by the Rift Valley Technical Training Institute at Eldoret and was among the prizewinners at previous Concours events.

The six vehicles made in Italy are Alfa Romeo cars. These include the crowd pulling 2600 Sprint model of Gayling May which was made in 1967, the 1983 Giulietta of Rishi Chandaria and Ted Wanday's 1972 Alfa Romeo 2000GTV.

Among the big bikes in contention at the motorcycle judging ring will be the 1977 Suzuki GT 750 of Captain David Mwaura and David Odhuno's Yamaha Fazer FZ6-S.

At present England is the country with the greatest number of cars which are listed for judging at the Nairobi Racecourse on September 24th with 11 cars varying in size from two Mini's to the Rolls Royce

luxury saloon of Roger Tanner. This limousine is being prepared by Roger Tanner who is a well-known Rolls Royce enthusiast. He will also participate in the Heritage collection featuring old equip-

ment and machinery this is held in conjunction with the Concours, but the entries are not listed for judging. Roger Tanner will be showing a working steam engine which was made in 1919.

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# Modern Incinerator Enhances Management Of Hazardous Health Care Waste

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Modern Incinerator.

## Worth Noting:

- According to Victor Keraa, a Public Health Officer at the facility, the modern incinerator has enhanced the efficiency of managing highly infectious medical waste and curbed the spilling of hazardous materials into the environment.
- “The incinerator burns over 400 kilograms of medical waste generated by the hospital and from other healthcare facilities daily, producing an ash load of only 4kgs”, said Keraa.
- Keraa said that the waste is first properly segregated at its production units and packed in secure bags marked in different color codes ranging from yellow for infectious waste, red for highly infectious waste, and yellow with black labels for radioactive waste.

The installation of a modern incinerator at the Naivasha level IV hospital has revolutionized and enhanced efficiency in the handling and management of hazardous and general healthcare waste.

According to a World Health Organization [WHO] Report of 2018, 15 percent of healthcare waste collected worldwide is considered hazardous material which is either infectious, toxic, or radioactive.

WHO indicates that an estimated 16 billion injections are administered worldwide but not all the needles and syringes used are properly disposed off after use.

The data also shows that low-income countries such as Kenya generate an average of 0.2 kg of hazardous waste per hospital per day but lack adequate capacity and requisite equipment to handle it.

The organization says that proper measures to ensure safe and environmentally sound management of healthcare wastes can prevent adverse health and environmental impacts.

Informed of these concerns, the Government, last year, partnered with United Nations Development Programme [UNDP] to equip the Naivasha level IV Hospital with an Shs.30 million incinerator and waste-handling truck to boost medical waste management.

An incinerator is defined as an en-

closed structure used for burning and reducing the volume of waste under controlled temperatures of over 800 degrees Celsius.

It has an in-built filtration system to treat outgoing gasses from burned materials to ensure the air released surpasses strict environmental guidelines and international emissions standards.

And living up to its billing, the installed incinerator has in one year’s period significantly enabled the hospital to properly handle and manage both its generated medical waste and of other surrounding health facilities.

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The sorted waste is then transported using a safety truck to the microwave incinerator machine where the waste is burned in a closed compartment at high temperatures to ash.

Keraa said the hospital handles wastes from other surrounding public health facilities for free while the privately run entities are charged Sh 200 per kg of waste.

In addition, he said that syringes pose the greatest health risk if not properly handled with early studies from WHO showing that new HIV and Hepatitis B and C infections have been passed through unsafe injections.

According to the National Environment Management Authority, [NEMA] guidelines on medical waste management, all waste producers are legally and financially responsible for the safe handling and environmentally sound disposal of such waste.

NEMA also recommends for treatment and disposal of hazardous waste near the point of production to minimize risks involved in transport while calling for caution from waste handlers.

On his part, the hospital Bio-medical Engineer George Maina, the incinerator has cut transport costs drastically and enabled timely management of hazardous waste management.

Maina said the hospital used to in-

cur Shs.32, 000 on costs every week, transporting the waste to Nakuru, a process which put waste handlers to risk of contamination in case of leakages.

“An incinerator is a crucial component in a health facility as it helps to manage huge volumes of hazardous waste on time and avoid spillages to the environment”, said Maina.

He said the air released to (the environment after burning the waste is environmentally friendly therefore minimizing the carbon footprints in the environment and, therefore contributing to climate change mitigation.

Maina said the two workers who man and operate the facility are highly trained in the proper handling of waste management and have been equipped with proper health and safety gear.

This ambitious initiative is a key contributor to the government’s commitment to the reduction of pollution from various sources to the environment geared towards reversing the threats of climate change.

Kenya is already a signatory to the United Nations Convention on Environment and the Paris Agreement which commits and binds nations to change tact, innovate and put systems to limit global warming.



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# Tea Farmers Urged To Increase Production Of Green Leaf

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## Worth Noting:

- Speaking in Kakamega Khasiani urged tea farmers to avoid selling their tea leaves to brokers and instead supply to Mudete Tea factory as they wait for their own factory.
- He noted that supplying to brokers denies them the returns they need hence not profiting from the sector.
- “When you supply to us, we are able to take records and know how many Kilos of tea leaves you are producing in order to advise on what can be done to increase production and help you benefit from your farming practices,” he added.

Tea Farmers in Kakamega have been urged to increase production of tea leaves from the current 3 million kilos to at least 5 million per year.

The Director of Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) representing Zone 12 Alung'ana Khasiani said the company will work with the Kakamega County government to help farmers increase production in readiness for a tea factory.

He said a tea factory can only be sustained by at least 5million kilos of tea leaves per year yet farmers in Kakamega are way below the threshold.

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He also urged the county government to adopt standards of constructing a tea factory from KTDA including drawings as they have expertise having dealt in the tea sector for a very long period of time.

He promised that the company will support the county government during the process as they seek to have a tea factory emphasizing that their dream of a factory would only be realized with increased produc-



Alung'ana Khasiani.

tion.

This comes as Network for Research and Governance (NRG), a Civil Society Organization (CSO) in Kakamega, pursues the county government over delays in construction of the factory despite yearly allocation of funds.

Construction of the factory was kick-started by Former Governor Wycliffe Oparanya during his tenure after promising residents through his manifesto that he was going to establish a tea factory.

He promised to establish one project per Sub County with Shinyalu benefiting from a tea factory, for Malava, for instance, the former governor promised to put up a Milk factory whose establishment is ongoing.

NRG's Director Paul Odongo said the CSO has taken up the matter,

questioning why it has taken long to construct the factory yet the county government was still allocating funds to the project every financial year.

“We are supporting community members in terms of capacity building, we have made sure that they can take action against the duty bearers and we urge the county government to ensure that the factory is completed,” he noted.

NRG is pursuing the matter as some tea Farmers through their Co-operative Society give the county government an ultimatum of five years to complete the factory or they do it by themselves.

According to the farmers, only a fence and three toilets are on the site where the factory was to be built and nothing is ongoing 10 years after a

groundbreaking ceremony for its construction was held.

The Farmers now claim that the project has become a campaign tool for most politicians asking the current Governor Fernandes Barasa to be realistic and construct the factory. “If the county government is not willing, we ask for the title deed of the land so that we can move on as farmers to construct the factory by ourselves,” one of the farmers said.

They said they will seek loans from the banks and raise additional funds from their co-operative societies to ensure the factory is constructed if the county government fails to do so in the next five years.

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# Biashara Sacco To Put Up An Ultra-Modern Headquarters In Nyeri Town

By: WILLIAM MUCHIRI

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Biashara Sacco has started plans of establishing an ultra-modern office block that will serve as its headquarters.

The Sacco is setting up an 8 -storey complex in the heart of Nyeri town, along Kimathi Street that will be erected in two phases.

During the ground breaking ceremony yesterday, the Sacco chairman Joseph K. Njamuku disclosed that the first phase will cost the institution Sh143 million and will take about one year to be completed.

The chairman said the Sacco which has 17 branches and Satellite centres in nine counties across the country had an asset base of over Sh2.8 billion as at December last year with a loan portfolio of about Sh2.2 billion.

Further, the chairman disclosed that they have over 360 banking agencies and was planning to open online banking services to Kenyans in dias-

pora before the end of the year.

The counties where the Sacco which was established in 2006 is currently operational are Nyeri, Nyandarua, Laikipia, Embu, Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Nairobi, Kajiado and Nakuru.

The Sacco with 248 members of staffs and 224,512 Associate Members is planning to grow its asset base to five billion.

Bishop Dr. Paul Wanjohi of New Life Church led in dedicating the project to God during the ceremony that was attended by institution's directors, senior staff and a number of customers.



Biashara Sacco chairman Joseph Njamuku with Bishop Paul Wanjohi embarks from one of the equipment that will be used during the construction of the complex. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU.

# Information Ministry Partners With Counties To Expand Technological Space

By: Maurice Aluda

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The Ministry of Information, Communications, and Digital Economy is working in joint partnerships with devolved units for the installation and sustainable technological infrastructure countrywide.

The ICT and Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary (CS) Mr. Eliud Owalo made the announcement while on a working tour in Trans Nzoia County on Wednesday.

Speaking at the Kitale National Polytechnic where he officially launched Konza Digital Skills Laboratory under the Jitume initiative, CS Owalo disclosed the ministry was in the process of installing about 100,000 fibre optic cables as well as connecting public Wi-Fi to a total of 24,000 markets throughout

The CS who was accompanied by area County Commissioner Gideon

Nyandiricha assured members of the public that similar hubs would be established at the ward level across counties.

“The sole objective of this national government initiative is to help create employment opportunities for the ballooning unemployed youth population by enabling it to leverage on the existing online platforms for sources of livelihood,” underscored Owalo who was also accompanied by Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wesley Rotich.

Owalo further reiterated the national government’s commitment toward expansion of internet space and accessibility in line with the ongoing national project aimed at the digitization of government services.

“With digitization of government services, Kenyans will be able to easily access the same, thus reducing time and cost wasted,” the CS added.

Trans Nzoia County Secretary Mr. Truphosa Amere expressed gratitude to the national government for the digital hubs.



ICT and Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Mr. Eliud Owalo.

Amere reassured the county administration’s commitment toward supporting the initiative, which she described as timely, especially at a time when the country is grappling with the challenge of employable graduates.

“Envisaged establishment of internet accessibility within markets and villages would enable the youth access online job and financial opportunities,” remarked Amere.

The event was also graced by the Senate ICT Chair who is also Trans

Nzoia Senator Allan Chesang, ICT Principal Secretary John Tanui, County Public Service Management CEC Sam Ojwang and Kitale National Polytechnic Principal John Otieno, and former Forestry Minister Dr. Noah Wekesa, among others.

# Gachagua Says Kenya Kwanza Open To Working With Like-Minded Partners To Strengthen Devolution

By: DPPS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said the Kenya Kwanza administration is open to working with interested partners to strengthen the country's democracy.

Speaking on yesterday when he held consultations with Mr Martin Schulz, the president of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), at the DP's official residence in Karen, Nairobi, Mr Gachagua said Kenya was forging ahead to ensure better governance for the good of the country.

"We welcome the support of FES and other like-minded partners as we continue to strengthen our democracy. We held peaceful elections and the country remained strong during and after the elections," said the DP.

Mr Schulz was accompanied by German Ambassador to Kenya Sebastian Groth and FES Secretary-General Dr. Sabine Fandrych



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with Mr Martin Schulz, the president of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

and other senior officials.

FES is a non-profit foundation funded by the German government

for the advancement of democracy, international cooperation and solidarity.

The DP said the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) is founded on solid and clear ideology of empowering the people through the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) adding they will work with the foundation and other partners including Germany's ruling party, Social Democratic Party, to build strong political parties.

"Our interest is to have a party not only for winning elections but that will be here for a long time. Our party is founded on the ideals of elevating those in the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid and ensuring they live better lives. We are convinced that strong parties create strong nations," stated the DP.

The Deputy President said Kenya was also pursuing peace in the region challenging the partners to support efforts to stabilize the region.

"We are the anchor state in a turbulent region. We continue to work with international partners to support peace efforts in the region. A stable region means a lot to Kenya,"

he observed.

Mr Schulz praised Kenya for holding peaceful elections and for supporting peace missions within the region.

"The peaceful elections and peaceful transfer of power is a good example to us and countries in the European Union," he said.

He singled out Article 43 of the Kenyan Constitution which touches on human rights saying it was one of the progressive sections of the supreme law.

"We should listen and learn from the countries around the world. Democracies only function on the basis of mutual respect," he added.

# Kenya Partners With The Commonwealth Secretariat To Co-Host Kenya Innovation Week 2023

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Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) yesterday unveiled the roadmap for the Kenya Innovation Week Commonwealth Edition at the Sarova Panafric Hotel.

The unveiling marks the start of activities building up to the event set to take place from the 27th November to the 1st of December 2023 at the Kenya College of Insurance.

In his remarks, the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi, acknowledged the strides made by the Agency in promoting development and uptake of innovation.

He called on other Governments, organisations, institutions, and individuals who share the vision and passion for innovation to join hands with the Kenya National Innovation

Agency to become active contributors to the event.

The roadmap outlines the goals, diverse summits that will take place, and the expected outcomes of this year's event.

"We have carefully crafted a series of thematic summits and side events that will bring together experts, innovators, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to foster collaboration, exchange ideas, and explore innovative solutions to our pressing challenges," read the statement.

The launch, co-sponsored by the Commonwealth secretariat and the British Council brought together key stakeholders of the innovation ecosystem with an intention to celebrate the accomplishments from the previous Kenya Innovation week as well as to share about the opportunities that the Kenya Innovation Week Commonwealth Edition presents.

Ahead of the innovation week, the

Commonwealth Secretariat will run the Commonwealth Innovation challenge. The Kenya Government will also run the Presidential Innovation Challenge and Award, which will culminate at the Jamhuri Day Celebration on the 12th of December.

Throughout the week, there will be pavilions for each of the 56 countries, where the best of innovations from each country, as well as partners and organizations will be showcased.

Additionally, the Kenya Network of Entrepreneurial Institutions' Leaders, known as KNEIL, was also unveiled. The programme is implemented in collaboration with the British Council.

This network will serve as a platform for leaders from Universities, Colleges and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs) Centres across Kenya to connect, share best practices, and



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi.

collaborate in fostering a vibrant national entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Present were ambassadors from Commonwealth nations, senior gov-

ernment representatives, innovators, academia, and private sector.

# Body Of Missing Ex-Treasury Official Osinde Found In Migori

By: JJ Kioria/Kennedy Epalat

The family of former treasury official Tom Osinde who went missing two weeks ago has positively identified his body that has been lying in the mortuary since Thursday last week.

Officers from Kamagambo Police Station retrieved the body from River Kuja in Migori County last week but officials of the Migori County Referral morgue were unaware that the badly mutilated body was Osinde's.

Police say they have also collected crucial evidence that will aid in investigations.

Osinde went missing on June 18 while traveling from his Nakuru home to Borabu in Kisii county.

Two workers who have been serving Osinde at his farm in Ngata, Nakuru County are in police custody with one of them said to be among

the key suspect.

Speaking to KBC on phone, Migori County Police Commander Peter Kimani said the body had been booked at the Migori referral hospital mortuary as that of an unidentified person until his son positively identified it as that of his father early Thursday.

Kimani said investigations are currently underway by detectives from Nakuru and Migori counties.

The police boss said the body had started decomposing by the time it was discovered in the river adding that details will be provided after a postmortem examination has been conducted.

Tom Osinde is the brother to the late Ken Osinde, a former Chief of Staff in President William Ruto's office when he was Deputy President.



Former treasury official Tom Osinde.

# MCK Encourages Aspiring Journalists To Leverage On Technology, Innovation

By: Christine Muchira

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) has called on aspiring journalist to leverage the opportunities associated with technology, emphasizing new innovations.

This even as the Council encouraged the journalism students to seek professional advice and accreditation to enable them work in the media field.

Speaking during a career week at Moi University, MCK Research and Documentation Officer Clarice Atieno told the aspiring journalist that accreditation is one of our core mandates which helps to ensure that only professionals practice in the journalism field noting its benefits and urged the students to apply for press cards.

"The Council is an independent national institution formed under the

Media Act 2013 for the purposes of setting media standards and ensuring compliance with those standards. Accreditation is one of our core mandates which helps to ensure that only professionals practice in the journalism field", said Ms Clarice during the students' career week at the Moi University in Eldoret.

On the code of conduct, Atieno mentioned the repercussions associated with breaching the clauses saying: "As budding journalists, you will be required to comply with the journalism code of conduct, a document that spells out how one is required to behave while on duty. Failure to do this, you can be reported at the MCK's Complaints Commission for breaching the code."

Adding that: "Technology has presented opportunities that one can tap into and create an edge for themselves. Be keen and creative about what you post on your social media platforms. Some employers visit the sites to learn more about a person's character before hiring them", added



Atieno.

Atieno mentioned the Council's signature events and requested the students to take an active role in participating in such events to learn more about the emerging issues affecting the media industry and also network with colleagues in the profession.

Moi University's Career Guidance and Development Prof Joseph Luko-

rito thanked the Council for being a strategic stakeholder and for taking part in the career week noting that the institution is open to future engagements.

"The MCK has always been a good friend and strategic partner of Moi University. Thank you on behalf of the University for your willingness to engage our students on how to

conduct themselves professionally. As an institution, we are ready to work with the Council when called upon", remarked Prof Lukorito.

Career Week comprised of key stakeholders from different sectors aimed at exposing students to the job industry.

# Raila's Campaign Of Defiance Was Designed To Ruin Our Economy, Who Is Sponsoring Him?



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Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Party leader Raila Odinga.

## Worth Noting:

- I want to say this. If you do a comparative analysis of the presidencies of Mwai Kibaki, Uhuru Kenyatta and now William Ruto, one thing is clear.
- The latter is hard nut to crack. So, if the former two managed to maneuver and got re-elected for second term, I would not expect the strategy of handshake duo to bear any fruits.
- Up to date, the former president has remained non-committal on whether he was bankrolling Raila's campaign of defiance.
- The last time I heard him speaking was after attending the burial of former Education CS George Magoha in Siaya.
- While accompanied by Raila Odinga, he made a stopover in Kisumu. He told the residents.

The other day I read a lead story published by one of the Weekly newspapers in Kenya.

Headlined 'Raila wants Ruto one term President'; the story enumerated a raft of strategies he had put in place to ensure this come to pass.

One, the story alleged that former President Uhuru Kenyatta was fully backing his campaigns.

This is not the first time the name of the former President would be mentioned.

Earlier when Raila was holding the demonstrations, a group of powerful politicians aligned to the ruling Kenya Kwanza government from Mount Kenya region led by the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and National Assembly majority leader Kimani Ichungwah kept alleging.

The former President was the key financier of Raila's Mandamano.

They would allege the ultimate goal of the duo was two-pronged.

One, mobilize and incite Kenyans to rise up against President Ruto. This is with a view of ousting him from power through popular uprising.

If they fail on this, they will embark on Plan B that would make Dr William Ruto a time term president.

If this were to happen, Ruto would go down into annals of history as the first one term president.

I want to say this. If you do a comparative analysis of the presidencies of Mwai Kibaki, Uhuru Kenyatta and now William Ruto, one thing is clear.

The latter is hard nut to crack. So, if the former two managed to maneuver and got re-elected for second term, I would not expect the strategy of handshake duo to bear any fruits.

Up to date, the former president has remained non-committal on whether he was bankrolling Raila's campaign

of defiance.

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I'm still a staunch member of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Party. Baba is my leader. Those who think that Uhuru Kenyatta retired from politics are wrong. I only retired as a president and I'm not tired. Baba meant well for this country. So, agenda of Azimio is very much alive.

Things took a new turn later when goons raided properties owned by the two leaders.

This happened on a day when Raila was leading a demonstration in the city of Nairobi.

The raid on Northland farm associated with Kenyatta family left a trail of destructions.

The goons stole tens of hundreds of Dorper goats; slaughtered some of the animals and sold the meat to motorists and passers-by at a throw way prices.

The goons also burnt trees and demarcated part of the land and started to put up structures.

This incident elicited mixed reactions. In Mount Kenya, the opinion was divided.

Those who supported argued. Our leaders have been saying the former President was supporting Raila's Mandamano (demonstrations).

The small scale business people bore the brunt as the protestors targeted our businesses.

They would destroy them and engage in looting spree.

At the end of day, we are left counting losses running into billions of shillings.

The deputy President had earlier stated. The business community in Nairobi city was losing 2 billion a day when the demonstration was taking place.

So, it seems this is the message the goons were sending to Uhuru.

Being a former President and a scion of the richest family of former President Jomo Kenyatta, you should not take this to mean your properties are safe.

We wanted you to feel the pain we go through.

Besides destructions witnessed, the business people were forced to stay at home because of fear of being attacked.

At this juncture, allow me to say this. So far, there is no tangible evidence that former President was sponsoring Raila's demonstrations.

However, his remarks and body language suggested he was supporting his campaign.

Reports indicated the well-endowed promoters raised money for mobilization and other logistic issues. This explains why many Kenyans would want to hear former President's response.

It is worth to recall Uhuru openly campaigned for Raila in the countdown to 2022 general election. He had also roped in tycoons drawn from Mount Kenya behind his candidature.

A few days ago, Raila and his brigade held a rally at Kamukunji ground. In his speech, Raila left no doubt that he was determined to take his campaign of defiance to a new level.

"We told Mr Ruto that the Finance Bill 2023 was bad, punitive and asked him to withdraw it. He declined to heed our call and went ahead to assent to it. We are not relenting. We are going to push him hard so that he can know the power belongs to the people".

Moving forward, we have launched a campaign of civil disobedience and tax boycotts. Here, Raila had set the stage for economic sabotage.

This showed that he did not believe in the cause of Wanjiku, the ordinary Kenyan.

He was hellbent on driving this country to dog while in pursuit of his selfish and personal interests.

It is worth note that Raila read a similar script in the aftermath of 2007 and 2017 general elections, respectively.

This time, his campaign of intimidation, blackmail and arm-twist bore the fruit.

President Mwai Kibaki and his

successor Uhuru Kenyatta were left with only one option: to share the government with him.

For Kibaki, he agreed to let him take up half of the government.

The other day, I read a story in the newspapers which made shocking and damning revelations.

The story which quoted audit reports alleged that loans totalling to Sh4 trillion borrowed during the reign of President Kenyatta could not be accounted for.

This is because this was done without following the financial laws.

The lion share was from the domestic borrowing.

This question is. Was this monies used for the public good? The story indicated a chunk of it was used to construct the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). Equally, the story suggested a huge part of it could have been stolen.

In light of this, it is only a commission of inquiry that give us a true picture of how these funds were spent.

I also had an opportunity to read and listen to comments attributed to Busia Senator Okiya Omtata. He claimed that Kenya has overpaid the loan monies. How? These were weighty allegations. He needed to substantiate them by producing supporting documents. He failed to do this.

To me, his claims bordered more on politics but not facts.

Remember he made these allegations after the court declined to rule in favor of his application seeking to stop the passage of Finance Bill, 2023.

He ought to have shed light on this. Which government had overpaid? Uhuru's or Ruto's government.

We know the foreign loans had been borrowed from financial institutions in different countries. Which were they overpaid?

If it is loans borrowed domestically, where are documents to show the institutions that were overpaid?

It is should be noted that President Uhuru's Jubilee government break record buy borrowing the largest chunk of the foreign loans since independence.

The total amount stood at Sh9 trillion. This is the debt that President William Ruto inherited.

Most of these loans have since matured. The Kenya Kwanza government is spending 70 percent of revenues to service the loans.

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# Good Exposure In Life Is Important

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## Worth Noting:

- The places which you have visited, stories which you have heard, people whom you have interacted with, formal and informal trainings which you have undertaken form part of your life by being the knowledge that you possess.
- Each and every person has got a talent or talents. Some people know their talents others do not know theirs. Some appreciate their talents others do not like their talents they envy those of other people. Much as a talent may be sharpened it is not compulsory it is done so at times you can be able to perform well without any external intervention that is why you find some musicians composing good songs all alone yet it could be their first album.



*The more we see the more we must be able to imagine, and the more we imagine, the more we must think we see .....* Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Human beings are social in nature. They feel happy whenever they associate with their fellow human beings as well as nature. Alone they feel that something is amiss.

It is the joy of everyone to associate with people who will help them to grow ideologically and spiritually towards the right direction.

Introducing new ideas especially when they are positive ones make those around you to like to hear more and more from you. They appreciate your input and generate interest not only in what you are telling them but also your history.

A man is a product of genetic combination, experience and inspirations. Those who gave birth to you form part of your history; you acquire some genetic materials from them that make you to act in a certain way related to how they behave.

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ple whom you have interacted with, formal and informal trainings which you have undertaken form part of your life by being the knowledge that you possess.

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This is due to inspiration that they get and practice, a similar case happens to other talents whether wood work where you can find someone practicing carpentry yet no one has trained him in that field.

Other than inspired knowledge the other types of knowledge depends on exposure that one gets in life for example a child who live in a toxic environment where the parents fight and abuse each other on almost daily

basis is likely to emulate them and be hurling insults whenever discontented with any situation or will live with great hatred of any kind of violence so not to revive the old traumatic memories.

He will strive to perfect whatever he hear his parents saying or see them doing. If the parents are courteous the kids too will tend to be courteous.

If the parents are abusive and intolerant the same characters are likely to manifest in their children. This will be noticeable by looking at the way they handle those they interact with.

When widely traveled they will try to relate whatever they had seen in their adventures to whatever they see around. They will try to make something similar to what pleases them most. To them criticism without support will not sway away their stand as they are aware of whatever they are aiming at.

Those experienced a lot are able to make well informed choices as they have seen a variety of items that they require in life. In many debates they

are able to compete fairly as they can cite various versions of issues that they have experienced.

On issues like career choices the more exposure one has the better positioned he is to identify all courses in line that he is willing to pursue. You may find him doing something related to his hobbies at one foundation stage only for him to join the mainstream of what he exactly targeted at an advanced stage like masters or doctoral stage.

Exposure helps one to think beyond what others can see, hear or imagine. Such people are able to make whatever is around them to work in their favour. They appreciate lives and efforts of other people as they have witnessed a lot of lives and seen both good and bad people and how they behave at various times.

Do not ignore experience of someone perhaps he may use the skills gained to turn whatever is around to your favour and in the process help you acquire knowledge.

# FAO Bolsters Fight Against Fall Army Worm In Kenya

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maize and other food crops such as sorghum, millet and sugarcane.

The insect originated in America and arrived in Africa in 2016 and has spread to 80 countries in Africa, Near East, Asia and the Pacific Ocean Region in a span of six years according to FAO Director of Plant Production and Protection Division Jingyuan Xia.

Speaking in Embu on Wednesday during a visit at a demonstration farm of FAW and various farmers' groups, the Director said some of the techniques that farmers were being trained on include use of bio-pesticides and nature-based solutions.

"FAW was one of the main limiting factors towards global food security and ranked as one of the top ten devastating plant pests," he said, noting that maize was the most susceptible crop.

This, he said, calls for urgent intervention measures to be taken to ward off the spread of the invasive insects

that was jeopardizing food security across vast regions of the globe.

Xia said they were catalyzing the war by working with farmers across the pilot countries to develop good strategies including community-based scouting and monitoring, bio-ecological control and farmers schools to build their capacity to detect and control FAW.

He said Africa was grappling with the tropical species of the African Army Worm that many farmers were struggling to deal with since lack of rains as well as increased temperatures was providing the best conditions for their multiplication.

As a mitigation measure, farmers around the country had developed control methods including use of organic methods such as pepper, garlic, mexican marigold and pyrethrum that FAO said were very promising and effective. FAO Kenya Representative Carla Mucavi said it was possible to control FAW notwithstanding climate change that was affecting global food security.

She said the Global Action for Fall Army Worm Control was helping by working closely with farmers to equip them with tools that can allow



FAO Director of Plant Production and Protection Division Jingyuan Xia.

them to minimize the loss of their crops to assure them of food security and returns on their investment.

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Embu Branch Director Dr. Alfred Micheni said they had set aside five acres of demonstration farm to carry

out trials that will equip farmers with best practices in control and eradication of FAW.

"One of the problems we are addressing through research to ensure we have more food is to have technologies that reduce or eradicate FAW especially in the maize crop,"

he said.

Embu County Chief Officer in charge of agriculture Stephen Mwita said that the county was losing about 30 percent to the pests and the initiative by FAO to assist farmers in controlling and eradicating them was timely and handy.

# Kenya Loses Billions Of Shillings Annually To Illicit Trade, Says Anti-Counterfeit Authority

By: KBC Digital

The country is losing billions of shillings annually to counterfeits and other forms of illicit trade.

Consequently the Anti-Counterfeit Authority, is promising to address the multiple and growing challenges posed by counterfeiting and illicit trade in the country.

In an interview with KBC Thursday morning Anti-Counterfeit Authority Deputy Director Education and public awareness Agnes Karingo noted that 80pc of counterfeit goods in Kenya are from overseas.

She says as an agency they have employed quite a number of strategies to address the challenges facing the sector.

She pointed out public awareness and capacity building for Kenyans

to fight counterfeits in the market as some of the strategies.

It is estimated that one in every five products sold in Kenya is counterfeited and almost four million Kenyans are using counterfeit goods that include sugar, cigarettes, alcohol, bottled water, pharmaceutical products and cooking oil, posing a serious threat to health and security and depriving our economy of vital revenue.



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# The Village Where I Was Born



1 Belarusian.

Sarapoyon consists of 4 neighborhoods: Istiklal, Pakhtagul, Gulistan, Karamozi.

1. Istiklal neighborhood has united 7 peoples. Sarrosh-1, Sarrosh-2, Upper Jingon-1, Upper Jingon-2, Lower Jingon-1, Lower Jingon-2 and Kurpos.

2. Pakhtagul neighborhood has united 5 peoples. Guyinchi, Oram, Tosh, Kemir, Experiment eats.

3. Gulistan neighborhood occupied the largest area of the village. 9 nations are united here. These are: Eshanlar, Menhat, Karakummat, Kulobod, Blue-1, Blue-2, Experiment, Mouse, Khojalar.

4. There are 3 Yangyop, Intizom and Okyop communities in Karamozi neighborhood.

During the entire history of the village, it has been bringing up many proud and memorable people. During the Second World War, hundreds of brave soldiers of this village fought for their people and homeland. How many people died in the battle and are missing. Among these brave men, my grandfather's uncles from our family took part, and both Egamovs, who were only 19 years old, did not return from the war. Not only those who died in the war, but also the hardworking people of our village gave their all to the war, gave their labor, harvest, life...

I love my village, I wouldn't trade it anywhere.

Saparbayeva Aziza Asror's daughter was born on May 13, 2003 in Khanka district. In 2021, he graduated from school No. 5 in Khanka district with a gold medal. In September 2021, he was accepted as a student at the Faculty of History of UrSU on the basis of the state budget. Currently, he is a gifted student of the 2nd stage of the university. He is a participant of several international and national conferences. He is the winner and laureate of a number of international and republican contests and festivals. About 10 scientific articles and theses have been published in republican journals. It is a member of about 10 international organizations.

I was born in the village of Sarapoyon, Khanka District, Khorezm Region. They say that the name of the village where I was born is Sarapoyon, which is a Persian-Turkish term consisting of "sar-ob-yon". The meaning is "sar" - head, "ob" - water, "yon" - space - the head side of water. Some scientists explain that this term consists of two compounds "sara" - "poyon" and the meaning is "sara" - good, "poyon" - border (territory). Also, in toponomic dictionaries, sahr (a) yi poyon - lower desert, a village built in the remote desert also comes in the meaning. All three of these indicate that the term is very old. Three canals actually flow through the village, which means the head of this water. These are Shavat, Kulobod, and Khanka canals. It is no exaggeration to say that they cross the middle of the village and are the blood vessels of Sarapoyon lands. Today, the total land area of the village is 4269 sq.km. Its population is 21,070 people (2012 data). Representatives of different nationalities live harmoniously in Sarapoyon. There are 21,018 Uzbeks, 13 Karakalpaks, 1 Tatars and Ukrainians, and

# Manguberdi's Child



Bahadur, who came to do military service, got used to the army very quickly. Because he wanted to protect his country since he was young. He was assigned the task of border control. He took an oath and, trying to be faithful to his sacred oath, he tried to protect the country by fulfilling his military duties wholeheartedly. But day by day, the longing for his family, for the village where he was born and grew up listening to the bleating of sheep and cows grew in his heart. He called himself "I am here to fulfill my duty to my family, to my village."

One night Bahadir and Alisher were on duty at the border. Bahadir looked at the sky to prevent himself from falling asleep. The sky was full of stars. Then to Alisher, who is now going to sleep - Look at the beauty of the stars. They are looking at us.

- Yes. The stars give us strength. The stars are our ancestors. Their spirit will always help us, - said Alisher looking at the sky.

- Look, that star belongs to Manguberdi, and that one is the stars of our other grandfather - Bahadir said, looking at the sky.

- From where  
- I wonder if they will remember us like that after we leave this world? Will we also find our stars?

- From where - said Alisher again thinking.

- I think it depends on us. "The more good a person does, the brighter his star

shines," my mother used to say. Bahadir had not finished speaking when people appeared from the other side of the border.

- Terrorists! It is necessary to inform others - said Alisher.

Despite Alisher saying "Stop" Bahadir took his weapon

"It is dangerous to send terrorists to the border," he said and ran away. He didn't even hear Alisher saying behind his back, "You can't fight them alone."

Alisher called the others. But it was late. About 4 meters away from the border lay the bodies of those visible terrorists, and a little further away Bahadir was lying in a pool of blood.

Both the commander-in-chief and the lieutenant were amazed at such a scene, and the commander-in-chief Vahidov - Uddalabsan, kayil Jorayev (Bahadir's last name) - he said.

And Alisher is looking at the sky  
- This star is your Baha. Yes. That is the brightest star. Yes, that Manguberdi you mentioned belongs to our grandfather. Because you are a true child of Manguberdi. Children should always be with their father.

Bahadir fulfilled his duty selflessly not only to his family, but also to his village. Because the true child of Manguberdi lives as selflessly and eternally. Let this bravery of Bahadir be an example for all of us.

Botirova Go'zal

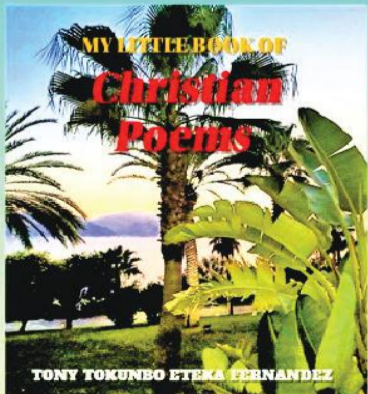
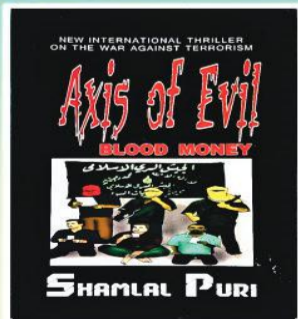
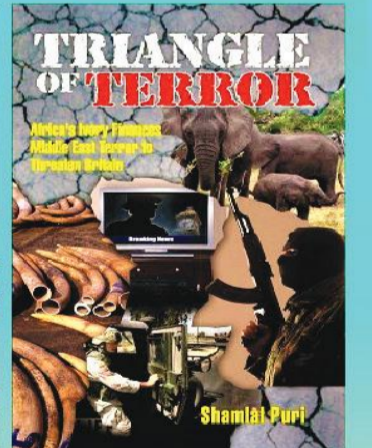
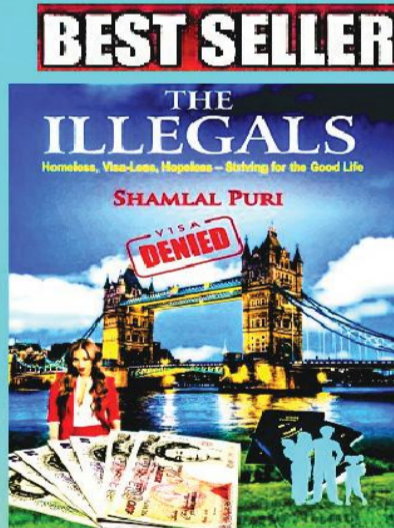
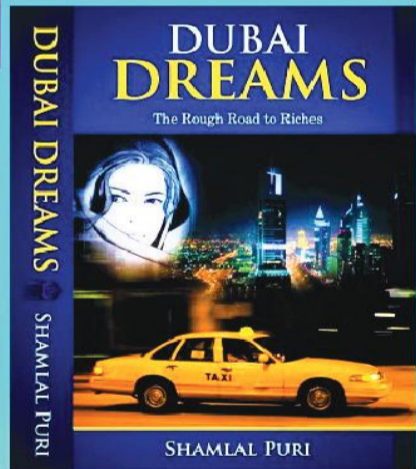
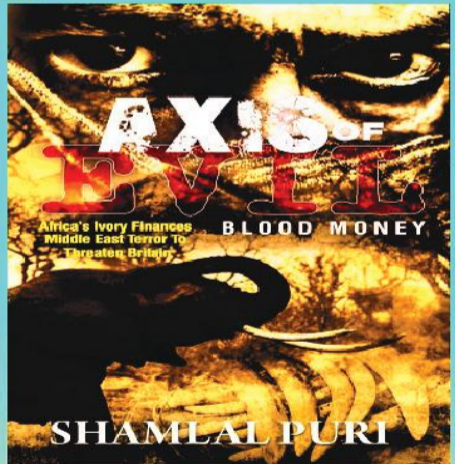
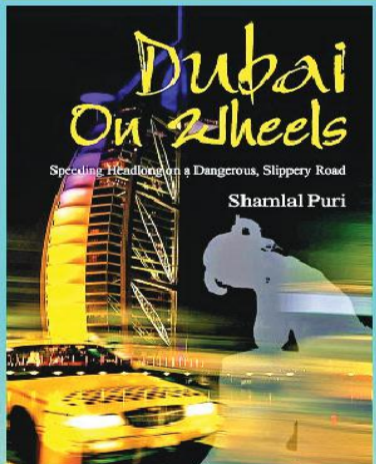
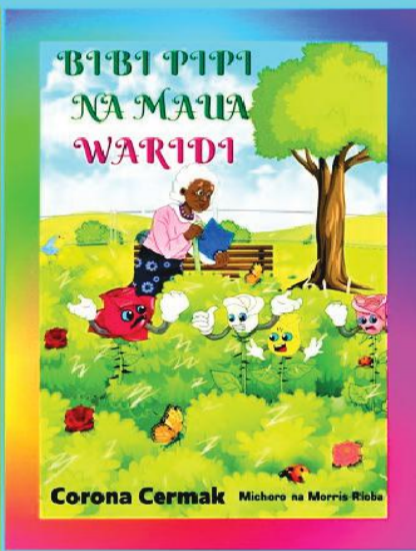
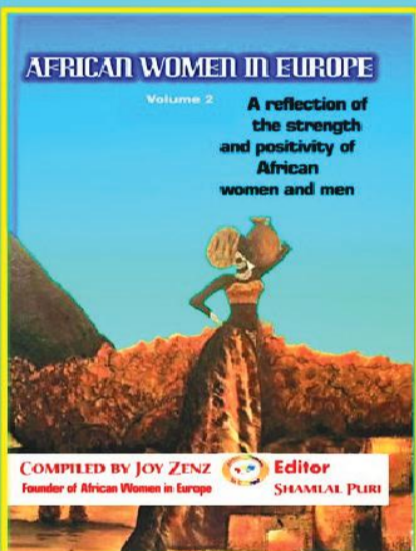
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# BUSINESS

## Kirinyaga's Industrial Park Gets Multi-Agency Nod For Ground Breaking

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Kirinyaga County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIPs) project has gotten a multi-agency nod for ground breaking.

This is after officials from the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industries (MITI), National Treasury, the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), Council of Governors (CoG) gave a clean bill of health for the roll out.

The project sitting on a 242-acre land at Sagana is set for launch by President William Ruto later this year.

The officials who were on a site visit said they were satisfied on County Government of Kirinyaga preparedness for the development of the industrial park.

Director of Industries in the State Department of Industrialization Joseph Mbeva, said the team is satisfied that Kirinyaga had met all the conditions for the start of the project.

"The aim of this visit is to engage officials from Kirinyaga county to check on preparedness and we agree on implementation of the project," Mbeva said.

He said aggregation and industrial parks is one of the most sustainable efforts by the national and county governments to shape Kenya's economy by targeting specific inclusive economic activities.

Mbeva said with the industrial parks, counties are set to be the new frontiers of investment and economic development through increased national productivity and sustainable diversification of production.

"The preparation by the County Government of Kirinyaga is very impressive, we are satisfied they are ready for the roll out, we are here to engage with the County's stakeholders on how we will walk together to realize the CAIPs project," Mbeva added.

Through CAIPS, the government will support the establishment of industrial ventures through construction of industrial parks, disbursement of research and development grants.

In no time counties will be able to pioneer successful ventures spawning into new industrial ecosystem that supports the Bottom-Up-Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

Speaking separately, Governor Anne Waiguru, has said that CAIPs



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are designed to support micro, small and medium sized enterprises to engage in significant domestic and international trade through export diversification and value addition.

"This creates a great opportunity to grow jobs along the various value chains, raise incomes and close rural-urban inequality gaps as locals also participate in global supply chain through value addition," she said.

She said that some counties started getting ready for the establishment of the industrial parks by initiatives such as constructing aggregation centers for agricultural produce as well as organizing farmers into groups or cooperatives for group marketing.

Waiguru said her administration has allocated Ksh. 275 million in the next financial year budget for the development of the Sagana Industrial Park.

This money will be complemented by another Ksh. 250 million grant from the National Government.

The Council of Governors chair has indicated the readiness by the county farmers to be the main raw material producers for the agro processors that will establish factories at the industrial park.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Cooperative

Development, Trade, Marketing, Tourism, Industrialization and Enterprise Development Calbert Njeru said the aggregation and industrial parks will offer hopes to the farmers who will now be able to aggregate their crop, access proper storage and processing facilities as they source for direct market to processors or exporters.

Njeru said the project will grow the economy and help create thousands of jobs for Kenyans.

"One of the major reasons for this project is to reduce post-harvest losses for the famers. The project is also meant to trigger development of manufacturing, reducing import of products and encouraging export, our people will get employment from the industries and our economy will grow," said Njeru.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance and Economic Planning Jackline Njogu said the county has met all the minimum requirements set by the national government for the project and is ready to commence with works to develop the parks.

"For us here we are ready and the team has seen for itself and we are just waiting for the official launch of the start of the works," she said.

Being predominantly an agricultural county, Waiguru's administration

has been supporting farmers to increase agricultural production and mobilizing them to form groups and cooperatives to enable group marketing.

Her model involves enabling export that is facilitated by aggregation of produce by the farmers themselves.

As such, her administration has set up aggregation centers for produce such as tomatoes, avocados and bananas with the requisite amenities to support post-harvest management before being collected for processing.

A fish aggregation center is also coming up as the county that is the leading fishpond aquaculture producer readies itself for fish processing.

Among the processing factories expected to be set up at the Sagana CAIP include avocado, macadamia, tomatoes, fish and dairy.

Through CAIPS, Kenya has a unique opportunity to leapfrog our renowned service sectors and e-commerce as forces of inclusion being Africa's Silicon Savannah, and County governments are just the most suited frontiers to actualize this dream.

### Worth Noting:

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# Are Mothers To Blame for Alcoholism In The Mountain?

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Mary Karau

**Worth Noting:**

- In the case of divorce and separation, which is so common nowadays, mothers should realize it is **THE MOTHER AND FATHER** who are divorced or separated. The children **NEVER STOP BEING SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO THEIR FATHERS**. Women cause a lot of havoc when they tell very toxic stories about their husbands to their children. These women should go and vent to their siblings and friends but not the children, whether they are young or adults.
- We commend our Deputy President for his campaigns against alcohol abuse in Kenya and especially our CEREB Region. In fact, only a campaign at the presidential level can bear fruit. While we are extremely delighted to see His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua lead these campaigns, we also must come out strongly and join the campaigns by having peaceful homes and peaceful families.

My dear reader, allow me to engage you on a topic that is as sensitive as it is serious.

“Mothers and sons in our African Culture, and more so, our culture in the Mountain” Women carry the mantle to their sons. But with the man as the head! Man being father, uncle or father figure!

To begin with, in the olden days, you never heard a name like Kabura Wanjiku (My name is Kabura, and my mother is Wanjiku) this is because of our patriarchal naming culture. In the Mountain we are a very strong patriarchal community, and we therefore do not know how to behave when this patriarchal culture is shaken by situations or by personal choices

In our families, small boys and girls are mostly taken care of by their mothers or mother figures. At this age, they are manageable and the mother is very happy doing what women are born to do best, BEING MOTHERS. As they grow older, the manhood of the sons starts emerging. They start asking why girls have plaited hair and not boys, why big boys love girls, etc.

These are signs their manhood is emerging. A mother has never dated girls. She knows how to be chased not to chase. These mothers have to remember they are females and they have no idea how to turn their sons

into young men and future husbands. A MAN can play that role. This man is the boy’s father, their grandfather or their uncle or whoever else the male figure is in their life. **SO LONG AS IT IS A MAN**. This same man should guide on the name to appear in the boy’s national ID to exhibit a patriarchal identity in school and in life.

Just this action will give our boy child confidence and lead them away from alcohol. Unfortunately, mothers are unaware of this and they continue parenting the boys and helping them make decisions, and this erodes the boy’s self-image because the image they have of a woman is distorted. I once coached a boy of Form TWO who had tried several times to commit suicide. The family had tried all ways to deal with the matter with no success.

When I dug deep to get to the root cause, he said he was laughed at in school because he was named after his mother, a single mother. The mother later brought her brothers together to address the issue. They then asked their dad (grandpa to the teenager) for advice. He advised the elder uncle to allow the boy to use his name. The wife had to be involved so that they all know the effects especially in relation to future property matters.

A lawyer advised they document

the matter. But the teenager later finished Form Four, got very good grades, and is now studying electronic engineering in University. His mother allowed him to pursue music, which was his other concern, and he now records music as he studies.

Fathers, please take over parenting of your boys and make it a project. Mothers please make it a project to **RELEASE YOUR BOYS TO THEIR FATHERS**. Allow fathers to “father their sons”. Give advice to boys with a lot of caution so that the main message is from the father. If the father says A, and your opinion is B, agree first with the father on how to approach the matter. Then allow the father to say, “I had said A, Now I think B is better” This will prevent friction in the boy’s mind.

In the case of divorce and separation, which is so common nowadays, mothers should realize it is **THE MOTHER AND FATHER** who are divorced or separated. The children **NEVER STOP BEING SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO THEIR FATHERS**. Women cause a lot of havoc when they tell very toxic stories about their husbands to their children. These women should go and vent to their siblings and friends but not the children, whether they are young or adults.

We commend our Deputy Presi-

dent for his campaigns against alcohol abuse in Kenya and especially our CEREB Region. In fact, only a campaign at the presidential level can bear fruit. While we are extremely delighted to see His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua lead these campaigns, we also must come out strongly and join the campaigns by having peaceful homes and peaceful families.

Men must stop physical domestic violence and women must stop psychological domestic violence. Peaceful homes will be a factory of peaceful sons and daughters who are stable enough to drink for leisure and not to abuse the drink. A happy child becomes a happy adult. Churches have to support the campaigns by teaching young men and women how to be **INTENTIONAL PARENTS**. Young couples have to be supported by older ones on how to maintain peace in their homes.

This was our culture, and we have to bring it back. In the Book of Timothy in the Bible, older women are commanded by St Paul to mentor and educate younger women. In the same light, older men have to mentor younger men. Indeed, if the whole population does not own the process, then we shall find ourselves in the same hole of helplessness, alcoholism, broken homes and domestic violence for a long time.

Men, women, boys and girls; chiefs, clergy, professionals, farmers, business communities and all other classes of people of the mountain must “**AMUA**” that alcohol abuse is a menace that must be eradicated at all costs

As we marked IDADA, International Day Against Drug Abuse on 26th June 2023, my mind pondered on some of the hidden causes of alcoholism. Family environment came filling my mind like a flood. Because of the Mau Mau era, many families in our region became matriarchal, led by women. This was as a result of our fathers being hounded into lorries and “**GUTHAMIO**” into “**Concentration Camps**” like Manyani and others. Mothers were left stranded, fending for their children, and also defending themselves against the Guards “**Ngati**”. All this I learnt from my parents, who told us about the state of emergency years over and over again. They even taught us the Mau Mau songs. We need to start

# Are Mothers To Blame for Alcoholism In The Mountain?

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teaching our children that history

This history is part of the causes of alcohol abuse. Guthamio resulted in very empowered mothers who were left with no other choice but to empower each other as young wives and mothers. Their cultural security was shaken in 1952. The matter was made worse after independence, good as it was.

When uhuru/freedom and self-rule came to Kenya, many economic opportunities arose in the name of employment in the urban areas. This led to urban migration of the men who were the sole breadwinners, as women were busy farming for food security and also parenting. The women did not realize that they were SINGLE PARENTS YET MARRIED. They nurtured both boys and girls.

The fathers were weekend parents. This resulted in even more powerful



Drunk man.

women, yet under the umbrella of marriage. They would hide under the authority of their husbands saying “I will report you to your father when he comes” At times the father came only twice a month, on the 15th and 30th. This led to the boy child missing their father and mentor. The generation born in the 60s and 70s were victims of this culture.

The men of that generation did not get much nurturing from their fathers. They, therefore, did not know how to mentor and father their sons born in the 80s and 90s. These sons are the adults of today. They now have their own children and they also do not know how to deal with their sons born in the 90s and 2000s. This scenario has brought a lot of

confusion to the boy child. The wazees forgot the sons as they started their Mbuti lifestyle (CIAMA). So, these sons are too old to be mama’s sons, and not old enough to accompany daddy in his KIAMA life.

WHOSE SONS ARE THEY? Do they belong to the society? The best society offers is peer pressure, alcohol, fun and other environmental influences that make the son of the mountain vulnerable, lonely, and judged by me, you, the church, government, and any other party ready to look at them with a “What is wrong with you?” mentality.

Our sons of the Mountain might be good providers, but in being men of the Mountain, they have to be taught. Who will teach them? Officially and unofficially, older men. Our men have to talk with their sons and grandsons. They need to make them friends so that they engage on life matters. Older men have to allow the boys and young men in their lives to carry the Njungwa na Mukwanju for them as they go for Mburi

and other man-oriented functions.

If older men don’t take responsibility for mentoring our young men, our boys will continue falling deeper into alcohol abuse and might even be tempted to join the LGBT community without any apologies. And the people most affected will be us parents. We must be intentional parents to both boy- and girl-child. Today is the day, not tomorrow. A happy child becomes a happy adult. A happy adult has self-mastery and is able to enjoy alcohol, not abuse it.

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## The Best Alcoholism Rehabilitation Journey

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THE medical /rehab personnel in charge of the alcoholic should be aware of the chemical changes taking place and therefore the physiological, psychological, physical and spiritual mutations.

The patient feels hollow without his daily dose now that he is not taking alcohol.

THE high feeling during alcohol consumption is no longer available, so he experiences lows and feels disoriented.

Guilt and negative self-evaluation now leads to self-hatred and regrets. This person feels wasted. The patient will now try to hide indoors and even fear being seen by people. He needs a courage dose.

This individual may start hallucinating and seeing imagined phenomena. He could now start develop-

ing schizophrenia, a mental illness where loss of touch with normal life is evident.

This may lead to insanity. We need to treat these conditions with meds.

All these could be prevented by advising on slow reduction of intake as opposed to immediate withdrawal.

Which are these drugs or steps needed for effective treatment?

DIURESIS is the first mode of treatment. We have to ridoff the body accumulated metabolites in laymans language, toxins. We have to use different drugs to achieve this. We may also use NATURAL DIURETIC PROBIOTICS like the ones discovered and produced by THE INSTITUTE OF EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGISTS AND SPORTS SCIENTISTS KENYA. After cleaning your system for three weeks where we also allow you to imbibe alcohol from less than 3/4 your normal dose, then we will introduce smoothies that will discourage your body from high intake of alcohol.

At this time good bacteria are seriously working to create an environment harsh for Alcohol.

Remember in this period also we have scheduled prescribed exercises by our physiologists. These are not just Gym exercises but we’ll measured exercises. How do we measure exercise? We shall explain in the next issue.

Counseling comes in as a secondary initiative or coadjuvant. Occupational therapy and learning new skills coupled with change of location is a bonus, though circumvention of this will be done with alternatives. How do we go about this?

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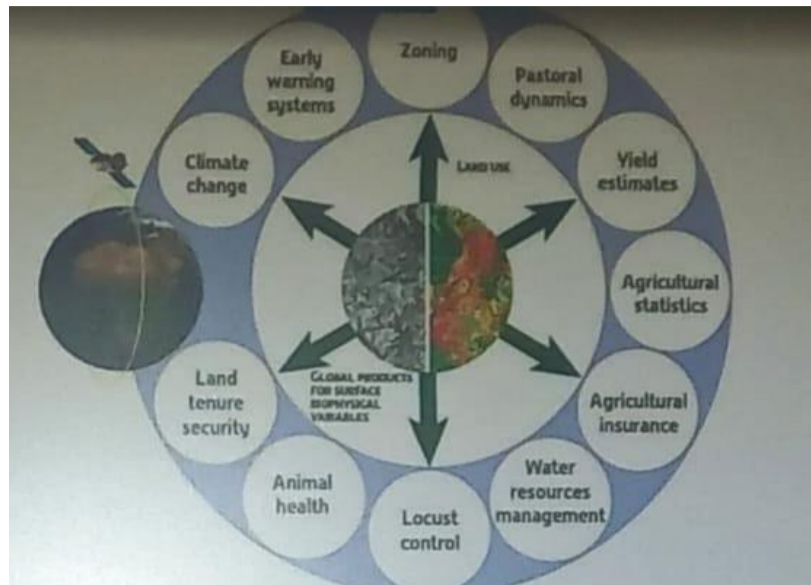
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# Satellite Data To Address Food Security

By: Wangari Ndirangu

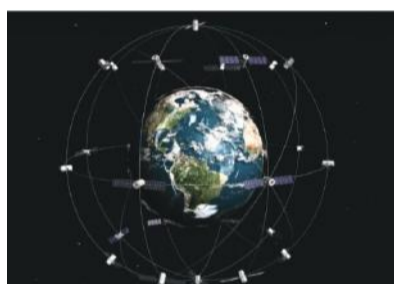
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Sectors that the Earth Observation can be in used in Policy development in agriculture sector

## Worth Noting:

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A satellite image, Experts say satellite technology is solution to challenges of agriculture produce.

Agricultural experts have opted for satellite data collection for timely, accurate, and reliable information to mitigate and counter the impact of climate change.

Scientists in the agricultural sector have embraced satellite technology for early warning systems to monitor and advise farmers on the ever-shifting seasonal climatic patterns to promote food security.

Assistant Director (Socio-Economics and Policy Development) at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Dr. Wellington Mulinge stressed the need to change of tact in the wake of the global phenomenon attributed to extreme weather patterns including drought and floods.

He reiterated the importance to strengthen the science-policy interface for more effective, evidence-based intervention to facilitate the use of satellite data to spur agricultural production toward attaining a food-secure country.

Speaking during an end-of-information for agriculture and food security project meeting, Dr. Mulinge said the data offers early warning information by providing monitoring of crop conditions and performance through yield.

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able because they failed to take into account the explicit information on risk profiles and only offers a short-term forecast.

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“Adequate policy formulation to provide sustainable solutions now involves using geospatial data with other traditional information to identify challenges and opportunities,” he said.

Dr. Mulinge said Earth Observation (EO) data can be used in Policy Development in the Agriculture Sector such as zoning, early warning systems, yield estimates, agriculture statistics, and even climate change among others.

He said the use of the Earth Observation (EO) Data, he added, was important when identifying areas of food scarcity, tracking biodiversity and wildlife trends, measuring land use change, and even monitoring and responding to disasters such as floods, pest outbreaks, and health risks.

He insisted that the EO was vital in Evidence-Based Policy Development and decision making and it was time the government developed a strategic plan and framework to mainstream the EO data component for planning and implementation of agriculture-related programmes.

“There is need to create awareness at also continental level and economic blocks on the need to mainstream and leverage EO data in supporting the biennial review indicators in im-

plementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) framework,” Dr. Mulinge said.

Thylyn Kiptoo from Esri Eastern Africa, a leading Earth Observation data provider said they had established Africa Geoportal, which is an open-source data platform, as a sharing hub.

“The future of data science is the establishment of data hubs to enable collaboration and partnership. this however calls for establishment for working data sharing policy,” she said

Kiptoo noted that they have been working in partnership with the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) Digital Earth Africa and Kenya Space Agency to scale up the utilization of EO data, products, and services.

Kenneth Mubea, of Digital Earth Africa, said they teamed up with ASARECA to implement the Information for Agriculture, Food and Water Security project to offer African countries access to satellite data for climate adaptation and mitigation, greater food security, and more sustainable development.

The project that has been running from July 2022 to June 2023 was being implemented in Eastern and Central Africa namely Kenya Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda Southern Africa, and Botswana.

“Following hands-on training on the use of DE Africa Platform and specific applications and responsible Institutions findings showed that there is a genuine interest in connecting to farmers as beneficiaries on tangible agricultural information such as crop type maps, yield estimates, water use requirements Something that farmers can relate to,” Mubea noted.

The move comes after Kenya

launched its first operational earth observation satellite station earlier this year.

Named Taifa -1, the Nanosat was launched on board the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, United States of America.

Charles Mwangi, Ag. Director from the Kenya Space Agency said the nanosatellites that are 16m resolution panchromatic and 32m resolution multispectral imageries will be useful and will provide valuable information about the composition and condition of the earth’s surface.

“The insights gathered from the analysis of this data will provide useful information to policy and decision-makers in diverse fields who seek to address the challenges Kenya is facing,” he added.

Some of the challenges are food insecurity and dwindling agricultural production, caused by climate change effects such as prolonged drought and the nanosatellite will support in environmental monitoring, climate change monitoring and mitigation, food security through crop condition monitoring and crop yield estimation, disaster management, and natural resources management among others.

Sub-Saharan Africa economies spend between USD 30 to 50 billion per year importing food. Improving agriculture practices such as crop monitoring and correct pesticide use could boost domestic food production and enhance food security across the continent.

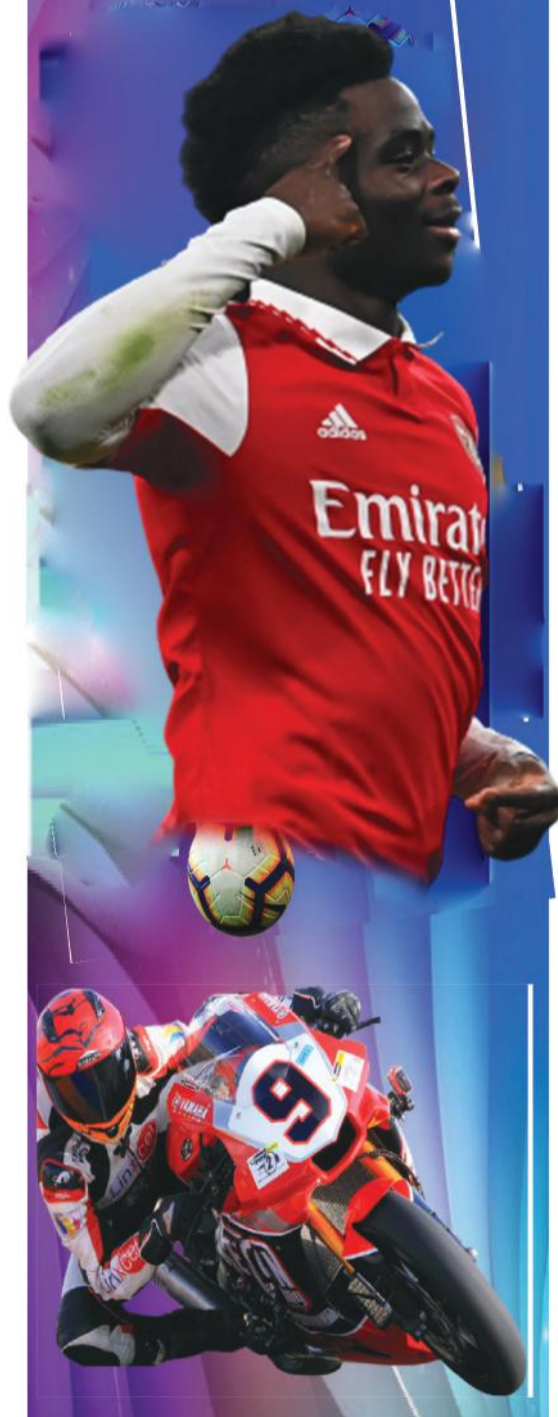
According to Digital Earth Africa, providing farmers with decision-ready data that helps them to optimize their sowing practices could help raise yearly production bringing benefits to the Africa Economy.



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**Sports >>** \*France's top administrative court will on Thursday rule whether women can wear the hijab in official football matches, in a decision that has stoked political tensions.

## Top French Court Upholds Hijab Ban In Women's Football



*Female footballer wearing Hijab*

France's top administrative court will on Thursday rule whether women can wear the hijab in official football matches, in a decision that has stoked political tensions.

The case comes as the far-right rides high in the polls, prompting mainstream formations, including President Emmanuel Macron's party, to talk tough on the state's secular principles.

A group of Muslim women footballers called the "Hijabeuses" launched the action against the French Football Federation (FFF), whose rules currently ban the headscarves in competition along with "any sign or clothing clearly showing political, philosophical, religious or

union affiliation".

The collective received a boost on Monday when the state's legal advisor concluded the rule was unjustified, during a hearing at France's Constitutional Council, where the case is being heard.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin, a law-and-order hardliner, said Tuesday, "I hope profoundly for the republic that (judges) uphold neutrality on sports fields."

The "Hijabeuses" were hoping to give the republic a "battering", Darmanin added.

"You shouldn't wear religious clothing when you play sports... when you play football, you don't need to know the religion

of the person in front of you," he said.

Other voices from the conservative Republicans party and far-right National Rally have also chimed in.

Far-right leader Marine Le Pen wrote on Twitter: "No to the hijab in sport. And we will pass a law to make sure it is respected."

Republicans chief Eric Ciotti said his party — which holds just 62 seats in France's 577-seat parliament — would introduce a bill on the topic if the court allowed the hijab.

Sports Minister Amelie Oudea-Castera has also suggested Macron's government could legislate, saying "we aren't rul-

ing anything out" and "we can see that there's a need for clarification".

The Constitutional Council itself shot back Wednesday at what it said were "attacks aimed at the administrative branch and especially the legal advisor".

Questioning the workings of the courts was "an attack on an institution that is essential for democracy," the body added, saying it could take legal action in cases of "insult, defamation, incitement to hatred or threats".

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# Arsenal Sign Havertz From Chelsea On 'Long-Term Contract'



Arsenal on Wednesday signed German attacking midfielder Kai Havertz from Chelsea on a "long-term contract".

Neither club disclosed a fee but British media said Arsenal were paying Chelsea 65 million pounds or 75 million euros.

He is Arsenal's first signing of the summer but the British press reported the club had agreed a 105 million-pound fee for West Ham's England midfielder Declan Rice.

Havertz joined Chelsea in 2020

from Bayer Leverkusen. He made 139 appearances in three seasons, scoring 32 times, including the only goal in the 2021 UEFA Champions League final victory over Manchester City.

Arsenal were runners up in the Premier League last season while Chelsea, rebuilding their squad, were 12th.

"The mentality in the Arsenal squad is very high and you can feel that. That was one of the reasons why it has been so hard to play against Arsenal recently,"

Havertz told the Arsenal web site.

"The aim is to win trophies and I'm going to give everything to do that."

He posted a farewell message to Chelsea on social media.

He said he was writing "with a heavy heart...saying goodbye to the club that has become my second home, and to the incredible fans who have supported me throughout this amazing journey."

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta said:

"Kai is a player of top quality. He has great versatility and is an intelligent player. He will bring a huge amount of extra strength to our midfield and variety to our play."

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MIND

Disinclined guest  
What shall I serve you  
Ghee or oil  
Nothing seems appealing  
To an indisposed mind  
This is all resolute  
Of heart.

3.VICE AND VIRTUE

Uniting with you  
Was my virtue  
Parting with you---damnation.

Surviving with your reveries  
Is my virtue  
Obliterating you----- my vice.

4.LOST WHILE SMILING

Wrote death before life

When the Goddess of life  
Started imparting life  
She smiled  
Seeing her, I too smiled.

How, I have forgotten now,  
All this absolutely.

Do you recall  
That smile of mine  
Smile of mother  
That is lost now  
And has left me alone.

5. PEOPLE WAIT FOR OPPORTUNITY

It is not right  
To be very simple

People are in search of chance  
Won't even let you know  
And will cut your nerve

It is not good  
To be so uninvolved

6. IT HAPPENS ONLY IN LOVE

I say --day  
And you deem night as day.  
I say—night  
And you deem day as night.  
We are both in unison  
Because of love.  
Only love can really  
Make us totally blind.

7. EXPANSE FILLED WITH SAND

My heart got wings  
A deep aspiration arose in my heart  
Running and running  
I arrived at so many places

Though in front of me was  
Sea full of sand  
Still in dunes  
Creating an illusion

Aspiration is my everlasting treasure

I am wandering in this deserted place  
O! My Creator, I am willing to die  
But don't kill me unquenched.

8.MIND TURNS UNGRATEFUL

If I speak bluntly  
I appear fiendish  
And unpleasant

I am not to be blamed for it  
Your taste is liable for it

When mind turns ungrateful  
Is full of malice  
Is not able to discriminate  
Who is own and who is outsider

9. I WANT TO KNOW REALITY

I won't be tempted by  
Rolling balls of the Sun and the Moon  
I want to know the reality

Whether the Earth is resting  
On hood of Sheshnag  
Or on the horns of a bull?

I want to apprehend reality  
Whether we are rooted in the Earth  
Or we are tied to a string from heavens.

I want to know the fact  
Whether I will keep wandering  
In some deserted land  
Or shall I fly in the sky  
On my own wings  
With thoughtfulness of some other fellow.

I want to know the reality  
Whether this sky is  
In between legs of  
A small winged creature  
Or on the fingertips of some Krishna

I won't be tempted by  
Vibgyor created by rain and clouds  
I want to know the reality

10. HUNKS OF SAND

Standing in valley  
It is not easy to apprehend  
Whether we are ascending or descending.

Sometimes, it seems  
We are climbing continually  
From one dune to another  
From second dune to third  
Climbing constantly

Sometimes, it seems  
We are slipping down  
Just slipping down.

During this journey of life  
We are hunks of sand  
In valley of life  
Just tearing down  
Wearing down.

We are surviving due to dunes only.