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The National Assembly reconvened yesterday with a packed agenda, including the return of Members' Question Time.

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Kega-Led Jubilee Faction To Hold Special National Delegates Conference July 22

By: Prudence Wanza



EALA MP Kanini Kega and Nominated MP Sabina Chege.

Worth Noting:

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The Jubilee Party faction being led by EALA MP Kanini Kega will hold a Special National Delegates Conference (SNDC) at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) on 22nd July, 2023.

In a statement on Tuesday, Kega said the National Executive Committee (NEC) agreed to proceed with the NDC following the determination by the party’s Internal Disputes Committee, which declared the NDC held by former President Uhuru Kenyatta as null and void.

“The meeting noted and agreed

with the determination of the Internal Disputes Resolution Committee (IDRC) dated 30th May, 2023 which declared the meeting held on 22nd May, 2023 at Ngong Racecourse as null and void,” said Kega

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During the Uhuru led NDC, Jubilee party announced new appointees to its National Executive Council (NEC) board after some members showed allegiance to other parties.

In the changes, Nominated MP Sabina Chege was replaced by Embakasi West MP as Deputy Minority Whip in the National Assembly.

Jubilee has been embroiled in wran-

gles with two factions fighting for the party’s leadership; one led by EALA MP Kanini Kega and the other by former Ndaragwa MP Jeremiah Kioni.

Nominated MP Sabina Chege and Kanini Kega teamed up with a section of Jubilee elected legislators to kick out former President Uhuru Kenyatta from the party leadership and named Sabina Chege as the new party leader and Kanini Kega as the new Secretary General replacing Jeremiah Kioni.

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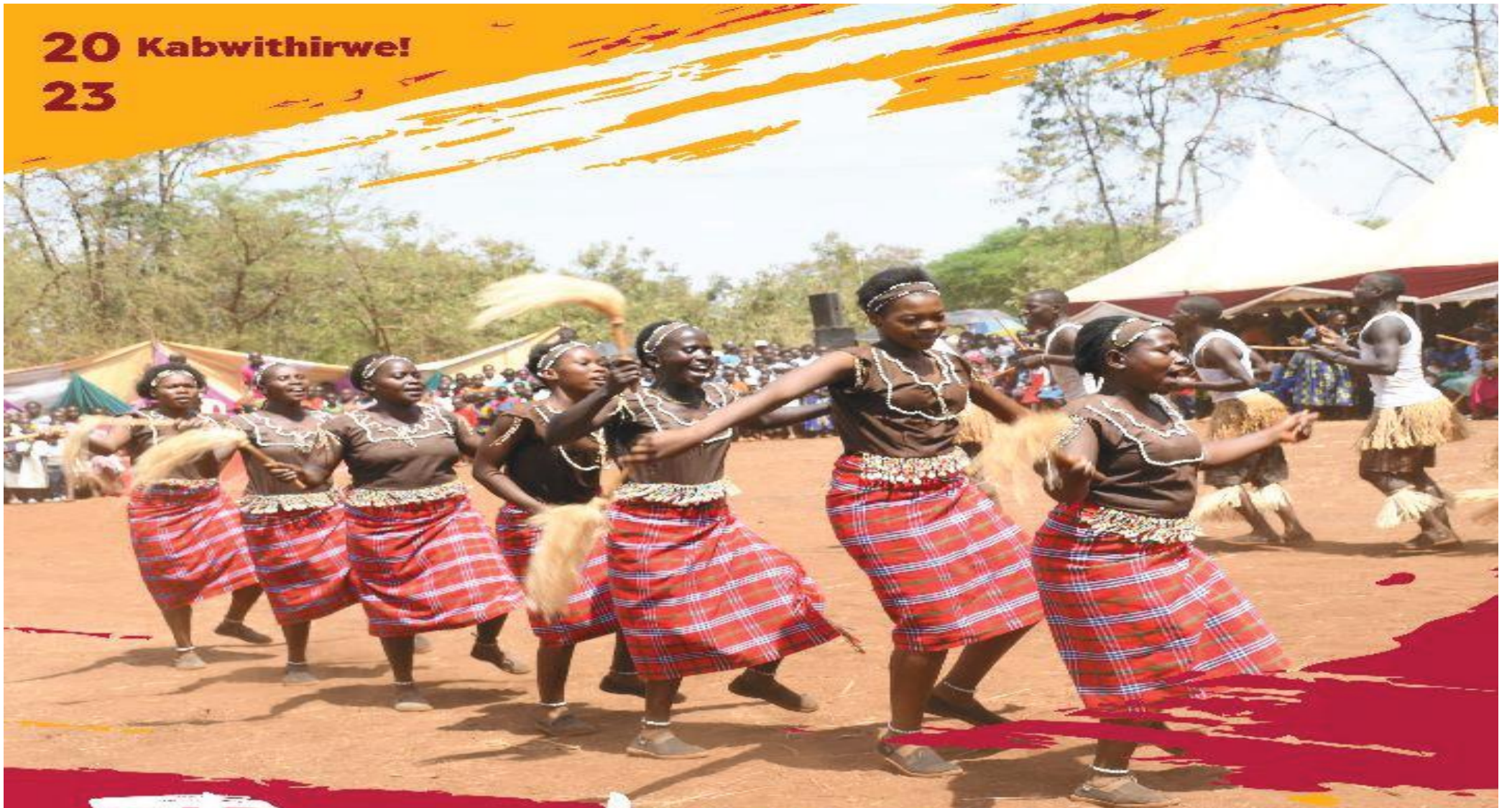
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House Audit Committee Raises Alarm Over The EPRA Director General Irregular Appointment

By: PSCU

The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy (PICCAE), delved into the complexities surrounding the alleged irregular appointment of Mr. Daniel Kiptoo as the Director General of the Energy and Petroleum Regulation Authority (EPRA).

The Office of the Auditor General initially brought attention to this irregularity, citing concerns related to conflicts of interest, unauthorized appointment without the Cabinet Secretary's approval, abuse of authority, and questioning Mr. Kiptoo's competence for the job.

The David Pkosing led committee made enquiries into the appointment during a meeting with chairperson of the EPRA board, Justice (Rtd) Jackson Ojwang

The committee emphasized the conflicting nature of Mr. Kiptoo's in-

volvement in the board meeting that appointed him as the acting Director General, citing Section 1.16(1)(b) of the Code of Governance for State Corporations (Mwongozo) as the basis for this concern.

Pkosing observed that despite the Cabinet Secretary's support for the Board's decision, the CS should not have been the authority responsible for the appointment.

He also emphasized that the Board should not have proceeded with appointing the Director General without obtaining prior approval from the Ministry, as clearly stipulated in Part 13 (1) of the Energy Act 2019.

Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja) pointed out that the appointment process deviated from the prescribed procedural guidelines.

Wandayi also highlighted the board's failure to consider internal management candidates for the position, raising doubts about the leadership's competence.

Inquiring further, Pkosing asked the chairman to provide insights on the government-to-government pro-



National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy

gram intended to mitigate fuel price fluctuations, which resulted in an increase in prices instead.

"What was the purpose of the Government to Government program? The dollar is affecting our fuel prices

and EPRA isn't answering to Kenyans," posed Pkosing.

Representatives of EPRA appearing before the committee expressed their inability to adequately address the inquiries regarding the matter.

The committee will prepare a report on the inquiry that will be tabled before the National Assembly subsequently.

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Justice And Legal Affairs Committee Engages The Kenya Prisons Service Over The Prison Enterprise

By: PSCU



Some of the parliamentarians during yesterday's session



Some of the Prison officials during yesterday's forum.

Worth Noting:

- On the Kenya Prison Enterprise Fund, Brig. Warioba noted quipped, "The establishment of the prison enterprise, was not business oriented. It was meant to cater for the rehabilitation programmes for the prisoners. What is being sold is the by-products of what prisoners have learnt during the rehabilitation programme."
- Some of the challenges that the Prison Service noted include shortage of housing with 7,000 decent housing units against a staff population of 32,000; although the welfare matter is being addressed by the ongoing Maraga Taskforce for NPS, KPS and NYS.

The Justice and Legal Affairs Committee led by the chairperson George Gitonga Murugara yesterday met with officials from the Kenya Prisons Service to deliberate on the Management and Administration of the Kenya Prison Enterprise Fund. Led by the Commissioner General of Prisons Brigadier (Rtd) John Warioba and the Senior Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons Mr. Patrick Aranduh, the Members were updated that Sh30.8 billion was allocated for Financial Year 2022/23 for offender services and capacity development, and had so far spent Sh25.5 billion. The committee was also briefed

that for the coming Financial Year, the National Treasury has allocated Sh1.7 billion for clearance of historical recurrent pending bills which had been surrendered back to the National Treasury during the 2021/22 Financial Year. The service has a total of 148 stalled projects with outstanding completion costs totaling Sh3.3 billion, which have been prioritized for completion in the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework between financial years 2023 and 2026. On the Kenya Prison Enterprise Fund, Brig. Warioba noted quipped, "The establishment of the prison enterprise, was not business oriented.

It was meant to cater for the rehabilitation programmes for the prisoners. What is being sold is the by-products of what prisoners have learnt during the rehabilitation programme." Some of the challenges that the Prison Service noted include shortage of housing with 7,000 decent housing units against a staff population of 32,000; although the welfare matter is being addressed by the ongoing Maraga Taskforce for NPS, KPS and NYS. In addition, the funds allocated for beddings, linen and accommodation for the prisoners are also inadequate. The officers also lamented a shortage of uniforms for prison officers

due to limited resources; whereby every officer is entitled to two sets per annum, at a cost of Sh35,000 per set. This cost was however questioned by Murugara, whereby Brig. Warioba explained that the uniform is in full set and the prices of the materials is always higher. The Commissioner General also confirmed that there is no food crisis in the prisons and that they have provided sufficient food to the prisoners. On the Shimo la Tewa wall that collapsed, the officials noted that the wall will be reconstructed.

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Strong Regulatory Framework Needed To Guarantee Milk Safety - Kenya Dairy Board

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Milk Safety .

Worth Noting:

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- She said that to meet this high demand, the government had given priority to the national strategic plans such as the Dairy Master Plan to guide the development of the dairy sector up to 2030.

Kenya needs a strong dairy regulatory framework at both national and county levels to ensure milk and milk products enterprises comply with quality and safety requirements, Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) has advised.

KDB Managing Director Dr Margaret Kibogy said the framework would also help protect consumers, enhance private sector participation, boost investment in the dairy industry and promote trade in milk and milk products, not just in Kenya, but in the external markets as well.

Speaking in Nakuru after public participation on the Draft Dairy Industry Bill, 2023, the Managing Director stated that as a member of the international community, Kenya had to align its regulations with global international standards for agricultural trade arrangements as enshrined under World Trade Organization, which were ratified in 1995.

Dr Kibogy observed that the cur-

rent legislation regulating the dairy subsector enacted in 1958 was not in harmony with modern farming practices and technological advancements and recognized cow milk only. The Draft Dairy Industry Bill, 2023 now also gives recognition to sheep, goat and camel milk.

The MD said the proposed law aimed at improving the productivity and competitiveness of dairy products, increasing domestic consumption of milk and milk products, transforming the dairy industry into a net exporter to the regional and global markets, and re-orienting milk processing.

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She explained that the sanitary and phytosanitary standards agreement relates to regulations around labeling requirements, nutrition claims and concerns, quality and packaging regulations.

If the Bill is passed into law, it will also address microbiological contamination of milk, allowable veterinary drug residues, permitted food additives and packaging requirements.

“There is a need to safeguard food

safety and promote quality assurance to consumers here and beyond borders. It is with this in mind that the Bill was drafted with the objective of strengthening the dairy regulatory framework for the benefit of dairy business operators, consumers, and the public at large,” added Dr. Kibogy.

She noted that without adequate controls, milk and milk products could be a source of microorganisms which cause serious diseases such as brucellosis, tuberculosis and cholera.

While appreciating the fact that Kenya’s dairy industry had been growing at an estimated rate of five per cent annually with milk production currently standing at 5.2 billion litres per year, Dr. Kibogy said about 1.8 million smallholder farmers have their livelihoods pegged on dairy production with the sector currently contributing to four per cent of the national GDP.

According to the 2020 Kenya National Bureau of Statistics Food Balance Sheet report, the consumption of milk and its related products had the highest per capita consumption (93.3 kilos) in Kenya, followed by maize (69.5kgs), wheat (41.3kgs) and vegetables (32.6kgs).

Livestock Production Acting Director Nakuru County Virginia Ngunjiri said the devolved unit had set up 11 bulking and chilling plants and organized farmers into cooperatives in a move intended to raise the financial capability of farmers and safeguard milk for the market.

She regretted that the absence of adequate machinery had led to an increase of milk hawking with some informal traders adulterating their milk with substances not suitable for human consumption.

“As a county we have been promoting the chilling of milk so that the farmers are able to bulk chill to reduce the post-harvest losses to the farmers,” said Ngunjiri.

According to Ngunjiri, new milk handling technologies have already been launched across the county to boost preservation and bulking of milk, boosting farmers’ profits.

The cooling plants, she added, also helps dairy farmers to store their milk and sell it to processors at a good price and at their convenience.



Dorcas Rigathi Urges All To Join Boy Child Agenda

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Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi in Wester with Bungoma Governor Ken Lusaka (in white outfit).

Worth Noting:

- “When the boy child is aligned with his destiny, we shall have fewer cases of teenage pregnancies, rapes, criminal activities, and gender based violence. And if we can have a conversation between the fathers, and sons, even female genital mutilation can be eradicated,” she added.
- She said the ‘national conversation’ about the boy child must across religions, social status, rural and urban areas, and race because the drug and substance abuse pandemic has affected everyone, irrespective, and most especially the boys and men.
- She also condemned the LGBTQ agenda, saying it was ungodly, and a foreign agenda that does not support family values.

Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi called on the leaders, teachers, and clergy in the Western Region to make a difference in this generation by rescuing the boy child from a path of destruction. Pastor Dorcas said ‘Generation Z’ was lost in alcohol, drug and substance abuse, but as they are the future leaders, the current leaders and church must not watch as they waste away in the gutter.

She spoke to a gathering from Bungoma, Kakamega, Vihiga, TransNzoia, Busia Counties in a meeting attended by Bungoma Governor Ken Lusaka, Wife of the Governor Dr. Margaret Makelo, Deputy Governor Jenipher Mbatiany, Kimilili MP Didmus Barasa, bishops, and pastors.

“The satanic agenda is to destroy the boy child. He is the seed carrier, who propagates generations. If

the seed carrier is eliminated, even the girl child will not have a chance of becoming a mother. So, when I address the issues affecting the boy child, they also touch on the girl child,” said Pastor Dorcas.

She gave an example of teenage pregnancies, which although largely affect the girl child, are brought about by the boy child, depicting the need to have the boy child agenda as priority in the nation.

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“Legally, LGBTQ is criminal; constitutionally, LGQBT is disallowed, in the African tradition LGBTQ is a taboo, and the Bible also says LGBTQ is an abomination,” warned Pastor Dorcas.

Governor Lusaka urged the leaders present to do something transformative to society, and cause a difference.

“Every time God wants to do something for the human race, He raises a leader. Pastor Dorcas will be remembered for this boy child program, what will you be remembered for?” asked Governor Lusaka.

On Saturday, Pastor Dorcas had

also cast her vision of the boy child in Nandi County during a medical camp organized by Special Olympics Kenya and County Government of Nandi.

Nandi Governor Stephen Sang pledged support to the rehabilitation program, in collaboration with the fight against illicit brews, drug and substance abuse in the country.

“The revenue collected from liquor licensing board will go towards rehabilitation, not towards any other development in the county,” said Governor Sang.

Adoration Of God



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channel evangelical culture. Most Christians could use some of the terror that came to Luther, “the horror of Infinitude” that smote him at the altar — for our access to the awesome God of Heaven is real! Along with proper reverence, there must be CONCENTRATION. Our minds must be fully engaged.

Luther said, “To let your face blabber one thing while your heart dwells on another is just tempting God. . . . Any and every thing, if it is to be well done, demands the entire man, all his mind and faculties.” This is why we must give the best time of our day to devotion, when we are the freshest. Fully focused on our redeemer, as the Scripture puts it in Hebrews 12 : “ Fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith.”

SELAH. GREAT THOU ART OH LORD, HELP US LIVE ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL: AMEN.

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The disciplines of devotion should culminate in sublime adoration and worship. This begins with a proper sense of awe in the presence of the God we know and serve. As Isaiah puts it in Chapter 6, verse 3- “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY; THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY.” Reverently recognizing this: the splendour, majesty, glory, purity, excellence, perfection and much more of our God, sets the tone, and divine aura of adoration

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Ruto's Call For Scrapping Of COPs Meetings Laudable, Well Understood



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President William Ruto.

Worth Noting:

- To the team of Kenyan negotiators opposed to him, many are persuaded to believe one of the main reasons pushing them is fear of losing millions of shillings.
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- So, COP was a cash cow as they ended up pocketing a huge chunk of the funding. They would justify this by stating; we are entitled to hefty salaries, allowances, per diem and out of pocket money.
- For me, I agree with the President. We should give priority to how Kenya and the world at large will benefit in mitigating the effects of climate change. This is as opposed to minting a few new millionaires.

President William Ruto has called for scrapping of Conference of Parties (COPs) global climate change meetings.

Addressing delegates attending the UN-Habitat conference at UN headquarters in Gigiri Nairobi, Dr Ruto left no doubt his decision had been borne out of the frustrations.

As you are aware, I'm leading lights in the global efforts to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change.

So far, we have held many COPs meetings but my concern is that we are yet to make any meaningful progress.

Thousands of delegates were flown to these conferences by the United Nations (UN) and he rightly observed this contributed to the pollution of environment.

The fuel and gas emitted by the aeroplane fall into the category of the fossil oil. The fossil oil is the leading polluter.

I hope you can see the contradictions. Here we are talking of shifting to clean energy.

But the main reason that seemed to inform the Kenyan president call for scrapping of COPs was; the flowery resolutions passed in these forums were never implemented.

What was the point of us leaving other engagements to attend the conferences that never bore any fruits?

Dr Ruto spoke at the time when the preparations for COP28 were underway.

The event will be held in Germany between 15th November and December this year.

In a reaction, Kenyans, who were members of Africa Group of Negotiators, expressed surprise to what they termed as President Ruto's drastic change of heart.

This is causing confusion at a time when we are putting our heads together to push the Africa agenda on climate change and prepare our presentation to forthcoming COP28.

However, opinions of Kenyan negotiators were divided.

I'm not here to hold brief for President Ruto but let me explain why I stand with the majority who sided with him.

We know our President very well. He is not a person who would entertain empty talk or these forums turning out to be joy-riding ventures.

He means business when serious matters were being discussed.

The discussions around the matters of climate change cannot be taken

for granted.

The impacts pose real threat to humankind globally.

In Kenya, we have not been spared. We are yet to recover from the effects of prolonged drought rated as the worst in 40 years.

Taking cognizant of the fact the global West was a leading player in air pollution; the leaders of these powerful nations were always taken to task during the COPs conferences.

In response, they would make two commitments. One, to implement the resolutions passed to the letter and spirit.

Two, compensate the African nations and other weak countries affected.

Each would commit millions of dollars to ostensibly support these nations.

On papers, these funds would be earmarked for fast tracking the efforts to move to clean energy.

But as it turns out, these nations would not keep their word.

In the next COP, they would make a similar 'commitment'. This would become a song with no action.

So, President Ruto's position makes a lot of sense.

It is meant to disrupt the norm and

push the powerful nations to get out of comfort zones.

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The Value Of Being Physically Present

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What makes life to be good? To some it is good health, good food, good clothing, good housing, high quality education, high end cars and good family. In general many people equate good life to riches, fame and accolades. One thing that stands out is that after having good life people wish to enjoy it for a lengthy period of time in fact forever if possible. However no one lives forever so in cognizant of this the best step they take is to plan succession.

No matter how good a vision is it will just remain an imagination until that time when it is actualized, to do this you need to have clarity of what you aspire to achieve and in your absence you need someone who is aware of your intentions to sustain your vision.

Whenever people observe you while you are doing something they are able to learn a lot from you even without necessary having to utter any word. Through continued observation your actions people easily identify your philosophy in life.

In the recent past we have witnessed in and out of court battles of family members belonging to famous people as well as collapse of business empires of these great men and women in the country. It is surprising to note that some owners of these empires built them from scratch that is they did not get their wealth through inheritance.

They sacrificed a lot, brought up their children in lavish lifestyles despite themselves having been brought up in humble families. They also ensure that everything is intact at the time of handing over their estate to their children. What promotes the care free attitude and destruction of inherited properties is failure of the children to have the interest of their parents' vision at heart.

They just think as if the owner of the property is one of the property. They fail to give life to the vision of the previous owner of the estate and as a result they kill his vision. This disconnect between the parent and the children is either due to the values of the parents being absent in their children or the environment in the children heart and mind being unconducive for the vision to nourish for example conflict in ideologies between to parents and the siblings.

Children learn more by observation than through listening especially if a behaviour is rewarded or is assumed to be rewarded there is a high likelihood that the children will replicate it with an intention of getting rewards also.

In the world that we are living the



human wants are unlimited and so are the people schedules in an attempt to fulfill some of these wants. This has led to absentee parents or spouses. However it is recommendable that the parents should try as much as possible to be physically present so that they model their children according to how they want their vision to be carried in the future days.

Physical presence helps the kids not only to listen to know what the parents expects of them but also to see how the parents does things in order to emulate them. In traditional African society most of the skills were passed from one generation to the other through on job training where if the parents are medicine men, hunters or black smiths they would go to the work field alongside their children and the children would learn through observation as well as through listening, the method used to be effective.

Among the Asian community more so Indians business community they have a similar kind of arrangement to that of traditional African societies where in a business you will find the child who is trainee, the father who is the trainer and the grandfather who is the consultant or specialist, all in the same location so as a customer you are served by the trainee if need for further enquiry he requests the father to support and if the matter is too weighty the grandfather's lengthy experience comes into action.

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With the parent being physically available the kids feels secure and are able to concentrate with the instructions given by the parent with a lot of comfort.

Quick reference

A parent teaching the kid in person builds a closer relationship to an extent that the child will not fear asking for clarification from the parent and by the virtue of being available there will be numerous opportunities for the child to keep seeking for support until the time when he will be conversant with the subject.

Ease in evaluation of the child progress

Whenever the parent is physically present he is able to evaluate the progression of the kid at ease, he can monitor the way the child responds to the questions, kids schedule and body language to know whether the kid is contented with the skills being imparted on him.

Ability to regulate the learning environment

When a parent is physically present and is imparting skills to the kids he is able to not only concentrate with what he is teaching but also to feel and see what the prevailing circumstances are and work in the best interest of the kid for example the location may be extremely hot, noisy

or poorly aerated which all negatively affect the kid so the parent is able to understand the environment and make the necessary modifications to ensure make it favourable.

Faster and easier conflict resolution

Physical presence at the training ground offers a parent wide variety of tools to solve any misunderstanding that may arise. He is able to analyse the effects of conflict as well as other surrounding circumstances that affect the issue in question.

Direct exercise of authority

When a parent is in the same location with the kid he is able to influence the kid directly. He can give directions and monitor whether they have been followed without being required to delegate anything.

Identification of special skills

Should parent be in the same work station with the kid and spending most of their time together he will be able to identify the skills that the kid is endowed with through observation and asking questions. This will play a big role as the parent will not keep on imagining on what is the best for the kid but will nature the skill that is naturally present in the kid and he have already identified it.

Ease in prioritizing activities

Being physically available and thorough understanding of the environment will help the parent to know what is best for the kid at the present moment and the best method to use in arriving at the desired results.



Worth Noting:

- When a parent is physically present he is able to fully focus on one issue at a time with full attention being put to the issue at hand, no imaginations but dealing with reality.
- With the parent being physically available the kids feels secure and are able to concentrate with the instructions given by the parent with a lot of comfort.
- A parent teaching the kid in person builds a closer relationship to an extent that the child will not fear asking for clarification from the parent and by the virtue of being available there will be numerous opportunities for the child to keep seeking for support until the time when he will be conversant with the subject.

KEBS Participates In World Food Safety Day

By: John Kariuki
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The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) has demonstrated commitment in ensuring that regulations are adhered to when it comes to food safety.

The Acting Managing Director of KEBS, Esther Ngari spoke in the sidelines of the ongoing World Food Safety Summit in Nairobi noted that that the conference on food safety is a commemoration that will take the next three days, the highlight being the food safety day which is celebrated on 7th June every year.

“This year’s theme being “Food Standards Saves Lives” is very significant for Kenya Bureau of Standards, being the body mandated to develop standards in Kenya. It’s a day where we discuss about food safety standards, and their impact in trade, both at the National Government and across the borders.

KEBS is the Codex contact point for Kenya and actively participants in Codex work. We participate in every conversation as regards to food safety. There is a national codex committee that coordinates all activities of food safety in our country. We participate at the East Africa Codex forum as well as CCAFRICA.

When food is not safe, then it’s not food. Our role as regulators is to protect the consumer and ensure that all the food they access is safe. Each regulator need to play their role in the entire food chain to protect the consumer. Unsafe food exposes the consumer to food borne illnesses and statistics have it that one in ten people fall sick each year from food borne illnesses. It’s our role as regulators and business operators to protect every consumer. Every player in the entire chain from farm to fork should ensure that all the stakeholders play their role to make sure that the food we are producing or preparing or handling is safe.”



Kenya Bureau of Standards Acting Managing Director Esther Ngari.

Support Environmental Conservation, Urges Lewa Conservancy

By: Our Reporter
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The government and other environmental conservation stakeholders should play an active role in ensuring that policies supporting environmental conservation are implemented to the letter.

Lewa Conservancy Chief programmes and partnerships Officer John Kinoti has said it is one thing to develop a policy and the other to ensure it is fully implemented.

Speaking during this year’s World Environment Day celebrations, Kinoti said, “I would encourage not only the government, but also all organisations that deal with environmental conservation to ensure we implement policies that support environmental conservation to their fullest.”

The conservationist said this could only be done if all the stakeholders find ways that can make it easier for environmental conservation efforts to be articulated.

“The government should also come up with ways of appreciating those

in the frontline of environmental conservation,” said Kinoti.

He added: “Government should also look for subsidies and ensure those people that have planted more trees are encouraged more and more so that we don’t just say that we should conserve our environment, but without being seen to be taking action about it.”

Environmental management and conservation cannot not be left to the government alone, but it’s every person’s responsibility.

On the side of Lewa conservancy, Kinoti said they take the environment with the importance it deserves, since it’s the home to everything, including animals and human beings.

“So, we have the responsibility to ensure our environment is clean and this is the reason we are celebrating this day as we sensitise the residents of Manyangalo village, who live inside the conservancy on the role they can play in ensuring the environment is clean,” said Kinoti.

The conservancy’s Conservation Education Coordinator Ephantus Mugo said it was not possible to separate a safe environment and healthy life.



Lewa Conservancy Chief programmes and partnerships Officer John Kinoti.

To mark the day, the conservancy staff, members of Manyangalo village as well as pupils from Lewa primary school participated in the cleaning of the environment by collecting plastic materials within the conservancy.

“Each of us has a responsibility to ensure we have a clean environment to ensure there is posterity and everyone can live a healthy life. This is

what we were trying to inculcate to the participants including the young children so that they can grow knowing the importance of having a clean environment,” said Mugo.

He added that some of the diseases that many people are facing today can be eliminated if everyone takes part in ensuring they are living in a clean environment.

This year’s theme was, Solution to

plastic pollution and to ensure that Kenyans live up to this, Mugo called on the government to fully enforce the 2017 law against plastic bags to ensure we have a safe environment.

“Despite having a law in place, plastic bags is slowly creeping back and the government should take war against the menace right at the manufacturer’s doorsteps,” he said.

Toshtemirova Dildora Hakim



Today, my parents, is my birthday. But this birthday is not happy at all. You know, father and mother, I miss you, that innocent girl of 7 years old. I was very happy at that time. I still remember those days. I have not yet heard from anyone what I heard from you. No one could support me like you. I really miss those moments and days with you. You know, I'm so tired of the day you left me at my grandmother's house and went to the girl's house. Every year when that day comes, I can't find a place to put myself. I still remember my parents telling me "Don't go, take me too." And you said, "Daughter, we will definitely come tomorrow, we will bring you lots of chocolates and dolls." Then I boasted to my grandmother and said, "Grandma, you see, tomorrow my father will bring me many toys and chocolates, they will not give them to anyone, they will bring them only for me." Then my grandmother smiled and said, "Of course they will." I will never forget these words. When I woke up the next day, I was very happy that my father and mother would come today. But this feeling of joy left me. My grandmother was crying, her eyes were full of tears, she was punching the ground and crying. I went to my grandmother and said, "Don't cry, why are you crying? Mom and dad are coming, they will be sad to see you." My grandmother couldn't stop the tears in her eyes and said "I won't cry, my daughter, I won't cry". I could not

understand why my grandmother was crying.

On this day, all our relatives came to our house. My aunt, uncle, aunt, uncle, etc. I was looking for you among them. Then I slowly went to my grandmother and asked, "Grandma, when will my father and mother come?" Then my grandmother said "Tomorrow will come tomorrow" and added "Last time" while crying softly. And I could not understand what was happening. The next morning, many people started coming to our house. Women used to come to our house wearing white veils, and men wore caps on their heads, and I didn't like this situation. 2 months ago, many people came to the house of our neighbor Saliha's grandmother. The people who came to their house were dressed in the same way. After that, grandmother Saliha disappeared. I was afraid when I remembered them. I cried because my father and mother would not come again, and my grandmother came to me and asked, "Why are you crying? What happened?" And I kept crying, "I need my parents, find me, I'll go with them, where are they?" My grandmother tried to persuade me, but she could not.

All of a sudden, at that moment, the surroundings became silent. I could not understand anything as usual. I also became silent. Two big things were coming out of the door. I was wondering what it was. Now I know that it is a coffin. That's why you were there, mom and dad. Then they took out the coffin, that is, you. After that, I did not see you again. You disappeared like grandmother Saliha. I used to harass my poor grandmother by asking for you.

You know, parents, these things will never leave my mind. Maybe when I told you not to go, if you had not left, such incidents would not have happened. Maybe we would celebrate my 17th birthday with you, I don't know... I wouldn't spend every day, month, year in loneliness. Now I wouldn't miss the words "We love you girl". I always miss the days spent with you. I love you parents. You are not with me, but I know that you are always with me from the heart, my beloved father and mother.

Toshtemirova Dildora Hakim qizi was born in 2008. She is a school student

Lateness



October; Cotton-white clouds are floating in the sky with a smile. Autumn is coming, the trees are shedding their leaves, and the courtyards and streets are covered with haze. From the outside, the berry yard, which has been neglected for three or four days, has been sick for a long time, and its faces the house of Sanobar aya, who always walks pale. Sanobar, who was separated from her husband and two children at the age of thirty-five, raised her two children without trusting in the earth and the sky, and she has not yet seen her happiness. Their son Tahirjon's wedding was held with difficulty. But Malika, who has reached the age of easily marrying one family, turned twenty-five, and could not find a suitable place for her. And now Malika did not like her mother's early awakening.

-My daughter, sweep the yard and the streets and put them in order. I have a headache and can't do anything,-said Sanobar aya.

-Err, mum, you know that I work from morning to night, you won't let me rest even on days off when I'm tired and want to take a break,' she grumbled, and began to tidy up his place.

When Malika heard Tahirjon's voice saying "Mum" from the other room, she turned to her mother as if she wanted to sleep a little more. After breakfast, Malika swept the yard and she entered to the garden. After planting a couple

of flowers, she suddenly remembered that today is the wedding of her friend. She quickly washed her hands, ran to his room. Sanobar aya, who was sitting on the porch sorting the cotton from the old blankets, did not understand what had happened. She dressed up. Her mother told him to wear thicker clothes, but she didn't listen to her mother and went to the wedding.

When she slammed the door, the vase on the shelf fell to the floor and broke. It was her daughter-in-law's, so Sanobar aya was upset. After 2-3 hours, her boy and his wife came to the house. They realized what had happened when they saw small broken glass under their feet. Both of them said nothing but left angrily. Sanobar aya's heart ached and she felt dizzy. After that she went to bed. She didn't wake up this morning either. Neither her son nor her daughter grieved for him. Both of them were too late to grieve.

My autobiography

Abdurashidova Dilnoza was born on June 18, 2003 in Namangan region of Uzbekistan. She graduated from school No. 31 in 2021 with honors. Since her youth, she has been involved in sports such as rhythmic gymnastics and karate, and has taken pride of place in many competitions. In particular, she won the gold medal in rhythmic gymnastics at the regional stage of the sports competition held on June 1, 2019. Today, she studies at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, which is the only one in Central Asia, on the basis of a state grant. In 2021, she took an IELTS and now she is learning Arabic as well as English. During her studies, she has been participating in various social projects. For example, Dilnoza is currently working as a member of the organizational group of the social project "Birgalikda yuksalamiz", which encourages thousands of youth to read books.

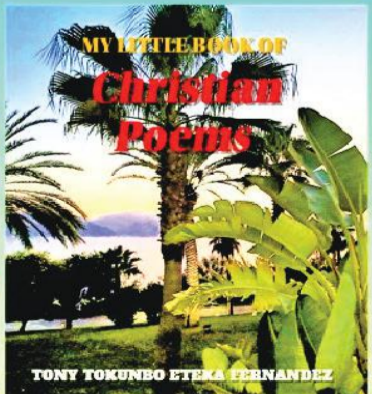
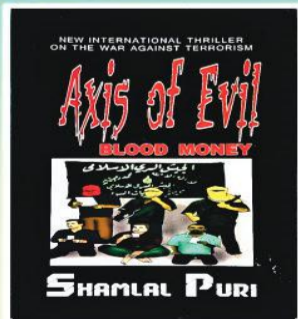
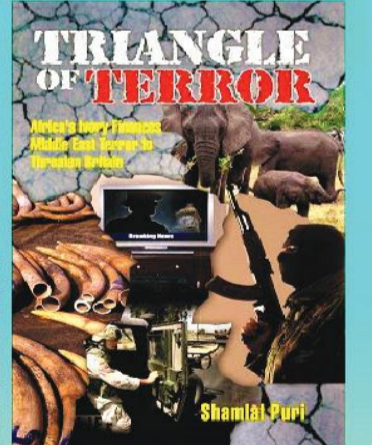
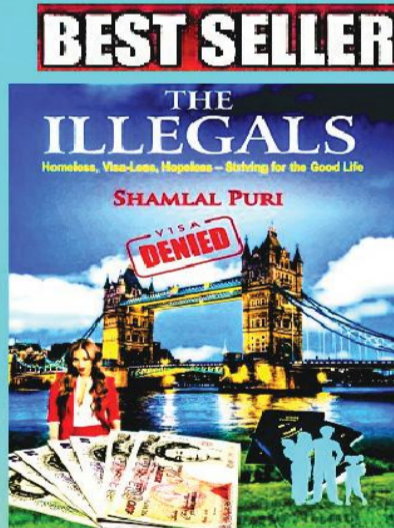
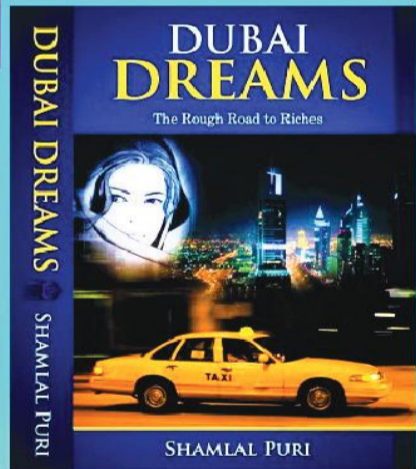
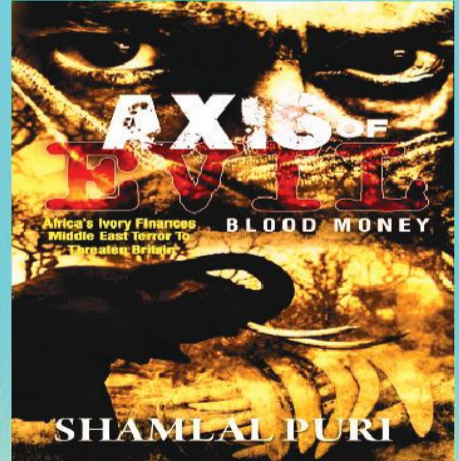
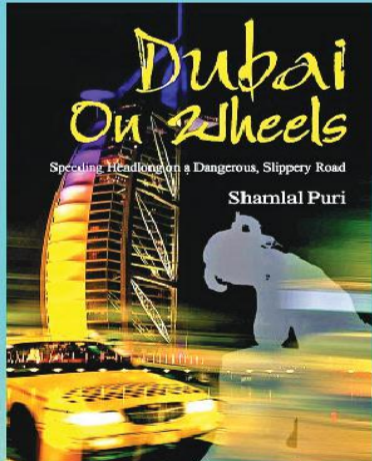
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Botswana's Vice President Slumber Tsogwane Visits Mwale City In Butere

By: Capital Correspondent



Botswana's Vice President Slumber Tsogwane visited Mwale Medical and Technology City (MMTC) in Butere/MMTC.

Worth Noting:

- MMTC team in April attended Forbes 30 under 30 summit in Gaborone, Botswana where the President of Botswana and MMTC founder Julius Mwale were keynote speakers at the event.
- MMTC's model of integrated smart city development where the community is not displaced is expanding across Africa and will be expanded to Botswana.
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Botswana's Vice President Slumber Tsogwane visited Mwale Medical and Technology City (MMTC) in Butere, Kakamega County, on Monday on a benchmarking tour.

Tsogwane was accompanied by Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and enterprise development Simon Chelugui.

"We hosted HE Slumber Tsogwane, the Vice President (VP) of Botswana and his delegation at Mwale Medical and Technology City (MMTC) in Butere Sub County of Kakamega County in Kenya.

"The VP was on a benchmarking tour of MMTC. He was accompanied by more than a dozen top government officials from Botswana and Kenya, including Botswana's foreign minister Hon. Lemogang Kwape, and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives and enterprise development Hon. Simon Chelugui," MMTC said in a press statement.

Julius Mwale met President Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi of Botswana and discussed the expansion of

Hamptons Hospital to the South African country.

During the discussions, Masisi identified medical tourism as one of the prospective areas of collaboration with the MMTC-based Hamptons Hospital.

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Forbes profile of Mwale on the summit's website outlines his success as an industrial entrepreneur and investor with vast experience of more than 20 years in innovative investments in technology, energy, health, retail, and construction industries.

The tycoon was named by the US publication Axios last month as one of the key investors in Forbes. He was reported to be investing billions of Shillings with other global billionaires in acquiring Forbes at shs 109 billion. Forbes is an American media giant with 150 million users worldwide.

The Monday visit followed a benchmarking tour last month by a delegation from the Finance Ministry of Botswana at MMTC.

Mwale is currently the Principal of the US \$2 billion MMTC, which is based in Western Kenya.

As the lead investor of MMTC, Mwale invested and mobilized over US \$2 billion to build the new city with a 100% green concept.

In his keynote speech at the Forbes Under 30 Summit Africa, Mwale

emphasized the need for job creation and poverty reduction in Africa.

"In 20 years, Africa is going to have about a quarter of the global population, and we see ourselves being able to move about 800 million people on the continent out of poverty by creating jobs," he stated.

He also pointed out the opportunities available in Africa brought about by the Africa Free Trade Agreement, which has three phases of implementation: trade and goods, intellectual property (IP), investment and competition, where Africa has expertise, and e-commerce.

This, he said, will lead to Africa becoming a leading continent in the world in terms of population, development, and growth by 2043.

Mwale City is centered around Hamptons hospital which opened in 2019 and treats Kenyans and medical tourists.

Kakamega County residents with NHIF are treated without paying extra co-payment charges.

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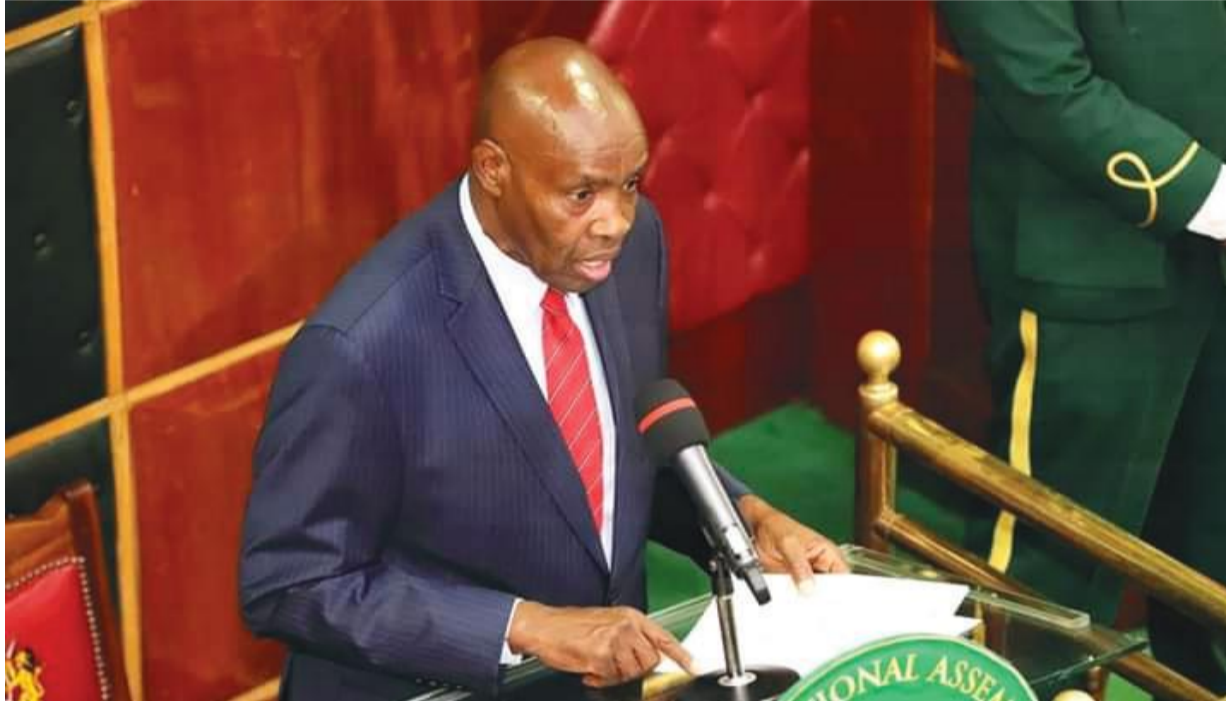


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Education CS Ezekiel Machogu Set To Appear For MPs Question Time Today

By: Our Correspondent

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Education CS Ezekiel Machogu during a past appearance in National Assembly Chambers..

The National Assembly reconvened yesterday with a packed agenda, including the return of Members' Question Time.

As per the provisions outlined in Standing Orders, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Ezekiel Machogu, is expected to address a range of inquiries during the plenary session scheduled for today.

Among Questions raised by lawmakers is the transition process for pupils moving from Primary Schools to Junior Secondary Schools and Form One in the upcoming 2023 Academic Year and the status of the Guidelines of Implementation of the Junior Secondary School policy specifically concerning provision of meals.

In addition, concerns surrounding the delayed distribution of books for Junior Secondary School learners in

public schools and the delay in the supply of course books for public

secondary schools in some areas, among them Samburu East Constituency.

Charles Onchoke, the MP for Bon-

chari Constituency, has sought updates on the construction of classrooms under the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) Phase II in ten secondary schools within his constituency.

Further, Nyakach Constituency MP Aduma Owuor, has raised concerns regarding nepotism, mismanagement, and violations of the Ministry of Education guidelines related to the acquisition and disposal of school assets, as well as the recruitment of non-teaching and casual staff.

On her part, Joyce Kamene, the MP for Machakos County, has inquired about the provision of sanitary pads to schoolgirls during each financial year from 2017/2018 to 2022/2023.

Finally, Gabriel Kagombe, MP Gatundu South Constituency, has sought details on measures to ensure equal access to education for children with Autism/Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Members Question time begins at 3.00pm.

Audit Committee Reviews Financial Reports Of The Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians And Technologists Board

By: Our Reporter

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Some of the leaders who took part in yesterday's session.

Members of the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture yesterday played host to the management of the Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board for an audit review sitting chaired by Emanuel Wangwe from Navakholo constituency.

During the sitting, the committee went through audit reports spanning seven Financial Years as presented by the office of the Auditor General.

The years included, 2014/2015, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Among the striking issues cited across all the Financial Years was the long outstanding payables, receiv-

ables from exchange transactions and Trade, and other Payables from Exchange transactions.

From the report, the committee questioned why the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) had failed

to pay for the training and other services they get from this cooperation.

It was noted that KMTC has an 11 years outstanding debt as inspection fees by the KMLTTB, but there had been no efforts to compel them pay

the money.

According to the Registrar of the institution Mr. Patrick Kasabei, KMTC is one of the biggest clients they work with and therefore the institutions had agreed on a payment plan.

"We are all government agencies and have very close relations with KMTC. We have had meetings about the delays to pay for the services we offer to them and agreed on the mode of payments. They are even offering our courses, that is why we have not taken them to court, we are therefore planning for more meetings to resolve this challenge," he added.

The committee also raised the issue of legality of the board and payments done to board members as allowances in the financial year 2020/21.

In this year, the board of management continued to operate even after their term had elapsed with

Members of the committee question-

ing why the entity continued to pay allowances to board members when their legality in office had expired.

"It's important the committee invites the Inspector General of State Corporation for interrogation to come and tell us how they are managing some of these agencies as there seems to be a big lapse on how State agencies are supervised", said Wangwe.

Members further requested that the Ministry of Health be invited before the committee to explain why they had failed to take remedial action and make appointments of a new board.

Mr. Kisabei was later asked to re-submit the responses for all the financial years reviewed yesterday since they were not satisfactory and other responses missing.

Audit Committee Adjourns After State Agency Presents Unappointed Boss To Respond To Audit Queries

By: Our Correspondent

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The Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture was yesterday forced to stop a sitting with the National Communication Secretariat Eng. Vincent Adul after it turned out that he was a stranger before the Committee.

This was after Engineer Adul in his introductory remarks said that he had been in office for fifteen days without an appointment letter.

“Hon. Members, I got a letter from the PS dated 17th of May this year asking my predecessor to hand over to me. Until today, I haven’t been given a letter of appointment”, he went ahead to clarify to the committee.

This was after the committee chairperson Emanuel Wangwe from Navakholo constituency sought to know how Eng. Adul had been as-

signed the position to lead the organisation.

“I want to agree with colleagues here, that we release you. We thank you for honouring the invite, but it’s unfortunate we can’t continue interrogating you. We shall have the sitting when the right person is in office”, Wangwe directed.

Members of the committee thereafter unanimously agreed to adjourn on the basis of having a stranger before the committee; an amorphous entity with no substantive head, and for the entity projecting an amorphous entity that is not responsible for their affairs, since he kept referring to the State Department of Communications, a different entity all together.



Tetu constituency MP Geoffrey Wandeto, a member Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture making his contribution yesterday as his Maragua counterpart Mary Wamaua listens..

Kiraitu Urges President Ruto To Invest In Oil Production To Resolve Debt Crisis

By: Capital Correspondent

National Oil Corporation of Kenya Chairman Kiraitu Murungi has called on President William Ruto to invest in oil production, saying it is the answer to the current debt crisis.

He said the country stands to get more than USD8 billion from the Lokichar basin alone, money he said will be enough to cut aid dependency and lift millions of Kenyans out of poverty.

“Experts tell us that the Lokichar field asset is quantified at 472 million barrels recoverable. With the State’s carried interest of 22.5 per cent share in the production sharing contract, the country stands to earn USD8 billion at the current rate of USD80 a barrel. We can do a lot with this kind of money,” Mr Kiraitu said.

Tullow in May submitted its revised Field Development Plan to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority and is now under review.

Murungi, a former Energy minister, hit out at the Uhuru administration for neglecting the oil sector despite the precious resource being discovered more than 10 years ago.

“Kenya’s upstream oil and gas sector has stagnated because of lack of passion, official neglect and lack of investment by the previous government,” Murungi noted.

He added: “We cannot leave development and exploitation of the oil reserves in Lokichar to

Tullow alone. As NOC we shall seek government support so that we can accelerate production and generate resources to pull our people out of debt and poverty.”

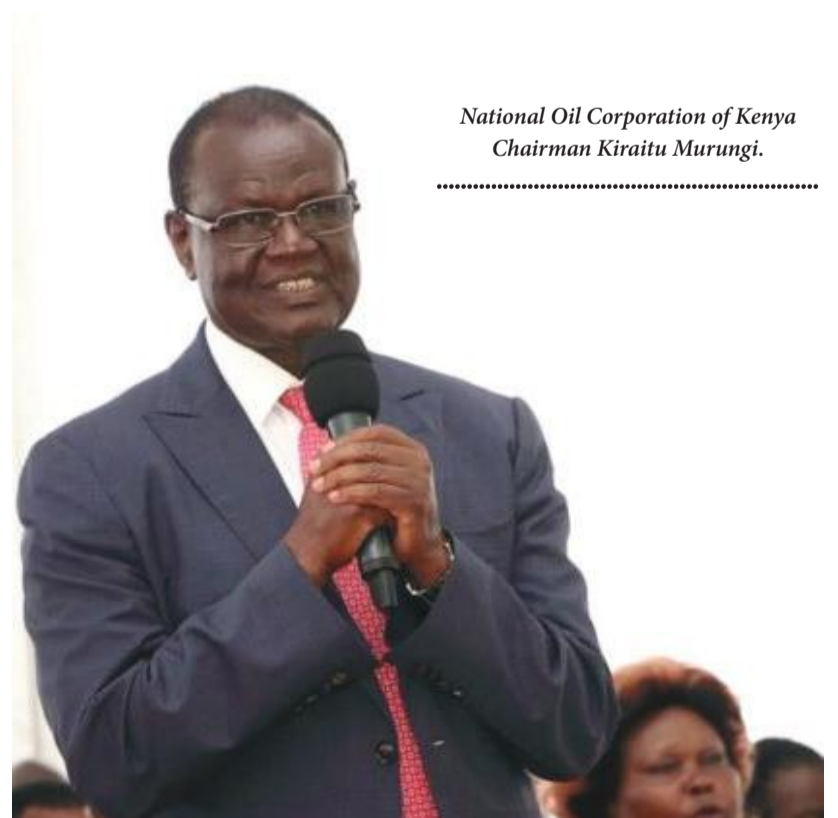
He was speaking at NOC headquarters in Nairobi when he received delegates from nine countries attend-

ing the 8th African Petroleum Data Management forum taking place at PrideInn Paradise, Mombasa.

Countries participating in the conference are Norway, Somalia, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Uganda, Angola, Mozambique, Ghana and South Africa and Kenya.

Murungi said the key to Africa’s energy independence and rapid socio-economic transformation lies in sustainable exploitation of vast oil and gas resources.

“There is talk about energy transition from oil and gas to renewables, but that will not happen soon. We still need oil and gas to fuel our energy and development.”



National Oil Corporation of Kenya Chairman Kiraitu Murungi.

Experts Call For Food Safety During Food Standards Save Lives Conference

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The East African Community, the African Union, and Kenya’s Ministry of Health, in partnership with public and private sector partners and development agencies in the National Food Safety Committee, have collaborated to organize the 5th World Food Safety Day Conference.

Working under the theme ‘Food standards save lives’, the conference is aimed at recognizing the importance of food standards across the world in keeping the consumers safe.

The event is aimed at drawing attention and inspiring action to help prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks, thereby contributing to human health, food and nutrition security, economic prosperity, market access, and sustainable development.

Speaking at the conference in Nairobi on Monday, the Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Ole Thonke, said that there are many similarities between Kenya and Denmark in the agricultural sector, thus the focus on food standards is a global phenomenon.

“Food safety and food standards is a business for everyone; therefore, collaboration and partnership amongst all stakeholders in the food



Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Ole Thonke addressing the conference.

safety sector in Kenya are extremely important,” highlighted Mr. Thonke. Additionally, he stated that there is a new bill on food safety in the Kenyan parliament to be debated, and it takes the philosophy that everybody has the responsibility in the food safety sector, with recommendations on how the government can work together with the same model and methods to enhance food safety, insisting that when it is passed, it will be a step forward in Kenya.

Thonke emphasized that the Danish Embassy has worked together with the Kenya government for six years through the Strategic Sector Corporation, where they have experts from the Danish Ministry of Food and Agriculture who work directly with the Kenyan counterparts in sharing experiences on the methods and new models to ensure that Kenya has an up-to-date food safety system. Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT) CEO Re-

becca Amukhoye said that this year’s International Food Safety Day is aimed at encouraging everyone to adapt and accept safe food standards across the food supply chain, from the producer to the consumer. “Food is an essential part of what it means to be human, which is why unsafe food is unacceptable,” Amukhoye emphasized. Amukhoye added that for the last five years, MESPT, with the funding support of the European Union and

the Royal Danish Embassy, has been implementing a food safety system programme.

“The programme was built on the premise that there is a skill gap among the value chain. Some of the factors that have affected the competitiveness of the agricultural value chain include lack of coordination and harmony in the dissemination of skills,” she said.

Amukhoye highlighted that safety regulations have been perceived as the sole responsibility of the competent authority, leading to minimal participation by the private sector.

“As a way of addressing the above challenges, the programme is aimed at building the capacity of actors along selected agricultural value chains in building the capacity of 13 county governments and private sector affairs within those counties on the implementation and enforcement of food safety, plant health, and animal health regulations,” she emphasized.

Amukhoye explained that improving food safety requires sustained investment in stronger regulations, better coordination, better laboratories, more stringent surveillance, and better training and education.

Hon Ruku Demonstrates Passion For Education

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Mbeere North Member of Parliament Geoffrey Kariuki Kiringa Ruku has for the umpteenth time demonstrated his unwavering commitment to matters education particularly in his constituency.

Hon Ruku notes: “Karangare Secondary School is one of our vastly growing schools, built by the collective efforts of our community to become a model school in Mbeere North. It’s one of our schools that received a significant share from our bursary program this year.

I was very moved to host and interact with the Form 3 students of Ka-

rangare Secondary School today as they visited the National Assembly (Parliament) while on a learning tour in Nairobi. I have wished them well in their studies and will continue to support the school alongside all Mbeere North schools to empower our young professionals and prepare them to contribute in Building a Better Society Together.”

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Geoffrey Kariuki Kiringa Ruku.



Childhood Memory

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Worth Noting:

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- I'm sorry, I can't be your daughter - she said while panting. Tears rolled down his eyes. Something stuck in his throat. And he turned and ran to the door. Those who were standing here looked after Khadija in surprise. Even the woman did not follow him.

The playground is as crowded as ever. The surroundings are quiet. The warm breath of spring is blowing everywhere. From time to time you can hear the chirping of birds. Every time Khadija passes this place, she feels a warm feeling in her heart. He watches the children for a long time. Even now, he sat on a bench by the side of the road and stared at the children for a long time. A little girl is running to her mother from afar. A 5-6-year-old boy is flying on a horse.

A few feet away, a group of children are making sandcastles. Perhaps now Khadija was thinking about her childhood. Khadija was brought up in an orphanage. Yes, his parents left him here. There were a lot of children here. But Khadija was still a little girl. He did not understand why parents leave their children in orphanages. He thought a lot.

However, he could not find an answer to his question. How old is he, he is still looking for answers. His childhood was not so difficult. His foster sisters gave him the love that his parents did not give him. When he was sick, they took care of him. They even brought him to the hospital for treatment. But still, the role of parents is different.

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Because she also understood that she could not be a mother to this little girl. Even though she was still young, right Khadija was very sad and thoughtful. He always stood out from his friends. Being alone, he liked to think about his parents. Despite how many years have passed, his character has not changed.

He became a famous artist as he dreamed. Of course, he achieved this due to his study aspirations and hard work. He got married. Her husband is also a very kind person. He has a daughter and a son. He loves



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his children very much. She was a famous singer since childhood and dreamed of singing such beautiful tunes about mothers.

He achieved his dream. Now he has everything. Except for his mother. He still thinks about his mother. "Why do some mothers give birth to a child who has been carrying a child for 9 months and leave it in an orphanage?" After all, these are

chicken babies who can't distinguish between black and white!? What is wrong with them?

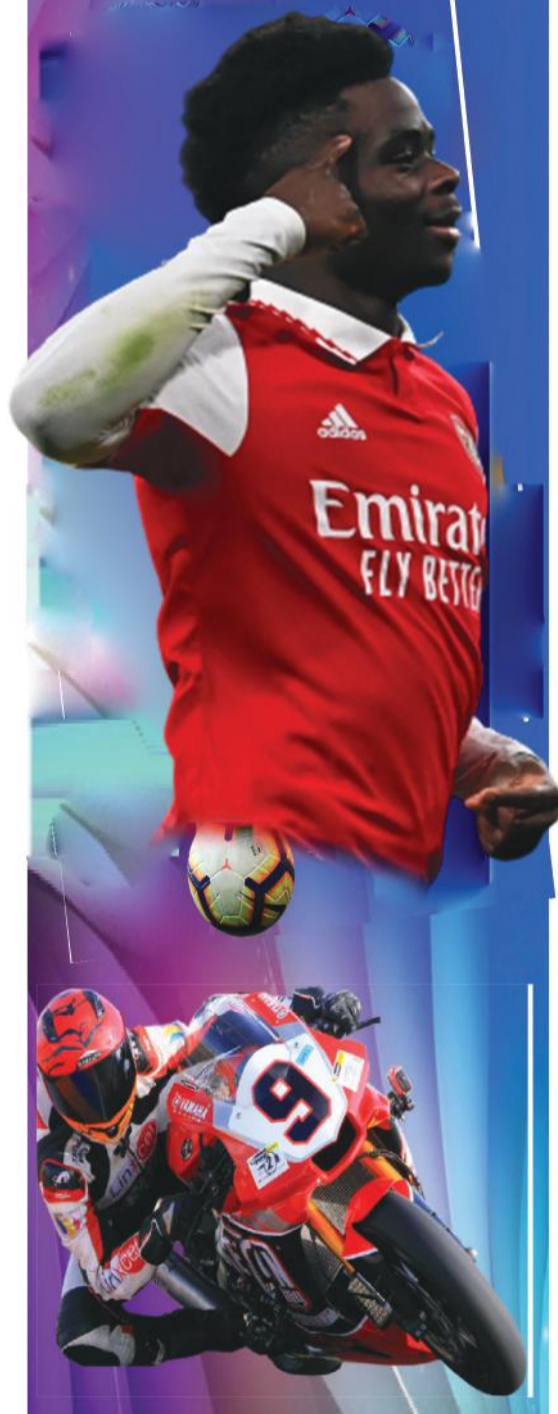
Can't they think of these babies?! No, they only think about themselves. Unfortunately, there are parents among us who even give up their children for money. They are so tolerant that not even the cry of their child can be heard." Khadija was always tormented by such thoughts.

_ She was lost in thought for a long time and did not notice that time was running out.

There were also fewer children on the playground. A cool evening breeze is blowing around. Khadija slowly got up and walked along the sidewalk.

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Okutoyi to lead Kenya's charge at Billie Jean King Cup in Nairobi



The Kenyan team to the Billie Jean Cup poses for a photo with NOCK secretary general Francis Mutuku and tournament director Wanjiru Karani. PHOTO/NOCK-OLYMPICS KENYA.

Wimbledon Open doubles junior champion Angella Okutoyi is among six players who have been selected to represent Kenya at next week's Billie Jean King Cup at the Nairobi Club.

Okutoyi will be joined by her twin sister, Roselida Asumwa, United States-based Alicia Owegi, Cynthia Cheruto, Melissa Mwaka and Stacey Yego.

Speaking after naming the team, captain Francis Rogoi said he was guided by certain factors in his selection, including experience, commitment, discipline and level of play.

"We have players who have a lot of experience...we have looked at the level of discipline,

commitment and level of play. We have been in training for the past three weeks and for me it has been an honour to be part of this team," Rogoi said.

The captain remains optimistic that the team will do Kenya proud at the one-of-a-kind tournament, which was last held in Kenya in 1995 when it was still known as the Fed Cup.

"The lucky part with our sport is that our players have been out there, working on themselves. They have been making sure that they follow their pathways and when it comes to national assignments, such as these... they are bound to deliver," Rogoi said.

He allayed fears that Kenya will struggle to adapt to the clay courts at Nairobi Club.

"These players have played across the world in some of the best clay courts so I don't think they will struggle to adapt. We have been working hard in training and having a feel of the courts (newly constructed at Nairobi Club)," he said.

Meanwhile, tournament director Wanjiru Karani says it is all systems go for the competition with Morocco the first team expected to arrive on Thursday.

"The venue and logistical items are all on course...the team and officials will begin arriving on Thursday. There are guys who

will be arriving from the Roland Garros Junior Open...that should be very exciting," she said.

The event, which commences on Monday, also comprises Tunisia, Ghana, Mauritius, Botswana, Seychelles, Burundi, Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe.

Spectators will only need to part with Ksh 200 every day to watch the matches.

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Kenya names squad for CECAFA Under-18 Champs set for Nairobi



The Junior Harambee Starlets. PHOTO/FKE.

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Head coach Beldine Odemba has named a provisional squad that includes a blend of players picked from schools around the country as well as some league players.

Coach Odemba says the team will be working hard to put on a good showing and make the home advantage count in the tournament.

"We are excited about the upcoming CECAFA U18 championships as this provides a great opportunity for our young talents to get exposure on an international stage," said Odemba.

FKF Women Premier League sides, Ulinzi Starlets and Zetech Sparks have brought in seasoned talents Fasila Adhiambo, a star of the Chapa Dimba na Safaricom tournament, and Ivy Chepkirui.

Provisional Squad

Goalkeepers

Christine Omolo (Butere Girls), Scovia Awuor (Kobala Secondary), Terry Okova (Mogunga Girls), Velma Auma (Wiyeta Girls), Shihafu Askonotia (Dagoretti Mixed).

Defenders

Robai Nelma (Lwandeti D.E.B), Vidah Okeyo (Butere Girls), Judith Okumu (Butere Girls), Dorcas Glenda (Butere Girls), Beryl Achieng (Magunga Secondary), Sharlot Atieno Obondi

(KISPED), Philomena Syombua (Kamkunji Secondary), Claire meris (Kobala Secondary), Junedezina Awino (Itigo Girls), Lorine Ilavunga (Wiyeta Girls), Sharon Omwangale (Wiyeta Girls), Ruth Akinyi (Nasokol Girls).

Midfielders

Rebecca Kwoba (Soccer Asasins FC), Jane Hato (Madira Girls), Lorna Faith (Butere Girls), Sheila Awuor Ouma (Kobala Secondary), Eunice Atieno Odemba (Kobala Secondary), Ephy Atieno Onyango (Kobala Secondary), Susan Akoth (Our Lady of Fatima), Jerrine Adhiambo (Madira Girls), Jane Njeri (Dandora Secondary), Velma Kaveza (Itigo Girls), Sheila Kaare Wanjiru (105 Nini Farm),

Conny Anyego (Hoppy's Girls Primary), Sheila Adongo (Wiyeta Girls), Erika Njeri (Kahuhia Girls), Rebecca Odato (Dagoretti Mixed).

Forwards

Mollviine Achieng Owour (KISPED), Elizabeth Mideva (Bishop Njenga), Fasila Adhiambo (Ulinzi Starlets FC), Immanuel Nafula (Sang'alo Institute), Valerie L Nekesa (Madira Girls), Ivy Chepkirui (Zetech FC), Winnie Wangeci (Moi Girls Nangili), Margaret Njeri (Falling Waters), Patience Kasichana (Dagoretti Mixed), Inna Akinyi (Fussball Naks Ladies), Margaret Aluoch Onyango (Kobala Secondary), Edna Wanda (Wiyeta Girls).

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Chandiraleka Gurusamy: Teacher And Poet

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Worth Noting:

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• "REFLECTIONS" is a compilation of 50 poems that I wrote in 50 days based on my life experiences and reflections. It aims to arouse readers' artistic sensibilities. All the poems are in simple language so that the readers could understand them easily.

Chandiraleka Gurusamy is a teacher from Puducherry. Her pen name is Punitha, in remembrance of her mother. She was born on 19th July, 1977. She had her school education in her hometown Kalitheerthalkuppam at Pondicherry. She started her teaching career as a primary school teacher in 2013. She has acquired B.Sc., M.Sc., and B.Ed., in Chemistry.

Her pastime is writing Tamil and English poetry and stories. She began writing poetry in 2019. She has a strong sense of independence and the courage to speak her mind. She is a distinguished teacher who uses technology to enhance the learning environment.

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They are on various topics with various feelings. Real-life experiences are reflected precisely in the book. Also, I am an imaginative dreamer. So, my imagination played a crucial role to express my thoughts positively. In my perception, the key to living a happy life is to discover inner peace and to be happy with the little things that happen around us.

Life is easy when someone is an optimist. I tried to convey them through the book. Without expressing our inner thoughts, sentiments, and emotions, what is life? I take this as an opportunity to reflect on my thoughts in the name of "Reflections". Some of my poems are written to vent my anger at society. I'm glad I wrote them because it allowed me to express my anger rather than suppress it.

At least it could have reached a few people. I would like to fill your heart with a variety of emotions in the hopes that it will respond with the same. I hope the readers will appreciate and protect nature after reading the book.

