



DP Gachagua Asks Azimio To Stop Misleading Kenyans On Finance Bill
Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has asked Azimio La Umoja Kenya One Alliance leaders to stop misleading the public on the provisions of the Finance Bill 2023

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President William Ruto

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My Hands Are Tied, Says Speaker Wetang'ula Over Sabina Chege Ouster

Nominated Member of Parliament Sabina Chege will continue to serve as Deputy Minority Whip in the National Assembly pending the outcome of a case filed in court in relation to her ouster.

The High Court in Kiambu on May 30, 2023 issued conservatory orders restraining the replacement of the former Murang'a Woman Representative pending the determination of the case.

The petitioners in the case argue that National Assembly's Standing Order No. 20(a)(4) does not clearly outline the process for the removal of a Whip or a Deputy Whip.

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Nominated MP Sabina Chege



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Raila To Ruto: Withdraw Finance Bill 2023 And Apologize To Kenyans

By: Martin Mwanje

Worth Noting:

- Raila further warned the Kenya Kwanza administration against imposing punitive taxes on Kenyans saying the move was bound to negatively impact economic growth.
- “As this bill heads to the National Assembly, we must remind Ruto that excessive taxation is stifling growth. We must tell Ruto that when people have to pack cars at home because of cost of fuel, it is bad for the economy. We must tell him that when Kenyans postpone travelling upcountry, because they can’t afford fuel or fare, it is bad for the economy.”



Azimio One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga

Azimio One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga has yet again issued ten demands to President William Ruto amid the raging standoff over the Finance Bill 2023.

Key among the demands is the immediate withdrawal of the Bill that has sharply divided the court of public opinion.

“We ask Ruto to humble himself, withdraw this bill, offer apology and seek forgiveness from Kenyans for anxiety caused then and begin afresh,” urged Raila who warned against the use of threats to have the bill passed in parliament in his address to the media Thursday.

“Should Ruto overrun the National Assembly, we will regroup and overrun him in the Ward and National Assembly of the whole people of Kenya.”

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Rather than burdening Kenyans, the Opposition is calling on the ruling regime to stop duplication of county roles and responsibilities and adopt a zero-based budgeting approach.

The government has also been urged to live within its means by cutting down the size of the budget.

According to Azimio, this can be done by sealing the loopholes that lead to the loss of revenue, stopping

non-essential government expenditures including the appointment of Chief Administrative Secretaries, reduce the size of government and by cutting non-essential domestic and international travel.

The Opposition is further calling for a freeze on ministerial out of station allowances, ministerial house allowances and domestic allowances for Cabinet and Principal Secretaries and wants corruption and theft of public funds stopped.

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Kisii Police Probe String of Attacks Unleashed at South Mugirango Burial Ceremony



By: Elizabeth Angira

Police officers in Kisii are currently investigating a series of attacks that occurred during a burial ceremony in South Mugirango.

The ceremony was attended by Kisii Governor Simba Arati and South Mugirango MP Sylvenus Osoro.

Kisii County commander Charles Kases speaking at his office has confirmed that they have taken up the matter and launched an investigation into the attacks.

The incidents occurred on Tuesday during the burial ceremony of Boikanga ward MCA Paul Ayiema's father.

MP Osoro allegedly felt that he was bypassed in protocol proce-

dures, leading to chaos erupting at the event.

Commander Kases has condemned the attack and urged the residents to remain calm while the incident is being investigated.

He emphasized that people should not take the law into their own hands. Fortunately, no injuries were reported during the attack.

However, both Governor Arati and MP Osoro decided to leave the burial ceremony halfway due to the disruption caused.

Kisii county Commander Charles Kases addressing the press they are investigating a series of attacks that occurred during a burial ceremony. Photo/Elizabeth Angira



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Kirinyaga Allocates Ksh 275M For Development Of Sagana Agro Industrial Park

By: Muraya Kamunde



Worth Noting:

- Counties are also required to identify at least five value chains products, provide proof of marketing of the value chain products and have necessary amenities like water, road network, security and electricity connection.
- The Governor said Sagana Industrial Park will be the first climate smart agro industrial city in central region, will promote agro processing and manufacturing and will be source of employment to many of the county residents.
- She noted that the county farmers will greatly benefit from value addition of their crops which will lead to better earnings for them.



Sagana Industrial Park will be the first climate smart agro industrial city in central region.

Kirinyaga County has allocated Ksh 275 million in the proposed 2023/2024 budget for the development of Sagana Agro-Industrial Park.

Out of this amount, Ksh 250 million is Kirinyaga County's conditional matching allocation in a 50/50 arrangement with the National Government which will also contribute 250 million as grant.

This allocation is applicable to all the counties for establishment of County Aggregation and Industrial Parks (CAIPS) whose kickoff condition is availability of a minimum of

Ksh 500 million.

The other Ksh 25 million is set aside for pre-feasibility studies, NEMA approvals, Sustainable Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) reports, feasibility, marketing, branding and development of basic infrastructure in the park.

Governor Anne Waiguru says for the County to access the grants, they are further required to allocate at least 100 acres of land designated for the industrial parks.

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"The processing factories that will

come up at the industrial park will target our local produce such as tomatoes, avocado, macadamia and fish," said the Governor.

She added that apart from the opportunities created inside, the industrial park will spur economic growth in the surrounding areas as well as improve the county's economic status.

In preparation for the upcoming industrial park, Waiguru said that her administration has been supporting farmers to increase agricultural production and organizing them to form groups and cooperatives through which they will aggregate their produce for uptake by processors at the park.

The Governor pointed out that some of the cooperatives have already expressed intention to set up their own processing factories at the industrial park, a move that she termed as smart and strategic.

The Sagana County Aggregation and Industrial Park and the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) will be established on a 250-acre land that the county government repossessed from grabbers two years ago.

The land is located in close proximity to the Sagana Railway Station, Sagana River, and the Kenol-Sagana-Marua dual carriage. Its strategic location and availability of natural resources is an additional attraction to investors.

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Parliamentary Defence Committee Tours KDF Health Facility In Westlands

By: Our Correspondent
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The National Assembly Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations yesterday toured Forces Referral and Research Hospital (FRRH) at Kabete, off Waiyaki Way.

Led by committee Vice-Chair Major (Rtd) Bashir Abdullah from Mandera-North, members visited the facility to assess the progress made so far, the challenges faced, the opportunities available, and the value of the money expended on the project.

During a briefing by the KDF team undertaking the project, members sought clarifications on among other issues, the funding status of the project, and it's expected completion date.

The project is a state-of-the-art 700-bed medical facility that will serve the Kenya Defence Force (KDF), National Police Service (NPS), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Nation-



Part of the facility under construction.

al Intelligence Service (NIS), Kenya Coast Guard Service(KCGS), National Youth Service (NYS), and their families.

The facility estimated to cost Sh19.3B will have several specialized parts, such as a cancer center, a medical school complex, an oxygen plant, an accident and emergency block, and a mortuary.

Bashir underscored the projected benefits of the facility, and pledged to rally the National Assembly to allocate necessary resources for its completion.

“Clearly this facility will be of benefit to our disciplined forces and even Members of the public and it’s important that it is completed,” said Bashir.



Parliamentary and KDF officials during the visit yesterday.

Committee members including Martha Wangari (Gilgil) Abdikadir Mohammed (Lagdera), Clement Sloya, Terresia Mwangi, Hassan Yusuf (Kamukunji) and Joshua Kandie (Baringo Central) also sought to know the extent to which members of the public could access the facility.

The KDF team clarified that cases

of admission for the public would be on a referral basis.

Vice Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces Lt. General Jonah Mwangi, who was meeting the Committee for the first time since his recent promotion pledged to work closely with the Committee to complete the project and other key undertakings by the KDF.

First Lady Rachel Ruto Leads Tree Planting Exercise In Kakamega

By: KBC Digital

First Lady Rachel Ruto joined students and community members in planting trees at the Shikusa Block located within Kakamega Forest.

She says witnessing the profound vigour demonstrated by the school children during the planting of 30,000 trees was truly inspiring.

he First Lady has pledged to spearhead the restoration of a substantial 500 acres of degraded land within the Kakamega Forest.

The initiative is part of the National Tree Growing Initiative, a nationwide endeavour aimed at increasing Kenya’s tree cover from the current 12.13% to 30% through planting of 15 billion trees by 2032.

The Office of the First Lady has set a goal of planting 500 million trees by 2032.



First Lady Rachel Ruto during a tree planting exercise at Kakamega Forest.

President Ruto Roots For A Stronger, More Integrated Africa Union

By: Eric Biegon

President William Ruto reiterated yesterday that the African Union requires urgent reforms to make it stronger and responsive to the prevailing situation globally. The Kenyan President disclosed during his engagements with lawmakers of the Pan African Parliament, that he specifically made a case for the need to reform the continental body to conform to the current realities. “To ensure that the African Union performs at the level of its aspirations, it will be necessary to make sure that it empowers itself with sufficient capacity,” he said. The head of state expressed concern that if the much-needed reforms are not undertaken, initiatives such as African Solutions, Agenda 2063, the Africa Continental Free Trade Area and the Young, as well as the Clean

Green Continent of the Future, will never become a reality. “The AU Reform Agenda must be a priority and we must interrogate and conduct the process to ensure that structurally, the roles of the Bureau, Summits, Committees, Regional Caucuses, Secretariat and Commission are duly rationalised to give Africa a fit-for-purpose continental governance body with the capacity to engage globally,” he said. To buttress its position and standing, President Ruto said member states ought to consider donating power to the African Union on matters such as trade, regional and global security as well as other areas, he believes, Africa can benefit from engaging together rather than individually. “We should merge the position of chair of the AU Summit and that of the AU Commission into one so as to give it sufficient leverage to engage on behalf of Africa,” he said. “Although there is a long way to go, I am satisfied that we are playing our parts in full, which is why we



President William Ruto.

have come this far. I sense a renewed commitment to stronger economic performance at home and regionally, and a clearer sense of urgency arising from the unique imperative of

this moment,” he added. Ruto who is in Zambia expressed confidence that through economic integration anchored on issues such as green investment, value addition

and tourism, the African continent will usher in an era of unprecedented transformation and prosperity for its people.

Teso South MP CS To Task On Contradictions In Guidelines On School Lunches

By: Our Reporter
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Mary Emaase, MP Teso South, has brought to light alarming contradictions in the guidelines for implementing Junior Secondary School (JSS) education. The discrepancy revolves around Guideline 8.6, which places the responsibility of providing meals to parents and guardians, while simultaneously obligating school leadership to ensure that no child drops out due to unpaid lunch fees. Mary Emaase recently voiced her concerns, calling on the Ministry of Education to address this contradiction and shed light on the actions being taken to rectify the situation. She further highlighted the predicament faced by children from needy backgrounds, whose parents or guardians cannot afford the lunch fee in most schools. “What are the measures in place to ensure that needy children whose



CS Ezekiel Machogu when he appeared in Parliament yesterday.

parents/guardians cannot afford the lunch fee programme remain in school and enjoy nutritious meals and to ensure that no child drops out of school as a result of failure to pay lunch fees which in most schools is KSHS 15,000?” she asked. In response to the concerns raised, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, clarified the intentions behind Guideline 8.6.

According to the documents tabled by the Ministry of Education, the responsibility for providing meals lies with parents and guardians, and the Government’s obligation under the Free Junior Secondary School education program is limited to covering tuition fees. The Cabinet Secretary further explained that Guideline 8.6(i) does not imply that the leadership of JSS



Mary Emaase.

should provide lunch to learners. Rather, it emphasizes that no student should be turned away from school due to non-payment of lunch fees. “The Ministry expects any measures addressing delayed or inability to pay for lunch to be undertaken while learners continue with their studies” he added. The Cabinet Secretary also highlighted that payments for lunch

programs are voluntary, and parents have the option of having their children carry food from home. To address concerns about children from disadvantaged backgrounds, the CS encouraged Parents Associations to develop cost-effective frameworks for lunch programs in their respective schools.

In-Spirited Prayer



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“And pray in the spirit . . .” begins Paul, giving us the first element of petition — in-Spirited or Spirit-directed prayer. How does prayer in the Spirit occur? Romans 8:26, 27 eloquently tells us: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

The indwelling Holy Spirit, through His superior intimate knowledge, both prays for us and joins us in our praying, infusing His prayers into

ours so that we “pray in the Spirit.” Jude 20 challenges us to cultivate and experience this wonderful Spirit-wrought phenomenon: “But you, dear friends, BUILD YOURSELVES UP IN YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH and pray in the Holy Spirit.” Praying in the Spirit is the will of God, and what God wills He empowers as we let Him.

Two supernatural things happen here: First, the Holy Spirit tells us what we ought to pray for. Apart from the Spirit’s assistance, our prayers are limited by our own reason and intuition. But with the Holy Spirit’s help they become informed by Heaven. As we seek the Spirit’s help, He will speak to us through His Word, which conveys His mind regarding every matter of principle. Thus, in Spirit-directed prayer we will think God’s thoughts after Him. His desires will become our desires, His motives our motives, His ends our ends. Further, as He shows our hearts which matters to pray for, He gives us the absolute conviction they are God’s will.

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THING THAT CONCERNS US.
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are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact

Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

New Revenue Board Begins Work As Nairobi County Targets Increased Collections

The Board of the newly gazetted Nairobi Revenue Authority (NRA) has been tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the setting up of an efficient and effective revenue collection team to hit the target of Ksh.18 Billion a year.

Addressing a five-day induction seminar in Mombasa, Deputy Governor Njoroge Muchiri assured the Authority of maximum support from the County Government of Johnson Sakaja.

“You have a very important role to play. We must move away from enforcement and instead make it easy for our clients to access and pay for our services,” the Deputy Governor said

County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning, Charles Kerich urged the new board to settle in quickly and get down to work without delay.

“This induction provides you with an overview of Nairobi City County Government revenue performance

and operations. While there will be more opportunities to immerse yourselves even deeper into understanding your assignment, you must know that time is of the essence. We need to move quickly because the County needs revenue to deliver services and keep the promises in H.E the Governor’s manifesto,” Mr. Kerich said.

During the workshop, County Chief Officer for Revenue Administration Wilson Gakuya took the board through the revenue performance thus far, promising to facilitate the members execute their mandate.

The NRA Board members are Chairman, Andrew Chege, Wanjiru Gikonyo, Irene Otieno, Mary Gesare, Carolyne Mutheu, and Ronald Meru. County Chief Officer Revenue Administration, Wilson Gakuya and Director Revenue, Shaban Asman, represent the County Government on the Board.



Nairobi Revenue Authority.

Ruto’s Speech At Prayers Meeting Demonstrated His Commitment To Improve The Lives Of Hustlers



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Worth Noting:

- Those who have read the Bible would agree with me on this. God blesses the hand of a cheerful giver who helps to uplift the living standard of the poverty-stricken and vulnerable people.
- We know the Millions of ‘hustlers’ in the highly populated slums were confined to this life of squalor. There were no water, toilets, medical facilities, roads and the schools were ill-equipped. These informal settlements were also prone to outbreak of communicable diseases.
- Contrary to the impression created by his critics, the President has been using a persuasive language in calling on those who receive a payslip every month to accept a deduction of three percent from their salaries.

I listened to President William Ruto’s speech during the 20th National Breakfast Prayer Meeting held at Safari Park Hotel.

He once again took this opportunity to drum up support for the Affordable Housing Plan (AHP). We are here to pray and commit our great nation to God.

As per the theme “reconciliation with God and with man”, I want to assure the people of Kenya that I’m fully committed to building a united and peaceful country.

To succeed in this, we need as a nation to address the numerous challenges standing in the way.

Inequality, poverty and indignity were the main cause of this.

This explains why my government has rolled out the programme of building affordable houses for hundreds and thousands of jobless ‘Hustlers’.

This is a promise I made during the campaign that I will ensure the level of inequality is narrowed down.

Once again, I’m in the right forum to talk about this matter.

Those who have read the Bible would agree with me on this. God blesses the hand of a cheerful giver who helps to uplift the living standard of the poverty-stricken and vulnerable people.

We know the Millions of ‘hustlers’ in the highly populated slums were confined to this life of squalor. There were no water, toilets, medical facilities, roads and the schools were ill-equipped. These informal settlements were also prone to outbreak of communicable diseases.

Contrary to the impression created by his critics, the President has been using a persuasive language in calling on those who receive a payslip every month to accept a deduction of three percent from their salaries.

For me and you, we are lucky because we are employed. So, I urge you not to turn deaf ear to those who live at the bottom of pyramid.

These are our children and daughters.

Those who have read the constitution I’m sure they would agree with me that the right to Shelter is a basic right.

The president is privy to this and so his wish is to see these people living a decent and dignified life.

To me, three percent is not a lot of money. If you earn a monthly salary of Sh100,000, you will only give a contribution of Sh3,000. For those earning Sh30,000, it is Sh300.

It is worth to note the the previous



President William Ruto National Prayer Breakfast Meeting.

governments of President Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta had mooted similar affordable housing plans (AHPs).

During the latter’s tenure, the government deducted 1.5 per cent from the salary of each employee.

President Uhuru had commissioned the construction of these houses in Ngala area in Nairobi, Kiambu and in other parts of the country but his efforts did not bear much fruits. This is because the project suffered two setbacks; court cases filed by those opposed to the project and lack of funds.

At the time, President William Ruto was his deputy and I’m sure he learnt big lessons. So, many would not expect this project to fail this time round.

One thing is however clear. The Judiciary is an independent arm and so he has no control over it. But even members of the Judiciary are Kenyans. So, one hope they will see the bigger picture. President Ruto means well for millions of hustlers.

Also, it should be noted that the President has no power to pass the 3 percent deductions into law. This power is vested in the hands of members of parliament.

What the President is doing now is to show them the importance of the Finance Bill and lobby them to pass it into law.

The other day Dr Ruto supported the call for MPs to openly vote in support or against it and he stated. I’m waiting to see those who will vote against this Bill. These members will go down as enemies of the people moreso ‘hustlers’.

Besides decent houses, the new law will create millions of jobs for them. One million jobs will be created every year.

It is in light of this that the President stated during the prayer meeting. I pray and hope that God will open the eyes of those who were still opposing housing plan.

At this point, allow me to say this. As an analyst and commentator, I have been listening to the views of a cross section of Kenyans. Majority of them fully support the President. However, they want an assurance from him that the funds will not be looted or misappropriated.

This is while noting the history of our country is replete with cases of mega corruption scandals.

All the successive governments of independent Kenya had been caught up in a web of corruption. This would lead to collapse of mega infrastructural projects or projects abandoned before being completed and turning into white elephant.

President Ruto has since responded to these concerns. I want to assure you that your money will be safe. The housing fund will undertake the purpose in which it had been established.

I commit to be the guarantor. So, I will be ready to be held responsible. This is regard to audit queries that may be raised.

Let me conclude by saying this. During the campaigns, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Party Raila Odinga had pledged to revive the housing plan and roll out mass housing units. He stated the money to build these houses will come from the pockets of the workers.

So, I would have expected him to be the last person to oppose President Ruto’s plan.

But alas! Today he is leading the campaign against this project. Why? It is simply because Dr Ruto defeated him at the ballot. He is yet to accept the loss and move on.

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Time Counsels And Heals

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Worth Noting:

- A talk to the senior members of the society you will hear many of them telling of things they used to do but could not do the same today if they were offered a similar opportunity to the one they had in the past simply because over time they have audited their acts and discovered how dire the consequences of their actions had been to them.
- Do not blame them for what they did provided they can prove that they did not know the impact of their actions furthermore if someone told them of possible consequences they may not have believed him but upon personally experiencing the situation they are now older and wiser.



Wait for the wisest of all counselors, time. Pericles.

If you have a tree which you love but it is cut down either intentionally or unintentionally against your wishes in many circumstances you will find that you cannot reattach it to retain its original position all you can do is to plant another one and provide favourable conditions so that it may be similar to the one which has been cut over time. In some trees they will produce shoots from the stem which has been cut but will take time to be as big as the already cut tree.

Bereavement is a painful process to the close associates of the departed person. It is advisable for them to lament as much as they can especially immediately one dies as this will give them some relief of the pain within them thereby speeding up the recovery process. It is notable that no matter how intensely one does this you cannot get full relief in a single day or two. It will take time for you to receive the healing. There are those who do not cry or wail immediately instead they will do this later failure to which one would not heal no matter the time it will take to accept the truth.

Those involved in domestic violence and separations need to visit a counselor or family therapist to accelerate their rate of healing. Keeping issues to themselves will only serve as a thorn that will keep inflicting pain to them more so when they are unable to get a solution by themselves. An external hand will help them explore further dimensions that you had not thought about.

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Do not blame them for what they did provided they can prove that they did not know the impact of their actions furthermore if someone told them of possible consequences they may not have believed him but upon personally experiencing the situation they are now older and wiser.

Regrets about inactions or poor actions some leading to stress will over time heal as they have lamented enough perhaps met other people with worse experiences than them or have got other chances which they have utilised well hence seeing the need to appreciate their overall performance in life.

Experience is a good teacher provided you read from the books of others who had been in that situation before you. Never wish to encounter challenges so that you can learn what to avoid as pains got may affect you for a prolonged period in life.

It is important for every person to keep reevaluating his actions from time to time and use the results obtained to better himself as well as advise those he interacts with as it may save someone else.

Someone who does you right or wrong is likely to encounter a related experience from other people either in short or in long term and this will come to your notice. You would no longer need to reciprocate as you are aware that he has received rewards for his deeds for example if he did to you good and someone else does to him better things he is likely to focus more on the newly found fortune rather than keep waiting for gifts from you as a way of thanksgiving. At the same time if the person wronged you and someone else injures him you will not strain telling him that inflicting pain to others is bad as he will have learnt it the hard way.

My Hands Are Tied, Says Speaker Wetang’ula Over Sabina Chege Ouster

By: Martin Mwanje

While the Minority Party has met all requisite requirements to replace her, Speaker Moses Wetang’ula says the House is obligated to obey the orders the court.

“On one hand, the minority party has met all the procedural requirements to effect the change of its leadership. On the other hand, I am confronted by a court order that specifically cited both the Speaker and the House as parties to a judicial process that seems to challenge an administrative process,” said Wetang’ula in communication to the House regarding the matter Thursday afternoon.

“Despite the sympathies I may hold for the predicament the minority party finds itself, this House has consistently demonstrated its willingness to abide by orders of the court relating to the exercise of its quasi-judicial and administrative function. Even where certain orders have been adverse to the interests of

the House, we have dutifully obeyed them and set aside the orders that we were not in agreement with,” added Wetang’ula amid chants of “no orders” from a section of the seeming agitated Azimio lawmakers.

In a letter dated May 31, 2023 addressed to the Speaker, National Assembly Minority Leader Opiyo Wandayi indicated that they have settled on Embakasi West MP Mark Mwenje to replace Sabina as Deputy Minority Whip.

In the letter, Wandayi indicated that the decision was taken during a meeting held by the Minority Party the previous day.

Jubilee party is currently embroiled in supremacy battles pitting two camps, one led by ex-President Uhuru Kenyatta and the other, Sabina Chege.

The Sabina-led faction has since called its National Delegates Conference slated for July 22.

It is expected that Uhuru will be among leaders that will be expelled from the party during the conference.

The Uhuru Kenyatta led camp held



Nominated MP Sabina Chege .

its NDC a fortnight ago where Sabina Chege and EALA MP Kanini Kega were expelled from the party.

The NDC held at Ngong Racecourse has since been declared null and void by the party’s internal dis-

pute committee.

Kenya Medical Practitioners’ And Dentists’ Council Appear Before House Audit Committee

By: Our Correspondent
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The National Assembly’s Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture yesterday questioned the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) over a myriad of queries appearing in their recently audited accounts contained in the Auditor General’s report, and the issue of the recanted overdraw of their KCB account.

In an audit review sitting of Financial Years 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 chaired by the committee’s substantive Chairperson Emanuel Wangwe from Navakholo constituency at a Machakos Hotel, the committee took the the Chief Executive Officer of the institution Dr. David Kariuki to task to explain how the Council has continued to operate while they are technically insolvent meaning they lack capacity.

From the Auditor’s report of the 2017/2018 Financial Year, the statement of financial position reflected that liabilities were at Sh16,531,666 exceeding the available assets which were at a balance of Ksh. 3,551,023 resulting to a negative working capital of Sh12,980,643.

“Hon. Members, the Council had not been receiving money from the exchequer until the year ended June 2021. This therefore means that facilities had challenges in meeting their obligations . Hon. Chair, we have a limited revenue base against an expanded mandate. The only revenue received was from Registration and Licensing of Doctors and Health Facilities”, explained Dr. Karuiki.

He further offered to clarify on the issue of overdraw from the KCB account saying this was an error, adding that the cheques had been taken back to the cash book to correct the error, a claim the Auditors were unable to confirm.

Members of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya), Fatma Jeho (Wajir) and Peter Masara (Suna



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina making his contribution during yesterday’s session as Fatma Jeho from Wajir looks on.

West) requested that the CEO provides the Committee with the bank statements to prove that the cheques had been reversed.

Other issues raised were on undisclosed material uncertainty on going

concern, Financial Performance and sustainability of service - Going concern, Budgetary controls and performance.

Dr. David Kariuki however appealed to the the National Assem-

bly through the Committee to help the Council get enough allocations in terms of funding from exchequer to enable them address the issues of capacity to deliver services.

The Truth



By: Boqijonova Madinabonu

A mother is a mother. He does not need another quality. (O'tkir Hashimov "World affairs")

August 29, 2022...

The last days of summer. Hot days are over. One season was ready to give way to another season

. Having graduated from school, achieved my dream, and been admitted to a higher educational institution, I fly in the seventh heaven, hoping that I will be a special

person in the coming season, that is, I will be a student. I grew up in a simple village, among simple people. This event that I remember now is what I witnessed with my own eyes. The names in it have changed. Maybe people too.

But it did not affect me. I know there are many stories, fairy tales, songs, poems about mothers. Among these, I would like to add the fate of a poor mother who I witnessed. I know that I am powerless to reprimand someone for something. However, through this story, I would like to

remind you that we need to understand the truth more deeply.

It was August 29 ... I was returning home after celebrating with my friends because of my admission. There are a lot of cars and people on the street. I could not understand what happened. A little while ago, when I was returning from a party, I fell into a different state after seeing this situation. I could hear the whispers of people passing by me on the street: "Yes, the poor man was ill for a long time, it was difficult for his son. Such words. I felt like I understood.

Aunt Farida ... Aunt Farida is dead. Aunt Farida is our neighbor, she has one son and one daughter. Her children divorced her husband when they were small. I am also the richest person in the world. I don't say that I am satisfied with life and my fate, I am living a very good life. Therefore, this cannot be expected even from a poor and helpless person. But my aunt Farida was really struggling to make a living. As soon as her daughter graduated from school, she worked from morning to night in order to help her mother. It is not for nothing that they say that the role of the father in the upbringing of a boy is great. Farida's aunt's son may have lacked this upbringing.

True, he also helped his family and his mother, but for some reason he did not act himself until he said that his mother was suffering and that he should act for the sake of the family. One day my mother was baking bread in the oven.

I was always busy with tasks. Aunt Farida came to our place. While they were talking with my mother for a while, my mother went to the oven again, to my aunt Farida's house. At that time, my mother said that she will stay with you today. It has been a year and a half since the wedding of my aunt Farida's daughter Sevinch. He came out to say that his son is staying at our house because he is alone at home today for some reason.

That day remained with us. He could not sleep well at night because it was a strange house. Whether my brother or mother noticed it, I felt it very well. Sahar got up in the morning to pray the Morning Prayer. We all read. But he said that he will go home without having breakfast.

The medicine he used to drink before breakfast was left at home.

One day he went in without agreeing to

do nothing. Aunt Farida's house is almost not finished; even so, it took a lot of work to get to its current state. That is, my aunt Farida picked cotton and carrots in autumn. In the spring, he took out the cotton crop.

So, in every season, seasonal jobs were found for him. My mother said that they restored these houses with the help of my aunt Farida's father, and then they did a lot of work themselves. Of course, his children were young at that time. In 2020, when the coronavirus spread all over the world, my aunt Farida became seriously ill. His daughter is married. His son was in Russia. He spent a lot of time in the hospital. He left the hospital, but the effect of his patients did not go away. They were in the process of renovating their house beautifully to marry their son. It was summer.

It was the end of summer. Aunt Farida was affected by that illness, difficult times of fate, the end of many misfortunes, literally speaking. Maybe there are many things that happened in the fate of this mother that I did not know.

But the difficulty of the past tense of these simply written words, which I have listed, is actually great. What was the saddest thing... After the death of my aunt Farida, she sold her son's houses, the house where she was born and grew up, where she spent her childhood, where her mother and grandfather worked hard, and married a woman in the city.

He moved to the country. He did not stay in that house because of his mother's respect. Sorry... It really hurt me. Because it was not just a house, but also a memory. One day my married sister came to our house.

When they come, there will be a holiday in our house. When my sister was talking to my mother, I overheard: "I saw my aunt Farida in my dream last night. They were looking at me and saying: Iftar is being served in heaven, I am going there." They were like happy people.

Mother's love is real, not everyone understands it.

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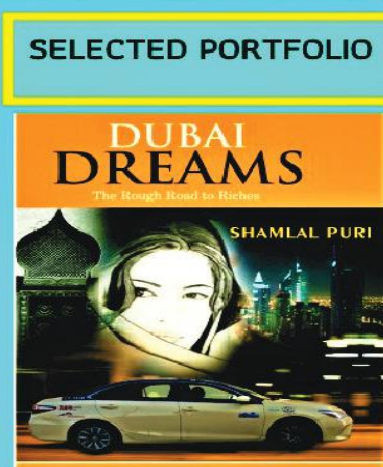
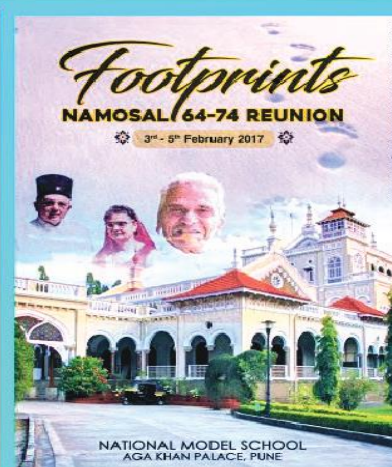
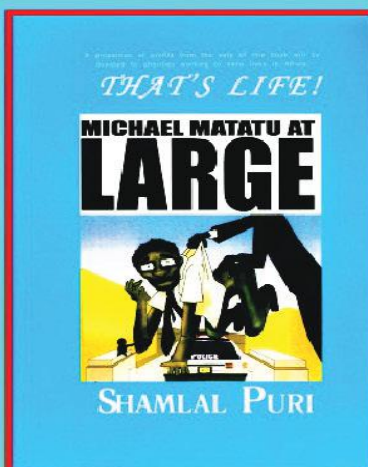
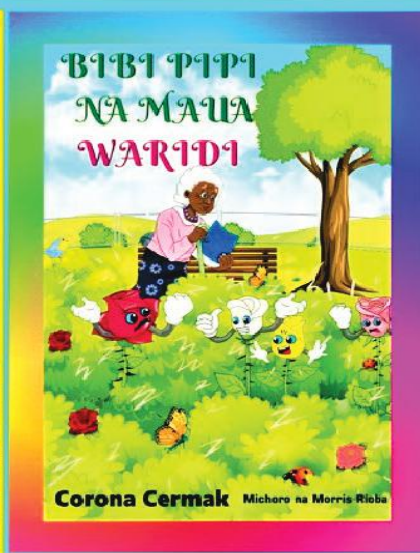
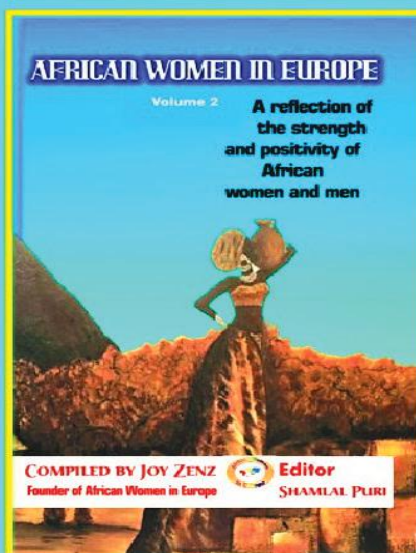
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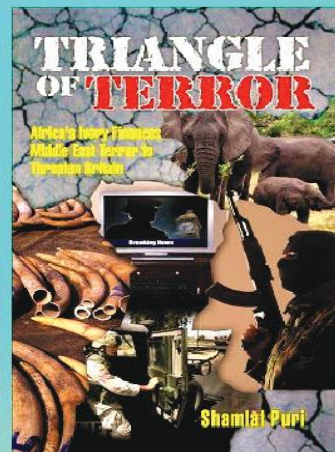
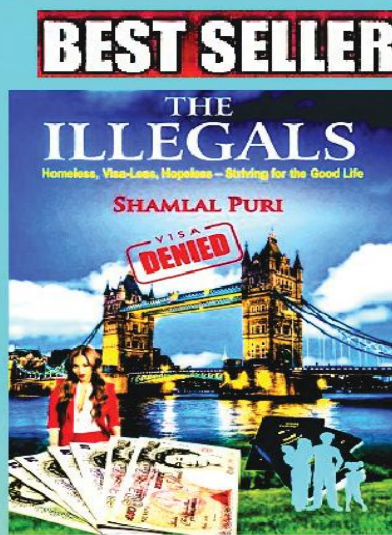
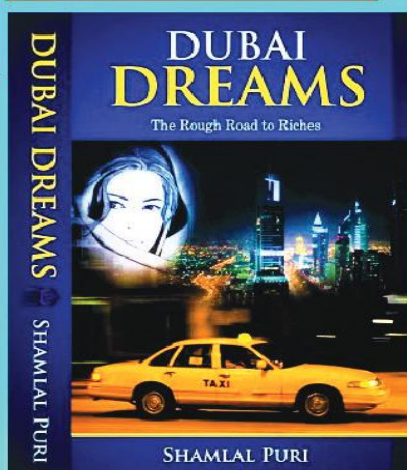
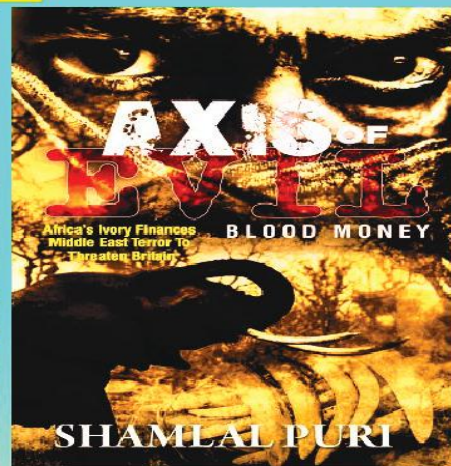
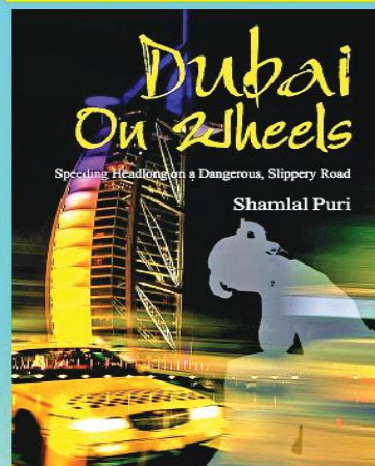
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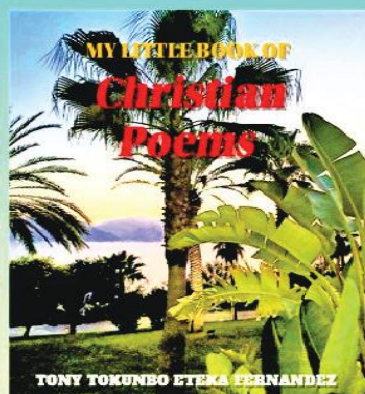
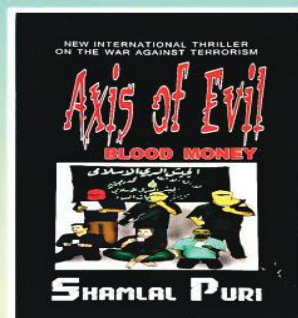
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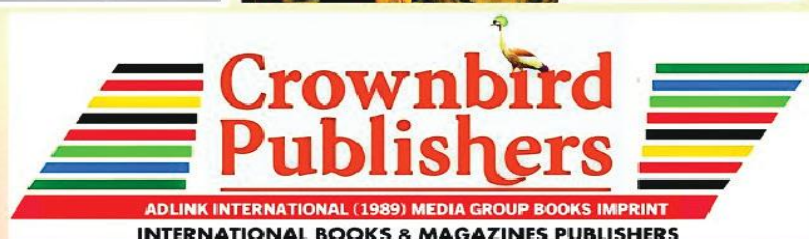


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Kenya Power Begins Smart Poles Pilot Project For Provision Of High Speed Internet

By: Business Reporter

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Worth Noting:

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Kenya Power has commenced a pilot project to install special utility poles (Smart Poles) that will support the provision of high-speed internet connectivity as part of its revenue diversification strategy.

Kenya Power’s Managing Director & CEO, Dr. (Eng.) Joseph Siror said, “The Smart Poles will provide an alternative way to deploy the last mile data networks using wireless technologies, thus providing a solution to telecom service providers to improve data coverage and capacity, as well as address the challenge of signal dropouts.”

The move comes amid increased demand for the internet which has put pressure on telecommunications service providers to expand last-mile data networks.

The pilot project is currently being undertaken in partnership with Safaricom at six locations within Nairobi. Once the pilot phase is completed, Kenya Power will install smart poles within its overhead network,

which telecom service providers will lease to mount their wireless transmission equipment.

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“Apart from the pilot for smart poles, the Company is also in discussion with the Ministry of ICT to

develop a framework through which we will play a critical role in the realization of the Government’s digital economy agenda. With our wide network and fiber capacity, we intend to provide infrastructure for internet connectivity targeting public institutions such as schools and hospitals at a favourable cost,” said Dr. (Eng.) Siror.

Apart from revenue diversification, the smart poles project and the partnership with the Ministry of ICT will offer valuable lessons for the Company in its quest to fully automate the grid.

At the moment, the Company’s substations are connected to the regional control centers through System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to enhance equipment monitoring and control.

Automation of the medium voltage line switches within the Nairobi region was completed during the last financial year with a total of 710 automated switches and 26 auto-re-

closers installed, to enhance system operation flexibility in the Nairobi metropolitan counties of Kajiado, Kiambu, and Machakos.

Additionally, the Company has completed the implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to protect revenue from large and medium customers who account for more than 80% of the total electricity sales.

Through the AMI project, a total of 67,000 smart meters were installed in SMEs premises and six-meter data control centers were established to enhance the visibility and monitoring of the smart meters. The AMI project has recorded a growth in sales by more than 8% because of enhanced accuracy in meter readings, prompt billing, and reduced energy pilferage.

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DP Gachagua Asks Azimio To Stop Misleading Kenyans On Finance Bill

By: Muraya Kamunde

Worth Noting:

- “The prices of the cooking gas will fall and the income for coffee will increase. Opposition leaders are lying to the public,” said the Deputy President.
- President William Ruto’s Administration has asked MPs through the Finance Bill, 2023 to exempt cooking gas from the eight percent VAT.
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- “All MPs in Kenya Kwanza are behind President William Ruto in the Finance Bill, 2023. Only one from the Central Kenya region is making noise; it is democracy,” he said.
- He spoke as debate for the Consideration of Financial Year 2023/24 Budget Estimates in the National Assembly.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua confers with his spouse Pastor Dorcas at Hiriga, Mathira constituency yesterday .

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has asked Azimio La Umoja Kenya One Alliance leaders to stop misleading the public on the provisions of the Finance Bill 2023.

Speaking in Mathira Constituency, Nyeri County, during the burial of Mary Muthoni, DP Gachagua said the Opposition is sharing wrong information on the Bill, more so on the Housing Fund.

He said the proposed 3pc deduction to the housing Fund will only apply on employees

He said the Azimio politicians are using the Bill to gain political mileage in their claims that the Fund for Affordable Housing is mandatory to all Kenyans.

“The Housing Fund is for the employed; it is aimed at creating jobs for the youth,” said Gachagua.

The Deputy President dismissed claims that the Finance Bill, 2023 will burden Kenyans and raises the cost of living. He said the Bill, which is before Parliament, has many good measures to ease the cost of living if Parliament adopts it.

For instance, he said, Value Added Tax on Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) has been slashed.

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At the upcoming Coffee Summit scheduled to start tomorrow (Friday), the Deputy President said the

forum will come up with lasting reforms to the sub-sector.

“We have a three-day meeting with leaders from coffee growing counties to discuss coffee reforms. We won’t fail. We will remove brokers so that farmers can sell their produce directly and earn more money. This is the time to reform it,” said the Deputy President.

The government intends to deal firmly with the multiple brokers and middlemen in the coffee production chain, so as to improve the situation of the farmers.



Some of the mourners during a memorial service at Hiriga Primary School, Mathira yesterday.

The coffee stakeholders expected to attend the summit include the government officials (county and national), lawmakers, governors, coffee farmers, experts, marketers and roasters among others.

President Ruto tasked his deputy to lead the coffee sector reforms spearheaded by the Coffee sub-sector Reforms Implementation Standing Committee.

On the ongoing operation by the government against illicit brews in the Central Kenya region, the Deputy President said so far the exercise is bearing fruit.

“Chiefs and administrators must work hard and eradicate illicit brews. Work on the project and ensure no drug in their areas of jurisdiction,” he said.

The Deputy President added that development projects that stalled in Mathira during the last regime because of bad politics will be revived.

He was accompanied by his spouse Pastor Dorcas Rigathi.

Leaders present included Nyeri Senator Wahome Wamatinga and MPs Eric Wamumbi (Mathira), John Kiragu (Limuru) and John Kaguchia (Mukurweini).

The leaders praised the government’s efforts to reform the coffee subsector and eradicate the illicit brews.

They also told off their colleagues for opposing the Finance Bill, 2023 and demonizing the proposed tax measures.

“It is totally insincere and hypocritical to fight the Finance Bill and at the same time ask for development projects,” said Senator Wamatinga.

Police In Nyahururu Intercept 392 Crates Of Illicit Brew

By: Prudence Wanza

Police in Laikipia County on Wednesday impounded 392 crates on repackaged illicit brew in Manguu slum, Nyahururu.

The operation was a collaboration between Nyahururu Deputy County Commissioner and the office of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI). Mutheki Ndambuki, who is the DCC Nyahururu Sub-county, stated that they raided a house in Manguu slum in the outskirts of Nyahururu, where the repackaging of adulterated brew was taking place.

He cautioned those engaging in illegal activities in the county, emphasizing that the government will not tolerate crime and any illegal businesses in the region.

The DCC said they are working with KRA and KEBS to identify any illegal products being snatched to the market and the culprits will face full force of the law.

He thanked the locals for their continued support in the fight illicit brew, urging them to report any suspected cases to the nearest police station for immediate action to be taken



Water Project Undertaken By City Hall In Eastleigh Now Complete

By: Our Reporter
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Nairobi City County has completed a 5.8 cubic metres borehole project at New Eastleigh Primary School.

The borehole, which has been installed with three water tanks, with a capacity of 10,000 litres each, is set to supply at least 40 000 litres per day to the more than 1400 pupils at the school.

Speaking during the site visit today when he met with the project engineers, County Director for Water and Sanitation Mr. Mario Kainga said that the project is complete and awaits official commissioning.

Mr Mario encouraged the school head teacher to take advantage of the water and plant more indigenous trees in the compound for sustainability of the borehole. He also as-

sured the school of the water safety, which he said has been tested for floride levels.

The school head teacher, Mr. Tala Hassan said the county has solved a very big problem with water, which the school has experienced for a very long time.

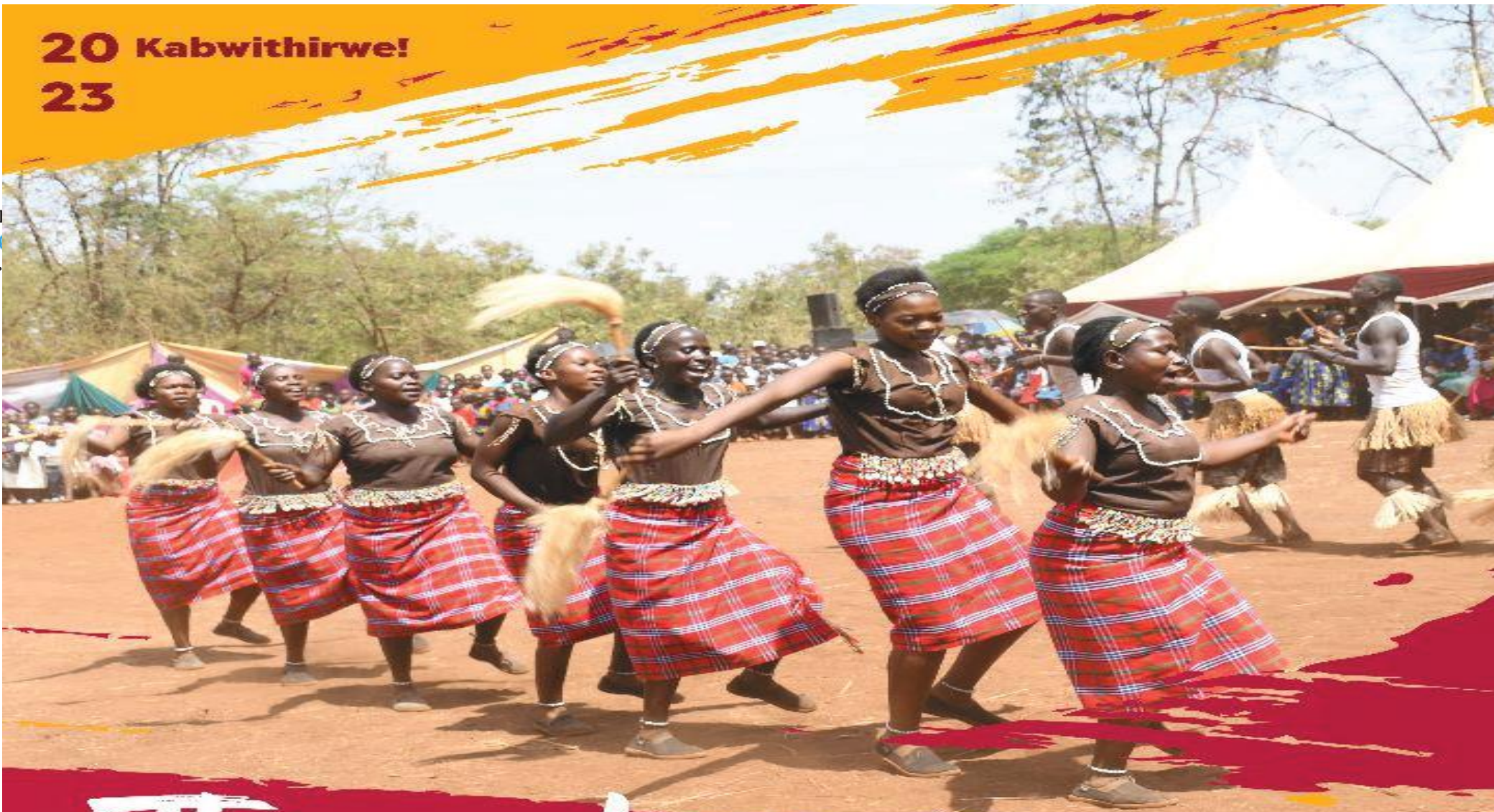
According to Mr. Hassan, the water will not only help maintain general standards of cleanliness in the school but also help the muslim pupils who are majority at 99% and need water for ablution before prayers every day.

Mr. Hassan said that the school has previously faced a lot of water challenges as they depended on water bowsers and most of the time purchasing water, which very expensive.

The school head said that with the availability of water, the school is set to attract more learners.



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Nakuru: Police Intensify Crackdown On Criminal Gangs, Nab Crude Weapons

By: Dennis Rasto

Police in Nakuru are holding in custody 78 more people linked to notorious gangs that have been causing terror in the city in recent weeks.

Confirming the development, Nakuru County Commissioner Loyford Kibaara said among those in custody is a suspected gang leader of Mauki gang, a group police are associating with the Confirm gang, an infamous online fraud group.

Kibaara said the suspected kingpin will face charge, including being a member of an outlawed group, as well as being in possession of crude weapons with the intention to commit a felony.

The weapons, which were displayed at Kaptembwo Police Station, included machetes, knife, blunt metal objects, bows and arrows, hammers and electric Taser, among others.

These arrests follow what the Ad-

ministrator termed as a change of leadership at the Kaptembwo Police Station.

Police have reported that three people have died in a series of intense gang wars involving three gangs; Mungiki, Confirm, Mauki and TZ gangs, following the mysterious murder of a gang leader.

Kibaara expressed concern about the high number of teenagers being recruited into the gangs and urged parents to keenly observe the behavior of their teenage sons' and seek assistance from professional counselors.

He assured residents of Ponda Mali, Top 10, Sewage, Stima Line, Jasho, Posta and Grogon, where the crimes were rampant, that officers who may have colluded with criminals will be identified and punished.

According to Police reports, a total of 380 suspects have been arrested over the past three weeks in sting operations conducted in Nakuru Town West and East Sub-Counties.



Police with crude weapon recovered from gangs.

Four Nabbed While Repackaging Subsidized Fertilizer In Nairobi

Police have arrested four people who were caught repackaging subsidized fertilizer along Nanyuki road in Lungalunga, Nairobi.

According to Regional Police Commander Adamson Bungei, the police acted swiftly after being tipped-off.

During the raid at a godown where the repackaging was taking place, the police also found out that the team was also repackaging relief food in foreign brands.

Bungei says that they seized 1,360 bags of rice and 200 bags of maize that were in the process of being repackaged.

50,000 bags of subsidy fertilizer were also nabbed during the operation.

While speaking to the media, the Regional Commander sounded a warning to all those conducting such illegal activities.

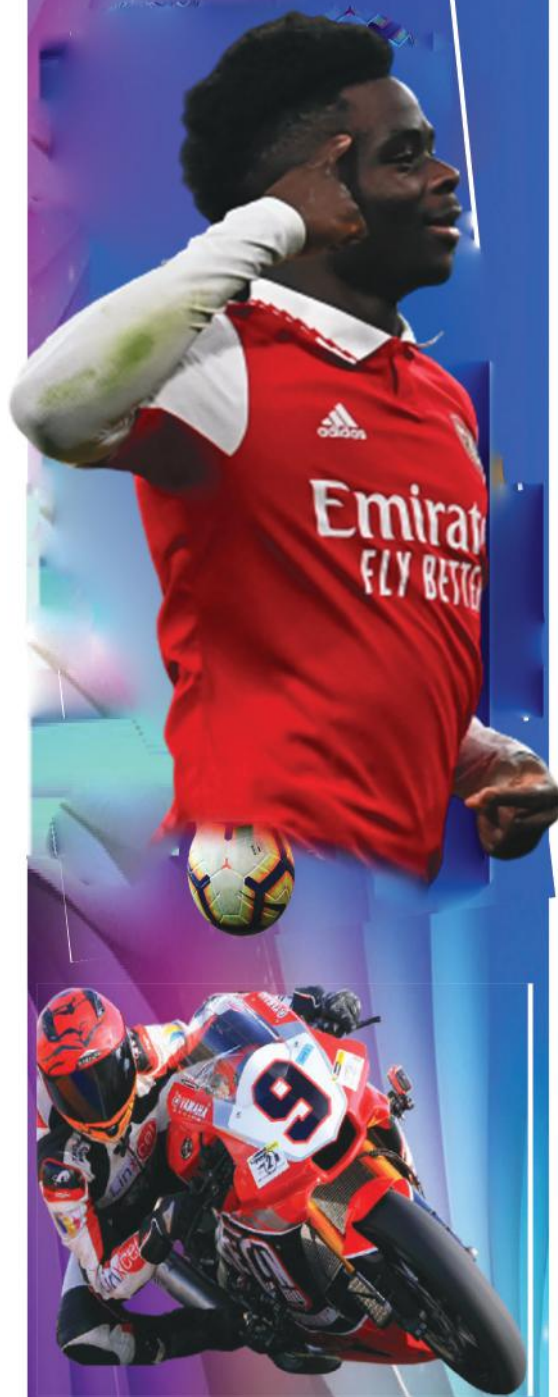
According to Bungei, the DCI officers together with police from the jurisdiction will investigate on the matter to unravel the whole syndicate.

The four suspects will be arraigned in court once the investigations are finalized.



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Messi doesn’t want ‘pressure’ of a Barca return: Xavi



Xavi and Leo Messi .

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said Thursday he understood Lionel Messi’s desire to avoid the “pressure” of a return to the Catalan giants this summer.

Messi, 35, announced Wednesday he will play at American side Inter Miami in Major League Soccer after ending his two-year spell at Paris Saint-Germain.

The Argentine playmaker, a seven-time Ballon d’Or winner, had options to return to the Catalan club where he carved out his legacy, or take a megabucks move to Saudi Arabia.

“He hasn’t had a good time in these two years (in Paris) and now he doesn’t want that type of pressure,” Xavi said on Twitch.

“It’s a personal decision and the circumstances didn’t help,

but the decision is Leo’s and we have to respect it, he’s the best in history.”

Xavi said he had spoken a lot with Messi over the past few months but he noticed “a change” over the past few days.

“Maybe he didn’t see it so clearly, and you have to respect that — many times we don’t put ourselves in the shoes of others, we lack empathy and being Leo can’t be an easy thing,” said Xavi.

“Imagine Messi, in the focus he’s got on him, he’s never got calm, he has to behave perfectly, he has to be perfect on the pitch, he has to be the best in every way.”

Messi, who arrived at Barcelona as a 13-year-old and went on to become the best player in

the club’s history, was forced to leave in 2021 with the club’s financial situation preventing them giving him a new deal.

The forward, who won the World Cup in December 2022 with Argentina, was jeered by PSG fans after the team were eliminated in the Champions League last 16 for the second year running.

“Excitement was generated because we were both talking, we talked a lot, we were all excited — first him, then me and then the club,” added Xavi.

“A lot of the time you want something but the circumstances don’t help, he explained it very well.

“He wants to lower the level of pressure, and if he returned here, it would be straight back

to 10 out of 10.”

Messi said in an interview with Spanish media that he was afraid Barcelona’s economic situation might make a return difficult and he didn’t want to run the risk of reaching the end of the summer without a club.

The player also admitted he was looking forward to enjoying his life more in Miami, while still giving his all to his new side.

“I want to enjoy myself again, spending time with my family, day to day,” said Messi.

“I’m in a moment where I want to go out of the spotlight a bit, think more about my family.”

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CS Ababu during the launch of Toyota’s WRC Safari Rally sponsorship at the Uhuru Highway showroom .

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Sports Cabinet Secretary (CS) Ababu Namwamba Namwamba remarked that Toyota has played an integral part in the history of the Safari winning in 10 editions and treating spectators to some exhilarating displays of racing artistry.

The Yaris is currently being displayed at CFAO Motors (Formerly Toyota Kenya) showroom in Nairobi where customers and rally enthusiasts have savored the opportunity to experience the marque’s World Rally Team livrery.

Speaking during Toyota’s WRC Safari sponsorship launch, The CS revealed that GR Yaris is among the cars that have been considered to spice up the year of milestones.

“On Friday, we have a special event for flagging off the 70th

anniversary celebration and because of the longstanding history of the Toyota brand with the Safari and the Gazoo Racing, we will be having the GR piece as part of that ceremony,” said Namwamba.

He added: “And we are also inviting Team GR to be a part of the celebration in recognition of their appreciation and contribution of Toyota sponsorship.”

“As government, we appreciate partnership with the corporate sector and the partnership with CFAO Motors and now joining the KCB Bank, Safaricom as unique Kenyan brands supporting a uniquely Kenyan event,” Namwamba said.

During the function, CFAO Motors announced its continued sponsorship of the World Rally Championship (WRC) Safari Rally for the third consecutive year.

In 2022, the Toyota GR team achieved a remarkable podium finish, securing the top four positions and marking Toyota’s 10th victory at the Safari Rally.

Building on this success, CFAO

Motors announced a Ksh 32 million sponsorship package towards the 2023 WRC Safari Rally.

As part of the sponsorship, CFAO Motors will provide two Hilux pickups to serve as safety route openers for the 00 car and 000 car, along with additional support services.

“We are thrilled to continue our partnership with the WRC Safari Rally. This event allows us to enhance our GR brand proposition, showcasing the performance of Toyota vehicles to the Kenyan consumer, and promoting our QDR value proposition.”

“We are confident that this sponsorship will further strengthen our position as a market leader,” noted Arvinder Reel, Managing Director, CFAO Motors.

As part of the sponsorship, CFAO Motors will also unveil a range of Toyota models during the rally, some of which will be available for sale.

These models include the Toyota Hilux Pickup – Safari Rally Limited Edition, specially prepped with Toyota Gazoo Rac-

ing kit.

Furthermore, on display at Uhuru Highway showroom, is the replica GR Dakar Hilux T1+ and the GR Corolla hatchback.

The replica GR Dakar Hilux T1+ made its debut in the Dakar Rally in 2022, powered by a 3.5-litre twin-turbo V6 engine, while the GR Corolla hatchback boasts a carbon-fibre roof, bi-LED headlamps, and a power-enhancing triple-pipe exhaust.

In line with Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050, the company has committed to an initiative that is geared towards tackling climate change and contribute towards achieving carbon neutrality.

Through the production of the Corolla Cross range, Toyota has minimized its carbon footprint and prioritized sustainability at every stage, from design to manufacturing and end-of-life recycling programs.

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Alexis Mac Allister. PHOTO/LFC/Twitter.

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Liverpool signed Argentine World Cup winner Alexis Mac Allister from Brighton on Thursday for a fee that could rise to a reported £55 million (Sh9.6bn).

The 24-year-old is the first piece in a midfield rebuild for Liverpool, who finished a disappointing fifth in the Premier League.

“It feels amazing,” said Mac Allister, who is understood to have signed a five-year deal at Anfield. “It’s a dream come true. It’s amazing to be here and I can’t wait to get started.”

“I wanted to be in from the first day of pre-season, so it’s good that everything is done. I’m looking forward to meeting my teammates.”

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Klopp is excited about the arrival of Mac Allister, who reportedly cost an initial fee of £35 million.

Mac Allister will wear the number 10 shirt worn with distinction by past Liverpool stars Sadio Mane, John Barnes and Michael Owen.

“We are adding a very talented, very smart, very technically skilled boy to our squad and this is super news, really it is,” said the German.

“I do not think the football world needs me to say too much about Alexis’s qualities because they are already pretty well known.”

“But it is clear that he is someone who can play in a number of

positions in the midfield and is an all-rounder, I would say. He is calm and composed and someone with proper game intelligence.”

Mac Allister, who made 112 appearances for Brighton, has played 16 times for Argentina, including in the World Cup final victory against France in December.

“Since I won the World Cup, I said that I want to win more trophies and I think that this club will help me to do that,” he said.

“That’s the aim and when you are in a big club like this one you have to win trophies. So, that’s what I want.”

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