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Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka

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# Medical Milestone As KNH Doctors Successfully Transfuse Baby In Mother's Womb

By: ADAH TANUI

Medics at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) are celebrating yet another milestone in foetal medicine

after they successfully transfused a baby while still in the mother's uterus. The highly delicate procedure, known as the Intrauterine Fetal Transfusion, was undertaken by a

team of four doctors who included specialists Dr. Rosa Chemwey, Dr. Flavia Ogutu, and Dr. Ikol Adung'o, as well as Dr. Kunjira Murayi (Interventional Radiologist).

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# Govt To Renovate NCPB Depots In Preparation For Bumper Harvest

The government will soon start repairing National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) depots across the country in preparation for a bumper maize harvest, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, Felix Koskei, has said.

Additionally, Mr. Koskei said the government will repair 36 mobile driers and purchase 70 more as part of the government's efforts towards post-harvest management of farmers' produce.

"In the next two months, shortage of food will be a thing of the past," he said today at the African Inland Church (AIC) Kerotet Local Church, Soy, Uasin Gishu County.

Further, Mr. Koskei said the county and national governments will improve the road network in the North Rift, including opening up feeder roads, so that farmers can transport their produce to

NCPB stores with ease.

"The government will support the farmers from production level all the way to post-harvest management," he said.

Mr. Koskei urged farmers not to be taken advantage of by middlemen and advised them to store their produce at NCPB depots for as long as they wish, as they await favourable market prices.

He called on them to adopt modern farming techniques to maximize returns on their investments.

He said the government will soon roll out the second phase of distribution of the subsidized fertilizer throughout the country.

He was accompanied by Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii, the county's senator, Jackson Mandago, MPs David Kiplagat (Soy), Janet Sitienei (Turbo), and Julius Rutto (Kesses).

Others present were Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) chairman, Caleb Kositany, Chebichii Lelei (CAS nominee, Ministry of East African Community, ASALS and Regional Development), Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) director, Veska Kangogo, CEOs, MDs and a host of elected and appointed leaders.



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service, Felix Koskei.

# CS Kindiki Urges Leaders To Engage In Peaceful Politics

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki has asked the political class from both divides to engage in peaceful politics devoid of violence.

Speaking in Embu, CS Kindiki maintained the Government has no problem with diverse political opinions and persuasions.

"All talks or discussions in the Country must be anchored on one fundamental principle; there will never be violent politics in this Country. All political parties in the Country, whether pro or anti Government, must commit to peaceful politics," he said

The Interior Cabinet Secretary asserted that the Government would not tolerate politicians who use their rights to cause mayhem and anarchy while violating the rights of other citizens through violent protests that lead to death, injury and de-

struction of private and public property.


Kindiki was accompanied by Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire, Senator Alexander Mundigi, MPs John Mukunji, Eric Muchangi, Geoffrey Ruku, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Standards Mary Muthoni.

**Muraya Kamunde**

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki..



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# Embu County Residents Seek Increased Education Bursaries

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Parents and teachers in Embu have called for the enhancement of education bursaries from both the National and county governments to match the prevailing harsh economic times.

They argued that the cost of education remains a significant challenge for many families, especially those at the bottom of the financial pyramid, in providing quality education to their children.

They said the majority of families were struggling to make ends meet with the tough economic times, and it was thus important for both tiers of government to keep increasing the funds, commensurate with the difficult times.

“Things are difficult even for schools, the prices of commodities have gone up as we are now buying supplies close to twice the original budget that we had drawn,” said County Schools Principals Chair Ben

Njue.

He, for instance, said they had budgeted for maize at Sh3, 000 per 90-kilogramme bag that had shot up beyond Sh6, 000, making it hard for them to run their programmes smoothly.

Speaking at Ugweri Grounds in Kagaari South Ward during the issuance of bursaries worth Sh5 million to Secondary Schools and TVET learners by area Member of the County (MCA), Susan Nyaga, Njue, asked the government to consider increasing the capitation given to students, to cushion them from the hard economic times.

Parents said the burden of feeding and educating their children had become too heavy, and the little they were receiving for bursaries was not adequate to lessen the load.

“For sure, what we have received is little, and it is our wish that the funding is increased,” said parent Samuel Njeru.

During the exercise, orphans and those with disabilities received Sh. 10, 000; the most vulnerable received Sh. 5, 500; and the rest of the appli-



Embu's Kagaari South Ward MCA Susan Nyaga issuing bursary cheques at Ugweri grounds last Friday.

cants got Sh2,500.

The MCA regretted that the funding was insufficient to meet the growing number of needy cases but assured that, as leaders, they were committed to continuing to support education in the county.

She said they project to increase ward-based bursaries as the economy improves as well as revenue collection in the county, a commitment that has also been given by Governor Cecily Mbarire.

Each of the 20 Wards received Sh5

million this financial year from the county's bursary kitty of Sh102 million.

# Amnesty International Urges Immediate Action: Safe Houses for Abused Minors Demand Urgent Implementation

By: Elizabeth Angira  
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Amnesty International Executive Director, Irungu Houghton has called for immediate implementation and establishment of safe house for abused minors to protect them from further harm.

Speaking in Kisii County during a meeting with the members, Executive director said that, safe house would be the best solution for the victims so that they cannot get in touch with the perpetrators.

He noted that there is need for more safe houses to be put in operational to shelter the victims.

According to him, without having no safe houses that would still be a challenge in cases of incest where the perpetrators are the survivors' fathers, grandfathers' brothers, uncles and cousins.

“Imagine a parent taking their daughter to the hospital for treatment then later police station, all the coun-



Amnesty International Executive Director Irungu Houghton addressing the media in Kisii county. Photo/Elizabeth Angira.

selling done, and at the end of the day the survivor goes back to the same community or home where the incident occurred, that's doing injustice to the victim,” Irungu said .

The recent conviction of the individuals involved in Baby Sagini's case was praised as a step towards deterring child abuse. Irungu lauded the Kisii Law Courts

for convicting family members who gouged out Baby Sagini's eyes.

The accused persons Alex Maina Ochogo, Pacificah Nyakerario and Rael Nyakerario were sentenced 40,

10 and 5 years respectively for the offence of grievous bodily harm contrary to section 234 of the penal code.

He noted that the Court did justice to baby Sagini, and it was a win for the baby, but a lesson to those with the intent of engaging in any child abuse.

He cited that that is the deterrent way to stop any child abuse in the society. Irungu urged Kisii residents to register and be part of the Amnesty team.

He emphasized there is need for the government to run shelters where everything is done for the survivors as they keep safe and wait for justice to be served.

He attributed the lack of safe houses across the region to a lack of seriousness when it comes to handling SGBV cases.

His sentiments were echoed by Kisii County Amnesty International Chapter Chair Henry, said that the county is ready to move on matters of human rights and advocacy.

Henry calls for national and county government to collaborate to reduce any formal of child abuse in the community.

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# Funds Disbursed For Thika Children’s Rescue Centre Facelift

By: Hellen Lunalo  
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State Department of Social Protection Principal Secretary Joseph Motari

Worth Noting:

- “We have noted that the facility, which shelters more than 800 neglected and orphaned children, has been in a state of neglect for quite a long time. I, however, absolve the management of the institution from any blame as the condition of the home is as a result of underfunding in the past. We are rectifying the situation by taking over the renovation of the facility such that the children who reside here can have a wonderful place to call home,” he said.
- The PS stated that the government was committed to the advancement of social protection for all Kenyans, especially the marginalised and vulnerable, like children and the elderly.

Great progress has been made in the project of giving Thika Children’s Rescue Centre a facelift following the disbursement of funds by the State Department for Social Protection. Speaking during a visit to the home to check the renovations progress, State Department of Social Protection Principal Secretary Joseph Motari said that the objective of the project was to make the home more habitable and friendly for the children. “We have noted that the facility, which shelters more than 800 neglected and orphaned children, has been in a state of neglect for quite a long time. I, however, absolve the management of the institution from any blame as the condition of the home is as a result of underfunding in the past. We are rectifying the situation by taking

over the renovation of the facility such that the children who reside here can have a wonderful place to call home,” he said. The PS stated that the government was committed to the advancement of social protection for all Kenyans, especially the marginalised and vulnerable, like children and the elderly. “We commend the teachers and management of the institution for the great work they have been doing with the little they have been given. Most of the issues they have been experiencing have been as a result of financial difficulties, and we plan to address this with immediate effect. Great changes will be made, and we will start by constructing a perimeter wall around the institution for security purposes. The facility will also be painted, and ad-

ditionally, the roofs, classrooms, and damaged furniture will be repaired as well. Water tanks will also be installed to ensure that the institution maintains the required standards of hygiene necessary for a place of such magnitude,” said Motari. Plans are also underway for the construction of a public rehabilitation centre on the land to facilitate the reintegration of the youth who struggle with substance abuse issues, as the current rehabilitation centres available in the area are all privately owned and have proven expensive for the rescue centre. Speaking to the press during the launch of the renovation process, centre Manager Wycliffe Watibini expressed gratitude and lauded the move saying it was long overdue.

“The facility is quite large, seeing as it is on 25 acres of land. A lot of the buildings are rundown and require repair or replacement, a venture that was difficult for us as we did not have the resources needed for this kind of overhaul. I’m glad to say that this is now in the past and in the coming months the children will have a favourable environment for them to call home, that will also be conducive to their studies,” he said. The renovation project is in line with the government’s social protection agenda of ensuring that all Kenyans live in dignity and exploit their human capabilities for their own social and economic development.

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# CJ Koome Launches Two Separate Environment And Land Court Divisions

By: Our Reporter  
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Chief Justice Martha Koome .

## Worth Noting:

- She observed that the climate crisis, escalating with each passing day, has thrust new, unprecedented challenges upon the world and people are grappling with environmental degradation, floods, heatwaves, droughts, and a myriad other climate change-induced adversity.
- Climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience have risen to the forefront of global and national discourse.
- “Additionally, these issues find their way to the courts, bringing with them complex questions of law, science, and policy. It is these challenges that the ‘Environment & Planning Division’ will bravely face,” she emphasised.
- She urged judges of the ELC to bear in mind that their mandate is to not only interpret and apply the law, but also protect and conserve our natural heritage.

Chief Justice Martha Koome has launched two specialised divisions of the Environment and Land Court (ELC) – The Environment & Planning Division and the Land Division.

Speaking during the opening of the ELC Annual Judges Conference, the CJ said the establishment of the divisions is in response to the changing needs and demands of the society, which faces unprecedented challenges and opportunities in relation to land and the environment.

“Since it was operationalised over 11 years ago, the ELC has determined cases involving complex and diverse matters pertaining to environment and land, thereby contributing to sustainable development, social harmony and peaceful co-existence in our communities,” said the Chief Justice.

She added that the establishment of the ELC as a superior court by the 2010 Constitution was due to the desire by Kenyans to create a specialised court that could address the unique and complex dynamics of land and environmental matters.

“Today, as we inaugurate these two new divisions, our commitment to efficiency, access to justice, and specialised handling of these matters is redoubled,” said CJ Koome.

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“Our commitment to ecological justice extends beyond individual cases

to encompass the broader mandate of environmental stewardship. As we do this, we must remember that we are not just delivering justice in individual cases but building a legacy for generations to come,” said the CJ.

The Chief Justice said the Land Division will help to ensure that land disputes are resolved fairly and expeditiously, while the Environment and Planning Division will help to ensure that Kenya’s environmental resources are protected for the benefit of all Kenyans.

Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu said the launch of the new divisions of the ELC as well as their User Operation Guidelines is a welcome development and it speaks to growth of the court, the vision and determination of its leadership, and most importantly, the fantastic work being done by its judges across the country.

“The theme of this year’s conference, ‘Enhancing Specialisation and Efficiency in the Delivery of Environment and Land Justice’ is thus especially apt. I urge you, throughout

your deliberations, to link strongly to the institutional vision, Social Transformation Through Access to Justice (STAJ),” said DCJ Mwilu.

Lands Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru said his ministry is working on modalities to enable it cooperate and collaborate closely with the Environment and Land court to ensure efficiency in the management and resolution of environmental and land matters.

The President of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Eric Theuri underscored the importance of the creation of the two divisions of the court saying they will go a long way in resolving environment and land matters.

“It is not just a matter of legal rights and titles; it is the foundation upon which livelihoods, identities, and traditions are built. This court, through its specialized jurisdiction, plays a pivotal role in resolving disputes concerning land ownership, land use, and conservation,” said Theuri.

# Kalonzo To Lead Azimio In Talks With Kenya Kwanza Team

By: IRENE MWANGI

Azimio La Umoja Coalition has appointed a five member delegation team led by Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka to engage in dialogue with their counterparts in the Kenya Kwanza Alliance Coalition.

The Musyoka-led team will include Minority Leader in the National Assembly Opiyo Wandayi, Malindi MP Amina Mnyanzi, Democratic Action Party Leader Eugene Wamalwa and Nyamira Senator Okongo Omogeni respectively.

This comes after former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo brokered a pact between President Ruto and Azimio leader Raila Odinga to facilitate a ten-member team to hold talks aimed at ending the social, economic and political situation facing Kenyans.

In a statement, the Opposition Coalition stated that the team will be required to engage in dialogue on four thematic areas which include ways

to lower the escalating cost of life and the audit of 2022 presidential elections.

Others include the bipartisan reconstitution of Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and Inclusivity in national affairs and respect for political parties in line with the Constitution.

“Our position remains that no party to these negotiations can claim a right to determine for the other what to raise and what not to raise. Azimio will respect Kenya Kwanza’s right to bring all its issues to the table. We expect Kenya Kwanza to do the same with our issues,” the statement read.

The President William Ruto bandwagon is yet to appoint a team to represent them in the deliberations aimed at unlocking the stalemate between the two opposing sides with Azimio indicating that the talks should begin tomorrow.

Both sides were required to appoint a five member team; two Members of Parliament, two members from outside Parliament and the leader of the parliamentary leadership.



Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

# Government Launches Higher Education Financing Portal



Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu.

Government Monday launched an application portal for loans and scholarships

under the New Universities and Colleges Funding Mode.

Since the Presidential directive on the roll out the

New Funding Model, the Government has developed and completed the Higher Education Financing Portal, to

receive applications for both Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries for University and TVET

students.

Speaking during the launch at the Kenya School of Government in Kabete, Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu said all new students who require funding for higher education will now have to

make formal online requests through the higher education financing portal [www.hef.co.ke](http://www.hef.co.ke).

Machogu said through the new model, the government will fully cater for education costs of vulnerable and extremely needy students who comprise 29 per cent of the student population joining university and TVETs this year through government scholarships, loans and bursaries.

He has directed Vice-Chancellors and Principals to ensure letters of admission are released by 2nd August, 2023 to allow students to apply for loans and bursaries in good time.

“It is now my pleasure to announce that the Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries application platform is now ready for use. I therefore direct Vice-Chancellors and Principals to ensure letters of admission are released by 2nd August, 2023. This will allow students to apply for loans and bursaries from 3rd August, 2023 to the midnight of 27th August, 2023.” Said the CS.

Similarly, CS Machogu has urged students to ensure they stick to the

set timelines to ensure speedy processing of scholarships and loans since most Universities are preparing to admit First Year students in September.

The CS noted that the new model introduces a student-centred funding model rather than block funding to institutions.

“Fundamentally, grants/scholarships will now be awarded on a need basis just like loans have been awarded in the past. In the New Funding Model, all Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries will have to be Means Tested for each loan applicant.” He added.

Consequently, funding to students will be funded according to their level of need level and programme cost.

One other key highlight of this new model is that the Government delinked the process of placement of students to higher learning institution from funding with effect from the 2023/2024 Placement Cycle.

# A Great Friendship Pt 2



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There was no one of like mind, Jonathan thought ( 1 Samuel)— until he encountered David. He could not believe his ears as David called out to the giant: “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head . . . and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give all of you into our hands.” (17:45-47)

Then David ran full-speed at Goliath and nailed him right between the eyes! Blood-smeared David stood holding the great gory head, talking calmly with Jonathan’s father, Saul. At last Jonathan had found someone whose heart was in tune with his — a friend. What followed was the flowering of a deep male friendship, one of the most celebrated friendships in all of literature. As such, it provides the essential elements and wisdom for all genuine friendships.

The initial element in Jonathan and David’s great friendship was mutuality of soul. As the account so plainly states, “After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David” (18:1). Literally, “The soul of Jonathan bound itself to the soul of David.”<sup>4</sup> Jonathan saw that David viewed life from the same divine perspective (God is sovereign and does as He pleases, and all of life is to be lived for Him). And when he saw this, his soul reflexively clung to David’s. Here was a man whose heart beat with his!



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*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*

# Machakos County Distributes Sh81.5 Million Agricultural Inputs To Farmers

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Machakos County, in partnership with the World Bank, has launched the distribution of Agricultural inputs worth Sh81.5 million that will go to 367 farmer groups to elevate the agricultural production capacity within Machakos County.

The exercise is set to benefit 10,000 households within Kathetheni, Masii, Ikombe, Kola, and Kalama wards.

Speaking during the launch at her office, Governor Wavinya Ndeti said her government is mobilising all the available resources to ensure the farmers recover from the effects of the drought.

“To improve agricultural production, my government has initiated a number of projects, including the “Maziwa na Mali” initiative, which aims at increasing dairy milk production among farmers,” pointed out Wavinya.

The Governor further added that a com-

munity development-driven approach has been used to deliver the projects, where the communities identify their needs and develop an action plan for addressing the said needs.

She noted that the agricultural inputs included 50, 307 one-month-old indigenous chicks, 3 incubator units, 61 Sahiwal yearling cows, 1,725 goats, 1,827 assorted fertiliser bags, 437 wheelbarrows, 1,444 bags of chick feed, 540 Ox-drawn ploughs, 1,293 pieces of iron sheets, and 1,263 multi-story gardens.

Wavinya urged the Committee managing the grants to ensure transparency and accountability in handling the resources on behalf of the people of Machakos and the farmers to use the inputs provided to increase crop and livestock productivity.

She added that three farmers’ Cooperatives have been funded to start processing their farm produce.

Earlier in April, Governor Wavinya embarked on an empowerment programme for farmers by issuing cheques worth Sh138,180,837 million to facilitate the procurement of farm inputs to promote production in Machakos County. She expressed optimism that the noble



Machakos County governor Wavinya Ndeti flagging off the farm inputs.

gesture would spur higher yields and ensure the needed food security among groups and individual farmers by boosting productivity and creating wealth in

the county. Wavinya implored Machakos residents to exploit the available opportunities in crop production, fish farming, and dairy

production to increase production by using the established channels, including the extension services.

# KK, Azimio Bipartisan Talks: Ruto Walking The Talk



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President William Ruto (left) and opposition Azimio leader Raila Odinga (right).

## Worth Noting:

- The duo agreed to form a 10-member committee which will comprise five from each side; three sitting lawmakers and two drawn from outside parliament.
- The statement released by Azimio communicating what transpired would put more emphasize on this issue. This meeting had been convened by the mediator, the former President of Nigeria, and he will steer the talks moving forward.
- This resonated well with Azimio leader Raila Odinga who was burning midnight oil casting a picture that Kenya was on a verge of collapse.
- 'We are staring at a full blown crisis'. Raila would use this phrase to call on the international community to move with speed and save our country.

The latest media reports indicate that the piling pressure mounted by the international community on President William Ruto and Azimio La Umoja-OKA party leader Raila Odinga to each cede hardline stance have started to bear fruits.

The governments of United States of America, United Kingdom and other powerful nations within European Union (EU) are said to have settled on former Nigerian President Olesugun Obasanjo to mediate talks and dialogue aimed at reconciling the two rival leaders.

Obasanjo reportedly held the first meeting with Dr Ruto and Raila a few days ago at a Coastal Hotel in Mombasa during which the duo agreed to kick starts the process.

Sources further indicated in what was seen as heeding the call of chief mediator they attended without thier respective hardliners it tows.

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'We are staring at a full blown crisis'. Raila would use this phrase to call on the international community to move with speed and save our country.

Raila knows the world will respond because Kenya is a gate-way to Africa. If Kenya burns, this would badly jeopardize and affect the community's diverse

interests in Africa.

This is one of the key political cards that keep Raila going.

He used in the aftermath of 2007 and 2017 general elections, respectively, and he had his way.

He forced President Mwai Kibaki and his successor Uhuru Kenyatta to share the government with him on 50-50 basis.

So for him, losing an election is not a big issue.

He had mastered the art of using short-cuts and back-doors to join the government.

This would leave the government of the day with no option other than to raise more monies from Kenyans to fund his office and that of his appointees.

This would indeed cast the international community in bad light.

If they truly believe in democracy and rule of law, you would not expect them to support a person who has lost an election.

You had dispatched elections observers to monitor 2022 General Election that catapulted Dr William Ruto to power.

As observers, you gave the polling exercise a clean bill of health in your final separate reports.

The electoral body, the IEBC, conducted the elections in full compliance with relevant provisions of the constitution and other laws of the land.

So, we submit the outcome reflected the sovereign and popular will of Kenyans, the reports noted.

Raila's petition at the Supreme Court would also not see the light of the day.

The judges, in a unanimous decision, dismissed the petition on ground of lack of evidence.

Noting that Raila and his running mate Martha Karua were not able to prove any of the prayers, the apex court consequently upheld the victory of Dr Wil-

liam Ruto.

So, why would the international community listen or support the agenda of a loser?

Yes, they can argue it is because Raila is still commanding a critical mass of Kenyans.

The turnouts in the anti-government demonstrations he has so far held can attest to this.

But is this the best way to deal with this recurring problem.

Here we have been treating symptoms but not the real ailment.

For how will this continue?

Kenya is not a banana republic. It is a country governed by the constitution and rule of law.

Since he assumed office, President William Ruto has been rooting for rule of law and tenets of democracy.

But for now it seems he is in a catch-22 situation. He is damned if he does, he is damned if he doesn't.

Can he manage to overcome the world pressure and flex his muscles?

That is if what Azimio is telling us is true. President is yet to confirm that Obasanjo have been picked to mediate him with Raila.

After media reported about the Mombasa meeting, the president stated.

Yes, I had a meeting with him (he never mentioned Raila by the name). He also never mentioned the name of former Nigeria President Obasanjo.

This left no doubt that the President does not believe the crisis in Kenya had reached to a point of bringing foreigners to mediate us. Washing our dirty linen in the eyes of international community does not augur well.

This strategy is designed to destroy our economy because the investors would fear investing in a country portrayed as troubled and unstable.

Dr Ruto vowed that as the President

he is committed to ensure that no more loss of lives and destruction of properties would be witnessed again in Kenya.

This explains why we are having the conversations.

I want to tell them (read opposition brigade) particularly their defacto leader that we cannot continue to stoop this low.

It is totally wrong for leader worth salt to set a stage for chaotic and anarchic scenes. The endgame is to cause deaths of innocent people and destroy people's businesses and properties.

This is because you want to achieve your selfish and personal interests by all means.

Back to the international community, we have heard they were also looking for business opportunities in Kenya.

This seems to be true. If not, you would not expect them to turn deaf ear to virtues of democracy, constitution and constitutionalism in Kenya.

This is my unsolicited advise to President Ruto.

If it turns out the pressure is so intense and strong, you should not cave in to all their dictations.

Many people believe that one of Azimio leader's main demands is to compel you to share the government with them.

If the leaders of Western capital push you to do this, I would expect you to stood your ground and handle this matter with caution.

One of the things that you should bear in mind is. You are now having conversations with your enemies. These are people-Raila and his brigade-who never believed in your leadership. They have not changed.

Initially, the endgame of thier 'Plan A' that started with demonstrations was to prepare the ground for a popular civilian uprising that would topple you and your administration.

They later realized you are not a push-over. You are a hard nut to crack. So, they end up surrendering.

For now, they have retreated to 'Plan B'. Like a Proverbial Ostrich, they are looking for ways of getting thier head inside your house.

Remember this is happening when you are serving the first term. I'm sure you want to do your 10. You don't want to go down into anal of history as a one-term president.

Mr President, I know you are a well-schooled politician and leader.

I'm sure you are privy to this part of history. Both Kibaki and Uhuru caved in to Raila's machinations in the second term. I wish you well.

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## Parent- Child Conflict



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### Worth Noting:

- One studied the changes in children's and parents' expectations for each other that take place during adolescence and how "violations" of these expectations can cause family conflict. Indeed, different members of the family have different views of parent-adolescent conflict and are differentially affected by it. A child may enter adolescence expecting that it will be a time of great freedom, for example, whereas the parents may view the same period as one in which tighter reins are necessary.
- Differences in expectations about what adolescence is going to be like can escalate into arguments and misunderstandings; in fact, differences in developmental expectations are associated with relatively more conflict in the parent-adolescent relationship. Mismatches in developmental expectations are highest during early adolescence, with views beginning to converge over time.

Of all of the interpersonal transitions that take place in the family during adolescence, conflict between parents and teens has received the lion's share of attention from scholars and parents alike. Despite firmly held popular notions and pervasive media portrayals of conflict as the hallmark of family relations during this period, research has clearly established that frequent, high-intensity, angry fighting is not normative during adolescence (Steinberg, 1990).

Also, parents and adolescents, in contrast to popular views, do not hold widely conflicting views about important political, social, or religious matters. Even in periods of political and social upheaval, most arguments between teens and their parents have revolved around the mundane issues of daily life such as chores, attire, and curfew (Montemayor, 1983). Thus, although fighting is not a central feature of normative family relationships in adolescence, nattering or bickering is.

Many of the frustrations associated with parent-adolescent conflict may be related less to the content of the conflict and more to the manner in which conflict is typically resolved. Conflicts between teenagers and parents tend to be resolved not through compromise but through submission (i.e., giving in) or disengagement (i.e., walking away), neither of which enhances the quality of their relationship or the adolescent's problem-solving abilities.

Adolescents whose parents model constructive conflict resolution are able to resolve conflict with their

peers more productively, suggesting that family conflict has the potential to teach adolescents important conflict-resolution skills. Data indicating that parent-adolescent conflict is not typically resolved through constructive means suggest that most parents and teenagers are missing important opportunities to facilitate the adolescent's ability to resolve conflicts in other arenas.

Researchers have explored how changes in the adolescent's social-cognitive abilities may affect parent-adolescent conflict. As noted earlier, changes in the ways adolescents view family rules and regulations may contribute to increased conflict over the jurisdiction of particular issues. Research also indicates that early adolescence is a time of changes in youngsters' views of family relationships and in family members' expectations of each other.

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Researchers have attempted to chart the trajectory of parent-child conflict as youngsters develop from middle childhood through late adolescence, although making sense out of this literature has been difficult owing to variations in the ways researchers operationalize both conflict and development. Until recently, it was widely assumed that parent-child conflict followed the course of an inverted U-shaped curve across the adolescent period.

However, although current research provides solid evidence that mild conflict does in fact increase in early adolescence, there is debate about the trajectory of conflict in middle and late adolescence. A meta-analysis of studies of parent-adolescent conflict failed to support the commonly held view that parent-child conflict rises and then falls across adolescence.

The results of the meta-analysis suggest that we may need to consider both frequency and affective intensity of conflict in attempting to chart its trajectory accurately. The analysis indicated a linear decline in conflict rate and total conflict with age, but an increase in conflict affect with both age and pubertal maturation. Thus the curvilinear pattern in conflict reported by some investigators may be the result of a blurring of distinctions between conflict frequency (which may decline) and conflict intensity (which

may rise). Also unclear is the extent to which changes in rate or intensity of conflict are associated with pubertal change as opposed to age.

It is also likely that families differ from one another in their patterns of conflict during adolescence. The largest group of families was "frequent squabblers"; they reported high rates of conflict, but of relatively mild intensity. A smaller group of families, labeled placid, reported that conflicts were rare. In sum, intense and frequent conflict is not normative during adolescence; however, bickering or nattering over mundane issues such as chores, curfews, clothing, or rules and regulations appears to be fairly typical in the households of teenagers and their parents.

Much of this conflict can be understood as an outgrowth of adolescents' cognitive maturation, particularly their realization of the subjectivity of social convention. Additionally, conflicts often center around violations of both adolescents' and parents' expectations for each other.

Such conflicts are typically resolved through submission or disengagement rather than negotiation compromise, often leaving the involved parties dissatisfied and irritated as a result. Conflict appears to decrease in frequency from early to middle adolescence, although it increases in intensity during this same period. Future research is needed to clarify the trajectory of parent-adolescent conflict throughout the adolescent years.

# Medical Milestone As KNH Doctors Successfully Transfuse Baby In Mother's Womb

By: ADAH TANUI

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They were assisted by Nurses Mr. Benson Nyankuru, Ms. Redempata Mumo, and a reproductive Health Clinical Officer – Mr. Tony Wainaina.

An intrauterine transfusion is a procedure in which red blood cells from a donor are injected into the fetus. Intrauterine transfusion may be recommended when a fetus has anemia (low red blood cell count).

Using ultrasound to determine the position of the fetus and placenta, the surgeon inserts a needle into the mother's abdomen and then into the umbilical vein or the fetus' abdomen.

Red blood cells that are compatible with the fetus' blood type are passed through the needle into the fetus.

Fetal transfusions may need to be repeated every few weeks until the fetus is ready to be born.

The mother is given antibiotics, local

anesthesia, and IV sedation, which also sedates the fetus.

The fetus may be given additional medication to stop movement.

According to Dr. Chemwey, out of the four pregnancies, the mother only had one successful delivery.

"The mother only has one baby, the last two died of a blood complication known as hemolytic disease of the newborn," she said while referring to the disease where a baby's red blood cells break down quickly.

"We are indeed very determined to ensure this particular pregnancy succeeds. We hope for positive outcomes. This baby is 25 weeks, three days old," said Dr Chemwey.

She said the baby had severe anemia because the baby was 'rhesus allo-immunized' a situation in pregnancy when the maternal red blood cells (RBCs) lacking the rhesus antigen are exposed to rhesus-positive red blood cells through the placenta leading to the activation of the maternal immune system.

"So the mum's antibodies destroy the



*Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH).*

baby's blood, which then develops into anaemia over time," she went on. According to the specialists, the transfusion procedure takes between 30min to an hour.

"We transfused between 80-100mls of packed red cells. This blood is special as it is Onegative Leucoreduced, hemoconcentrated, CMV negative,

and irradiated to make it very safe for the baby,' she said.

Kenyatta National Hospital Chief Executive Officer Dr. Evanson Kamuri hailed the KNH team for another milestone.

"This is foetal medicine and an institutional landmark. We have attained yet another achievement in fulfilling

our mandate as a top premier referral hospital."

"I'd like to thank the team of doctors and those assisting them for the splendid work done.

This confirms that we have the very best medics here at KNH."

# Resolve The Matter And Report Back To Senate, Nyeri Governor And A Petitioner Advised

By: PSCU

The Senate Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations has advised the Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga and an aggrieved petitioner to resolve their matter before escalating it to the Senate.

The Nyeri Governor who appeared before the committee said he was unaware of the grievances facing the petitioner prompting the committee to give them an opportunity to iron out the issue and report back to the Senate within three weeks.

The petitioner, Mr. Julius Wairiuko Wanjohi had claimed that he was employed by then Ministry of Education as a Carpentry Instructor II and posted in Kiaguthu Youth Polytechnic in Othaya constituency in Nyeri.

He added that following the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution and the advent of devolution, the Youth Polytechnic Training function was subsequently transferred to the County Governments.

"As a result, all the staff who were in the Counties and performing devolved functions were deemed seconded to continue providing services," he said in his petition.

Wairiuko however pointed out that although a resolution was made in 2015 to absorb them on permanent and pensionable basis, several counties implemented that resolution save for the Nyeri County Government.

The petitioner therefore pleaded with the Senate to intervene and recommend that the County Government of Nyeri to implement the resolution as required and compensate him for the period between 30th June, 2015 to date.

The governor agreed with the Sen-



*Governor Mutahi Kahiga explaining a point before a senatorial committee*

ate's directive to meet with the petitioner and try and resolve the matter and report back to the Senate in three

weeks' time. The committee further directed the petitioner to furnish the gover-

nor with all documentary evidence of their employment at the defunct ministry.

## Clever Princess



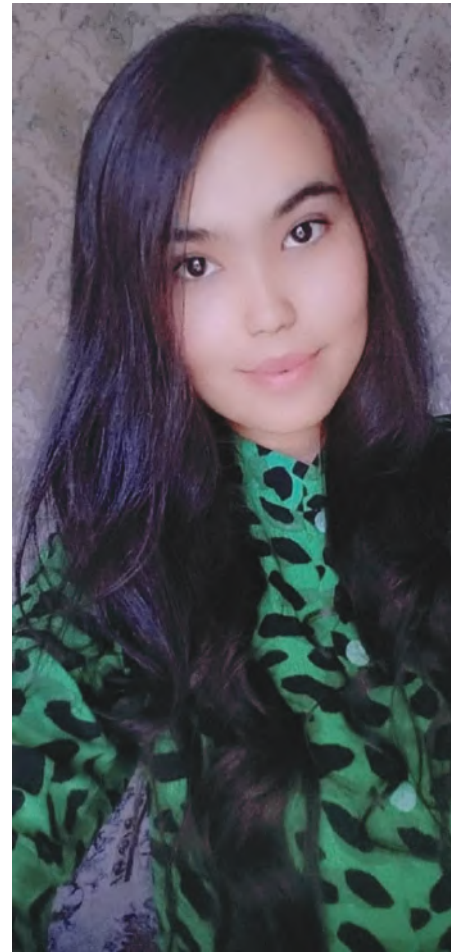
Once there was a princess who was very beautiful. She has many lovers. The princess's father was very jealous of her daughter. He did not allow the princess to go outside. When the princess turned 17, her father allowed her to sit in front of the window and look at the scenery. Because she did not see outside. She was very upset. One day, when the princess was looking outside, a young man fainted at the sight of her. Next day another man saw her and he also fainted. The princess was very upset to see this situation. She thought that she was very ugly.

The third day, a young man fainted after seeing the princess too. Many young men who saw her from the window fell in love with her.

Then the princess made a condition. Who brings the best thing within six months, I will marry that person. All three young men set off in search of the best thing. The first boy took a magic mirror. The second boy took a magic carpet. The third boy took an apple. Then the princess chose third man. Because you can return the mirror and the carpet, but you can't return the bitten apple, said the princess.

Zuhra Ruziyeva was born on April 18, 2002 in Kattakurgon district of Samarkand region. In the 2018-2019 academic year she graduated the lyceum TATU located in Tashkent with excellent grades. In 2020, she was enrolled to Yeju Technical Institute in Tashkent. Currently, Zuhra is a 3rd year of student of Primary Education at the Yeju Technical Institute in Tashkent.

## Little Angel..



- Well, let him die without drinking, instead of putting you in this situation, wouldn't it be possible to break his legs?

- Don't curse him, he won't be able to walk if his legs are broken.

The boy stared hopefully at the door. If his father came in now, he was ready to throw himself on his lap and hug him tightly. Not the cursed one, whose eyes were filled with blood and brutally beaten two hours ago, but he once carried him on his shoulders and he finally wanted to see his lover, who led him to the store and bought him cars. His father is not there, he did not come. After losing hope, he called the detective who was standing on the corner.

- Uncle, please don't arrest my father, he is a very good person. You will see that he will be a good father again as before. Because I will become an angel and always pray for him.

The experienced officer, who had seen various crimes, could not stop himself. The boy's life was cut off before he promised the boy with tears in his eyes...

However, the law takes precedence over any promises. Taking into account the fact that he has a family and other children, a lighter punishment was given. The father could not bear this sin and committed suicide several times in prison. They did not punish him for it.

I turned to the mother who told me this story with tears in her eyes:

- Your husband got out of prison, has he stopped drinking?

He sighed deeply, showing a smiling photo of his sweet 6-year-old son in his hand, his voice trembled and answered...

- Yes, he gave justice, but in order for adults to understand, is it necessary to multiply such angels? My child entered his father's dreams many times...

Saidova Sevinch Nasullayevna was born on 07.07.2004, in Gijduvan district of Bukhara region, now I am a 2nd year student of Bukhara State University.

He was brought to the hospital in a serious condition. His internal organs were also ruptured from the strong blows. The doctors could not find out who did this until the police officers arrived. The mother, who was crying on top of the child, was punching her chest, but it was clear from her eyes that she was hiding something. The child was connected to an artificial respiration machine and was on the verge of dying. Only then did the woman begin to tell the truth.

- When they came to drink, I was in the kitchen, Akmaljon was playing in the corridor. As a young child, he asked for money for ice cream, not knowing what condition his father was in.

Unfortunately, his condition worsened. The doctors provided all the help they could, but the injuries were so severe that the doctors were helpless. They brought the mother in to say goodbye to her child. Pib slowly opened his eyes after hearing the sound of his crying mother. He removed the artificial respiration device from his mouth and began to speak.

"Dude, I didn't ask for ice cream, I asked for money for medicine. You said you had a heart attack. So...

He began to breathe heavily. But he stopped the hurrying doctors and explained with a sign that he wanted to tell them what he had to say.

- Don't cry, my father doesn't drink anymore.

## Young Reader



culture, Arts and Peace" of Egypt, the organization "Iqra Foundation" of Pakistan, the international organizations "Juntos por las Letras" of Argentina were awarded with membership certificates.

Her poems were published in international newspapers "Kenya times", "Red times" published in Thailand, USA, Canada, Australia, India. Holder of national certificate in mother tongue and literature.

CEFR B2 (55, writing 65) in foreign language (English).

She is a member and active participant of the "Mahorat School" journalist club, recognized as a poetess of this school, and her poems are regularly published in "Tumaris Avlodi" magazine.

Ph.D., Associate Professor Salomat Matkarimova is conducting scientific research on the topic "Analysis of images in the stories of the epic "Saddi Iskandari".

Otanazarova Shodiya Azambek kizi was born on September 29, 2003 in Kushkupir district of Khorezm region. Urganch State University Faculty of Philology, Philology and language teaching; Uzbek language, 2nd level student.

Author of more than 15 popular scientific articles.

The Minister of Public Education for winning the prize in the science of mother tongue and literature at the IV republic stage of the Science Olympiada held among students of general education schools, academic lyceums and vocational schools in the 2021 academic year Awarded by Sherzod Shermatov. The neighborhood was awarded with diplomas and souvenirs for taking the 1st place in the sector and city stage, and the 3rd place in the regional stage of the "Young Reader" competition within the framework of the Five Initiative Olympiada among the youth of the neighborhood.

She became a member of the international organization "All India Council for Technical Skill Development" of India and received a membership certificate.

The organization "Creative Forum for

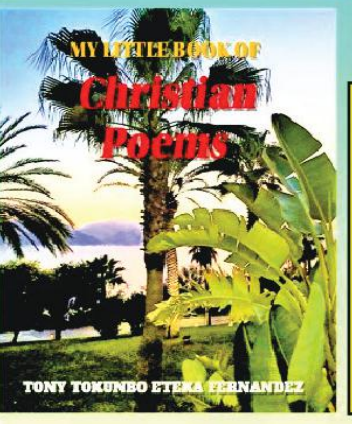
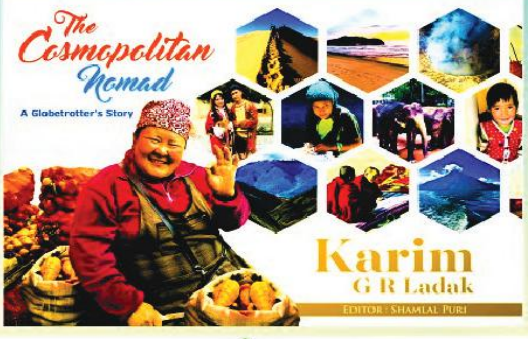
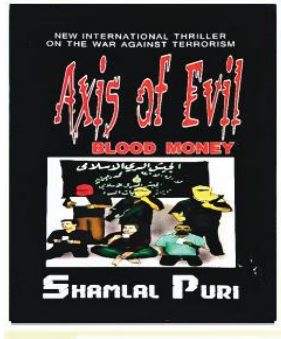
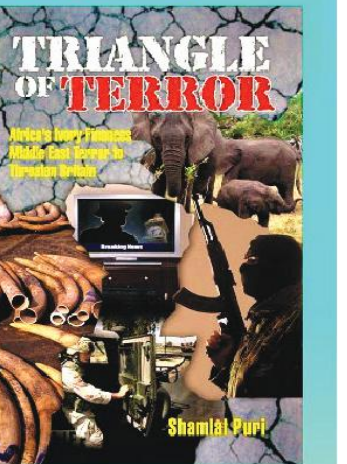
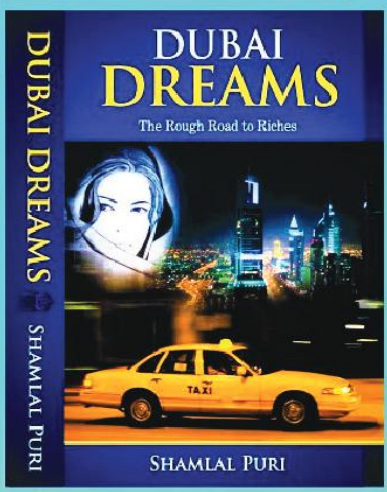
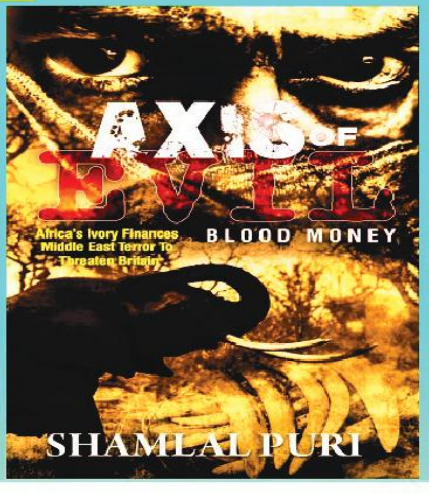
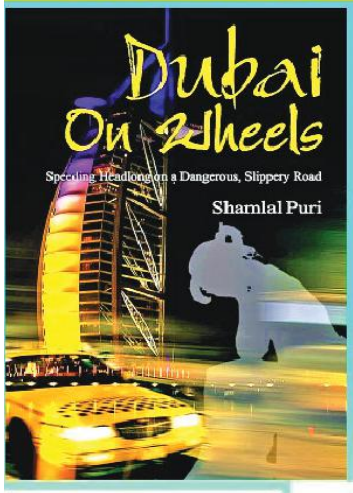
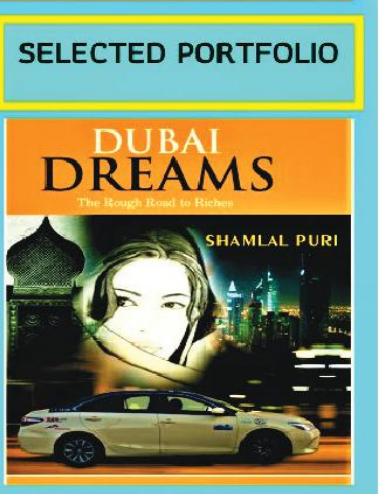
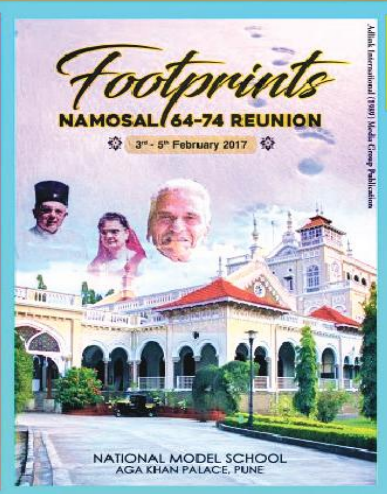
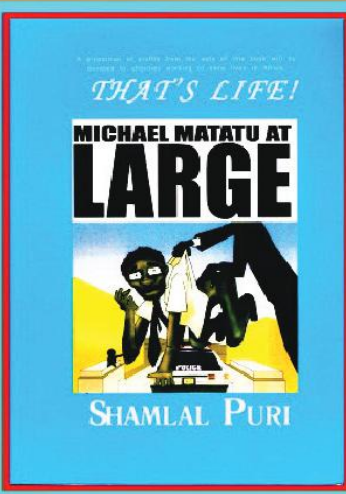
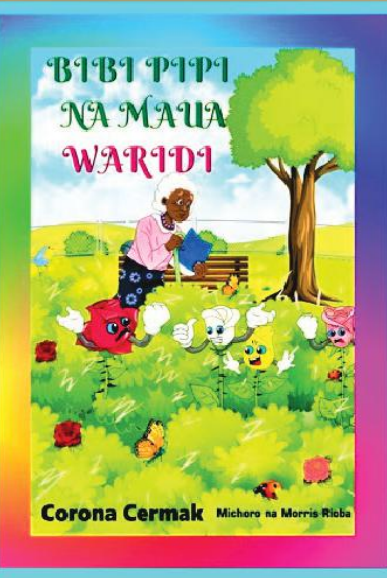
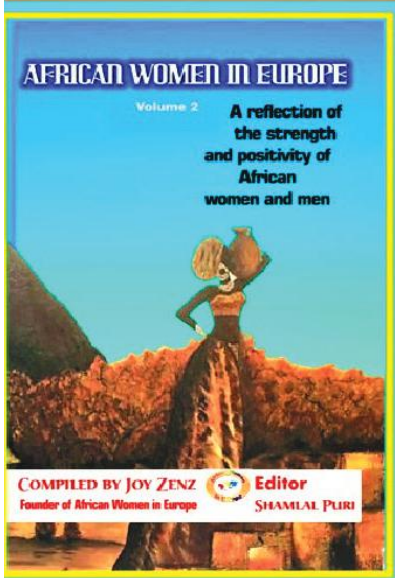
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# BUSINESS

## State Invests Sh2bn In Modernizing New KCC

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The government has spent Sh2 billion towards the modernization of the New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC) factories across the country, the Managing Director (MD), Nixon Sigei, has said.

Sigei said the multi-billion shilling modernization programme has increased dairy production from Sh2.5 billion to Sh4.5 billion, increasing the income for dairy farmers who deliver their milk to New KCC factories.

He was speaking at the Eldoret New KCC factory, where he hosted the National Assembly's Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives.

The 10-member committee members, led by their Chairman, James Gakuya, were on a two-day tour of the new KCC factories in the North Rift region.



New KCC Managing Director Nixon Sigei with parliamentarians at the Eldoret factory.

Among those accompanying the Chair were Marianne Kitany (MP Alda) and her Keiyo North counterpart, Adams Kipsanai.

The MD said the modernization projects will go a long way in offering quality services to the dairy

farmers, who have been suffering due to a lack of markets for their produce.

"The money has been spent on the installation of state-of-the-art equipment in our New KCC factories across the country to enable the

farmers to earn better returns and at the same time increase demand for our products," said Sigei.

The process of the modernization project initiated by the national government is ongoing to ensure all the factories are covered for the benefit

of the dairy farmers.

Speaking at the venue, Gakuya expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the New KCC top leadership has prudently utilised the allocated funds towards the modernization of all its factories.

"We can see the value for money in the installation of new equipment; the work that has already been done on some of the New KCC factories that we have toured in the North Rift region is impressive," said Gakuya.

He challenged the management to hasten the installation of modern equipment in the remaining factories now that the government has already funded the requisite budget for the modernization programme.

The Kenya Kwanza Administration, Gakuya assured, was committed to addressing any of the challenges bedeviling small-scale dairy farmers with a view to providing solutions so that they reap maximum profit from the sector.

## Omtatah Appeals Decision By Appellate Court To Allow Implementation Of Finance Act 2023

By: Capital Correspondent

Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah has now moved to the Supreme Court, in his quest to overturn the Court of Appeal's decision that allowed the implementation of the Finance Act 2023.

In a notice of appeal, Omtatah wants the apex court to squash the decision by a three-judge bench of the appellate court that allowed National Treasury's plan to raise more taxes to implement the 3.6 trillion Shillings Budget.

"We have issued a notice of appeal against Friday's Court of Appeal ruling that lifted conservatory orders barring implementation of the Finance Act 2023. The notice will be filed at the Supreme Court," Omtatah stated.

The Busia Senator wants the Su-

preme Court to suspend further implementation of the new tax law pending the determination of his case at the High Court which is challenging its legality.

In the ruling, the Court of Appeal judges said tax is a continuous and annual mechanism and the members of the public can get a rebate for overpaid taxes and levies when making subsequent tax payments.

Secondly, the judges said, since the petitions challenge both the entire Act and the specific provisions, the court can consider suspending the specific provisions whose implementation has an irreversible effect and cannot be refunded.



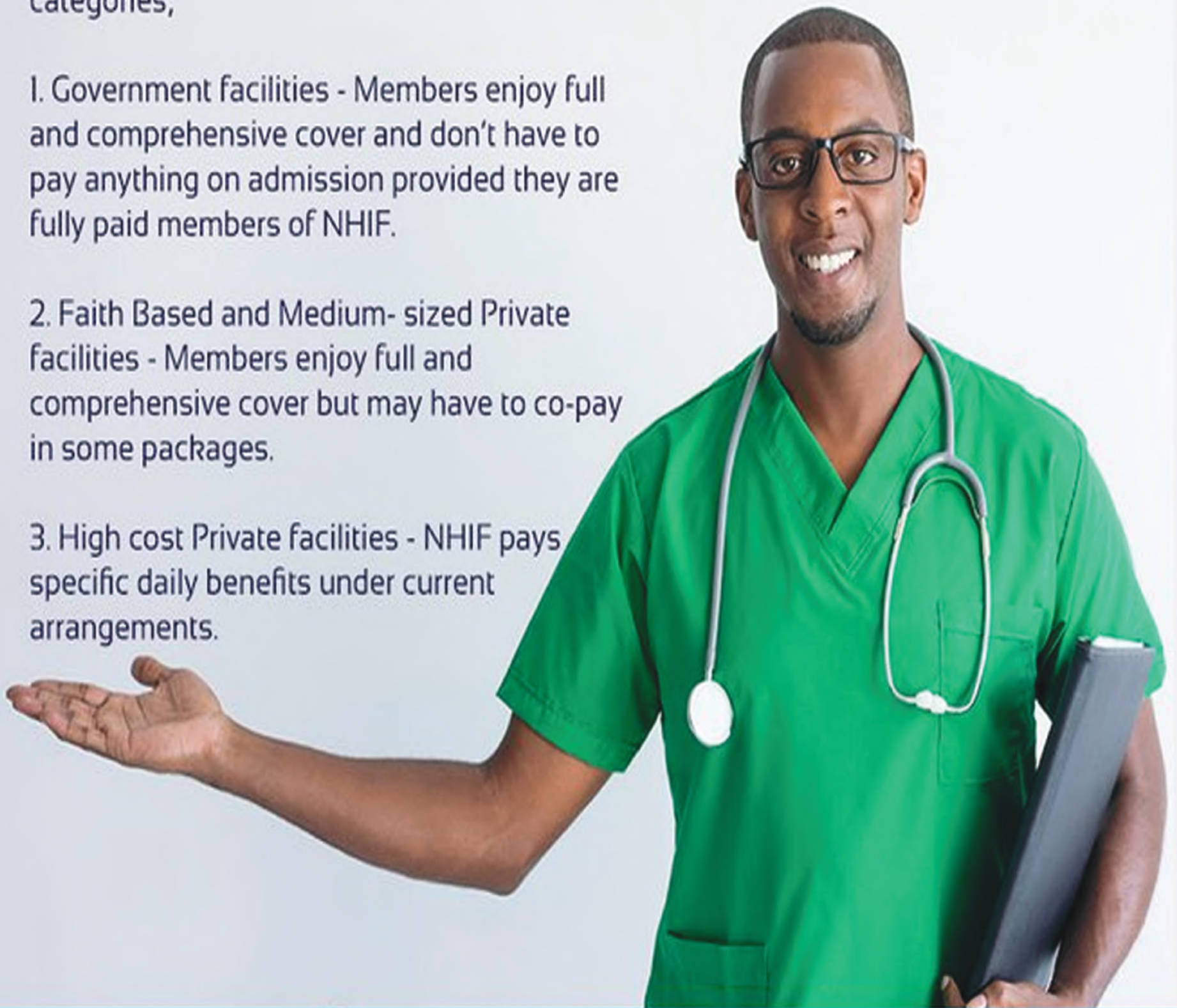
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# Kisumu To Host Kenya's First Business Ecosystem Summit

By: Capital Correspondent



**Worth Noting:**

- “Acting as a key partner, LREB are thrilled to actively participate in this transformative expedition and aid in the establishment of collaborative ecosystems.
- LREB seeks within its mandate to enhance socio economic transformation of the bloc through leveraging on the economies of scale in its ecosystem and implement through collaboration with state and non-state actors the empowerment and participation of its over 15 million population. As a bloc we firmly believe that by embracing disruptive trends and nurturing strategic partnerships, we have the power to unlock a multitude of novel opportunities, resulting in enhanced prosperity and an increase in revenue. We are therefore calling upon all investors and businesses (those who can come in as sponsors and exhibitors) to register because we know the people of LREB will show up in huge numbers,” stated Nyagaya.

Kenya is set to host the first-ever Business Ecosystems Summit (BES) in Kisumu City on Friday, September 1st, 2023.

This is in line with ongoing key government reforms aimed at stimulating business growth across the country, bolstering economic independence and prosperity.

Organized by the IMC People Ltd in partnership with the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB), the summit is aimed at unlocking the potential of collaborative networks and effectively navigating the dynamic shifts within various business landscapes.

Speaking about the upcoming summit, LREB Chairperson Governor Professor Anyang' Nyong'o said Kisumu is ready and honored to host the summit.

“We are more than happy to host this dynamic gathering of visionary minds at the upcoming Inaugural Business Ecosystems summit. This summit is like no other, it serves as a catalyst for fostering innovation, driving economic growth, and creating harmonious collaborations. Together, we will explore groundbreaking strategies, embrace emerging technologies, and forge strategic partnerships to unlock the full potential of our business ecosystems. I invite all participants to join hands and embark on this transformative journey towards a prosper-

ous future.” Said Governor Nyong'o.

The summit aims to provide mechanisms for organizations to leverage technology, excel in research and business competence, and compete effectively in the marketplace. This is in addition to driving new collaborations that press social and environmental challenges and foster sustainable practices and responsible business models.

In his address, LREB CEO Victor Nyagaya emphasized the paramount importance of the summit in propelling innovation and fostering substantial growth.

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A public-private collaborative approach will take center stage at the summit with LREB chairperson Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o and the governors of the 13 other member counties of LREB, including deputy chairperson H.E Ken Lusaka, who is also Bungoma County Governor gracing the high-level summit.

Representatives from the Ministry of Trade and Investment and other ministries, Senators, Members of Parliament, and Governors are expected to appear at the summit, signifying governments' recognition of the critical role business ecosystems play in achieving economic growth.

Giving her remarks ahead of the summit, The IMC People CEO Jeanette Oromo said the summit's key focus is accelerating business transformation and fostering innovation among diverse stakeholders including government officials, policymakers, industry leaders, and entrepreneurs.

“In light of the transformative and disruptive trends and the remarkable resilience exhibited during the pandemic, it is becoming increasingly evident that traditional paradigms need re-evaluation. Our intention,

therefore, is to conduct this evaluation through the summit, utilizing modern technology, fostering collaborations, and addressing social and environmental challenges. Our goal is to shape the future of Kenya's business ecosystems while working hand in hand with all players – Government, Investors and Business Communities to forge a way forward that makes it easier for accessibility to businesses in our regions by investors and vice – versa, customer acquisition and retention and transparency in regard to funding and investment.” said Oromo.

During the summit, a special focus will be made on fostering business ecosystems that center around shared sectors, missions, goals, and products. The primary goal is to maximize interactions and leverage each participant's unique strengths. This approach aims to optimize collaboration and unlock the collective potential of all stakeholders by empowering them to engage with a comprehensive ecosystem, rather than dealing with individual entities separately.

Businesses who will be present are expected to find ways to harness creativity, collaboration and innovation to lower costs of production and find new customer acquisition strategies while attracting investment.

# Governor Mung'aro Reassigns 4 Ministers, Orders Audit On Delayed Projects

By: Capital Correspondent

Kilifi Governor Giedion Mung'aro on Monday reassigned four County Executive Committee Members in a Cabinet reshuffled issued alongside a stern directed at top county officials over delays in the execution of key projects.

In the changes, Governor Mung'aro assigned Raymond Ngala the Finance and Economic Planning docket having moved him from Tourism, Trade and Cooperative Development.

Yaye Shoshi Ahmed who relinquished the finance docket was assigned Public Service.

Clara Chonga moved from Education to Tourism, Trade and Cooperatives while Kaingu Ndena relinquished the Public Service docket and moved to Early Childhood Development and ICT.

Mung'aro also redeployed three Chief Officers.

George Mwachiro moved from Environment to Tourism Promotion, Zamzam Ali from Devolution to

Environment while Christine Mwakwa was assigned as Chief Officer for Devolution having relinquished Tourism Promotion.

Governor Mung'aro ordered an audit on development projects decriing the slow pace of execution of key programs.

"The residents have been waiting too long for the development projects to be completed, but some of the contractors work in collusion with County staff to frustrate implementation of projects," he said.

"I hereby direct a comprehensive audit and inspection of the delayed projects, and where contractors are found to have delayed without any reasonable cause, such contracts will be terminated."

### Winning public confidence

Mung'aro said fresh directives issued under the Executive Order outlining new measures taken by his government to fast "is intended to provide guidance to the Executive Committee Members and other County Government officials on the conduct of County Government Business in the management of the Ministries and Departments



Kilifi Governor Giedion Mung'aro/FILE.

assigned."

He termed the intervention as crucial to winning public confidence.

"As we plan to continuously win public trust in our service. delivery and in line with my promise to fight corruption at all levels of the County Government, a series of measures in various departments must be undertaken to instill a culture of commitment to service delivery without any conditions or corruption," Mung'aro

stated.

The Governor said officials will be held personally accountable for the management of the County Government departments and agencies under their purview.

"Individual Public Officers will be held accountable for any misconduct or wrongdoing, and any cases of corruption or misuse of government resources will be dealt with firmly as per the law," he warned.

Mung'aro also promised decisive action against rogue contractors he accused of impeding development

"My administration has declared an all-out war against rogue contractors who put up shoddy structures, resulting in massive losses of public resources," he said.

# CAK Boss Chiloba Says Sim Card Registration Compliance At 97%

By: Capital Correspondent

The Communications Authority of Kenya (CAK) says the SIM card registration compliance by Safaricom and Airtel is at 97 percent.

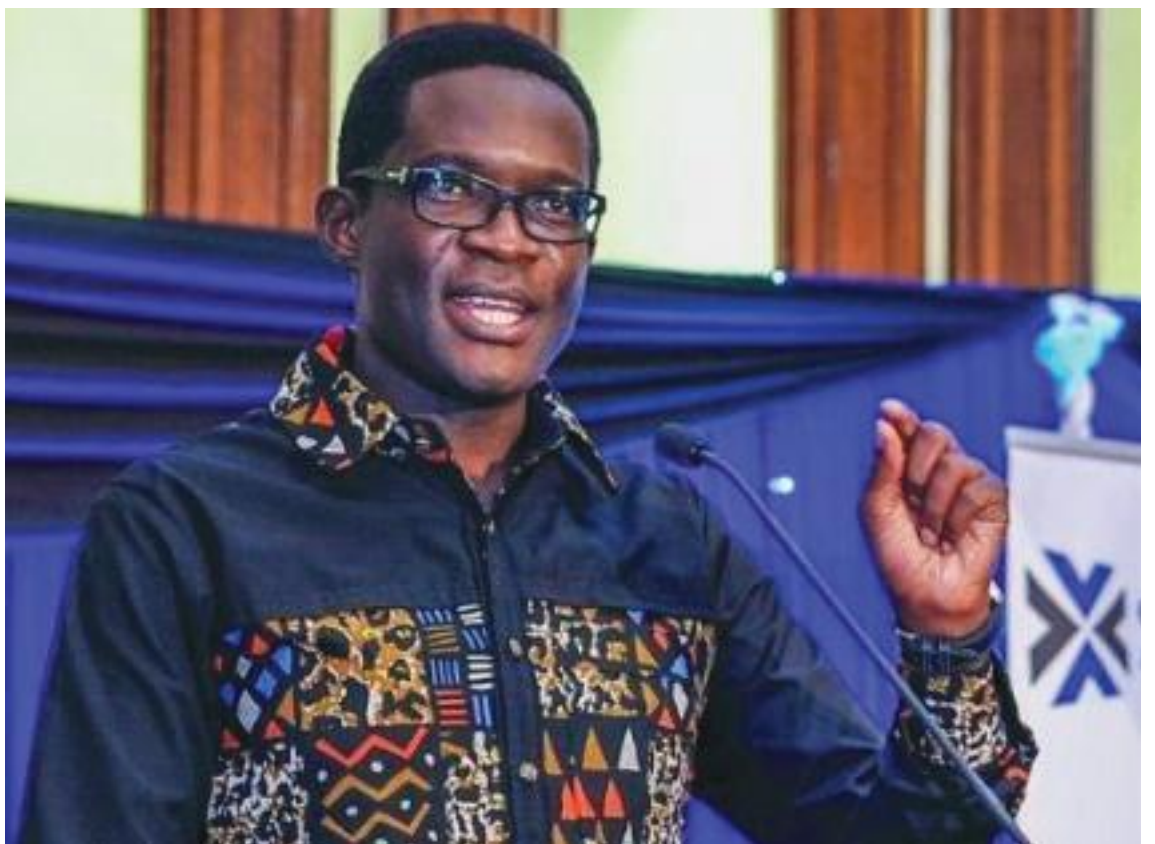
Speaking during the launch of the ICT ministry's one-year performance report, Chiloba stated that this followed the nationwide campaign that had been launched by the authority.

The 2015 CA's Registration of SIM Card Regulations prohibits SIM cards hawking, slapping a six-month jail term, a Sh300,000 or both for those contravening the law.

It aims to streamline SIM card registration by agents that has been a source of constant pain for telcos and regulator amid an increase in cyber crimes as well as terrorism cases, among others.

Under the new regulation, mobile operators are required to update customers' details with a digital passport-size photo of the customer and their national ID, and a passport for refugees and others.

CAK boss Chiloba .



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# Govt To Accelerate Tree Growing During Short Rains Season, Cabinet Secretary Tuya Says

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## Worth Noting:

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- “These seed centres will enable us to produce tonnes of seed that will translate to at least 2 billion seedlings a year. With such numbers of seedlings, we will only be amplifying uptake by organizations such as Ushiriki Wema, other MDAs and citizens across the country to get the target of 15 billion realised,” CS Tuya said.

Environment Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya has announced Government plans to accelerate tree growing activities across the country during the short rains season predicted to run from September to February next year.

“The ministry is already putting in place a robust plan for tree growing with the coming short rains. We will have a 6 month tree growing calendar from the month of September this year to February next year.

“Kenya Meteorological Department has indicated to us, that the rains might extend between these months. We are keen to optimize tree growing in that period since we are behind with the numbers,” CS Tuya announced.

Speaking during a tree planting exercise organised by Mrs Tessie Musalia’s Ushiriki Wema initiative at National Police Service Embakasi B Campus in Utawala, Nairobi County on Saturday, CS Tuya said the 15 billion trees initiative had been slowed down by a shortage of seedlings.

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Once again, the CS rallied Kenyans to plant trees at every available opportunity including birthdays, weddings and burials, reiterating that to achieve the 15 billion trees in 10 years ambition, each Kenyan needed to grow 30 trees yearly.

“15 billion trees sounds like a big figure, but when broken down to 50 million Kenyans, it translates to every Kenyan planting only 30 trees a year, and 300 trees in 10 years. 300 trees is a number that one can actually plant in the shortest time possible, maybe even in a week,” CS Tuya said.

She thanked Mrs Musalia for the tree growing partnership with the National Police Service that has seen Ushiriki Wema spearhead the growing of 9,000 seedlings across three NPS campuses in Kiganjo, Nyeri and Utawala in one month.

“I am informed that you launched this program at Kiganjo at the beginning of this month, where you planted 3,500 trees. Proceeded to Embakasi A Campus last weekend where you planted 3,000 trees, and today at this campus we have planted 2,500 trees. I would like to assure you that it is these incremental steps that will make Kenya realize

the 15 billion target that will give us a national 30% tree cover,” CS Tuya told Mrs Musalia.

She added: “Hon Tessie Musalia, thank you for taking leadership in this front with this organization. The trees we grow will benefit the country in many ways, including taming the devastating effects of climate change by carbon sequestration, increasing our water flows as well as providing us critical ecosystem services”.

She said the Government intends the 15 billion national tree growing programme to be a whole-of-society undertaking where every Kenyan has a role to play, and assured Ushiriki Wema of her ministry’s availability to offer technical support.

“When the President launched the 15 billion campaign last year, he guided that it be executed through whole-of-society, whole-of-government approach. That is exactly what you at Ushiriki Wema are manifesting.

“My ministry is happy to work with you to offer technical support of seedling propagation and extension services you may require. We have scientists at Kenya Forestry Research Institute and Kenya Forest Services who are available to guide you,” CS Tuya offered.

On tracking of the national tree growing initiative, CS Tuya said her ministry will soon launch the Jaza Miti application, an online repository customized to offer services such as species-matching of tree seedlings.

“We have also as a ministry developed a technological application dubbed Jaza Miti, that helps us document tree planting. The application also helps with other specifications such as species-to-site matching, and in the next few weeks, we will have it loaded with the data sets of all tree nurseries in the country, that way, Kenyans on the click of a button can find all relevant tree growing information on their phones,” CS Tuya said.

On her part, Mrs Musalia reiterated her organization’s commitment to the 15 billion national tree growing agenda saying she had chosen to partner with NPS in the tree growing endeavor because of its history of success.

Alongside ecosystem restoration, Mrs Musalia said Ushiriki Wema seeks to involve persons with disability in its tree growing programme so as to empower them to contribute more to national development.

“One of our areas of focus as Ushiriki Wema is persons with disability. To create awareness. What we have realized is that to empower persons with disability is to enable them,” Mrs Musalia said at the event also attended by several GSU officers injured in the line of duty.

GSU Commandant Mr Eliud Lang’at, NPS Embakasi B Campus Commanding Officer Mr Charles Naibei and AHADI Kenya CEO Dr Stanley Kamau also spoke at the tree planting exercise.

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## United States-Based Austin Omondi Dares To Dream About NBA



Kenya's Austin Omondi, who is based in the United States posing for a photo during the 2023 NBA Basketball Without Borders closing ceremony in Johannesburg, South Africa. Photo/ALEX ISABOKE.

As youngsters stepped up to represent their nations at the 20th anniversary of the Basketball Without Borders (BWB) in Johannesburg, South Africa, Austin Omondi Kiggundu expounded why the NBA initiative represents a chance for the world to see what Kenya has to offer.

The United States of America-based Kenyan was one of the two players selected in the 2023 BWB camp which has unearthed amazing talent.

Asked what it felt like to be at the annual camp, Omondi explained: "The experience was good and intense. When you get players from all over the continent playing together, is good

experience and I would like to come back again."

Omondi says it was an amazing feeling raising the Kenyan flag high in the four-day camp that concluded Monday where the best performers were awarded.

"It's great representing my county. I have learnt a lot from the coaches, like I should not overthink, yesterday I was overthinking and I made some wrong decisions because there was too much going on in my head, but coaches told me to relax and it all went well," Omondi, who hails from Virginia said.

He added, "learning from the coaches was an amazing experience, in my team we had the

privilege of being trained by Los Angeles Lakers head coach, Darwin Ham and NBA player, Jalen Suggs of the Orlando Magic, it was a good seeing how they coach and how they handle intensity of the game."

Asked what advice he is willing to give aspiring young Kenyans desirous of making it big in the sport, Omondi explained: "Just keep on working. It's you against the world, I mean, it's a lot of work to do, so, just put your head down and work extra hard and you will make it in the long run," the 12th grade (senior year) student expounded.

Omondi's role models are his parents: "My parents have

worked so hard for the position I am in right now; they never gave up on me. Hopefully I will one day play in the NBA, but for now I just need to keep working and getting better. I have a lot of things to work on that I have learnt from the camp. The sky is the limit though.

His role models are Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James and legendary Michael Jordan.

-Alex Isaboke is reporting from Johannesburg, South Africa-

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Sports CS Ababu Namwamba with NOCK boss Paul Tergat. PHOTO/Timothy Olobulu.

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Namwamba says his recent visit to Cuba bore off the agreement, which will also see Cuban athletes given an opportunity to train in Kenya's high-altitude areas, also to prepare for the Olympic Games. "Cuban athletes will train in Kenya's high altitude training camps and on the other side we will send boxers to Cuba for training. Immediately we know who has qualified, arrangements are in place to parachute them to Cuba for training," Namwamba said.

He added; "This partnership is not just limited to the Olympics

but will be a continuous partnership. We also recently signed a partnership with the French government across various sporting spheres."

The boxing team is currently in Cameroon for the African Boxing Championship, part of the qualification journey for the Olympic Games.

Meanwhile, Namwamba says the government will support all athletes who are taking part in qualification tournaments, to ensure that Kenya gets the best representation in Paris.

The CS says the Olympic Games next year will be special.

"We are marking 60 years since Kenya participated in its first Olympics. It will also be a heritage moment because it coincides with Kenya's celebration of 60

years of self rule," Noted the Cabinet Secretary.

He has said he is pleased with how the country, and the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) is preparing for the Games, as most of the things are being done way in advance.

Prior to the Olympics, the team will train in the City of Miramas, just same way it happened in Tokyo 2020 when the team trained in Kurume City before the Games.

"There will be a scramble for space and that is why we have secured the city of Miramas early. We have visited Miramas to ensure that the space is good. The environment is also great and it will offer a good atmosphere for our athletes to camp and train," he added.

At the same time, the CS has

warned that there will be no joy-riders in the travelling contingent to Paris, insisting that priority will always remain with the athlete.

"Under our leadership, the athlete is the king and queen. The primary attention is on the athlete. The athlete is the goose that lays the golden egg," he added.

He was speaking as Kenya launched the roadmap to Paris 2024, with less than a year left before the Games officially start in the French capital.

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## Boat Surabadin PhakaHom National Outstanding Youth Social development promotes participation of children and youth

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Will discuss the details in the next opportunity. From what Surabdin Phakahom has done for other people, communities, society and the nation.

Resulting in a royal award, a royal award and many other awards, such as the National Outstanding Youth Award social development Promote the participation of children and youth for the year 2022, graciously bestowing an award from His Majesty the King Rama X National Outstanding Gratitude Award 2021 Received an award from Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Prince Patcharakitiyabha Narentira Thep Yowadee Kromluang Ratchasarinee Siriphat Maha Watcharajthida Outstanding Youth Award Council on Social Welfare of Thailand under the royal patronage of the year 2022 by the National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand Under the patronage of Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Siriwattana Phannawadi good conduct award Buddhist Association of Thailand under the royal patronage of the year 2021 and for the year 2023 Outstanding Youth Award Ministry of Education for the year 2022 received a plaque of honor and souvenirs from General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister and Mrs. Treenuch Thienthong, Minister of Education, etc.

