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President William Ruto in black suit

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Govt Orders Schools To Re-Open Today Despite Protests

By: Capital Editorial Desk

Raila Odinga. A statement from the Interior and Education ministries say adequate

security will be put in place to guarantee the safety of learners. The government had ordered schools closed in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu due to the street protests over the high cost of living.

"The government has now undertaken an evaluation of the current security situation in various parts of the country including in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu counties and

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Demonstrators engaged police in running battles



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CS Alice Wahome, GVN Cecily Mbarire Urges Kenyans To Reject Azimio-Led Demos

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Embu County visit: Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome (2nd Right), with Tana Water Works Development Agency Chairman Wanyaga Gathaka (Right). Others are Embu County Governor Cecily Mbarire, her Deputy Kinyua Mugo, Mbeere North MP Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku and Tana Agency CEO Eng. Philip Gichuki. Photo/MERCY KINYUNGU.

Worth Noting:

- The CS said the protests, if not stopped, could easily plunge the country into a civil conflict, and the government will not just sit back and watch that happen.
- Her sentiments were echoed by Embu County Governor Cecily Mbarire who is also the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) National chairperson.
- Mbeere North MP Geoffrey Ruku who also accompanied the duo said Article 37 of the Constitution was very clear that demonstrations must be peaceful and the participants must be unarmed, which was not the case with Azimio protests.

Water and Sanitation Cabinet Secretary (CS) Alice Wahome has appealed to Kenyans to strongly reject the call for demonstrations by the opposition Azimio la Umoja Coalition.

She said it had been demonstrated in the past that the anti-government protests called by the Raila Odinga-led team are just about lawlessness, loss of lives, and destruction of property.

Speaking in Embu during an inspection tour of Tana Water Works Development Agency projects across the county, the CS regretted the destruction of the Motorway, which was a long-term loan project released for use in the country recently, and the destruction of a DCC's office in Emali.

"Such kinds of activities should not be taking place in a democratic society where the complaint is about loss in an

election," she said, adding that there was an open, clear, and transparent process for determining the winner of any electoral contest.

She said the matter was litigated upon and the verdict delivered by the Judiciary, and thus it was insincere for the Azimio brigade to start causing havoc and chaos in order to be brought to the table for dialogue.

"We must as a country reject that; it is bad history and a bad record, and we cannot have such a precedent where if you lose an election, you then go ahead and cause chaos," she said.

She called on the opposition to call off the demonstrations because they had demonstrated they did not have the capacity to manage their supporters.

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civil conflict, and the government will not just sit back and watch that happen.

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In a Bill pending before Parliament, the MP wants organisers of demonstrations to be held liable for any damage or loss of lives or property, and those engaging in protests to be liable for one-year imprisonment.

"We do not want a situation whereby the country will be held at ransom by an individual in a violent manner in the name

of demonstrations," he said.

At the same time, police are questioning two individuals who were found donating food to street children in Embu Town to allegedly lure them into demonstrations.

Embu West Sub-county Deputy OCPD Agnes Magiri said they had enhanced patrols to ensure the prevailing peace and tranquility was not disturbed by anybody. During the tour, the CS commissioned three Water projects.

The team from the Tana Water Works Development Agency was led by Wanyaga Gathaka who is the agency chairman and the Chief Executive Officer Eng. Philip Gichuki.

Also present was Embu Deputy Governor Kinyua Mugo and several MCAs.

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Mkenya Daima Urges President Ruto, Raila To Adhere To Peace Pledges Made Before Elections

By: Capital Correspondent

The Mkenya Daima initiative is now calling on President William Ruto and Opposition leader Raila Odinga to remember and adhere to the peace pledge made before last year's elections.

Through a statement, the Mkenya Daima Initiative Steering Committee stated that the pledge is not only for elections, but for all times and reminded Kenyans of goodwill of their responsibility to maintain and promote peace.

"The pledge, which was signed by all Presidential candidates, is a commitment to uphold the Mkenya Daima spirit of good leadership and accountable governance aligned to the Constitution of Kenya, especially Chapter 6 that speaks to Leadership and Integrity," it stated.

The body further urged politicians to be sensitive and use language that is tempered, mature and respectful.

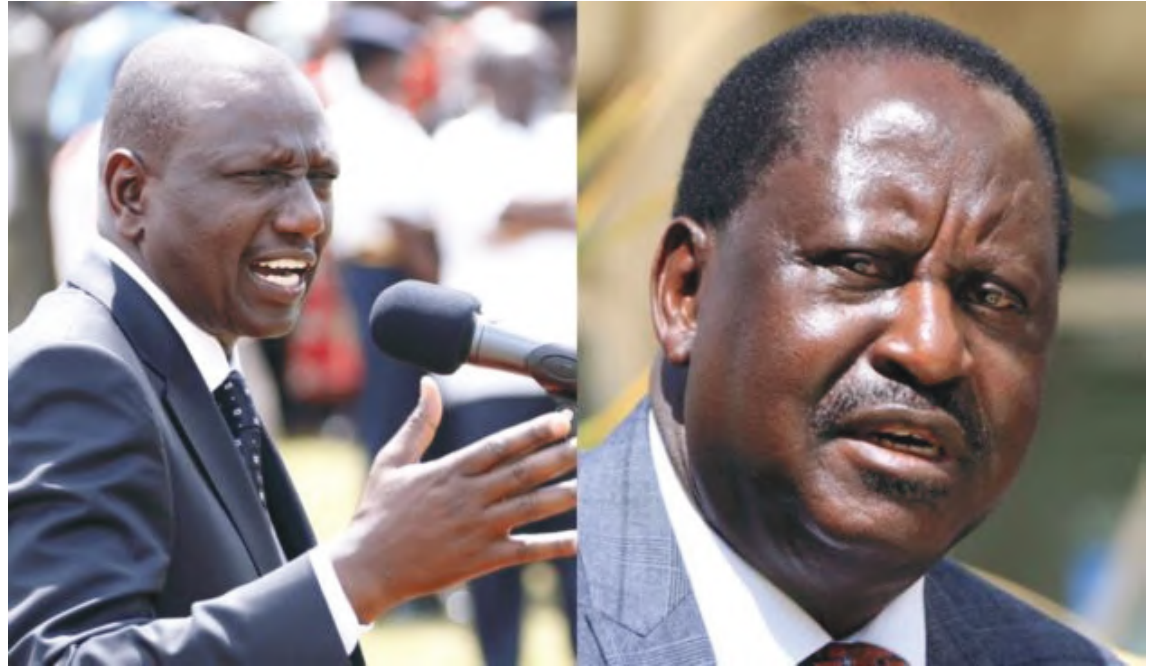
"We believe that our 2010 Constitution has sufficiently robust and effective modalities to protect minorities and address any grievances through Parliament, The Judiciary and other independent bodies," it stated.

"Whilst democratic process demands that the winning majority has the responsibility to make governance decisions, all Kenyans, opposition included, have a right and opportunity to comment and even criticise those decisions."

It further called on the opposition to play a constructive role in the country's democratic process by providing oversight and accountability through established Constitutional frameworks and for Government to restrain itself from subverting this important role and facilitate dialogue.

It urged all independent institutions, including the Police, NCIC, Parliament and the Judiciary, to play their Constitutional roles independently for the good of all Kenyans.

"We believe in the Constitutional right to peacefully demonstrate and express political opinions and that it is possible to have peaceful demon-



President William Ruto and Opposition leader Raila Odinga.

strations if the Opposition and the Police collaborate honestly and openly to achieve this," it stated.

It pointed out that the responsibility

for peaceful demonstrations lies both with the organisers and the Police and "we call on both parties to take on their responsibility in the spirit of

Mkenya Daima."

Nyeri County Hosts Annual Sports Day Forum

By: Beth Ndirangu
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Nyeri County Government staff have held their annual Sports Day forum ahead of the Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games, slated for Meru County between the 20th to 26th of August.

The event started with a procession flagged off by Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Nyeri Deputy Governor David Kinaniri at County Headquarters before walking to Ruring'u Stadium.

The Department of Gender, Youth, Sports, and Social Services hosted the teams during the County Staff Sports Day/Wellness Day held at Ruring'u Stadium, Nyeri town.

The day is aimed at selecting the best teams, which will subsequently travel to Meru County next month.

This year's county theme is Sporting

for Health and Fitness.

A total of 14 disciplines have been outlined for participation this year.

Speaking after participating in the sports day, Kahiga said for the first time in history, the county will participate in Golf and soccer games. Other regular games are volleyball, netball, tug of war, handball, darts, pool, chess, choir, scrabble, quash, chess, and athletics, among others.

Kahiga encouraged the participants to practise daily for the next month so that they excel next month.

Sports CEC Esther Ndungu, who was also present, said that the day was meant to select the team to represent Nyeri at KICOSCA and also to encourage staff to participate in physical activities for fitness and well-being, hence the health walk.

The national theme for KICOSCA is 'Celebrating Nationalism Through Sports and Culture'.

The Department of Health carried out various health checks on non-communicable diseases during the event.



Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga.

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Kirinyaga County Government Takes Over Water Companies

By: Our Reporter

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Worth Noting:

- In a hurriedly convened general meeting, the stakeholders resolved to change the status of Kiriwasco from a company limited by guarantee to a public company limited by shares.

- Speaking during the meeting, County Water and Irrigation Chief Officer Peter Murimi said the takeover will help streamline management and enhance water supply and sanitation in the county.

- “The takeover will ensure that there is efficiency in the company’s operations through accountability and oversight from the county government,” said Murimi.



Kiriwasco Board Chairman James Kihia in discussion with other officials

The County Government of Kirinyaga has commenced the process of taking full ownership of water service providers in the county in compliance with an advisory from the Water Services Regulatory Board (Wasreb).

The advisory dated April 6, 2023, gave all water service providers in the country a 90 days’ notice to comply with the regulatory framework.

The Water Act 2016 says that ownership of the water service providers shall vest in county governments.

And on Monday, shareholders of the Kirinyaga Water and Sanitation Company (Kiriwasco) endorsed a decision by the Board of Directors to hand over the company to the county government.

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He asserted that county governments are the function owners, and shareholding in the water service providers

is held by the devolved units in trust for the people.

Following the ratification of the takeover by the shareholders, the county government will now commence paper work for the transfer of shareholding at the Registrar of Companies.

Kiriwasco Managing Director Ephantus Maina said that water and sanitation are devolved functions, and therefore changing the ownership of the water companies was inevitable.

“By the county government taking full ownership of Kiriwasco, we can be assured of increased efficiency in the management of the company while being able to develop the assets and oversee the management,” said Maina. Kiriwasco Board Chairman James

Kihia called on all stakeholders to support the takeover because it was in their best interests. “This move will enhance how we run the company while increasing our efficiency. We look forward to receiving support from the county residents so that we are able to supply quality water to all households in the county. The county government will increase our potential by supporting our ventures,” said Kihia.

Kirinyaga Water and Sanitation Company is a Water Service Provider Company Limited by guarantee and was incorporated in 2006 under the Companies Act, Cap 486 of the laws of Kenya.

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Muslim Clerics Welcome Appointment Of New Chief Kadhi

By: Chari Suche
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Mombasa Muslim clerics have sent their congratulatory messages as they welcome the appointment of Athman Abdulhalim Hussein as the new Chief Kadhi of Kenya.

Led by the Organising Secretary of the Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK), Sheikh Mohamed Khalifah, they said that the interview process was transparent as the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) invited them to observe the whole exercise.

“The JSC gave us and the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUP-KEM) a letter, and we took our observers, who watched the entire interview process,” he said.

Khalifah, while sending his congratulatory message to the new chief Kadhi, also asked the Muslim community to support the new officer to enable him to discharge his mandate effectively.

He asked the community to shun any political propaganda affiliated

with the appointment, noting that as observers, they could affirm that the process leading to his appointment was seamless.

On his part, Sheikh Abu Katada said that the appointment is worthwhile since the Chief Kadhi is an intellectual person well versed in Islamic law and religion in general.

“I want to congratulate Sheikh Athman Abdulhalim Hussein on his appointment. As it is required in Islam for leaders to serve fairly and diligently, I hope he will be guided by the constitution and the Islamic law to serve Kenyans,” he said.

Kadhi’s courts are a court system in Kenya that enforces limited rights of inheritance, family, and succession for Muslims.

The history of the Kadhi’s court extends prior to the colonisation of East Africa in the 19th century. The courts continued under British rule and after Kenya’s independence in 1963.

Chief Kadhi, who serves the courts, is a public servant who is appointed by the Judiciary and serves up to the mandatory age of 60 years.



Muslim Clerics

DCI Cautions Kenyans Against Misinformation, Incitement To Violence Through Social Media

By: Capital Correspondent

The Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) boss Mohammed Amin has cautioned members of the public against acts meant to misinform and incite to violence through social media platform.

Amin said the agency has noted several cases which he says has sparked fear and panic among the public.

“The attention of the DCI has been drawn to misinformation and incitement to violence through the abuse of social media platforms, under the veil of freedom of expression. Regrettably, this has caused fear and panic among peace-loving Kenyans,” he stated.

He advised that online incitement to violence is criminal, as per Sections 22 and 23 of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act of 2018.

According to Section 22 (1), anyone found guilty of intentionally publishing false, misleading or fictitious data or misinformation is liable to a fine, not exceeding 5 million Shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or both.

Section 23 states that an offender shall on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 5 million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, or to both.”

DCI boss Mohammed Amin.



President Ruto Urges Opposition Leaders To Stop Abusing Country's Democracy

By: Presidential Communication Service

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President William Ruto in black suit

Worth Noting:

- President Ruto implored upon all Kenyans to obey the rule of law, noting that the country was guided by the Constitution.
- He asked police to deal firmly with unruly individuals who destroy other people's property.
- "Police have firm instructions to take action against those who destroy other people's property," said President Ruto.
- He noted that issues of the last General Election were over, saying Kenyans made their decision on the country's leadership, which must be respected.
- "If some people have some concerns that they want addressed, they should present them through the right processes instead of engaging in disruptive demonstrations, which end up in loss of lives and destruction of property," said President Ruto.

President William Ruto yesterday told Opposition leaders to stop abusing the country's democracy through disruptive demonstrations.

He said it was wrong for the Opposition to continue with chaotic demonstrations that have led to loss of lives and destruction of property in the pretext that 'it was their democratic right'.

Speaking in Kericho town, the Head of State made it clear that the Government will not allow few individuals to disrupt peaceful co-existence among Kenyans to achieve their selfish ends.

"We will protect our democracy from those engaging in anarchy and disruptive demonstrations to achieve their selfish interests," said President Ruto.

He argued that Kenya was a democratic country where lives and property matter, saying no one will be allowed to interfere with peace and stability of the citizens.

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua cautioned the Opposition against violent demonstrations in the hope of joining the Government through the backdoor.

"I want to tell them that there will be no handshake," said Mr Gachagua.

He argued that Opposition leaders undermining the leadership of President Ruto are the same ones who did the same to the previous governments leading to handshakes.

Mr Gachagua assured Kenyans that no one will be allowed to interfere with peace currently enjoyed by Kenyans.

Present were Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore (Labour), National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wa, his Senate counterpart Aaron Cheruiyot and Kericho Governor Eric Mutai.

Others were MPs Benjamin Langat (Ainamoi), Karungo Thang'wa (Kiambu), Joseph Kimutai (Kip-

kelion East), Kibet Kirui (Buret), Hillary Kosgei (Kipkelion West), Nelson Koech (Belgut), Kipsang Kemei (Sigowet/Soin), Dindi Nyoro (Kiharu) and Beatrice Kemei (Kericho, Women Rep).

Mr Ichung'wa told the Opposition that demonstrations will not change the will of Kenyans as far as the outcome of the last General Election was concerned.

"We know that the ongoing demonstrations are not about the cost of living but about handshake, which will not happen," said Mr Ichung'wa.

Mr Cheruiyot urged Kenyans to ignore leaders bent on misusing them for their selfish interests.

"Kenyans should not be misused by leaders pursuing their selfish interests because they are not concerned about their welfare," said Mr Cheruiyot.

Governor Mutai said residents of Kericho have resolved to support the Government in its efforts to transform the lives of Kenyans.

"Our people have no time to waste on demonstrations. They are engaging in projects aimed at improving their lives," said Mr Mutai.

Mr Nyoro dismissed claims that the ongoing demonstrations were about the cost of living.

"These demonstrations are about efforts by the Opposition to join the Government through the backdoor. I want to tell them that there will be

no handshake," said Mr Nyoro.

Mr Langat and Mr Koech urged the President not to entertain any dialogue with the Opposition outside the constitutional framework.

"Mr President, you should not be duped to engage in dialogue with people pursuing selfish interests. Let them follow the law in addressing their grievances," said Mr Koech.

Meanwhile, President Ruto commissioned the Kericho water supply extension project that was constructed at a cost of Sh 1.2 billion.

The project, which will produce 13 million litres of water per day, will benefit 200,000 households from Belgut, Kipkellion East and Ainamoi constituencies.

President Ruto said the Government will continue to implement development projects aimed at transforming the lives of its citizens.

Later, the Head of State launched Olesharo Girls Secondary School, Suswa in Narok County.

Present were MPs Goerge Sunkuyia (Kajiado West), Ken Aramat (Narok East), Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West) Agness Pareyio (Narok North), Leah Sankaire (Kajiado, Women Rep) and Kitilai ole Ntutu (Narok South).

Public Service Governance Boss Advocates For Electoral System Overhaul

By: Kibet Cheptumo
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The president and CEO of Public Service Governance (PSG), Amb. Esther Waringa, has called for a complete overhaul of the general elections so as to save the country from the highly destructive, divisive, expensive, and tribalistic effects of the exercise.

She has also called for the suspension of the entire elected leadership, the official opposition, and parts of the constitution of Kenya that are election-centred.

Speaking during a press briefing at a Nairobi Hotel, Waringa said successive elections that have been held in the country since independence have only done more harm than good to the country's governance.

"Our elections are highly destructive, divisive, expensive, and tribalistic. We will do ourselves and our country a lot of good if we decisively do away with General elections as a

way of birthing leadership in the Republic of Kenya," said the PSG President.

Amb. Waringa said elections brought the country to its knees in 2007 and 2008, adding: "We are almost headed to a worse scenario, going by signs of the time."

Consequently, the Public Service Governance Institution is now proposing a new normal in governance and government dubbed, "Kenya Bila Uchaguzi" by allowing the Public Service to deliver on the development mandate of the government.

"We will now start to implement the public service system of governance because desperate situations call for desperate measures," she said.

Waringa said she will soon be issuing a statement on guidelines on the operationalization of the Public Service towards continuity of service delivery in a more enhanced, accountable, and responsible manner after doing away with the General elections, all elective offices, and the opposition.

Quoting the Constitution, Article



Public Service Governance (PSG), Amb. Esther Waringa.

1, she said Kenyans have the right (Sovereignty of the People) to suspend the Constitution or do away with the parts that do not serve us.

Waringa said during the transition period, when all the elected leadership is suspended, the Public Service, the judiciary, and the security

of the country will be in place to help.

IMF Supports Kenya's Tax Hikes As It Okays Sh136.9bn Loan

By: Our Reporter
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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has expressed support for the government's tax hikes even as it extended another Sh136.9 billion loan.

In a statement, IMF's Executive Board stated that the new taxes are critical in advancing the government's development agenda.

Deputy Managing Director and Acting Chair Antoinette Sayeh pointed out that the loan extended to Kenya will help cushion the battered economy from the fallout caused by tightened debt market conditions and external shock.

"The approval of the FY2023/24 Budget and 2023 Finance Act are crucial steps to support ongoing consolidation efforts to reduce debt vulnerabilities while protecting social and development expenditures," she stated.

However she indicated that recent challenges in resource mobilization and el-

evated uncertainty call for contingency plans that can be quickly deployed to ringfence fiscal performance going forward.

"Tighter financing conditions also require a prudent debt policy and continued efforts to prioritize concessional loans."

She further stated that Kenya's economy has been resilient despite the worst drought in many decades and a difficult external environment.

"The ECF and EFF arrangements continue to support the authorities' efforts to address emerging challenges to sustain macroeconomic stability and market confidence, promote growth, and advance ongoing reforms," she said.

She explained that while the medium-term outlook remains positive, in the near-term global headwinds continue to have a bearing on economic activity, amid elevated inflationary pressures.

"The authorities' commitment to robust policies to sustain reforms that promote resilient and inclusive growth will support Kenya's positive medium-term prospects."



It Was Hard To Believe The Story Of US Top Trade Official Snubbing CS Kuria



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Industrialization, Trade and Investment Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria.

Worth Noting:

- We know you are trained to write but stop writing lies. This media house did not respond. Instead they opted to take a low profile. Did this confirm Kuria's assertions that the story had been cooked?
- Kuria took the war against this media house a notch higher when he sent a plea to the state agencies and departments to stop giving this media house advertising work.
- I have heard them saying they have a right to advertise because the money they are paid belongs to the public.
- But I want to ask them this question. Is lying and feeding Kenyans with raw propaganda a right?

As I had previously written in this column, one of the mainstream media is leaving nothing to chance in executing a plot against Industrialization, Trade and Investment Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria.

The bad blood started when this media house published a story alleging that Kuria and his Agriculture counterpart Mithika Linturi had sanctioned a multimillion cooking oil scandal.

Noting that he was the main target, CS Kuria would not take the allegations lightly.

While stating that the award of the tender fully complied with the public procurement and tendering laws, he lashed out at the authors of this story.

He accused them of failing to uphold work ethics of being non-partisan, fair factual and objective and instead resorting to pushing the agenda of the opposition Azimio La Umoja-OKA party. You got hired and compromised to do this job in the countdown to 2022 general elections. Your project- in apparent reference to Raila Odinga-lost.

President William Ruto is now at helm of leadership. No sooner you accept this reality the better.

Appearing before the Senate committee, Kuria once again termed claims that his Ministry was involved in cooking oil scandal as a white lie and utter rubbish.

This was not an exposé. This media house behaved like a gutter press.

I challenge the authors to prove me wrong by producing documentary evidence.

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Kenyans have a right to deny you the revenues if you do not give them accurate and correct information.

At this juncture, allow me shift gear and focus on the latest episode showing that this media was not yet done with Kuria.

While reporting about the meetings attended by the visiting US Trade representative Katherine Tai, the journalists wrote a story alleging how she snubbed Trade CS Moses Kuria in one of the meetings.

Allegedly, two Kenyan ministers-Kuria and his East Africa Community (EAC) counterpart Rebecca Miano- were supposed to attend this meeting. The Unit-

ed States top Trade official only agreed to meet and hold talks with the latter.

The meeting reportedly focussed on trade ties between the two countries. The US's key mission is to look for business opportunities; markets for their goods and services.

For this media house, this was yet another opportunity to paint Kuria in bad light.

It was hard to believe this story just like the previous ones.

First, these journalists quoted sources. Which sources?

Even if the visiting official could have avoided talking about this matter in public (that is if the story was accurate and based on truth), I would have expected a spokesperson of US embassy in Nairobi to confirm this.

I want to ask this media house. How did you get this information? I'm sure this will be your answer. Our journalists were in the meeting venue. Fine, I'm sure they managed and have an audio or video clip. Can you release the content? Kenyans want to hear the actual words of the visiting US official.

'I'm not going to meet CS Kuria because of his tirade and 'social media posts' against individuals and institutions'. This is what you quoted her as saying. If true, I'm sure she referred to specific tweets. This will help us to know them.

Unless they do this, it will be hard to

convince me that this was not another cooked story.

Ms Tai is not an ordinary person in US and so my understanding is that her visit to Kenya had been organized earlier. The list of top Kenyan state officials she would meet had been prepared and sent to her. So, if she did not want to meet Kuria she could have communicated this before flying into our country.

As we know, the cabinet secretary (CS) is appointed by the President to help him in day-to-day running of the government. So, he or she performs a delegated role and was directly answerable to the head of state.

Therefore, snubbing a CS is a weighty matter and so the diplomat ought to communicate this in advance.

This will give the President an opportunity to look the concerns you have raised. If they have no weight and were designed to undermine the sovereign will of the people of Kenya, the president has the power not approve such visit.

It is worth to note this. During the stay, the official of Katherine Tai's status is treated as a guest of state. This is the reason why the president ought to approve the visit.

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Comparative Analysis of Biometrics, Passwords, Patterns, and 2FA: The Importance of Combining Them



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Worth Noting:

- The rapid growth of digital technology and the increasing reliance on online platforms have raised concerns about data security.
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- Passwords have been widely used as a means of authentication. They are inexpensive and easy to implement.



Abstract:

This research paper aims to compare and evaluate the effectiveness of biometrics, passwords, patterns, and two-factor authentication (2FA) in securing digital systems. By examining the strengths and weaknesses of each method, this study concludes that combining all these security measures is essential for robust protection against unauthorized access. The findings from various studies and research papers, including Jin et al. (2004), Hossain et al. (2022), Bairwa and Joshi (2021), and Reese (2018), have been analyzed to form a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

Introduction

The rapid growth of digital technology and the increasing reliance on online platforms have raised concerns about data security. Unauthorized access to personal and sensitive information can have severe consequences. This paper explores the effectiveness of biometrics, passwords, patterns, and 2FA as individual security measures and emphasizes the significance of combining them to enhance overall system security.

Biometrics: The Power of Unique Identification

Biometric authentication, such as fingerprint recognition, provides a highly secure and convenient method for user verification. Jin et al. (2004) propose the concept of bihashing, which combines fingerprint data with tokenized random numbers to achieve two-factor authentication. Biometrics offer strong user identification, making it difficult for attackers to replicate or forge. However, biometric data can be compromised, necessitating the need for additional security measures.

Passwords: The Traditional Security Measure

Passwords have been widely used as a means of authentication. They are inexpensive and easy to implement. However, passwords are prone to vulnerabilities such as weak choices, reuse, and brute-force attacks. Hossain et al. (2022) propose integrating biometrics or graphical passwords into a three-factor authentication system to address these weaknesses. Combining passwords with other security measures significantly enhances the overall security posture.

Patterns: Balancing Security and Usability

Pattern-based authentication methods, like drawing patterns on touchscreens, offer an intuitive and user-friendly approach. Patterns provide a level of security beyond traditional passwords, but they are not invulnerable to attacks. Studies have shown that patterns can be easily guessed or traced, making them less secure than other authentication methods. Incorporating patterns as an additional layer of authentication alongside other methods can strengthen the overall security framework.

Two-Factor Authentication: An Extra Layer of Protection

Two-factor authentication (2FA) combines two independent authentication factors to mitigate the risks associated with single-factor authentication. 2FA typically involves a combination of something the user knows (e.g., password) and something the user possesses (e.g., a one-time password). Bairwa and Joshi (2021) propose mutual authentication using session tokens, fingerprint validation, and MAC address validation for secure communication between nodes. This approach demonstrates the importance of combining multiple factors for robust authentication.

Comparative Analysis and Con-

clusion

By examining the strengths and weaknesses of biometrics, passwords, patterns, and 2FA, it becomes evident that relying on a single method is insufficient to ensure comprehensive security. Each method has its limitations, but when combined, they create a multi-layered defense against unauthorized access. Reese (2018) highlights the importance of usability in security measures, and by integrating various methods, the overall user experience can be enhanced without compromising security.

Summary

This research paper emphasizes the significance of combining biometrics, passwords, patterns, and 2FA to achieve a high level of security in digital systems. The findings from the referenced studies highlight the vulnerabilities and strengths of each method. To maximize security, organizations and individuals should adopt a multi-factor authentication approach that incorporates these various methods. By doing so, the risks associated with individual weaknesses can be mitigated, providing a robust defence against unauthorized access.

Govt Orders Schools To Re-Open Today Despite Protests

By: Capital Editorial Desk

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adequate measures have been taken to guarantee the safety and security of learners and their schools across the country," Interior CS Kithure Kindiki said in a statement he signed jointly with his Education counterpart Ezekiel Machogu.

Odinga has announced that the protests will proceed on Thursday as planned.

"We will continue with our peaceful demonstrations as planned. But we will stop at 5pm today and resume tomorrow (Thursday) morning," he told the Daily Nation in a phone interview.

Odinga confirmed that his bodyguard Maurice Ogeta had been freed by police and called for the release of at least nine Azimio leaders arrested during Wednesday protests.

Among those arrested in Embakasi East MP Babu Owino, Kilifi Senator Stewart Madzayo among others.

Dozens of Azimio supporters were also arrested in Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru and other towns as police fired tear gas at protesters who took to the streets in defiance of a government warning after earlier demonstrations turned violent with more than a dozen people killed in the past two weeks.

The opposition has vowed to stage

three straight days of protests against President William Ruto's government, alarming the international community which has joined calls for a political solution to the crisis.

Schools and shops were closed in Nairobi and the opposition bastions of Mombasa and Kisumu Wednesday, with small groups of mostly young men setting fire to tyres and engaging in running battles with police.

Police fired tear gas at scattered groups of demonstrators in Nairobi's Kibera slum and the towns of Homa Bay, Kisii and Migori, all Odinga strongholds, while offices in the capital's business district were largely shuttered.

It is the third time this month that Odinga has staged mass rallies against a government he says is illegitimate and to blame for a cost-of-living crisis.

The government in turn has accused the opposition of derailing efforts to improve Kenya's finances, with Foreign Minister Alfred Mutua on Wednesday dismissing the demonstrations as the work of "economic saboteurs disguised as protests against the cost of living".

- 'Wrong direction' -

In previous rallies, police used not just tear gas but live rounds to disperse stone-throwing protesters, drawing accusations of heavy-handedness from civil groups.

On the eve of Wednesday's demon-



In Mombasa, demonstrators engaged police in running battles on July 19, 2023 during protests against the high cost of living which was banned by the government..

stration, police described the protests as a "threat to national security" and the government declared it would not allow lawlessness to go unchecked.

"Anyone planning to unleash violence on Kenyans is hereby warned to cease and desist," said Interior Minister Kithure Kindiki, adding that all available security resources had been deployed to maintain order.

The demonstrations have divided Kenyans, who are struggling to cope with high inflation and a jobs crisis.

- 'Resolve differences' -

Ruto, a former deputy president, rose to the top job after winning a narrow election victory last August over Odinga, who claimed the vote was "stolen".

But he took office as Kenya's economy reeled from debt and soaring inflation, and was criticised for raising

taxes despite campaigning to bring prices down.

Kenya is seen as a stable democracy in the often-turbulent East Africa region, and 13 western nations issued a joint statement on Tuesday expressing concern over the violence in recent demonstrations.

"We... urge all parties to table their concerns through a meaningful dialogue and resolve their differences peacefully to build the nation together, ensuring no further loss of life," the foreign missions said.

Each day of protest costs the economy an average of three billion shillings (\$21.8 million), according to an estimate by the Kenya Private Sector Alliance.

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission, a state agency, reported incidents of ethnically-motivated violence during last week's

protests, and warned that gangs were using the chaos to target innocent people.

Human Rights Watch on Tuesday said Kenya had an obligation to protect the right of citizens to protest peacefully and condemned the police response in earlier demonstrations.

Odinga called off earlier anti-government demonstrations after Ruto agreed to dialogue, but the talks broke down.

Opposition protests following Odinga's election loss in 2017 continued until he brokered a surprise pact with his erstwhile foe, former president Uhuru Kenyatta, that became known as "the handshake".

[Additional reporting by AFP].

We Are Ready For Bipartisan Talks - Co-Chair

By: Dickson Mwiti @themkenyatimes

Kenya Kwanza Bipartisan Committee co-chairperson Gitonga Murugara has affirmed that the ruling coalition team was ready for talks with the Azimio team to ensure the country was peaceful.

Murugara, who is also the Tharaka MP, blamed their counterparts from the Azimio team for insincerity, saying they have always been ready for the talks but have always been frustrated by the other side.

"Up to this moment, I can say the other team is not serious with the talks. If they want to become serious, they can come back to us, and I confirm we are ready for the talks," said Mr. Murugara.

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya coalition party leader Raila Odinga announced that the outfit had exited bipartisan talks with Kenya Kwanza.

Speaking during a public rally at Kamkunji grounds, Odonga announced the start of civil disobedience against the government, especially after President William Ruto assented to the Finance Bill.

Kenya Kwanza Bipartisan Committee co-chairperson Gitonga Murugara.



Sensing



Mother! Immediately before you notice,
Here is an alarming call,
This is a clear proof.
I'm fine mom. But.

But my heart is restless, restless,
Groaning pains.
This yearning from the bottom of the
heart,
I have thousands of pains.

Who delivered the mother immediately
Tell me who is the traitor.

I love these young people
Maybe it's the one that flowed at night.

As if the wings fell from my body,
My pains flew to Boysun.
Oh mother, I didn't want to
If you stay because of my pain,

My treacherous teardrop age,
Don't tell me all my pain.
When I picked up the phone,
Shashkator is the gem of my work.

The Reasons For Success Are My Teachers



It is my teachers who encouraged me to find my way of life, to gain knowledge, and who always showed me the right way. One of my teachers who played an important role in my life is my German language teacher Saidov Javlon. They taught me German language since the 4th grade and shared the necessary knowledge. They always made the lessons interesting and aroused interest in this subject.

Today, together with my teacher, we have achieved a lot of results, including the fact that I took the second place twice in the regional stage of the German language republican science Olympiada, won various monetary awards, and recently became the owner of a B2 certificate. My teacher is Saidov Javlon, who can perfectly teach the subject of the German language.

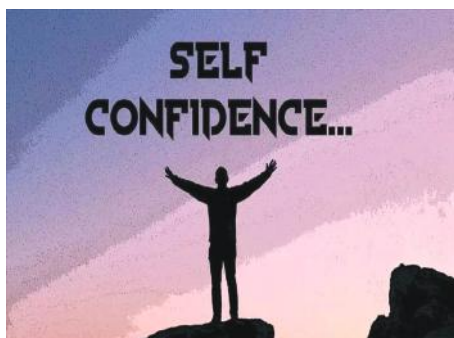
Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank my teacher very much. My teacher's life path is a school of example for me, because my teacher has also achieved a lot of success. For example, they have been in Germany in their fields and have developed language skills. In addition, this year, they participated in an open conversation with our country's president SHAVKAT MIROMONOVICH MIRZIYOYEV and reflected on their professional activities. They taught me to always look forward to the future and

never give up.

My teacher also got a B2 certificate in the near future. My teacher's approach to his work, profession, and humanity is enviable. I also intend to become a German language teacher like my teacher in the future. InshaaAllah, we will achieve many more successes with my teacher. Thank you once again, my teacher JAVLON SAIDOV

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Self-confidence



There was a business executive who was deep in debt and could see no way out. Creditors were closing in on him. Suppliers were demanding payment. She sat on the park bench, head in hands, wondering if anything could save her company from bankruptcy.

Suddenly an old man appeared before her. "I can see that something is troubling you," she said. After listening to the executive's woes, the old man said, "I believe I can help you." She asked the man his name, wrote out a check, and pushed it into his hand saying, "Take this money. Meet me here exactly one year from today, and you can pay me back at that time." Then she turned and disappeared as quickly as he had come.

The business executive saw in his hand a check for \$500,000, signed by Liza D. Rockefeller, then

one of the richest men in the world! "I can erase my money worries in an instant!" he realized. But instead, the executive decided to put the uncashed check in his safe. Just knowing it was there might give him the strength to work out a way to save his business, she thought.

With renewed optimism, she negotiated better deals and extended terms of payment. She closed several big sales. Within a few months, he was out of debt and making money once again. Exactly one year later, she returned to the park with the uncashed check. At the agreed-upon time, the old man appeared. But just as the executive was about to hand back the check and share her success story, a nurse came running up and grabbed the old man. "I'm so glad I caught her!" she cried. "I hope she hasn't been bothering you. She's always escaping from the rest home and telling people she's Liza's D. Rockefeller." And she led the old man away by the arm.

The astonished executive just stood there, stunned. All year long she'd been wheeling and dealing, buying and selling, convinced she had half a million dollars behind her. Suddenly, she realized that it wasn't the money, real or imagined, that had turned her life around. It was her newfound self-confidence that gave her the power to achieve anything she went after.

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BUSINESS

Mv Uhuru II Currently Undergoing Sea Trials In Lake Victoria

By: Our Reporter
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Mv Uhuru II is currently undergoing sea trials in Lake Victoria to ensure that every part works as expected.

According to Kenya Shipyards Limited (KSL), these tests include checking the ship's performance and equipment functionality.

This is among the final steps in the process of constructing and deploying a new ship.

The 100-meter vessel with a capacity of carrying up to 22 wagons and an estimated capacity of 2 million litres of crude oil per trip is the first ship to be made in Kenya by Kenyans.

The MV Uhuru II is a cargo ship currently under construction, designed to transport cargo within Lake Victoria.

It is a vessel equipped with a range of sophisticated systems that are essential for its safe and efficient operation. One of the most important systems on the MV Uhuru II is its hull structure.

The ship's hull is designed to be strong and durable, capable of withstanding the stresses and strains of heavy cargo and rough waters.

The hull is constructed from high-quality steel and carefully welded together to form a watertight enclosure that will protect the cargo and crew from the elements.

In addition to its hull structure, the MV Uhuru II is also equipped with an advanced piping system.

The piping systems are used to transport oil from the ship's cargo tanks to its engines, where it is used to power the ship's propulsion system.

The piping system is carefully designed to ensure that the oil is delivered to the engines at the correct pressure and temperature, which helps to maximize the engines' efficiency and performance.

The ship's engines are the heart of its propulsion system, providing the power and reliability needed to move the ship through the water.

They are equipped with Caterpillar 3500 series four-stroke, V-type, turbocharged marine diesel engines that are well suited for the demands of



Mv Uhuru II.

commercial shipping.

These engines are designed to be rugged and reliable, with a proven

track record in the marine industry.

They can deliver high power output and are known for their fuel efficien-

cy, which helps the ship to conserve fuel and reduce its carbon footprint.

Safaricom, Terrapay Sign Bangladesh, Pakistan Money Transfer Deal

Safaricom has on Wednesday announced a partnership with TerraPay, empowering more than 32 million M-PESA customers to send and receive money to more than 200 million people across Bangladesh and Pakistan with plans to roll out India and Nepal in a few months.

Ambar Sur, Founder & CEO – TerraPay says he believes the collaboration will spur the development of mobile financial service operators enabling them to directly scale globally and provide customers with the choice to send payments in a secure, transparent, and swift manner.

“Our partnership with Safaricom will further boost our capabilities in providing an inclusive global financial ecosystem with superlative technical solutions- cultivate an affinity by empowering Safaricom customers with fast & affordable borderless payment options and access to TerraPay’s widespread partner network of 4.5 billion bank accounts and 1.5 billion mobile wallets,” he said.

“Remittances have become an economic lifeline for thousands of households and businesses in the

country, connecting them to opportunities and empowering our customers to transact conveniently and affordably around the world. We are therefore delighted to partner with TerraPay to enable anyone in the country to send and receive money to and from more than 200 million people across Bangladesh and Pakistan with M-PESA. This partnership opens up one of the world’s largest remittance markets making Kenyans more globally connected,” said Peter Ndegwa -CEO, Safaricom.

TerraPay joins a roster of more than 35 partners under the M-PESA Global service which enables customers in Kenya to send and receive money and make and receive payments across more than 170 countries.

In Safaricom’s last financial year to March 2023, more than 917,000 customers used the M-PESA Global service, transacting more than Kshs.418 billion in over 31.8million transactions.

Accordingly, M-PESA processed more than 90% of all remittances into the country.



Esther Waititu(R) Chief Financial Services Officer Safaricom PLC pose for a photo with Ambar Sur(L) Founder & Chief Executive Officer TerraPay during the official launch of the partnership with TerraPay..

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Sh15 Million Outpatient Facility To Benefit Nakuru Residents

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Nakuru County Health Infrastructural Coordinator Mr. Gerald Maina (C).

Worth Noting:

- Once complete, he added, the outpatient complex will have a pharmacy, x-ray machines, and modern laboratories and is expected to ease congestion in other health facilities.
- “We are experiencing an increased influx of referrals from other hospitals and health centres within the larger Rift Valley. Our strategy is not only to cope with the numbers but mainly to offer quality and affordable disease diagnostic, management, and treatment services. The laboratories, pharmacy, and X-ray facilities within the standalone facility will be purely for out-patients to ensure a faster and more efficient process of laboratory tests, X-ray services, and dispensing of drugs,” he said.

Better times are beckoning for residents of Nakuru West Sub-County after the County Government kicked off construction of a Sh15 million outpatient facility to meet the growing demand for health services in the region.

The two-storeyed complex at the Rhonda Health Centre is expected to be operational within seven months.

While overseeing the ground-breaking ceremony at the site, County Health Infrastructural Coordinator Mr. Gerald Maina expressed optimism that the project will be completed and equipped within schedule.

“We are committed to bringing quality and affordable health care services closer to the residents by modernising all Sub-county hospitals. This will also decongest the Nakuru Level 5 Teaching and Referral Hospital, which attends to more than 2,000 cases per day,” stated Mr. Maina.

Mr. Maina, who was accompanied by Kaptembwa Ward Member of County Assembly Mr. Peter Kajwang, Nakuru West Sub County Administrator Ms. Pamela Tum, and Kaptembwa Ward Coordinator Ms. Jackline Kibui, said the modern facility will serve residents of Kaptembwa, Mwariki, Kwa Ronda, Baruti, and Ponda Mali estates.

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Maina noted that malaria, respiratory system, skin, diarrhoea, and intestinal parasite diseases were major challenges at outpatient facilities around the county. Adding the new facility would provide easily accessible health services for Kenyans in the county and beyond.

“Huge investments in outpatient health facilities are still needed to improve health services across the county. We are looking at avenues for increasing budgetary allocation and looking for donor support. There is a need to realise that frequent health

problems, including accidental injuries, urinary tract infections, eye infections, rheumatism, and other infections, are handled by outpatient facilities. Combined, these leading conditions account for nearly four-fifths of the total outpatient cases reported,” Maina noted.

He said the facility was part of Governor Susan Kihika’s upgrade programme of health care facilities across the 11 Sub-Counties in the region.

“Our target is to have modern inpatient and outpatient facilities in every Sub-County. We are also establishing trauma centres at the Nakuru Level 5 Teaching and Referral Hospital and at Naivasha and Salgaa to cater for accident victims,” he added.

He noted that the outpatient wing will also offer the highest standard of medical training and top-quality specialised healthcare services, explaining that the new facility has been designed to offer healthcare services to 200,000 residents from the Sub-County and surrounding areas.

Maina said investment in modern outpatient units across the devolved unit was part of the county administration’s efforts to revamp the county’s health sector and improve efficiency in emergency response.

The County administration, he noted, was keen on decongesting the Nakuru Level 5 Teaching and Referral Hospital by modernising all Sub-county hospitals.

The Level 5 hospital serves more than eight counties in the South Rift region, including Bomet, Kericho, Samburu, Baringo, Nyandarua, and Laikipia, where 2,000 patients are treated daily, 750 of them being inpatients.

The county runs 184 health facilities, including dispensaries, health centres, level four hospitals, and the Nakuru Level Five Hospital.

Nyeri Town Residents Welcome New Maternity Block

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Nyeri residents are invited to utilise the state-of-the-art maternity block, being set up at the Nyeri Town Health Centre once it is completed.

Speaking at the facility during a routine visit to check on its progress, Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga said the maternity block is set to be fully operationalized in September after equipping and staffing are done.

He said the maternity centre, funded by the Japanese Organisation for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) in partnership with the County Government of Nyeri, will provide the necessary technical support in the area of quality care.

Upon completion, the maternity will host a 35-bed capacity antenatal and postnatal wards, a Maternal and Child Health clinic, a laboratory, consultation rooms, specialised clinics, a delivery room, a new-born

unit, the Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD), nurse stations, offices, a kitchen, and laundry.

The Governor lauded the team for the commendable job done without hitches, in a span of one year since the groundbreaking ceremony.

He further noted that his Government will prioritise healthcare in the next five years, reiterating the importance of the maternity block that will decongest the Nyeri County Referral Hospital while putting a significant milestone towards achieving the County's vision of ending maternal and neonatal deaths.

The maternity block is expected to serve a catchment population of over 30,000 people drawn from Majengo slums, Ngangarithi, Nyeri town, and its environs.

He also expressed his gratitude to the key partners for their immense support in the planning, funding, and actualization of the project.



Nyeri Town Residents Welcome New Maternity Block.

Nyaribari Chache Mp Jhanda Urge Azimio Leaders to Halt Goons from Destroying Kisii Town Properties

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Nyaribari Chache Member of Parliament, Zaheer Jhanda, has accused certain Kisii leaders affiliated with Azimio la Umoja One Kenya of organizing protests in Kisii and ferrying individuals from neighboring counties to participate in the ongoing demonstrations.

The protests were triggered by the public's discontent over the high increase in taxation and the soaring cost of living, prompting the government to take action to address the situation.

Addressing the press, Jhanda revealed that he and the police worked together to thwart the plans of these alleged "goons" and prevent them from causing destruction in the county.

"We knew their plan, I thank the se-

curity officers for being vigilant," he said.

He asserted that such individuals will not be allowed to participate in future protests in the region, and if they attempt to do so, they will be arrested.

Jhanda acknowledged the constitutional right to protest and picket but criticized the protesters for turning violent and causing damage to properties.

He emphasized that violence would not solve the underlying issue of the high cost of living and that the government is committed to maintaining law and order and protecting its citizens.

In response to opposition leaders, particularly Raila Odinga and Azimio leaders, announcing three consecutive days of demonstrations (Wednesday to Friday), Jhanda called for their arrest and prosecution, holding them responsible for the loss of lives and destruction of



Nyaribari Chache Mp Zaheer Jhanda addressing the press photo/ Elizabeth Angira.

property.

He condemned their tactics and claimed that their actions were detrimental to the country's economy.

Jhanda emphasized the importance of peaceful demonstrations and lawful protests, but he strongly opposed the involvement of violent elements

and individuals from outside the region, emphasizing the need to address the core issues through constructive means.

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Azimio Condemns Arrest Of Its Leaders

By: KBC

Azimio la Umoja One Kenya coalition party has condemned the arrests of its leaders and their close associates.

In a statement Wednesday, the Azimio leadership demanded respect for the constitution saying the continued unlawful detention of those arrested and excessive use of force by police to disperse peaceful demonstrators across the country is a flagrant violation of the constitution and laws.

This is after the arrest of Embakasi East MP, Babu Owino Tuesday night, whose whereabouts remain unknown.

Kilifi South member of parliament, Ken Chonga and the county assembly speaker, Teddy Mwambire, were arrested in Mtwapa, Kilifi county and detained in an unknown place.

In Nairobi, Members of county assembly Wilfred Odallo (Mabatini) Redson Onyango (Ngei) as well as

Erick Otieno and Anthony Otsula both budget officers at Nairobi county assembly were arrested and held in undisclosed locations.

Also arrested were Raila Odinga's close associates Maurice Ogeta and Dennis Onyango who were later released.

"We condemn in the strongest terms possible the arrests of Azimio leaders and close associates of leaders without any colour of right or lightest justification," Azimio la Umoja -One Kenya co-principal Martha Karua said.

Elsewhere in Kibra demonstrators engaged police officers in running battles and after quelling the chaos four people were arrested and are being detained by the police.

Azimio claims these arrests are attempts by the Kenya Kwanza government to paralyze Azimio and sabotage the exercise of their constitutional right.

"We further demand respect for our constitution and laws. Their continued unlawful detention, together with the excessive force being used notably in Mathare, Kibra, Embaka-

si, Kamukunji, Mombasa, Kilifi, Kisii, Kisumu and indeed all over the country to disperse lawful and peaceful demonstrations is in flagrant violation of our constitution and laws" Karua said.

"As stated previously, we remind the police that each officer will account individually for these unlawful acts. Our Lawyers have instructions to proceed with the necessary legal action" she warned.

Elsewhere, one person died from a gunshot wound in Makueni County with another admitted to the Makueni referral hospital nursing gunshot wounds following the anti-government protests in Kasarani Makueni County.

In Migori County two men are nursing injuries at Migori County Referral hospital after allegedly being shot during the protests.



Azimio la Umoja -One Kenya co-principal Martha Karua.

Public Communications Officers Urged To Effectively Communicate Gov't Agenda

Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary, Prof Edward Kisiang'ani has called upon Public Communications Officers (PCOs) in the various State Departments to device strategic ways to communicate the Government's Agenda in tandem with the Pillars of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation (BETA).

Speaking during a three-day Executive Training for Public Communications Officers on Government Communications, Messaging and Media Relations, organized by the Media Council of Kenya (MCK), held in a Naivasha hotel, the PS noted that Public Communications should adequately highlight the needs of the public.

Prof. Kisiang'ani stated that the government is keen on enhancing the public's right to access information by ensuring that PCOs are well-empowered and have access to crucial public information for onward trans-

mission to the public.

Some of the key development pillars include Agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Affordable Housing, Universal Healthcare, Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy.

On his part, MCK CEO David Omwoyo noted that advances in technology have immensely changed the media landscape, "I encourage government communicators to leverage on technology to create positive impact."

Omwoyo reiterated that it's crucial for Public Communications Officers to liaise accordingly in an effort to address various communication gaps.

In her address, Information Secretary Judy Munyinyi emphasized the importance of communication in effective governance and public administration.



Broadcasting and Telecommunications Principal Secretary, Prof Edward Kisiang'ani.

SPORTS NEWS

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Sports >> *National Under 20 rugby team head coach Curtis Olago has made six changes to the squad to play Spain in Thursday evening's World Rugby Under 20 Trophy tie at Nyayo Stadium.

Olago Sharpens His Arsenal Ahead Of Do-Or-Die Duel Against Spain At World U20 Trophy



Kenya's Spencer Davies in action during their match against Samoa

National Under 20 rugby team head coach Curtis Olago has made six changes to the squad to play Spain in Thursday evening's World Rugby Under 20 Trophy tie at Nyayo Stadium.

Stanslaus Shikoli, who scored Chipu's first try during Saturday's tie against Samoa, drops to the bench due to illness and will

replaced by Edmund Omondi. Vincent Omondi replaces his Kenya Harlequins' teammate Iddo Kuta at openside as Stratthmore Leos' Victor Odhiambo comes in on the right wing in place of Alvin Mwamburi.

Chipu will be hoping for a win against the Spaniards following their 34-25 loss to Samoa in their

first match on Saturday.

The Spaniards walloped Hong Kong in their first Pool B encounter at the same venue and lead the log with five points.

Samoa take on Hong Kong in the first match before Uruguay take to the pitch against Zimbabwe in the first Pool A tie of the day.

Afterwards, the United States will be seeking to recover from their narrow loss to the South Americans when they square up to group leaders Scotland.

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Man Utd And Wales Icon Giggs ‘Free To Rebuild Career’ After Court Battle



Former Manchester United star and Wales manager Ryan Giggs leaves the Manchester Minshull Street Crown Court, in Manchester, on August 8, 2022 after attending his trial for assaulting his ex-girlfriend.

United Kingdom, July 18 – Ryan Giggs is free to “rebuild his life and career” his lawyer said on Tuesday after prosecutors withdrew domestic abuse charges, ending a three-year legal battle. Giggs always denied the allegations of controlling and coercive behaviour and assault against his former girlfriend Kate Greville and the assault of her younger sister Emma Greville at his home. The 49-year-old was due to go on trial for a second time after a month-long trial last year ended without the jury reaching a verdict. But the prosecution withdrew those charges on Tuesday, acknowledging there was no realistic chance of conviction once Kate Greville had “indicated an unwillingness” to give evidence due to the toll the first trial had taken. Giggs must now decide whether to re-embark on a coaching career that has been on hold since he was

placed on leave by the Football Association of Wales in November 2020. He had led Wales to qualification for Euro 2020, but missed the tournament as his former assistant Rob Page led the side to the last 16. Giggs finally resigned from his role in June 2022 after Page masterminded qualification for Wales’ first World Cup in 64 years. It is for his exploits on the field for Manchester United that Giggs made his name as a dazzling teenage talent who grew into the most-decorated player in English football history. Former United manager Alex Ferguson recalled his first glimpse of the boy who would play a pivotal role throughout his Old Trafford reign. “I remember the first time I saw him,” he said. “He was 13 and he floated across the ground like a cocker spaniel chasing a piece of

silver paper in the wind.” Giggs, who was on Manchester City’s books as a youngster, made his league debut for United against Everton in March 1991 at the age of 17. In his early days the Cardiff-born winger, blessed with explosive pace and silky skills, inevitably drew comparisons with 1960s United star George Best, with his ability to torment opposition defenders. Off the pitch he became a pin-up and was one of the most marketable players as the glitzy Premier League era began. He was part of the famous “Class of 92” alongside David Beckham, Paul Scholes, Gary and Phil Neville brothers, but in terms of honours he outdid them all. The most iconic moment of his career was his winning goal in the 1999 FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal, when he raced from his own half and slalomed through the

Arsenal defence before smashing a shot past David Seaman.

Treble winner

That year United went on to complete a historic treble, their greatest achievement during two decades of almost non-stop success under Ferguson. But there were countless other moments of magic in a career in which he racked up a club-record 963 appearances over 23 years, scoring 168 goals. In his later years Giggs evolved from being a dashing winger into a creative midfield presence, remaining a key player as he approached 40.

The Welshman, who won a staggering 13 Premier League titles and two Champions League trophies in a trophy-laden career, finally hung up his boots in 2014. He briefly served as United interim manager at the end of the 2013/14 season, following the ill-fated tenure of David Moyes, and worked for two years as a coach at Old Trafford under Louis van Gaal.

Giggs was never a vocal leader on the field in the mould of some of his Manchester United teammates, and was not considered automatic management material. When he was appointed as Wales boss he said he was aware that his status as one of the their greatest players was no guarantee he would succeed at the helm of the national team. But he proved some of the doubters wrong by leading his country to, at the time, just their second major tournament since the 1958 World Cup. Now he has the chance to prove himself once more if given the chance to kickstart his coaching career.

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THE EXPRESSION SPREADING FROM THE GARDEN OF VIRTUE...

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Worth Noting:

- Only a person whose soul is filled with love for country feels that he is living in a palace of happiness. From these views of the creator, one can feel the soul's expression that forms the feelings of pride, love and respect for mother earth.
- The cherished Navruz holiday hymn expresses the noisy joy and happiness in the heart as "The sound of nightingales in our soul". Of course, it is natural to bring the observations of such a change in the heart of Koklam to the essence of Nowruz.
- Nature's created order of life cannot live without sunlight. In particular, grass, flowers, and trees are all powered by the sun's rays.



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Review

Those who love poetry are always restless. He spends his nights awake and his days in dreams. At the heart of it lies the magic of words. An enchanted heart cannot give up poetry and creativity. On the contrary, he is eager to read, learn and write. This process shapes the artist over the years.

Nematjon Dostmamatov did not give up poetry and creativity either; it can be said that he is one of the creators who strives to read, learn and write. The writings of the creator, who shared his heart as much as possible, are not complicated, in a simple and understandable language. While writing the themes of home-

land, land, longing, goodness, nature, he aims to enjoy the joy of the soul as much as possible. That is, in the following verses, while writing about the homeland not being suitable for poetry in all eras, he also connects the birth of brave boys with this soil.

The mothers who gave birth to Usman Nasir are in you,

Patriotism waves in every soul,
Poetry is indescribable at any time,
We are happy, the palace of happiness is in Uzbekistan!

Only a person whose soul is filled with love for country feels that he is living in a palace of happiness. From these views of the creator, one can feel the soul's expression that forms

the feelings of pride, love and respect for mother earth.

The breath of my soul in my heart,
Nightingales sing in our soul.

My love increases, my passion grows,

My words are incapable of describing you,

Welcome, Happy Navroz!

The cherished Navruz holiday hymn expresses the noisy joy and happiness in the heart as "The sound of nightingales in our soul". Of course, it is natural to bring the observations of such a change in the heart of Koklam to the essence of Nowruz.

Calling people and those around them to be good, he writes the fol-

lowing:

With the love of the sun,
The faces of the flowers are smiling.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Do good every day!

Nature's created order of life cannot live without sunlight. In particular, grass, flowers, and trees are all powered by the sun's rays. Connecting this natural phenomenon to humanity, the sun is the propagator of every virtue, and the good it does is compared to the light. It can be said that the verses express in a simple way the urge to do good every day from the heart.

In another poem, the conclusion about the complexity of life embodies ingrained thoughts. In this way, the creator is a little thoughtful, patient and grateful, in our opinion:

Everyone has different thoughts,
Different, different destiny.

Who sings songs of joy,
Whose fate is...

In the trials of life,
Who took a good lesson.

Living patiently,

The one who gives thanks is the winner.

It can be seen that such views on the qualities required of victorious people were watered from the well of preaching. In general, the writings of Nematjon Dostmamatov can be said to be didactic, i.e. the spirit of instruction is the leading one. At the same time, a lot of attention was paid to the expression of the changes taking place today, reflecting the breath of the times. Also, in the process of looking at the examples of creations included in this book, some lines and parts have minor flaws. However, as we step into the garden of goodness of the creator, we pay attention to the beauty, sweet performance, especially the good intention of the author, and we wish him great success in his work. Let the expressions from the garden of virtue lighten the hearts...

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