



Lord Egerton Agro-Industrial Park To Be Launched Next Month

Nakuru County Government has officially announced that the Lord Egerton Agro-industrial Park, which will host a variety of industries, including agro processors, ICT hubs, energy-sector companies, engineering and construction firms, and chemical industries, will start operations next month.

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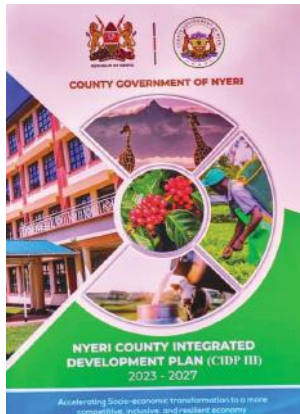
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Nyeri County Unveils Sh103B Five Year Master Plan

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Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga lead other leaders in displaying the Master Plan after he unveiled it. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU



Nyeri County governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga during the ceremony yesterday

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Kirinyaga County Establishes Fish Aggregation Center For Increased Earnings

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Kirinyaga County Government has established an exclusive fish market in a move intended to enhance the

marketing system for farmers' fish in the county.

The fish market that has been set up at Kiaga area will be the county's aggregation centre for fish, thus providing farmers with a reliable

facility for fish bulking, preliminary processing, and a one-stop fish shop. Governor Anne Waiguru said that the centre is part of the Wezesha Kirinyaga programme that aims at

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The Fish Aggregation center



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We Must Blend And Work Towards Bringing Nature Back To Its Course: Mudavadi

By: Capital Correspondent



Worth Noting:

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The Ministry of Environment and Forestry has been directed to intensify protection and rehabilitation of the country's water towers.

Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi said serious intermediate remedial action should be directed to protect the increasingly vulnerable Government's gazetted forests.

He also said the Kenya Water Towers policy and bill are being drafted to protect among other issues, protect forests.

“We have to align our policies to ensure that we consistently conserve, protect and sustainably manage our environment. Making investments today that will protect us and the generations to come in the future,” he stated.

“I impress on you to hasten and intensify protection, reforestation and rehabilitation of Kenya's water towers. Sometimes, we mistake tree cover where we have achieved 12.1 per cent of the 30 per cent target with forest cover,” Mudavadi said on Thursday when he launched the Ministry's Strategic Plan 2023-27 in Nairobi.

Statistics that show Kenya's forests are fragmented across the country and combined, forests cover over 37 million hectares.

Out of those 37 million hectares, 2.1 million are woodlands, 24.8 million are bush lands and 10.7 million are wooded grasslands.

“We are at a meager 9 per cent forest cover, purely out of neglect and destruction. It is commendable what we have done to protect the Mt Kenya Water Towers. The annual community rehabilitation of Kaptagat Forest also requires emulating,” he said.

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activity.

“I have been approached by these counties to patronize these mitigation activities through planned Marathons to fund afforestation. I ask for your support,” he said.

According to Mudavadi, Kenya is buffeted by climate change and has just been through a worst drought in 40 years.

As a nation highly dependent on agriculture and tourism, he noted that climate change is a priority and the country cannot turn its back on this, adding that adaptation and mitigation measures required, including early warning mechanisms are not cheap.

This, however, he said does not mean Kenyans should fold their hands and hope for the best.

“We must soil our hands today, to prevent catastrophes tomorrow. This is why I am impressed by details on intervention measures in your strategic plan, under the topic on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Key Result Area,” he explained.

As he launched the Plan, Mudavadi insisted that it is not only a results-based management tool but also an instrument with which the public service will use to account for its existence.

Mudavadi warned that gone are the days when the only delivery accounting tool was to report to work and leave at own pleasure.

He said there are no longer shortcuts to efficient and effective public service delivery that Government is committed to.

“Today, as long as you remain in the public service, make strategic plans, service delivery standards, citizen service delivery charters, annual work plans, performance contracts and staff performance appraisal, part of your second nature,” he said.

As far as performance management, which falls under his office is concerned, Mudavadi said he ‘does not intend to take prisoners on this’.

He said strategic plans are not just ornamental documents, even as he warned that organizations will be judged on their suitability to remain relevant by cascading the Plans to their signed performance contract, annual work plans and to whether or not they attained individual targets set out.

“Least I am misunderstood, such an exercise will carry no favour, ill-will or vendetta. We will use your own commitments to judge your relevance because the Government has made promises to Kenyans under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BeTA), that must be fulfilled. If you are not ready to better the lives of Kenyans, we will not retain you against your will,” he affirmed.

On job creation, he said the Ministry has recruited the first 2,700 forest rangers and is about to recruit a Green Army of 4000.

Under the Ministry's stewardship, Mudavadi said the 15-billion national tree cover campaign will also directly contribute to job creation when youth and women groups grow and sell seedlings for the greening campaign; and in the long-term, provide nutrition and timber products.

“I trust that it will help us create jobs during the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste, apart from providing a clean and healthy environment as anticipated by the Constitution.”

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Car And General Scoops Award For Best Automotive E-Commerce Site For The Second Time

By: Our Reporter
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For the second time running, Car and General online shop received the award for the best automotive e-commerce site during the fifth annual E-Commerce awards.

The event honours and recognises teams and people who are leading the industry in terms of innovation in software, eCommerce campaigns, and website creativity and technology in different categories.

The awards are open to all companies and individuals operating in Kenya's e-commerce ecosystem.

Saumil Vyas, Head of Digital Sales and Marketing at Car and General said, "E-Commerce is the future of the automotive industry as it allows dealerships to reach new markets, cut down on operational costs, tailor the customer experience and give them more control over their buying power just by the click of a button."

"The internet has revolutionised

the way customers shop. They can now acquire Piaggio tuktuks, TVS motorbikes, GPS devices, Briggs and Stratton products and Garmin wearable fitness devices conveniently through the online shop saving them time and money. This mode of shopping breaks all geographical barriers creating accessibility for SME's to mitigate them against the current economic challenges."

The firm was established 85 years ago in Nakuru and now is a listed company on the Nairobi Securities Exchange.

It is a franchise-holder of a wide range of leading global power generation, automotive and engineering brands including two and three-wheeler vehicles, tractors, out-board engines, air compressors, laundry equipment and water pumps.

It is subsidiary companies in Uganda and Tanzania, and branches in Arusha and Rwanda where it is the main distributor for Cummins diesel generators, engines and parts.



Car and General team celebrate after winning the prize for best in Automotive E-Commerce for the second year running at the recent annual E-Commerce Awards. Left to right, Joyce Nthiga, Marketing Executive Pollet Mungai, Managing Director David Chesoni, Head of Digital Sales and Marketing Saumil Vyas, and Maureen Kemunto.

Aga Khan University's 4 Residency Programmes Receive Global Recognition

By: Capital Correspondent

Four of Aga Khan University's residency programmes in East Africa have been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education International, (ACGME-I).

Three of the programmes – Paediatrics & Child Health, Radiology & Diagnostic Imaging and Obstetrics & Gynaecology have received fresh accreditation, while the Internal Medicine programme has been accredited for the second time. The Internal Medicine programme was the first residency programme in Africa to be accredited by ACGME-I last year.

ACGME-I is a global accreditation body that verifies medical education institutions, as well as their postgraduate programmes for residents and fellows, to ensure that they meet the highest academic standards.

While commenting on the accreditation, Prof Lukoye Atwoli, Dean,

Aga Khan University Medical College, East Africa said: "AKU strives for excellence and this achievement is a testament to the international quality standards of our institutional set-up and the programmes we offer. We attribute this success to the dedication and efforts of our colleagues who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all our procedures and documentation are of the highest standards".

By improving the quality of teaching, learning, research and professional practice, ACGME-I seeks to improve healthcare that ultimately benefits the public.

"This accreditation reinforces our commitment to providing the best training environment for the doctors of tomorrow. The majority of our alumni from the medical college go on to work in the public and private sectors and we believe that the culture of excellence in our training, translates to enhanced quality of care in the healthcare system," said Rashid Khalani, CEO of the Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi where the residency programmes are



based.

The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi has been accredited by global leading healthcare accreditation bodies including Joint Commission International and the College of American Pathologists, another endorsement of AKU's training centre.

The Aga Khan University Medical College, East Africa received an

ACGME-I institutional accreditation in July 2020. ACGME-I recognised AKU as the only institution in the region that has the infrastructure, policies, procedures and support systems to provide top-quality graduate medical education. The accreditation means that the training programmes are benchmarked and measured against the best global residency pro-

grammes.

"With four of our nine residency programmes now accredited we are working to ensure that the other five programmes get accredited by the end of 2024," noted Prof Atwoli.

The accreditation come at a time that the Aga Khan University is celebrating 40 years since receiving an international charter.

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Lawmaker Moves Motion Urging For The Introduction Of Sex Education In Schools

By: PSCU

A lawmaker has moved a Motion urging for the introduction of comprehensive health, wellness and sex education in the curriculum as a core subject in schools by the National Government through the State Department of Basic Education.

Jane Maina (Kirinyaga women Rep.) argues that, improving public health is a fundamental responsibility of the Government and is imperative to address pressing reproductive health challenges faced by young people. These challenges include poor sexual and reproductive health, inadequate information regarding sexual health, and exposure to sexually transmitted infections.

“Comprehensive sexual education through school-based programmes, community-based programmes and health care facilities can promote healthy sexual practices amongst young people and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections lower the incidences of teenage pregnancies thus increasing school attendance and retention.” noted Jane Maina in her moving notes.

Seconding the Motion, Deputy Majority Whip Naomi Waqo stressed that it is the responsibility of the Government to give every citizen an equal opportunity to access good healthcare services.

The Member congratulated Maina for introducing the Motion. She told legislators that African cultural barriers have for long barred the society from entrenching sex education alongside other parental guidance leaving children to be exposed to sexual behaviour from their environments. She emphasized the need to help children understand the risks posed by irresponsible sexual behaviour from an early age.



Njeri Maina Kirinyaga County MP.

Worth Noting:

While contributing to the motion, Baringo County legislator, Flowrence Jematiah lauded the lawmaker for Motion which she termed as timely. She pointed out that recent statistics have indicated that there has been an influx of teenage pregnancies due to little parent-children interactions to help children understand biological changes in their bodies as they go through adolescence. The legislator said that it is time for the society to sit down and guide the future generation accordingly.

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Moiben MP, Phyllis Bartoo who supported this motion, stated that in the digital age where children have easy access to mobile phones with all manner of information from the internet, there is need to have the curriculum incorporate sex education. She decried that a number of children between the ages of 15 and 19 may have had sexual experience, while others may have been exposed to sexually transmitted diseases through risky sexual behaviours.

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On her part, Kisii County MP, Donya Aburi agreed that there is need for proper sex education to enable children make informed choices in life. She noted that at the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital, 60 to 65 percent of pregnancies recorded at the hospital emanate from teenage pregnancies.

All Members who spoke on the matter supported the Motion underscoring the need to expose children to matters involving their bodies from a young age to alleviate risks brought about by ignorance. They also called on the community to take up the role of educating their children on matters to do with sexual health.

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Nakuru County To Establish Potato Processing Plant

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County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in Charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperatives, Mr. Leonard Bor, with investors and farmers.

Worth Noting:

- “We expect the value addition of potatoes will not only increase earnings for farmers but also address the issue of malnutrition and food insecurity,” he added. Potato prices have been fluctuating, with a bag of produce selling for as little as Sh600 during harvest seasons.
- The establishment of the factory is also expected to reduce post-harvest losses and provide ready off-take of potatoes, guaranteeing steady farm prices for the over 15,000 smallholder farmers in Nakuru and the region.
- “Our main goal is to stop unscrupulous middlemen who have formed cartels to rip off farmers. Our hope is that the processing plant will help utilise the produce which has been going to waste due to poor storage facilities and lack of market,” said Bor.

Potato farmers in Nakuru County will now have an opportunity to add value to their produce after the County Government approved the construction of a new processing plant.

The factory, which is expected to be up and running within six months, will be set up by Fresh Crop Limited. County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in Charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperatives, Mr. Leonard Bor, said the processing plant will also save farmers from exploitation by middlemen.

“I am confident that the project will end the exploitation of potato farmers by middlemen who have been buying fresh produce at low prices and selling it at higher prices,” said Bor.

Bor added: “The economy of Nakuru is 60 per cent dependent on agriculture. I am confident that in six months, we will be able to transform the economic well-being of our people through value addition, thanks to this plant.”

Speaking during a farmers’ field day organised by the County Government in collaboration with Fresh Crop Limited at Mau Narok within Njoro Sub County, the CECM expressed regret that farmers have been relying on brokers who buy the commodity using extended bags of up to 100 Kgs at prices as low as Sh 2,000.

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The CECM advised farmers to use certified seeds to increase their productivity.

He assured potato growers of the Governor Susan Kihika administration’s support in ensuring farmers get proper training on the management of potatoes through extension services, which will enable them to produce quality produce for local and regional markets.

The field day that attracted over 50 agricultural companies and over 5,000 farmers across the county was also graced by Nakuru County Agriculture Chief Officer Mr. Newton Mwaura, Nandi County Agriculture CECM Dr. Bernard Kiplimo Lagat, Nandi County Chief Officer in Charge of Agriculture Mr. Paul Sang’a, and his Cooperative counterpart Ms. Carol Lagat.

Fresh Crop Managing Director, Mr. Christopher Gasperi, disclosed that some of the products the plant will be processing from potatoes include crisps, flour, and biscuits. This, he added, will give the farmers value for their money.

Gasperi indicated that the field day sought to help potato farmers keep abreast of the latest technologies in the sector, which is worth more than Sh50 billion as per the latest data

from the National Potato Council of Kenya.

“During the field day, we brought on board many of the companies that showcased their products, services, and inputs used by potato farmers. What the farmers see as advertisements in mass media was brought closer home,” said Gasperi.

He added: “During the event, farmers got an opportunity to interact with experts and ask questions about their products and services, and this cleared a lot of doubts and misinformation. The knowledge the farmers gained will translate into a practical solution to their farming ventures.”

Gasperi said companies were allocated a one-acre piece of land to showcase their products, while Fresh Crop Limited donated the seeds that were used in the demonstration plots. “As a company propagating certified clean potato seeds, we can only achieve our goal of reaching more farmers if we incorporate other players along the value chain,” he said.

The 39-year-old American nurse who is chasing his dream in potato fields started potato farming in Nyan-darua County in 2019.

“I saw there was a huge opportunity for streamlining, and since Fresh Crop Limited is a decentralised seed company, we took in the needs of the farmers and moved closer to them to enable them access clean potato seeds. We also introduced them to agrochemicals that are not harmful to their crop,” he said.

“I’m happy that after exposing smallholder farmers to the newest technologies like hybrid tube potato seeds and apical cutting as well as linking them to financial institutions,

this has ushered in new varieties in the country, and this has paid huge dividends as farmers are now reaping from their sweat,” he added.

He noted that Smallholder farmers have been struggling for a long time without any tangible solutions offered to them to sustain their ventures and earn more income.

“At FreshCrop Limited, we want to meet the needs of all smallholder farmers in the potato value chain because when we start scaling up this operation, we want to keep our smallholder farmers supplied with clean potato seeds round the clock in the entire planting season,” said Gasperi.

He lauded SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, through its campaign dubbed Climate Resilience Agribusiness for Tomorrow (CRAFT), for supporting his company to help potato farmers reduce production costs and boost their incomes.

“We have shared goals with SNV as it has introduced to us some of the new technologies of breeding, mechanisation, irrigation, and helping train more than 150 trainers-of-trainers (ToTs) within nine counties on adaptive measures for climate-smart agriculture,” said Gasperi.

He said this model of cooperation between the company and SNV has built trust as more farmers embrace climate-smart agriculture practises in counties like Nyandarua, Nakuru, Narok, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nandi, Kiambu, Meru, and Bomet.

About 800,000 farmers countrywide grow the crop, with a total production of between 1 to 1.4 million tonnes which generates between Sh30 to Sh 40 billion annually. Potatoes are the second-most important food crop in Kenya and are grown by about 800,000 smallholder farmers.

Records from the National Potato Council indicate that the industry employs about three million people along the value chain and contributes over Sh50 billion to the country’s economy annually. Small-scale farmers contribute 83 per cent of the total production.

In Nakuru, there are about 20,000 farmers growing potatoes on more than 38,000 acres of land, with a total production of 160,000 tonnes of assorted varieties, with Shangi dominating.

Nyeri County Unveils Sh103B Five Year Master Plan

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Laikipia County governor Reuben Kamuri who was one of the guest addressing the gathering. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU.

Worth Noting:

- The master plan provides a road map of key priority programs for implementation in the coming half decade period in fulfilment of the county government's obligations and forms the basis for subsequent budgets.
- Area governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga who unveiled the master plan in the presence of several guests, local leaders and dozens of local residents from all corners of the county summed the plan thus, "It aims at making Nyeri a wealthy county with healthy and secure people for shared prosperity".
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Nyeri County government yesterday launched an ambitious Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

The five year master plan running to 2027 will see the devolved unit invest Sh103 billion.

The blueprint is for the county's economic, social, environmental, legal, and spatial development which is expected to meet the service and infrastructural needs for the benefit of all local communities.

This is the 3rd Generation CIDP since the onset of the devolved government system in 2013.

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Others are, Social Services Sector (Health, Education, Social Protection, Culture and Recreation) and General Economic and Commerce Affairs.

The economic pillar aims at ensuring prosperity for all the residents through inclusive and sustainable development programmes.

The social pillar seeks to build a

just, cohesive, and equitable society living in a clean and secure environment. This pillar is anchored on transformation in education and training, health, water and sanitation, environment, housing and urbanization, gender, youth, sports, and culture.

The political pillar seeks to promote a democratic political system that is issue-based, people-centred, result-oriented, and accountable to the public.

The plan has also been aligned to the fourth Medium Term Plan, Bottom-up Economic Model, and international Commitments like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In his address, the governor quipped, "Importantly, over the last five years, despite the externalities, my government has achieved great milestones in all spheres. This has created a foundation on which the third generation CIDP will be anchored to guarantee transformation and shared prosperity in the next phase. These achievements were made possible due to our commitment to accountable and transparent leadership as well as sustainable growth".

He added, "This document will also be instrumental in actualization of my manifesto and promises to the citizens of Nyeri. We have therefore ensured that the programmes identified clearly capture the commitments I made towards a better Nyeri."

The CIDP theme is 'Accelerating Socio-economic transformation to a more competitive, inclusive, and resilient economy'.

The Nyeri county government has come up with five sectors that will enable the attainment of the county's overall vision of "a wealthy county with healthy and secure people for shared prosperity".

Launching the CIDP marked a significant milestone towards setting a framework that will guide the planning, budgeting, and implementation of projects and programs geared towards achieving the manifesto and promises made to the locals during the recent electioneering period.

During the event, Governor Kahiga noted that the programs identified capture the commitments they made towards realizing a better Nyeri with a keen focus on the National Government's Bottom-up Economic Transformative Agenda (BETA) for inclusive growth.

In the year 2018-2022, the CIDP was the guiding blueprint for development in the county for the period under review.

Though much has been achieved, most of the proposed programmes were not implemented due to various factors which were beyond the control of the county government, the governor noted.

Nyeri Finance, Economic Planning & ICT CEC Robert Thuo acknowledged all those who contributed either directly or indirectly to the success of the development and production of the Plan.

The audience were informed that



Some of the leaders who attended the ceremony. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU.

a Spatial Development Framework has been drafted which is meant guide on among other things; Enhancing County Competitiveness, Identifying Resource Potential Growth Areas, Modernizing Agriculture, Diversifying Tourism, Managing Human Settlements, Conserving the Natural Environment, Transportation Network, Providing Appropriate Infrastructure and Industrialization.

Some of the challenges in the Implementation of the last CIDP Plan included delayed Approval and Disbursements from National Treasury, Effects of Covid-19 Pandemic, Un-attainment of the Own Source Revenue Collection, delay in Processing of Relevant Documents for Collaborating Institutions and Of collaborating institutions and Government Agencies, Changes in Procurement and Payment Process, and Lack of a suitable waste disposal site and proper waste management system and Environmental related Hazards.

Some of the unforeseen issues witnessed during implementation period of the second generation CIDP that needs to be addressed include the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Desert Locust Invasion, External Geopolitical Tensions, Rising Inflation and Climate Change.

Laikipia County Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri who graced the ceremony lauded the Nyeri county for a superb plan.

Others who attended the colourful event were area Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Members of Parliament Geoffrey Wandeto (Tetu), Njoroge Wainaina (Kieni) and John Kaguchia (Mukurweini).

Nyeri County Assembly Speaker James Gichuhi and Majority Leader James Kanyugo led scores of area Members of the County Assembly.

Senior county government officials led by County Executive Committee Members (CECM), Chief Officers and Directors attended the event.

A Great Friendship Pt 1



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If there ever was a “man’s man,” it was Jonathan; and if there ever was a man who felt the need of a friend, it was Jonathan. The Philistines’ domination of Israel in that day was so complete that they allowed no blacksmiths in the land for fear they would make swords and spears for the Israelites. In fact, there were only two swords in the entire nation, those of King Saul and his son Jonathan.

All Israel was in a dark funk of depression and despair — all, that is, except Jonathan. Jonathan saw matters differently. He believed that if God willed it, Israel could be saved, even by a few. While others looked down, he looked up and saw a great

and glorious God who could deliver him anytime He saw fit. Armed with this conviction and his sword, Jonathan and his armor-bearer attacked a Philistine detachment alone. His rallying words say it all: “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few” (1 Samuel 14:6). Assured that God would deliver them into his hand, Jonathan launched a horrifying single-handed attack. It was mano a mano, hand-to-hand, man-toman. Blood ran to the dust and white bone gleamed in the sun as Jonathan sliced and hacked attacker after attacker, until twenty Philistines lay spread over a terrible half-acre. Blood-covered Jonathan was one tough hombre! Jonathan’s heroics put some steel into his people, and a rebellion followed — and some good days for Israel. But with Saul’s subsequent sin and rejection, Israel fell to even darker days than before (chapters 15 — 17), and Jonathan was more alone than ever. Even



his great heart was affected, as he too trembled before Goliath.

WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD? HE GIFTS US EVERYTHING WE NEED.

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(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TO-

DAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

Committee On Education Questions Judiciary, Office Of The Director Of Public Prosecutions On Delays In Prosecution Of Exam Cheating Cases

By: PSCU

The absence of proper guidelines on how to handle legal cases of examination cheating and related malpractices has been cited as a major contributor to the delays in conclusion of the court cases. This is according to the Deputy Chief Registrar of the Judiciary, Paul Ndemo.

Yesterday, Departmental Committee on Education chaired by Tinderet Constituency MP Julius Melly convened a meeting with the Judiciary and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, to establish why there have been delays in resolution of exam cheating cases before Courts.

“Could you give this committee a summary of existing court cases relating to exam cheating and malpractices, what is the threshold considered before cases are forwarded for prosecution, and what guides the decision to charge?” asked Melly.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions represented by Dorcas



Committee members during yesterday’s session

Oduor, the Secretary of Public Prosecutions who is also the Acting DPP, tabled a list of 53 existing court cases relating to alleged cheating and malpractices in the 2022 KCSE exams.

From her presentation, only three of the 53 cases have been concluded. The number of ongoing and withdrawn cases raised concerns from the legislators, who sought to understand the why this

was happening.

“Each and every time these cases are initiated, they seem to be water-tight and supported by witnesses, but somewhere along the way, the witnesses are reported to be unavailable and cases are withdrawn, what happens in between?” questioned Melly.

The Ag. Director of Public Prosecutions attributed the withdrawals to the com-

plexity of crime and the multiple parties involved including teachers, students, parents, and examiners; stating that it is not easy to lay undoubted blame on one party hence the need for a multi-sectoral approach towards the resolution of the exam cheating menace.

In his submission, the Deputy Chief Registrar of the Judiciary Paul Ndemo indicated that the delay in the gazette-

ment of the chairperson of the National Examinations Appeals Tribunal has also been a hinderance to the successful resolution of the said cases as the Tribunal is not yet operational.

“We propose that the committee initiates statutory amendments to transit the Tribunal to the Judiciary from the Ministry of Education to secure its operational and decisional independence,” Said Ndemo.

Asked about their recommendations to address exam cheating and malpractices, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions proposes among others: the adoption of a multi-sectoral approach in handling and management of exams, increased budgetary allocation to ensure capacity building for stakeholders and infrastructural improvement, establishment of Community Outreach Programmes by the government to create awareness on the ripple effect of exam cheating, and the development of proper and timely databases of all the cases reported for exam cheating and related malpractices.

Azimio's Solidarity Parades, Vigils Were Designed To Push Anti-Ruto Agenda



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Worth Noting:

- The international community and religious leaders in Kenya will not sit down and watch our country slide into anarchy.
- The deaths of many innocent people in these demos will awaken them. We need to also politicize this matter that these fatalities resulted from bullets fired by the police.
- The international community will call out the President and tell him. The buck stops with you. The eyes of the people of Kenyans are trained on you. They want you to provide leadership to resolve current political crisis.
- Moving forward, we urge you to climb down and invite your opponents for talks and dialogue.



Azimio La Umoja-OKA party leader Raila Odinga.

A few days ago, supporters of Azimio La Umoja-OKA party heeded the call of their leaders to participate in what had been dubbed as the 'third wave' of anti-government protests. This was the ninth protest.

Though the turnout was low compared to the initial first two demos, one thing was clear.

Majority of them were not genuine protestors. Going by the trail of destruction left behind, many believed these were criminal gangs on hire and had been instructed to do maximum damage to the economy.

Besides looting and destroying businesses and properties, stir and escalate the violence so that this time the number of fatalities shot up.

This is the only language that President William Ruto can understand. He is a hard nut to crack but he will be forced to soften his position if our strategy works.

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Seemingly, the Azimio leader Raila Odinga is the major stumbling block.

The other day he was quoted saying that he will only honor Ruto's invitation if the talks are chaired by a third-party mediator.

He was responding to President Ruto's tweet that he has all along been willing to meet him. "I'm in Tanzania on an official visit. I'm returning back tomorrow evening. I want us to immediately plan when we shall have this meeting. I'm ready to have one-on-one talks with you at your own convenience", the President wrote.

Raila had earlier in day claimed that the President of Tanzania Suluhu Samia had two weeks ago flown into the country on invitation of President Ruto. She had been called to lead mediation talks between me and Dr Ruto. She spent two days. Raila further alleged that President Ruto snubbed her. This is after he developed cold feet.

Raila added that he met her because 'he means well for the country'.

Many argued that Raila was just playing games. There is no way the President could have snubbed his Tanzania

counterpart if indeed he invited her. If the President wanted her to come and mediate, he could not have invited her before consulting the leaders of his government, more so hardliners. So, the talk of the president developing cold feet is neither here nor there. This was simply a raw propaganda and a white lie.

If bad blood existed between the two presidents, you would not have expected President Ruto to fly to Tanzania a day after Raila made his comments.

When Dr Ruto arrived, he was warmly received by host, President Suluhu.

We know Raila's beef with Ruto started when the latter defeated him on the ballot.

Raila never believed he can lose this election because the outgoing President, deep state and system fully supported his candidature.

But Ruto kept reminding them that he enjoyed God's favor and support of majority of Kenyans. God answered his prayers. He defeated them.

Raila would not accept the results. He filed a petition at the Supreme Court of Kenya which the judges, in a unanimous decision, consequently dismissed the petition due to lack of evidence.

Raila's move did not come as a surprise. He had previously lost four presidential elections and he would not accept the results.

He would resort to organizing and

leading chaotic, bloody and destructive demonstrations. This is in pursuant to his selfish and personal interest.

The endgame is to ensure he has fought his way to occupy the high table where national cake is being shared.

So, to him leadership is about that 'It is our time to eat'.

For now, the question many people are asking is. How many people does Raila want to die before he agrees to sit down with President Ruto?

His calls for a mediator are widely perceived to be well calculated strategy to derail the talks and dialogue.

Given this background, one can say without fear of contradictions that solidarity parades and vigils for the victims of the protests were meant to achieve one goal; the political agenda of the Raila.

The endgame is tainting the name of the president.

Remember they launched an initiative of collecting 15 million signatures. They say they are plotting to use them to overthrow the president. To me this is day dreaming.

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Principles Of Parenting Infants



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Worth Noting:

- Infants do not and cannot grow up as solitary individuals; parenting constitutes the initial and all-encompassing ecology of infant development. Mothers and fathers guide the development of their infants by many direct and indirect means. Biological parents contribute to the genetic makeup of their infants. All parents shape their infants' experiences.
- Parents also influence their infants by virtue of each partner's influence on the other and their associations with larger social networks. Parents influence infant development both by their beliefs and by their behaviors. In this respect, similarities as well as differences in mothers' and fathers' attitudes and actions affect the nature and course of infant development, and they do so according to different mechanisms and following different models.



Nothing stirs the emotions or rivets the attention of adults more than the birth of a child. By their very coming into existence, infants forever alter the sleeping, eating, and working habits of their parents; they change who parents are and how parents define themselves. Infants unthinkingly keep parents up late into the night or cause them to abandon late nights to accommodate early waking; they unknowingly require parents to give up a rewarding career to care for them or to take a second job to support them; they unwittingly lead parents to make new friends of others in similar situations and sometimes cause parents to abandon or lose old friends who are not parents.

Yes, parents may even take for themselves the names that infants uncannily bestow. Parenting an infant is a "24/7" job, whether by the parent herself or himself or by a surrogate caregiver who is on call. That is because the human infant is totally dependent on parents for survival. Unlike the newborn colt which is on its feet within minutes of birth or the newborn chick which forages on its own more or less immediately after being hatched, the newborn human cannot walk, talk, or even ingest food without the aid of a competent caregiver. In a given year, approximately 1 million new babies are born in our country Kenya.

Parenting an infant is akin to trying to hit a moving target, with the ever-changing infant developing in fits and starts at her or his own pace. Amidst this spectrum of developmen-

tal issues and matters that parents must confront, infants themselves are mute but potent.

The very young neither understand their parents' speech nor respond to them verbally. At the same time, they are also notoriously uncooperative and seem unmotivated to perform or conform. Still other pervasive infant characteristics vex parents or give them pause—depending on a parent's perspective or the moment: Infants possess limited attention spans and, in addition to lacking speech, have limited response repertoires; in their first months, they are also motorically incompetent or inept.

Yet infants are consistent and voracious in their demands. Reciprocally, parents need to interpret aspects of infant function unambiguously and must accomplish this in spite of changes and fluctuations in infant state.

Perhaps the major problem faced by parents of infants is that, at base, parents are constantly trying to divine what is "inside the baby's head"—what infants want, what they know, how they feel, what they will do next vis-à-vis the things and the people around them, and whether they understand and are affected by those same things and people.

Thus parents of infants seem constantly in search of patterns, often even on the basis of single transient instances. New (usually inexperienced) parents have the job of disambiguating novel, complex, and rapidly emerging uncertain information, and at the same time they are called

on to parent appropriately and effectively.

Even if most face the formidable challenges of infancy with a degree of psychological naivete, parents do not meet these tests totally unprepared. Both biology and culture equip parents to respond, understand, and interpret infancy and its vicissitudes.

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Mothers and fathers contribute directly to the nature and the development of their infants by passing on their biological characteristics. Modern behavior genetics argues that a host of different characteristics of offspring—height and weight, intelligence and personality—reflects inheritance to a substantial degree.

At the same time, all prominent the-

ories of development put experience in the world as either the principal source of individual growth or as a major contributing component. Studies of children with genetic backgrounds that differ from those of their nurturing families provide one means of evaluating the impacts of heredity and experience on infant development. In natural experiments of adoption, the child shares genes but not environment with biological parents, and the child shares environment but not genes with adoptive parents.

Studies of 1-year-old infants, their biological parents, and their adoptive parents under these circumstances show that development of communicative competence and cognitive abilities relates to the general intelligence (IQ) of biological mothers and also to the behaviors of adoptive mothers. These results point to direct roles for both genetics and experience in parenting infants. Thus evidence for heritability effects neither negates nor diminishes equally compelling evidence for the direct effects of parenting.

To cite the most obvious example, genes contribute to making siblings alike, but (as we all recognize) siblings are normally very different from one another, and it is widely held that siblings' different experiences in growing up contribute to making them distinctive individuals. Even within the same family and home setting, parents (and other factors) help to create distinctive and effective environments for their children.

Kirinyaga County Establishes Fish Aggregation Center For Increased Earnings

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supporting farmers to increase their agricultural production and boost earnings.

She said that her administration has been supporting aquaculture development in the county through the provision of fish pond liners, fish fingerlings, fish feeds, and extension services.

Waiguru added that the aggregation centre would now address the challenges of post-harvest management and marketing of the fish.

The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Dr. John Gachara said that the aggregation centre would enable farmers to aggregate and sell their fish from a central place that is accessible to buyers.

The centre will also offer a hygienic environment for preliminary fish handling, such as selection and cleaning, in preparation for delivery to a fish processing plant expected to be set up at Sagana Industrial Park. Surplus catch will be prepared for the local market as well as markets in other towns like Nairobi.

The aggregation centre has cold rooms as well as cooler boxes that will be used for the transportation of

fish from the farms to the centre.

Gachara said that there will also be fish eateries at the aggregation centre, which is strategically situated along the Kagio-Kutus highway.

He said the market will benefit over 2,000 farmers, whom the county has organised to form a cooperative that will oversee the running of the centre.

Gachara said that the county government is committed to making fish farming a competitive industry and a recognised income earner for county farmers.

He noted that the availability of a fish market will protect farmers from exploitation by farm gate brokers.

“The aquaculture development programme is aimed at transforming fish farming from a livelihood to a commercial venture and is expected to help create a sustainable local economy,” said Gachara, adding that fish production is expected to increase with the construction of dams in Kanjai, Njukiini, and Ndia.

For fish harvesting in the dams, the CECM said that farmers will be provided with canoes and fishing gear.

With climate swings that at times manifest in prolonged dry spells affecting crop production, fish farming has emerged as a viable practise that will boost earnings for farmers and improve the county’s nutrition status.

The aggregation centre has been well



The Fish Aggregation center.

received by fish farmers, who say that it is a long-awaited relief from their market challenges.

Felister Wandia, a fish farmer from Kiambagathi village in Ndia Constituency, stated that the aggregation centre is a welcome move that will save them from incurring post-harvest losses that occur when they fail to secure a market for the fish after harvesting.

“Sometimes we lack a ready market for our fish, while at other times buyers change their minds at the last minute, forcing us to take back our harvest. This centre will therefore

provide farmers like me with a ready market as well as cold storage space as we sell our fish,” she said.

Her sentiments were echoed by Joseph Wachira, who said that the cold storage at the aggregation centre will go a long way in enabling his catch to stay fresh as they market it, thus shielding farmers from post-harvest losses.

He hailed the move by Governor Waiguru as the most progressive step towards boosting fish farming in the county.

Josphine Wangui, a member of Kariiti Fish Farmers in Kirinyaga West,

was also elated by the move by the county government to establish a fish aggregation centre, noting that it will encourage more farmers to take up fish farming as a commercial venture, thus boosting their earnings and subsequently their living standards.

Stanley Munene, a fish farmer from Kiini Ward, said that the support that Governor Waiguru has been providing, according to fish farmers in the county, has encouraged many people to take up the practise, noting that in the near future, the county will be a major fish producer not only for local consumption but for export as well.

Mamo Appears Before Senate Lands Committee

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The Director General of National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Mamo Boru Mamo on Thursday appeared before the senate committee on lands.

Director General Mr. Mamo Boru in his response on actions taken by NEMA to ensure sustained enforcement of law and regulations pertaining to sand harvesting in Machakos and Kitui, affirmed to the Committee that, NEMA and County Government conduct regular inspections to minimize illegal sand harvesting, the Authority has undertaken approximately 47 inspections in Machakos County and 35 inspections in Kitui County some of which have been on sand harvesting within the Counties. “The Authority have been impos-

ing punitive fines and penalties on offenders in law, restriction of sand harvesting and transportation working hours to daytime only (6am to 6pm) and promotion of construction of gabions and sand dams along the threatened river beds where sand harvesting is practiced sponsored by African Sand Foundation (NGO).” DG NEMA added.

Legislators recommend that the two Governors work hand in hand with National Environmental Management Authority, to ensure this menace of Sand harvesting is reduced in both Counties for the benefits of the residents and safe Environment.

Other Senators in attendance were, Vice Chair Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, Sen. Beatrice Ogolla, Sen. Agnes Kavindu, Sen. William Cheptumo and Sen. Mariam Omar. Senator Tabitha Mutinda who sought the Statement and Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua attended.



Director General of National Environment Management Authority Mamo Boru Mamo.

Missed The Bus

Missed the Bus
Missed the Bus...
Well you get hurt...
Especially if you are late...
You feel the pinch.

But...
Missed the Bus...
Because of false rumours...
You get hurt.

Missing the Bus...
It is always hurts...
Whether in Life
Whether in Traveling...

Don't be one...
Don't Miss the Bus.

Achyut Umarji



On The Concept Of Integral, History Of Origin And Some Counter-Examples



axis of the plane is considered positive, and the surfaces of the lower part are considered negative. Indefinite integrals also mean the concept of derivative against a given function.

RESEARCH RESULTS

The first use of the term integral. This term was first used in Latin in a work published by Jacob Bernoulli in 1690.

Terms and symbols: in general, the integral of a real-valued function $f(x)$ with respect to a real variable x on the interval $[a, b]$ is written as $\int_a^b f(x) dx$. The integral symbol \int represents the operation of integration.

The symbol dx , called the differential of the variable x , indicates that the integral variable is x . The function $f(x)$ is an integrable function, the points a and b are the limit of integration (or simply the limit of integration).

If the integral of a function is finite in its field of definition, it is called an integrable function. If the limits exist or are defined, the integral is called a definite integral. $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

integral is called an indefinite integral, it can be said that it represents a class of functions (antiderivative) whose derivative is integral. The fundamental theorem of calculus evaluates the connection of definite integrals to indefinite integrals.

CONCLUSION

The definite integral has wide applications in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology. As an example, we can cite scientific researches [1-15]. In these articles, the use of integrals in the calculation of forces in construction works for builders-engineers, in the performance of operations carried out in the theory of graphs in electrical systems, and in solving linear and non-linear partial differential equations is widely covered. Practice shows that telling students or students about historical examples when passing new topics [16-20], giving counterexamples to proven theorems [21-28], and scientific works where integrals are widely used [29]-[38] recommending learning produces more effective results.

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Abstract.

In the article is given information about the integral concept and the history of its origin.

In addition to the Riemann integral, which is covered in the school program, a number of other integrals (Riemann-Stieltjes, Daniell, Alfred Haar, Henstock-Kurzweil, Ito and Stratonovich, Chokvet) are described.

The difference between integrals is explained with the help of specific examples. The concept of definite integral and its use in practical problems were explained in detail, counter-examples of some theorems were presented.

Keywords: infinitesimal, area, volume of a solid, integral, indefinite integral, surface, surface integral, sign of indefinite integral, counter derivative.

INTRODUCTION

In mathematics, the integral defines the values of functions that describe displacement, area, volume, and other concepts resulting from the integration of infinitesimals. The process of finding integrals is called integration.

Along with differentiation, integration is one of the basic, important concepts of mathematics and serves as a tool for solving problems involving the area of an arbitrary shape, the length of a curve, and the volume of a solid in mathematics and physics. Integrals are divided into two main types, definite integrals and indefinite integrals. Definite integrals are interpreted as the area of two points in the plane of a curve bounded by the graph of a function. In this case, the surface of the upper part of the horizontal

We Need To Talk About Your Child's Upbringing

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.... Mom, I'll be late for kindergarten, wake up....

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Kamola Jorajeva
Gijduvan district

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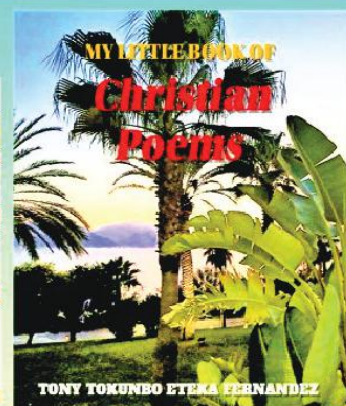
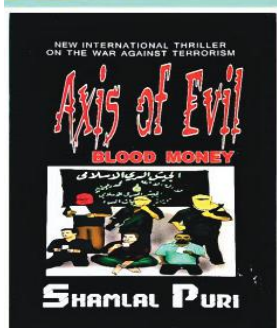
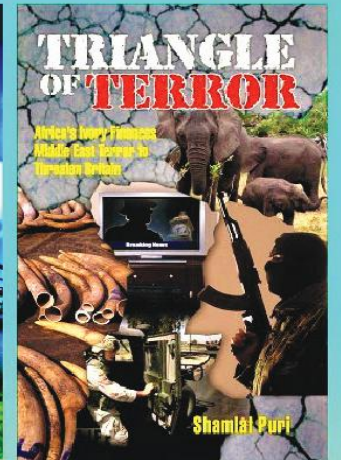
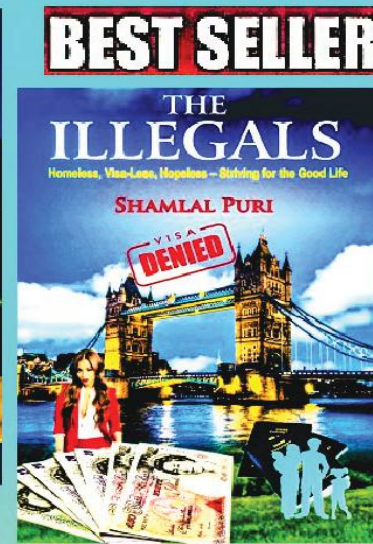
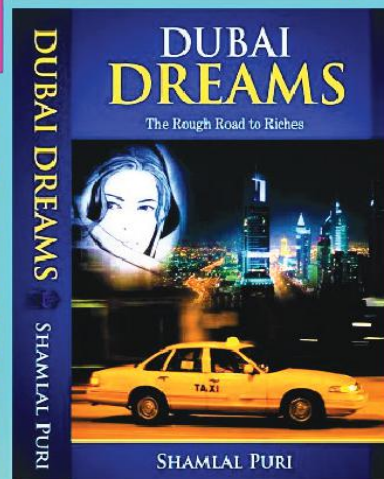
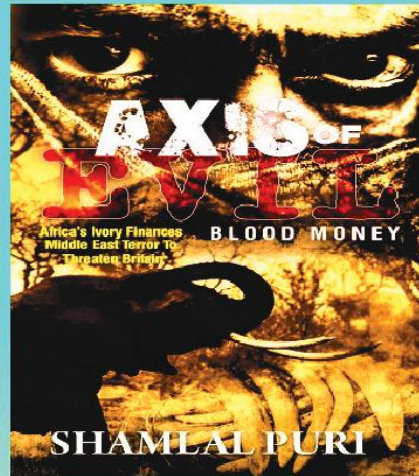
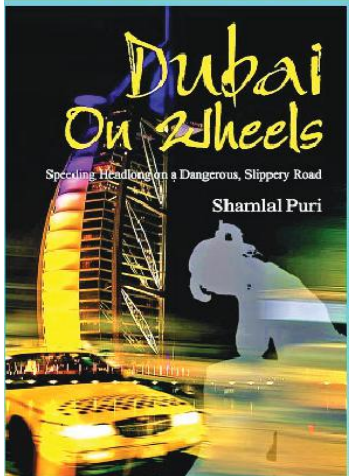
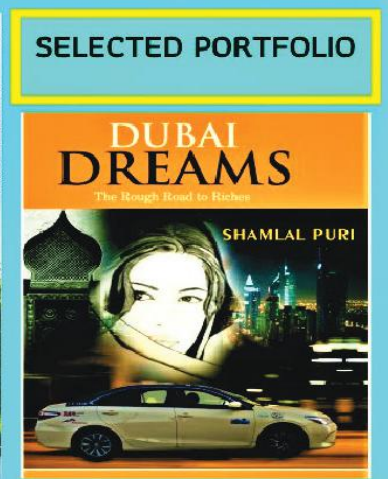
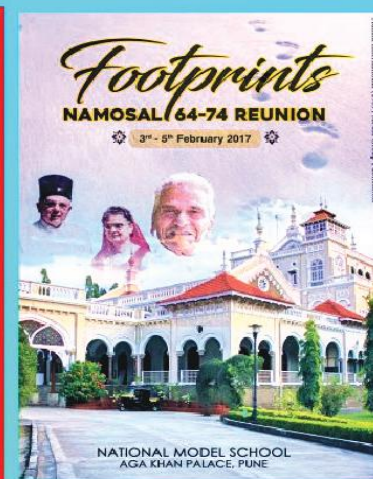
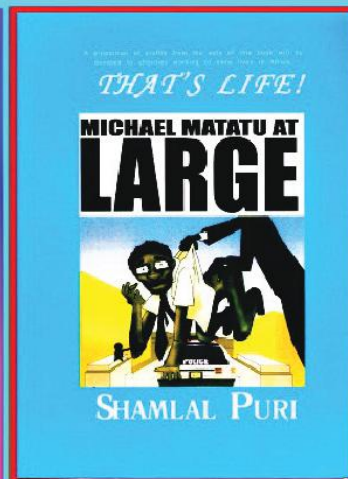
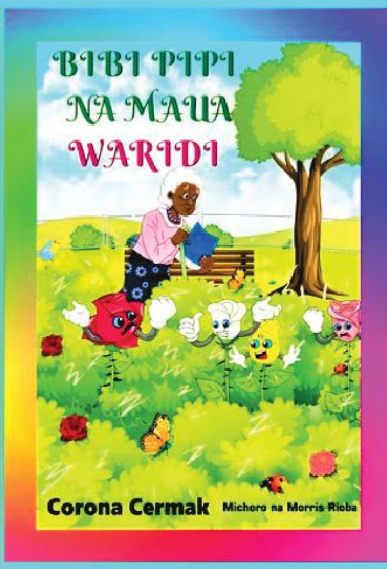
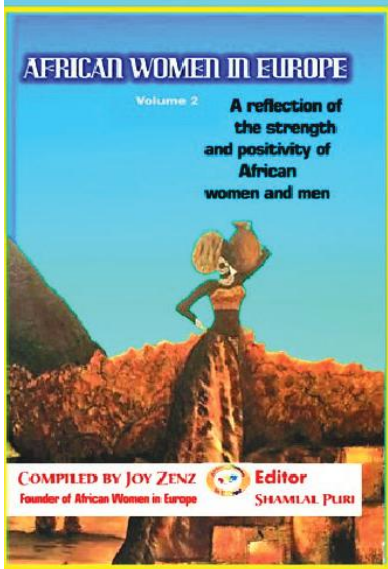
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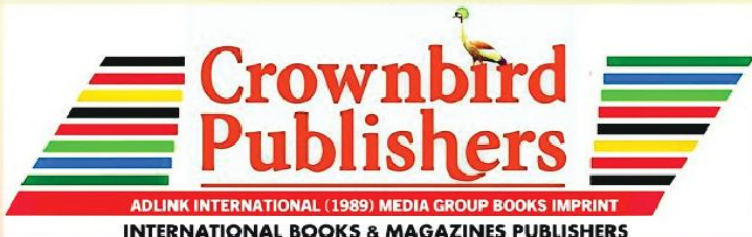
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KEMRI Receives Sh77.2 Million For Stem Cell Research

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The Director General, Kenya Research Medical Institute (KEMRI) Prof. Elijah Songok addresses members of the press at Institute yesterday during the official commissioning of the Center of Excellence in Stem Cell Research. Photo/ Bonface Malinda

Worth Noting:

- “KEMRI has a name out of Kenya; you should never give up on research, promote what you can do, talk about it, explore, and create global and regional interlinkages,” stated the chairman.
- Michieka said the country has good scientists and knowledge and encouraged Members of Parliament to utilise the scientists in their areas as their research findings in biotechnology can help establish industries, thereby creating employment for youth in their constituencies.
- The chairman said President William Ruto is keen on Science and Technology, a reason he attributed to the increment in funding for research.

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) has received Sh77.2 million from the National Research Fund (NRF) to carry out stem cell research geared at providing solutions to help patients suffering from various ailments.

Research Scientists at the institution are expected to utilise the fund to develop new technologies for the treatment and prevention of non-communicable diseases, which are attributed to 27 percent of all deaths annually.

Yesterday, while commissioning the Centre of Excellence in Stem Research at KEMRI headquarters in Nairobi, the Chairman of the National Research Fund, Prof. Ratemo Michieka, said the project will enable the scientists to use the stem cells to come up with solutions that can be used locally and internationally.

Michieka asked the Scientists to select a material that they can produce and that can help the nation in research and development in line with job creation, adding that coming out with specific areas that are their best will make their hypothesis recognised and graded globally.

He also encouraged the institution to look for land and set up a factory for manufacturing medicine and a product that Kenya can be proud of.

“KEMRI has a name out of Kenya; you should never give up on research, promote what you can do, talk about it, explore, and create global and regional interlinkages,” stated the chairman.

Michieka said the country has good scientists and knowledge and encouraged Members of Parliament to utilise the scientists in their areas as their research findings in biotechnology can help establish industries, thereby creating employment for youth in their constituencies.

The chairman said President William Ruto is keen on Science and Technology, a reason he attributed to the increment in funding for research.

In his remarks, the chairman of the KEMRI Board of Directors, Dr. Abdullahi Ibrahim, said the Stem Cell Research facility will address the

enormity of non-communicable diseases in the country, which contribute to more than 50 per cent of in-patient hospital admissions.

“Cardiovascular diseases account for the majority of non-communicable disease-related deaths in the country, a trend that is worrying,” said Ibrahim, adding that there is a dire need for researchers and scientists to find solutions to tackle the diseases, including new approaches for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.

He said the centre will enable the researchers to generate healthy cells to replace those affected by cancer, road

accidents, and other diseases.

“Stem cells can be guided into becoming specific cells that can be used in people to regenerate and repair tissues that have been damaged or affected by diseases,” said the KEMRI chairman.

KEMRI Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Elijah Songok, who thanked NRF for the financial support, said stem cell research will enable the institute to develop new therapies to regenerate and repair tissues that have been damaged or affected by diseases, accidents singling out cancer, spinal cord injuries and burns among others.

Songok announced that KEMRI’s medical products, among them diagnostic kits, candidate vaccines, and drugs against various diseases produced by the institution, are ready for large-scale manufacturing through local and international manufacturers establishing their footprints in Kenya and the region.

KEMRI has consolidated its research activities into six categories, which include biotechnology, natural product research and drug development, infectious and parasitic diseases, public health and health systems, non-communicable diseases, and sexual, reproductive, adolescent, and child health.



Chairman National Research Fund Prof. Ratemo Michieka (center seated) flanked by Chairman, KEMRI Board of Directors Dr. Abdullahi Ali on his left, pose for a photograph with medicine researchers at KEMRI yesterday during the official commissioning of the Centre of Excellence in Stem Cell Research. Photo/Bonface Malinda



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Lord Egerton Agro-Industrial Park To Be Launched Next Month

By: Esther Mwangi and Sam Karanja

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Worth Noting:

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- The State Department for Industry Principal Secretary, Mr. Juma Mukhwana, said the national government has set aside Sh4.7 billion for the construction of CAIPS in all the counties to promote the manufacturing sector.



The park.

Nakuru County Government has officially announced that the Lord Egerton Agro-industrial Park, which will host a variety of industries, including agro processors, ICT hubs, energy-sector companies, engineering and construction firms, and chemical industries, will start operations next month.

Trade, Culture, and Tourism County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Stephen Kuria said preparations are complete to operationalize the facility with the County Aggregation Industrial Park (CAIP) and Export Processing Zone (EPZ), which have been allocated 100 acres each at the University's Ngongongeri farm in Njoro and are expected to be unveiled at a ceremony that will be officiated by President William Ruto.

When disclosing that the County Government had approved a policy document to establish and implement County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPS) and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), the CECM said the CAIPS and SEZs will help grow industrialization and middle income to provide quality of life to all residents by 2030 in a clean and secure environment.

Speaking after inspecting the proposed Lord Egerton Agro-industrial Park site ahead of the President's visit, Kuria stated that Governor Susan Kihika's administration was collaborating with the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI) to start CAIPS in line with the bottom-up economic transformation agenda.

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the construction of CAIPS in all the counties to promote the manufacturing sector.

Each county, he added, was expected to contribute Sh250 million and provide a minimum of 100 acres of land for the establishment of the Parks towards the implementation of the project in the next financial year.

This will be used to fund the provision of electricity, water, effluent management, internet, security, and common transport. There will also be an online portal through which traders will find markets for their products, both locally and abroad.

"Once the parks are constructed, Equity Bank has promised to provide Sh250 billion to support the purchase of manufacturing equipment for industries willing to invest in the parks. This was after the government struck a deal with the lender," Mukhwana said.

The PS said the government will also establish a Sh6 million fund to provide start-up capital to small-scale traders and youth under a programme dubbed "Viwanda Mashinani".

Already, Sh100 million has been disbursed to Nakuru County for the construction of basic infrastructure.

Other counties identified for the first phase of the project include Busia, Murang'a, Kakamega, and Kirinyaga.

Egerton University and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries are jointly building the facility on 200 acres at the University's Ngongongeri farm in Njoro. The Industrial Park is also intended to attract private investors to establish food processing plants that will add value to agricultural produce.

The architects of the plan estimate that more than 4,000 employment opportunities will be created with the transformation in agriculture in the counties involved. The development of the support infrastructure, such as power, water, and the park ring road, has been put into the spatial plan.

Also present during the function were Agriculture, Livestock, fishing, and cooperatives. CECM Mr. Leonard Bor, CECM in charge of Lands, Housing, and Physical Planning Mr. John Kihagi, and County Executive in charge of Water, Environment, Climate Change, Energy, and Natural Resources Dr. Nelson Maara,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Waqo Urges For Non-Discrimination



Marsabit County MP Canon Naomi Waqo .

By: **John Kariuki**

Marsabit County MP Canon Naomi Waqo has called for all North Eastern residents to be treated with dignity when seeking government services.

She notes, "I have called on the State Depart-

ment of Immigration and Citizen Services to put an end to the discriminatory vetting process used to issue IDs to citizens from the Northern and North Eastern part of Kenya. As a member of the Regional Integration Committee, I expressed this concern during a meeting with the Principal Secretary of the depart-

ment, Amb. Julius Bitok. In my view, the lengthy and burdensome vetting process has unfairly denied eligible individuals from my county the right to own identification cards. Despite being over 18 years old, many people from the Northern and North Eastern region have been denied IDs due to this discriminatory

process. During the meeting, I highlighted a specific incident in Marsabit County where residents faced extensive questioning, reflecting a clear case of discrimination against my constituents.

Amb. Bitok acknowledged the discriminatory nature of the vetting process and shared plans to replace it with a system based on school enrollment. He mentioned the establishment of locational committees where chiefs and assistant chiefs would be responsible for identifying locals eligible for ID issuance.

I also received assurances from the PS regarding the immediate deployment of a civil registrar (births and death registrar) to Sololo Sub-County and the expedited opening of the Sololo Registry.

In conclusion, I believe it is essential to address this issue promptly and ensure that every citizen, regardless of their region, is treated fairly and has access to their rightful identification documents."

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Chelimo Urges Leaders To Reason Together

By: **John Kariuki**

The leader of National Vision Party Engineer Anthony Chelimo has implored upon leaders to embrace the voice of reason rather than jeopardize our country.

Reacting to the recently witnessed chaos during the Maandamano, Hon Chelimo cautioned those who call for destruction of property to cease. "What we witnessed in Mlolongo where the vandalized a section of the expressway was retrogressive. No Kenyan should damage our infrastructure which is a great enabler of economic transformation," he ad-

vised. He told those leaders who feel aggrieved by anything to make use of the professional and legal means of addressing their grievances.

"We have avenues such as courts or even the National Assembly where anybody is free to forward their issue and it will be looked into. Going to the roads and causing mayhem cannot address even the high cost of living," he advised.

He also advised the youths to shun being misused by some politicians to wreak havoc and destruction but rather they should involve themselves in constructive matters.

Engineer Anthony Chelimo is the Party leader of National Vision Party (NVP).



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Why We Must Advocate For A Responsible Leadership In Sacco

Intergenerational and intragenerational partnerships in Saccos

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Savings are a prerequisite to investments.

Saccos are perhaps the best vehicle for this prerequisite for the low low-income earners.

It's the monies that we save in banks or Saccos that the customers or members borrow to make investments.

Mentors and role models as well as benchmarking comparatives are critical in encouraging youth to save for investing or even enabling all leaders to save, borrow money and invest for current and future returns.

Furthermore, when saving becomes a habit, it not only helps with investments but also reduces stress, mental illnesses, and family stresses caused by concerns about feeding the family or meeting other financial obligations.

When such hard-earned savings are mismanaged by irresponsible leaders and managers, the intragenerational social mobility is reduced and young people get discouraged to join cooperatives.

When the leadership fails

Cooperatives are possibly the finest paradigm for the bottom-up strategy in socioeconomic development since members have supreme authority on top of the pyramid in the cooperative structure.

The cooperative members exercise the supreme authority in the annual general meetings where the cooperative leaders are elected. We have recently seen, heard, or experienced failure in certain saccos, with billions of member funds at risk or lost, and services to members severely impacted.

The risks and damages to saccos are sometimes so severe that they are only made public to members after government investigations or inspections.

New boards are then elected, or caretaker committees are formed to manage the situation.

When the Sacco Societies Act came into power, it was anticipated that the prudential guidelines given therein would prevent any deposits taking Sacco to ever fall.

When the guidelines in the act are not followed any Sacco can fall very miserably.

We cannot blame the law but the cooperative practitioners. Law is not to fault; rather, it is the law's cooperative practitioners. The law comes after the leaders.

Man is to lead, while the law is to guide.

While the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA) does an excellent job of licensing, supervising, and regulating saccos, leaders and members cannot expect SASRA to lead or manage their sacco.

Deposit taking Saccos operations and risks are as complex as banks and the State department of Cooperatives may have its own capacity challenges. The



Edward Kinyungu..

main accountability and responsibility, however, rests with the cooperative leaders and management, who must maintain the level of education and training necessary to run such institutions.

Furthermore, cooperatives in Kenya are a devolved function of the government. Education, Training, and Information, the sixth cardinal cooperative value (principle), must be always promoted while a cooperative society is in existence.

The cooperative identity must remain core in cooperatives management. The tragic news of one Sacco's impending downfall as a cooperator in our nation is shocking to read. A national Sacco was recently challenged and on the verge of failing to fulfill its obligations because of poor investment choices. We have good saccos where the investors receive excellent returns on their investments as well as very nice services.

This proves that leadership plays a key role in a sacco's success or failure.

This sad sacco story revealed through an inquiry is another case of the heads without hearts which is why the sacco came dangerously close to collapsing.

Must we reach here? The answer is No. Why and how then did we reach here?

Let not anyone think they cannot reach here and therefore nobody should laugh at this sacco and this leadership.

What lessons must we learn then? Any new lessons to learn, yes, Learning is a continual process.

Amounts of over Sh7 billion being at

risk in one Sacco is a huge figure by any standard and cannot be swept under the rug and the law will take its course.

This is a case study for future generations to learn from, including what red flags were ignored, what will be done to the officials, and the efforts being taken to get the Sacco back on its feet.

It is critical to keep in mind the cooperative identity, cooperative model, and ideals to save this Sacco, particularly in terms of member participation and democratic member control, among other things like education and training.

Who would have thought such a massive Sacco could get down on its knees? What really went wrong? It's indeed painful not only to the members of this Sacco but to the whole cooperative movement in this country.

Whatever measures taken against the management and officials, we must understand and respect the morality and integrity of Sacco management.

As specialists and leaders learn and appreciate integrity and morality in Sacco management.

As specialists and leaders, we must value the assistance we provide to Sacco Members more highly than the support we receive from the Sacco.

As the law and defendants take the stage, our main goal would be to understand the causes of the Sacco's failures and learn from them, as well as to support what can be done in addition to what is legal in black and white. Members of the Sacco, particularly those from the county of the Sacco's origin,

can truly save the Sacco, and the best way to do so is to follow the decisions made at the AGM.

After the caretaker committee has taken over, the Sacco Members must seriously consider the leaders they will elect. Rebranding, if carefully considered, might be one of the numerous possibilities for the sacco at some point. We look forward to a vibrant Sacco run by practical cooperative professionals who will not only follow the law but also have members at heart.

One would be tempted to believe that the government or regulator would have salvaged the situation. Perhaps they did and that's why the Sacco shall survive.

One may think that some people went to bed with the wrong person that was supposed to be the watchdog. My take is that the leaders need to not serve any other person but members and members only, for this is the main objects for which the saccos was established and going to bed with any other person is pure immorality that must be dealt with from the heart as the law takes its course. Long live the Sacco, long live Sacco movement in Kenya.

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Madrid defender Antonio Rudiger caught the United defence napping with a superbly weighted ball that sent Bellingham bearing down on goal.

The 20-year-old took one touch to control and then lifted a delicate chip over on-rushing United goalkeeper Andre Onana to give Madrid a deserved lead.

Brazilian international Vinicius Jr. might have doubled the Madrid lead shortly afterwards but scuffed his shot from eight yards out to let United off the hook.

United, meanwhile, almost got back on level terms after 36 minutes, but Marcus Rashford was just unable to find the target from a tight angle.

With Madrid in control, United's frustration boiled over

shortly before half-time when Lisandro Martinez clattered into Bellingham with a wild tackle. Bellingham reacted angrily and Martinez earned a booking for the challenge.

After a flurry of changes at half-time United looked improved after the break, but Madrid created the better chances, with Militao almost making it 2-0 on 69 minutes only to see his shot cleared off the line.

Madrid finally made the game safe in the 89th minute, with Lucas Vazquez crossing for veteran forward Joselu to light up the

NRG Stadium with a stunning overhead kick for 2-0.

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Kenya Anti-Doping Agency Educates Commonwealth Youth Games Athletes On Clean Sports



By: Capital Sport

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As the athletes continue their preparations for the Commonwealth Youth Games, NOC-K remains dedicated to providing ongoing education and support in the fight against doping.

Athletes were equipped with the necessary knowledge and resources as ADAK aims to foster a culture of fair competition and uphold the principles of clean sportsmanship.

The session led by Head of Education at ADAK, Dr. Martin Yauma, the session aimed to enlighten athletes on the crucial aspects of clean sports, the effects of using banned substances, and the importance of adhering to anti-doping regulations.

The athletes were provided with vital information regarding the potential risks and consequences associated with the use of prohibited substances in sports.

Dr. Martin Yauma emphasized the significance of maintaining integrity and ensuring a level playing field for all participants by staying clear of banned substances and prohibited methods.

The key topics covered in the session included;

Effects of Banned Substances where Athletes were educated on the potential health risks and performance-enhancing effects of using banned substances.

By understanding the detrimental impact on their physical well-being, ADAK aimed to discourage any temptation towards doping practices.

Doping Tests and Procedures:

The athletes were provided with an overview of the doping testing process, including the collection of samples, laboratory analysis, and result reporting.

Clear and concise explanations were given to ensure the athletes comprehend the procedures involved.

Prohibited List:

ADAK shed light on the current World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List, which outlines substances and methods that are strictly banned in sports.

The importance of regularly checking the list to avoid inadvertent violations was emphasized.

Dr. Martin Yauma stressed the significance of clean sports and the impact that doping can have on the reputation of athletes, as well as the broader sporting community.

He encouraged the athletes to act as role models and ambassadors for clean sports, inspiring the next generation of athletes to compete with integrity and respect for the rules.

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Mothers Are Our Heroines

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Worth Noting:

- Birth will be your joy, it will definitely make you think, raise your mood, enrich your spirit of gratitude. But no one can be as happy as a parent's joy at the birth of a child. 9 months, it's not just word of mouth.
- This 9 month means days of wakefulness, sleeplessness and many restlessness. If you say something to your parents that they don't like, they will say, "You're not crazy." My friend, they worked harder and harder to take care of you, feed you honestly, and clothe you.
- If necessary, there were days when he found food just for you.

As long humanity exists, it will be pleased with the blessing of parenthood, given by God Almighty

Thank you so much for creating it. Unfortunately, among the much information that is spreading on social networks, there are those that make the heart laugh. The sad thing is that they also contain real material on the topic of children's negative relationship with their parents.

There is every father and every mother, from whose heads there are events that everyone knows. Every person who has attained fatherhood and motherhood has the power to narrate these realities of life without interruption. As we grow older, it's no wonder that many people say: You're not the best when you know your mother forgave you during pregnancy. The wakeful nights that passed before you were born. We are full of happiness looking at your smiling faces. They say that at that time I took pictures and saved them in voice recordings. My friend, don't let your parents remember their past pain. I too, InshaAllah, now have a young child. Now let's share a little about what you know and what you don't know.

Birth will be your joy, it will definitely make you think, raise your mood, enrich your spirit of gratitude. But no one can be as happy as a parent's joy at the birth of a child. 9 months, it's not just word of mouth. This 9 month means days of wakefulness, sleeplessness and many restlessness. If you say something to your parents that they don't like, they will say, "You're not crazy." My friend, they worked harder and harder to take care of you, feed you honestly, and clothe you. If necessary, there were days when he found food just for you.

If the work that your father or mother ordered you to do is difficult, if you are tired, think about one thing. You can even answer that you don't know. Those who answered "I don't know" probably don't know anything yet. You must have heard of people who even go so far as to look at their parents with feelings of disgust as they get older. The thing about them is that it was not your

parents' last task to get you used to your youthful whims.

They performed the task of cleaning you without any disgust, including your pants, which were put on you. Why should we take care of our mother who chews food when we are out of strength? Should our gratitude to them be to put them to work when they are old? Why should we abandon our parents to work and difficulties even when we grow up, as the work of youth is not enough?

Ahir has overcome all the hardships he has brought into the world. For us, the difficulties of fate are not difficult. He could also live for himself if necessary. Know that the son of father and mother will suffer very much.

Think about it, aren't there people

who wish my parents were with me? Aren't there children who wait every day with hope and wait for steps, and those who live in orphanages? Shame on those who send their parents to nursing homes with their own hands.

The white milk that gave you the child you raised with such hopes. You are not worthy of the one time you pulled your mother when she was sick. If you are trying to justify why you are talking like that, I will tell you a story.

One day, one of his companions came to the Prophet and said, "If I invite my mother to visit Makkah 70 times, will my debt be forgiven?" This is what the Prophet said. They said that you can't compensate your parents for the one-time pain you

caused during childbirth with this act.

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