



New Team Takes Nyeri Volleyball Federation Nyeri Office

The Kenya Volleyball Federation, Nyeri branch has a leadership team. This is after the election, held over the weekend saw a team led by James Munene win the hotly contested polls.

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President William Ruto

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City Hall Kicks Off Campaign To Market Nairobi As Best Tourist Destination

Nairobi County Executive Member for Inclusivity, Public Participation and Customer Service where City Culture, Arts and Tourism sub sector is domiciled, Dr Anastasia Nyalita, led the sub-sector stakeholders

on a Nairobi Heritage walking tour of city's historic and cultural sites. The tour, being one of the several tour circuits in the city, took the team to various attraction and historic sites, including Kenyatta Ave-

nue, Point Zero, The Stanley, KICC, and the National Museum of Kenya's Nairobi Gallery.

Dr Nyalita said Nairobi City County Government is intent on rolling

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Russian Companies Ready To Assist Africa Develop Own Space Technologies

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Worth Noting:

- Specifically, Stepanov says Russia will assist African countries in the area of education and training, transfer of technology and most importantly, the localization of production of satellite technologies.
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Alexander Stepanov is the International adviser to Russia Space Rocket Center Progress. .

Renowned Russian companies operating in the space industry have expressed willingness to offer support and make increased investments in Africa.

This was confirmed Friday in St. Petersburg by Alexander Stepanov, the International adviser to Russia Space Rocket Center Progress during the Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Summit.

While noting that most developed countries are reluctant to share their technologies with the continent, he indicated that Russia is developing different types of satellites and has no problem sharing them with Africa.

"Africa is still not well equipped in Education and does not have qualified engineers in space technologies. And we want to cooperate in this sphere to capacitate the continent to promote the space industry and make a platform of education to develop it," he said

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The space science and aerospace research official notes that every country in the continent does not have an opportunity to have its own satellites. As such, he believes the best strategy is the development of "satellite sharing" scheme that can be used by all countries or regions of the continent.

And as diplomatic relations with most Africa states continue to strengthen, the expert said Russia is open to cooperation to provide technologies which, he maintains, their competitiveness in the sector is not in question noting that Moscow boasts of cutting-edge technologies and which are already in operation in space.

"We have opportunity to launch our own satellites. We don't only produce satellites but also different types of rocket launcher which are the most popular in the world and most secure. We also have the only one in the world which uses natural gas as fuel, so its ecologically meets the standards and it's a multi-use rocket launch," he said while highlighting the uniqueness of Russian space technologies

At the moment, Russia Space Rocket Center Progress is cooperating with almost the entire of the northern part of Africa. Countries such as Egypt, Algeria, and Tunisia have signed pacts for joint development in this regard. Stepanov also indicated that a number of students from African countries are being assisted to study in several Russian educational centers.



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Startimes Unveils names of Week 3 And 4 Buy, Recharge and Win Promotion Winners

By: William Muchiri

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Startimes media took center stage last Friday to unveil the names of the highly-anticipated Week 3 and 4 Buy, Recharge, and Win Promotional winners.

The company launched RE-CHARGE, BUY AND WIN” promotion to mark 35th anniversary

The campaign was launched on June 15, 2023, and set to culminate on August 15, 2023 and subscribers have been eagerly vying for the chance to win remarkable prizes, including a Motorcycle, a Two-door Fridge, and a 55-inch Smart Television.

Already, winners from the week 1 and 2 have been crowned, adding to the allure of this electrifying campaign.

Speaking at the event, Startimes’ marketing representative, Steven Ambitho noted that Buy, Recharge, and Win Promotion is a heartfelt gesture to express company’s appreciation for their valued customers for

their unwavering support for the past 35 years.

He announced Anne Njeri (TV), Duncan Mulongo (fridge), Titus Cheruiyot (motorbike) (week 3 winners) and Faith Koech (TV), Rodgers Opondo (motorbike) and Noah Odari (fridge) for week 4 as the winners of the competition.

Mr. Ombitho said that the response to the promotion has been nothing short of overwhelming, with participants enthusiastically embracing the opportunity to win exciting prizes.

“At Startimes, we believe in continuous improvement and innovation,” Ambitho emphasized. “Our unwavering commitment lies in enhancing the viewing experience for our esteemed customers, making sure they have access to a wide range of captivating content.”

He said that the Startimes media take great pride in being a platform that showcases and supports local content creators noting that they not only empower talented individuals but also strengthen the bond with their viewers across the country.”

He urged urges Kenyans to seize the opportunity and join the festivities by



Startimes Marketing representative Mr. Steven Ambitho (center) with BCLB game inspectors Edna Okerosi (left with white jacket) and Fatuma Ngala (Right with green coat) during an event to unveil the winners of the Recharge Buy and Win Promotion..

subscribing to their bouquets noting that every subscription brings participants closer to the dream of winning

the magnificent prizes on offer.

He added that with the Week 3 and 4 winners now basking in their tri-

umph, the country eagerly awaits the upcoming weeks, where more fortunate souls will emerge victorious.

Safaricom Adjusts M-Pesa, Telecommunication Charges To Conform With Finance Act

Safaricom has adjusted call, SMS, Data, Fibre and M-Pesa pricing following the enactment of the Finance Act 2023.

Effective July 29, the excise duty rate on fees charged on mobile money transfer will increase from 12% to 15%.

Excise duty on calls, SMS, data and fibre will decrease from from 20% to 15%.

“Following the enactment into law of the Finance Act 2023 and the Court of Appeal ruling on 28th July 2023, effective 29th July 2023, we will be reviewing our call, SMS, Data, Fibre and MPESA pricing,” Safaricom stated in a Customer Notice issued on Saturday.

The Court of Appeal on Friday has lifted an order suspending the implementation of the Finance Act, 2023.

The appellate court ruled that the government, who appealed the suspension through the Treasury Cabinet Secretary Njuguna Ndungu, has sat-

isfied the twin principles to warrant the grant of the orders sought.

Justice Mohamed Warsame, Kathurima M’Inoti and Hello Omondi had set the date of ruling after Ndungu said the suspension of the act is affecting government operations.

Ndungu pleaded with the court saying there will be a budgetary crisis if the order is not lifted.

The court noted that there will be serious irreversible economic consequences if the stay of the conservatory orders is not granted.

The three judges said that the appeal will be heard and determined within 60 days.

Chief Justice Martha Koome has already appointed a three-judge bench that will hear and determine the case challenging the implementation of the Finance Act, 2023 filed by Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah.

The three are justices David Majanja, Lawrence Mogambi and Christine Meoli.





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Linda Ugatuzi Faults Court of Appeal Decision on Finance Act

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Worth Noting:

- And it's now clear that the higher you go in the court system, the less justice you are likely to see because the level of courts rises with corruption, which means the higher the court the higher the corruption. Kenyans you must remember we are here because the Judiciary led by Justice Koome was there in Supreme Court when they made unpopular decision to uphold the election of this government yet there were so many controversial issues.
- Again they have now suspended the ruling by High Court again very unpopular decision made by Court of Appeal.

The Operation Linda Ugatuzi led by Prof. Fred Ogola has poked holes in the Court of Appeal Decision to quash a high court decision that temporarily suspended implementation of the finance act.

Prof. Fred Ogola notes, "Today we are here to address the media regarding the issue of lifting on conservatory order of the 2023 finance act.

We were in deep shock when the court of appeal actually lifted the conservatory order against the unpopular finance act which was passed by the very unpopular Kenya Kwanza Government that is acting against the rights of Kenyans by collecting too much money from Kenyans yet only corruption is what we are hearing.

Ogola said that the Chief Justice Martha Koome is leading the most corrupt institution that is denying Kenyans justice.

"Kenyans are not getting anything from the taxes they pay they are only hearing stories of tumetenga, tunapanga, tunakata kupanga, those things don't actually add value to Kenyans. What we have discovered is that I was in court the day the High Court suspended the unpopular finance act. It was very clear when I heard lawyer mahat saying that they are very sure and they know that the court of appeal will overrule the high court on the issue of the finance act. Now because they knew, we have a system in Kenya, whereby the lower courts give Kenyans justice and the higher court take away that justice of Kenyans.

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So what I want to tell Chief Justice Martha Koome, you are Chief Justice

yes, by title, but are you overseeing justice in Kenya?

You are a Chief Justice over a very big system where there's no justice. You should actually be called Chief Injustice because that is what we are seeing in the country. Kenyans lost faith in the Court of Appeal, Kenyans have now lost faith in the Supreme Court, the only court where Kenyans still have faith is High Court. We want to applaud Justice Thande for having made a decision that is now being

overturned by a court system which the higher you go, the higher the corruption and the lower the justice.

As operation Linda Ugatuzi we have a petition in high court trying to ask the high court to completely withdraw the finance act. We hope the decision which has been made by the Court of Appeal will not compromise justice in withdrawing of the unpopular, Draconian, finance act."

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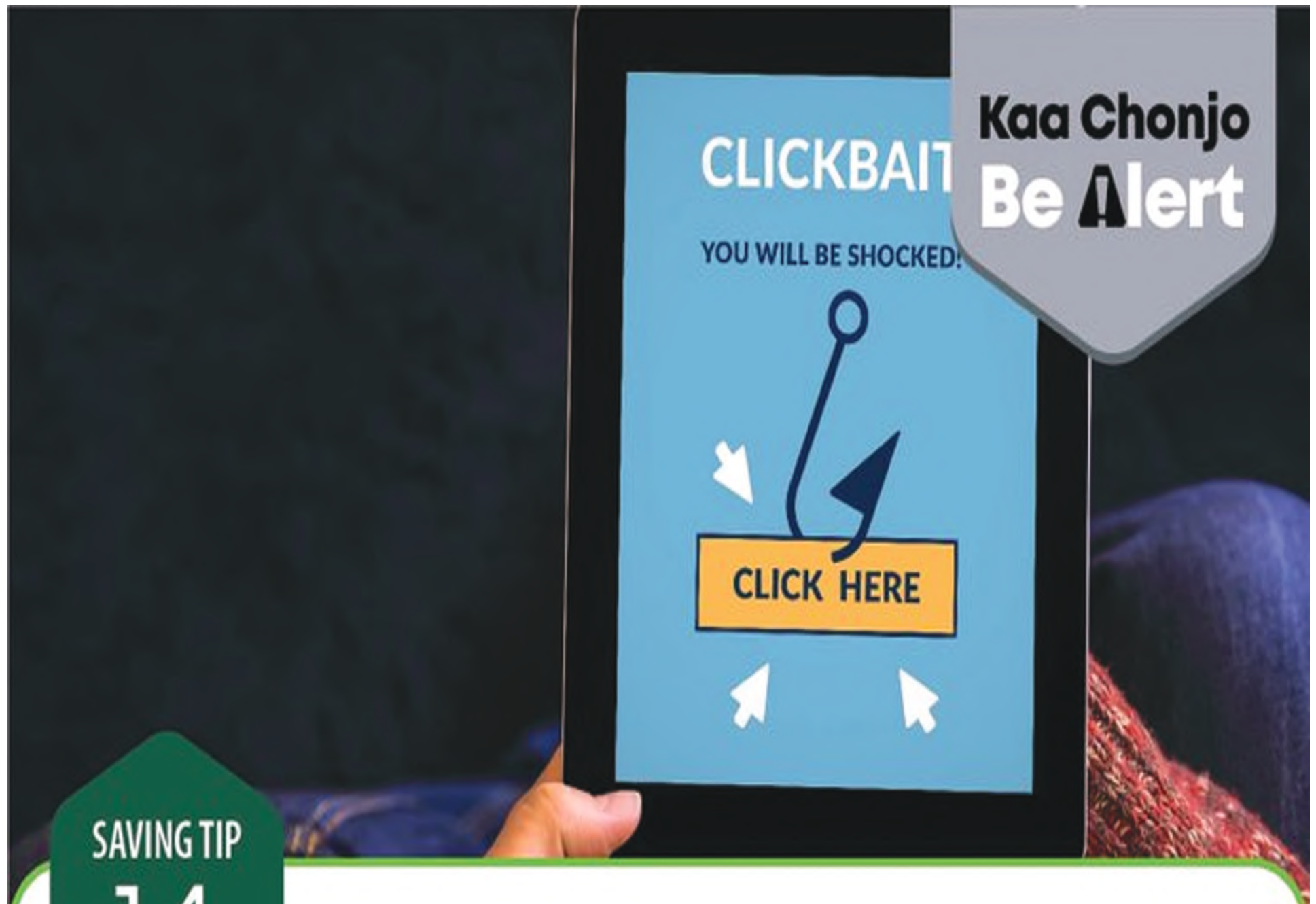
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Kenya Does Not Require International Mediators - Mudavadi

The Prime Cabinet Secretary tells off opposition leaders for creating imaginary crisis

By: PCS Team



Worth Noting:

- “The transition to power between President Ruto and his predecessor was in accordance with the constitution of the land. In a glaring daylight, he was handed over the sword as the Commander-in-Chief,” said Mudavadi.
- Mudavadi has accused the opposition of seeking international sympathy saying neighboring countries have faced serious political turmoils than what is currently happening in Kenya.
- He regretted that the opposition is still to accept the reality, an year after elections were held.
- “We witnessed in South Africa when President Ramaphosa had a difficult time to govern, but Kenya was not consulted to mediate. Our neighbours in Uganda have had a range of issues but nobody called on the President of Kenya to go and mediate. This call for international mediation is hogwash,” Mudavadi uttered.



Prime Cabinet Secretary joins H.E President William Ruto for the interdenominational prayer and Thanksgiving service at Ukunda grounds, Kwale County alongside Kwale Governor Madam Fatuma Achari..

Kenya is not in political crisis and does not require any international mediator, Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi has affirmed.

Mudavadi said that President William Ruto was democratically elected and was sworn into office in accordance with the Constitution, adding that the country does not have a leadership vacuum.

He wished away any thoughts of having an international mediator to sit down Ruto and Azimio leader Raila Odinga.

“Kenya is not in an international crisis. People should not pretend to be calling former Presidents to come and mediate on issues that can be resolved locally,” he stated, adding, “There is no crisis that calls for any intervention internationally, Kenya has not reached that phase that requires any foreign mediation.”

The Prime Cabinet Secretary insisted that Ruto is firmly at the helm of the leadership of the country and the legal and constitutional power lies within him.

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He was speaking during an interdenominational thanksgiving and prayer service held at Ukunda grounds in Kwale, where he accompanied the President on his fourth day of the Coastal regional tour.

Mudavadi also defended the Kenya Kwanza Government, which will be marking its first anniversary in power in few days, saying their eye is on the ball it will not entertain side shows.

“Under the leadership of President Ruto, we are ready to engage our brothers on matters economic resuscitation. Trying to internationalize their loses is not part of our agenda if any talks are to happen,” he said.

“The President has a plan... and the plan is anchored on the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. We are steadily implementing what we promised Kenyans and the trajectory is bearing positive feedback,” he added.

The Government has been firm on subsidizing production other than consumption stating that in few months, Kenyans will feel a relief, after a long suffering instigated during the previous regime.

The prices for fertilizer for instance, was reduced from Sh7,000 to Sh3,500, with the government saying that the price will drop further to about Sh2,500.

“We have to prosecute our agenda as one people. Changing the fortunes of this country requires a collective approach. We are fixing the loopholes and we will not entertain anyone who wants to derail the course,” he stated.

Mudavadi said Ruto has become the African ambassador championing

for the rightful share of the continent globally, stating that he has been on the forefront in advocating for key solutions to the current global crisis of climate change.

“In September, Kenya hosts a major global conference on climate change. This shows the milestones that Kenya has achieved and its recognition in the recent months globally. The President is the man behind these strides,” said Mudavadi.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary earlier alluded to the potential that the Coastal region carries in contributing to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the country.

He said more focus on travel, tourism and hospitality will help unlock the bottlenecks facing the sector, which contributes immensely to the growth of Kenya’s economy.

He further stated that it is time Kenyans break lose the chains of poverty and dependance on foreign aid by working towards a moment of change for the prosperity of the nation.

Ruto: I'll Not Discuss Cost Of Living With Raila

By: PCS

Worth Noting:

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

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The president, who acknowledged having met Odinga with former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, said his government has

already put in place necessary interventions to address challenges facing Kenyans as part of his manifesto.

“It is clear; we are effectuating our Manifesto that is heavy on reducing the cost of living,” he explained even as Azimio leaders protested that the issue was a key agenda that has been

omitted contrary to their agreement during the Mombasa meeting.

He said Kenya was on course to producing surplus food this year due to the Government’s deliberate plan to subsidise production.

The President observed that protests marked by destruction of property and loss of lives will not curtail

the price of living.

He warned the Opposition to keep off violent demonstrations.

“We will not negotiate about the safety of our country,” he said.

He also asked the youth not to participate in anything that can cause destruction.

He was speaking on Sunday during an interdenominational church service in Ukunda, Kwale County.

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He maintained that is how it had managed to disburse funds to counties and constituencies way ahead of time since the promulgation of the current Constitution.

“We have a unique opportunity to unlock the potential that we have and break the poverty and hunger cycles in our country.”

Mr Mudavadi told the congregation that Kenya is not in any crisis to warrant any international attention.

The Opposition, he added, must be honest to Kenyans.

On his part, Mr Wetang’ula said it is only through sound policies that Kenya can move forward.

He asked President Ruto to focus on the needs of Kenyans.

“We will not pretend to engage with leaders who are bad examples to our politics,” explained the Speaker.

Mr Kingi wondered why issues on the cost of living called for mediation.

“You do not need [Olesegun] Obasanjo to guide the strategies to make life affordable in Kenya,” pointed out Mr Mvurya.

Kwale Governor said she will not allow demonstrations in the county.

She argued that her focus was on engaging in issues that will lessen poverty in the area.



Trade Committee Pushes For Support Of Local Farmers During Inspection Of New KCC Plant



Committee members displaying some of the New KCC products.

By PSCU

The Trade, Industry and Coopera-

tives Committee, under the leadership of James Gakuya (Embakasi North), conducted an inspection

visit to the New Kenya Cooperatives Creameries (KCC) plants in Kitale and Eldoret.

Led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of New KCC, Mr. Nixon Sigei, the Members were given a comprehensive tour of the upgraded facilities, where they were apprised of the improvements in production and operations achieved since the implementation of modernization measures. A key focus during the visit was to ascertain the profitability of the modernization project and its effects on dairy farming in Kenya.

During discussions, Sigei emphasized the industry's dedication to ensuring lasting solutions to the dairy farming industry while strengthening the Country's Economy.

He revealed that New KCC, following the revamp, had developed a strategic plan for exporting dairy products to the international market. Furthermore, the CEO reassured the Legislators of KCC's unwavering commitment to the well-being of local farmers and the nation's economy. In this regard, KCC has invested in the processing of powder milk, providing a cushion during times of drought and combating the issue of over supply and wastage.

The committee later held a meeting with local farmers in order to hear their views and discuss their concerns. The farmers lauded the positive impact that KCC has had on their livelihoods in recent years. They expressed their appreciation for the leadership demonstrated by KCC and urged the Members to continue implementing progressive policies to support the dairy farming industry.

The members encouraged New KCC management to maintain their focus on improving the lives of local farmers. The engagement also explored potential industry partnerships and viable business policies to promote further business development in the sector.

The committee advocated for greater support for local farmers, particularly in guiding them towards working within cooperatives, which can foster a sense of community and collaboration.

Headwinds In Kenya Drag Down EABL Net Profit To Ksh 12B

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Tough operating environment in Kenya occasioned by high inflation, currency depreciation and a rise in tax expenses saw the East African Breweries (EABL) profit after tax for the full year ended June 30, 2023 plunge 20.9pc to Ksh 12.3 billion from Ksh 15.6 billion.

The decline in profitability comes despite the a slight increase in net sales which increased just 0.2pc to Ksh 109.6 billion compared to Ksh 109.4 billion reported last year on what EABL blames on reduced spending among consumers. "Multiple excise tax increases stretching a few years back continues to have a landing effect on consumers spending power leading to slower off-take of our products.

In the second half of the year we continued to face these challenges characterized by inflation and even cost escalation mainly fueled by continued geo-political tensions. These complexities are still impacting the wider manufacturing operations and depressing consumer wallets especially on discretionary spend,"

said Dr Martin Oduor Otieno, EABL Chairman.

EABL revenues in Kenya went down 4pc while Uganda and Tanzania recorded revenue increases of 17pc and 1pc respectively.

During the year under review, the Kenya unit contributed 64pc of the firm revenue compared to 21pc in Uganda and 15pc in Tanzania.

According to the brewer, it faced significant headwinds in Kenya compared to Uganda and Tanzania during the period under review it saw significant rises in cost of grain which went up 31pc, logistics 14pc, electricity 40pc and neutral spirits by 61pc as a result of 25pc excise tax on glass.

"Most of those challenges that we are describing were more felt in Kenya and also given the size of the Kenyan business then specifically that affects EABL performance," said Jane Karuku, EABL Chief Executive Officer.

According Karuku, EABL strategy to source 80pc of its raw materials locally, mainly barley and sorghum, shielded it from global supply chain disruptions as a result of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"Where it affects us that during the drought because sorghum is grown for



EABL Group CEO Jane Karuku. PHOTO | Courtesy.

both food and animal consumption, we found ourselves competing with World Food Programme because they were buying sorghum for relief programme," said Karuku.

The firm spends about Ksh 1.5 billion annually to purchase sorghum alone from more than 21,000 contract farmers

within the region.

In 2023, EABL reported a 3pc increase in revenue from spirits and 5pc revenue increase from premium brands. On the other hand, beer sales dipped 2pc. EABL also saw its total assets increase 23pc to Ksh 43.4 billion from Ksh 35.4 billion.

EABL shareholders will also see their

dividends fall by half to Ksh 5.50 per share from Ksh 11 per share after the board recommended a final dividend of Ksh 1.75 per share including a Ksh 3.75 interim dividend.

Appeal Court's Decision On Finance Act 2023 Was Informed By The Law



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Worth Noting:

- The framers of the 2010 constitution settled on this after doing a thorough analysis and scrutiny of the views and memoranda submitted by Kenyans.
- Though opinion was divided along three systems-presidential, hybrids and parliamentary- majority preferred the former during constitution making process.
- The two other main proposals that the framers factored into the draft constitution that was consequently adopted during the referendum were as follows.
- The three arms of the government should operate independently but this is while taking cognizant they are created to serve the interests and aspirations of the Kenyan people.



I'm sure those who have read the provisions of the constitution and other statutory laws related to public financial matters would agree with me.

Paying tax is a legal requirement and an act of patriotism.

The citizens' take is that the government of the day has an obligation to provide services and rollout development projects that would transform their lives.

This explains why these matters would feature as the main pillar in the manifestos of those eyeing various elective positions during the electioneering period. If you fail to prioritize on these matters, you stand no chance of winning.

The public eye would be mainly trained on the presidential candidates.

This is because our democracy is majorly anchored on the presidential system of government.

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So this required them to embrace the spirit of interdependence.

This means coming to a concurrence on matters touching on the best inter-

est and furthering the sovereign will of Kenyans.

To me, this informed the decision of a three-judge bench of the Court of Appeal to lift the orders barring the implementation of the Finance Act 2023.

Well, this decision did not go down well with a section of Kenyans particularly those at the bottom of pyramid.

To me, this did not come as a surprise. Similar anger greeted the new taxes introduced by the previous governments.

In 2018, for instance, tempers flared in parliament during the debate on Finance Bill. The bill was eventually passed with slight amendments and then President Uhuru Kenyatta signed it into law.

The current Bill faced similar challenges in the initial stages.

As required by law, it was first subjected to public participation and based on the views collected from public the MPs while in exercise of the constitutional powers bestowed on them reviewed the contentious proposals.

Some of the taxes perceived as punitive were reduced.

After being passed, the Speaker submitted the Bill to President William Ruto who signed it into the law.

With this, the Bill now becomes an Act of Parliament.

In doing this, the President invoked the powers conferred on him by the constitution.

With this, I knew that Busia Senator Okiya Omtata stood no chance of winning his case against the Act.

The law was followed to the letter and spirit and we all know the decisions of the courts are guided by the constitution and laws of the land.

I want to remind Kenyans. You are the ones who create the government.

During the constitution making process, you granted parliament with powers to make decisions on financial matters.

Of course, this is in consultation with you and also considering your inputs.

Parliament performed this role. We saw a committee led by Molo MP Kimani Kuria moving around the country to collect the public views.

The views were fast-tracked by the Budget and Appropriation committee led by Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro.

It is worth noting President William Ruto assumed power at a time when the country was facing five main challenges: Drought/famine (the worst in 40 years), dilapidated economy, Russia-Ukraine war, hefty foreign public debts totaling to Sh9 trillion and at a time when the country was recovering from the devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

The loans started maturing soon after he took over.

With this, one can understand why the President lobbied MPs to pass the Finance Bill 2023.

Dr Ruto kept reiterating. The 'handshake' government led by President Uhuru Kenyatta and his core principal Raila Odinga had borrowed monies to the limit.

This has put us in a bad situation. It means we cannot get more loans because we are categorized as a risky country in Sub-Saharan Africa.

This harsh verdict will be lifted once we put our house in order.

President Ruto further noted. During the campaigns, I told you that I will do things differently. I'm determined to reverse that harsh verdict and return our country back to the path of full economic recovery.

My wish is to return the country to where President Mwai Kibaki left it.

As you recall, the economy was doing very well when Kibaki was at the helm.

To succeed in this, he would take two steps. First, slam brakes on insatiable appetite and reckless borrowing of foreign loans.

Secondly, to encourage Kenyans to live within our means.

This would mean agreeing to tighten their belt. This will be shortlived. You will start to put money in your pockets in the next few months.

As an analyst and commentator, I want to take Kenyans back to the memory lane.

During the early days of the Kibaki presidency, you had raised similar concerns.

You felt that he was not keeping his pre-election pledges and some of the taxes introduced by his administration were punitive.

To mollify you, Kibaki, his handlers and top state officials would use this analogy. During the planting seasons, you spend money to till the land, buy seeds, fertilizers, plant and buy pesticides.

Once you do this, you don't expect to harvest the following day.

It takes some months before the crops mature.

After harvesting, you are happy as you start to eat the fruits of your sweat. You will smile all the way to the bank.

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Mother-Child And Father-Child Relationship



By: Wanjohi P. Mugambi
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Worth Noting:

- Compared with preschool children, 5- to 12-year-old children are more likely to sulk, become depressed, avoid parents, or engage in passive noncooperation with their parents. Furthermore, children become increasingly likely to say that their conflicts with parents come about because parents provide inadequate help or do not spend enough time with the child, or (among older children) because parents fail to meet parent role expectations or there is a lack of consensus on familial and societal values.
- Some aspects of relationships are differentiated by gender. In general, mothers and children spend more time together than do fathers and children. When both parents are with the child, however, mothers and fathers initiate interaction with children with equal frequency, and children initiate similar numbers of interactions with each parent.



Interactions between parents and children become less frequent in middle childhood. Parents are with children less than half as much as before their children started in school. This decline in time together is relatively greater for parents with lower levels of education.

When parents and children are together, moreover, parents and children both show less overt affection during middle childhood than previously. Children also report that parents are less accepting toward them, especially during the later years of middle childhood.

Despite a decrease in displays of physical affection, when their children are between the ages of 3 and 12 years, however, parents report little change in their enjoyment of parenting, having positive regard for their child, or having respect for the child's opinions and preferences. Parents and children alike are less likely to display and experience negative emotions in these interactions.

Emotional outbursts, such as temper tantrums and coercive behaviors of children toward other family members, ordinarily begin to decline in early childhood. This trend contin-

ues during middle childhood, and the frequency of disciplinary encounters also decreases steadily between the ages of 3 and 9 years. Nevertheless, several emotional characteristics of interactions with 5- to 12-year-old children may complicate parents' management of their relationships with children.

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As in early life, fathers typically are involved relatively more in physical/outdoor play interactions, whereas mothers interact more frequently in connection with caregiving and household tasks. In observational studies with both parents present, though, fathers and mothers engaged in caregiving to a similar degree. Both positive and negative emotional expressions and conflictual interactions are more likely in mother-child than in father-child interactions. This may reflect the greater amount of time and greater diversity of shared activities involving mothers. There is some indication that interactions of mothers with sons are marked by greater emotional expression than those of mothers with daughters, although whether these emotions are relatively more positive or negative is inconsistent across studies. Researchers frequently fail to find evidence of several differences commonly expected for interactions of children with mothers and with fathers. Both mothers and fathers increase their attention to school achievement and homework during middle childhood.

Furthermore, studies of parental reinforcements for instances of behaviors such as competitiveness, autonomous achievement, or competence in cognitive or play activities generally show negligible differences between mothers and fathers. One argued that few parental differences first emerge in middle childhood. Furthermore, the degree to which mother-child and father-child relationships are complementary, rather than overlapping, is more likely to change during adolescence than during middle childhood. Parents' and children's cognitions about each other and about issues of mutual relevance also change during middle childhood, especially the latter part of the period. Parents' knowledge of their children's daily activities and preferences increase during the middle childhood years. Children from 10 to 11 years of age and their parents tend to agree on the topics for which parents' authority is legitimate, but disagreement becomes more likely during adolescence.

Late-middle childhood is an important time for achieving more mutual cognitions. A teacher found that 10- to 11-year-old children perceived their parents' beliefs about them less accurately than 15- to 16-year-old children did. Following those same 10- to 11-year-old children for 2 years, however, the researchers found that the children, who were now aged 12 to 13 years, were more accurate in their perceptions of what their parents believed about them.

Many have speculated that mutual cognitions are more significant determinants of relationship qualities in middle childhood than in earlier periods. By the time a child reaches middle childhood, shared experiences have created extensive expectancies about the probable reactions of both parents and children.

These expectancies then guide each person's behavior in interactions with the other. The rapid changes of late-middle childhood, in particular, stimulate both parents and children to adapt their beliefs and perceptions about the other to maintain their relationship over time.

To summarize, changes in parent-child relationships create new paradigms for interaction that affect when and how parents will respond to the behavior of children during middle childhood. Although partly resulting from adaptations to developmental changes that have already occurred, these relational patterns also affect responses to further changes during and beyond middle childhood.

City Hall Kicks Off Campaign To Market Nairobi As Best Tourist Destination

out a strategy that would promote the city as the best tourism destination of choice.

Said Dr. Nyalita, “Holding public tours across the city targets to showcase the unique tourism attraction sites that Nairobi has in order to draw both domestic and international tourists. Nairobi, aka *The Green City In The Sun* is the only city with a national park in the entire world. It is a home of unique sites, historical monuments and untold stories, which are tourism fortunes for the city.”

Dr. Nyalita said that Nairobi city has a lot to offer in terms of tourism, hence the need to explore. “We want to market Nairobi the best city in the world because of its unique nature, culture history, and heritage,” she added.

Dr Nyalita was accompanied by Clement Sijenji, County Chief Officer for City Culture, Arts and Tourism, Director, City culture, Arts and Tourism, Catherine Gechuba and Deputy Director Tourism, Susan Mukuhi.

Governor Sakaja Johnson’s manifesto promised to make Nairobi a pro-business city by boosting trade and tourism sectors and ensuring Nairobi became the leading hub for communication, transport and business. The Governor said that the city is home to leading hotels, ranging from five-star to two-star, as well as over 100 unclassified hotels.



Medic East Africa, KHF say Partnerships key to Expanding Health Access

By: John Kariuki
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Medic East Africa in partnership with The Kenya Healthcare Federation, held an interactive engagement event with professionals and stakeholders in the healthcare industry on Tuesday 25th July.

The event had representation from the Government, private, and NGO sectors offering an opportunity for professionals to network, in the build-up to the Medic East Africa Exhibition and Congress that is due to be held from 11-13 September at the KICC in Nairobi.

The Government reiterated its support for Public-Private Partnerships in the healthcare sector to strengthen healthcare systems.

The Director of Preventive and Promotive Health Services in the Ministry of Health, Dr Joseph Lenai said that The Government is committed to prioritising accessible healthcare in Kenya with health being one of

our key priorities.

The Kenya Healthcare Federation reaffirmed its commitment to being a united body in bringing together different voices in healthcare and championing the interests of health in the East African region.

“The very structure of our healthcare system in Kenya is a Public Private Sector partnership with non-state actors at the different value chains be it in vaccination, COVID-19 response, manufacturing or service provision,” said Dr Kanyenje Gakombe, Chairman – of the Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF).

This year we the expo will have over 5,000 visitors and over 200 exhibitors from all over the world, marking the start of great things to come in the future.

“Informa Markets appreciates the support from the Ministry of Health and the Kenya Healthcare Federation for the immense support and collaboration in making the exhibition a success,” added Tom Coleman, Exhibitions Director of Medic



East Africa.

The Medic East Africa Exhibition and Congress will take place on 11 – 13 September 2023 at the KICC Nairobi under the theme “Redefining healthcare delivery in East Africa”, bringing together key decision makers with global equipment manufacturers and service providers and distributors with over 200 confirmed International Exhibitors from 200+countries.

The free-to-attend event will be a trading and knowledge-sharing platform for industry professionals to promote interaction and trade amongst doctors, C-level management from hospitals, leading manufacturers, key government professionals, investors, dealers, and distributors.

Medic East Africa and Medlab East Africa 2023 is free to attend for healthcare and laboratory professionals and investors across the East African region with a keen interest in healthcare delivery.

Renato Pasipamire



Renato Pasipamire, a well-known by his stage name Rocalist or as Mudhipisi is a Kadoma based Drill artist who is known by his emotional and life experience songs.

His musical passion started when he was 15 years old, along his big brother who helped him master the art of hiphop until he was able to discover his own style in rap. Ever since then he began to grow his musical fan base and his journey has been interesting, from freestyles at his High school & performances until he was recognized in Kadoma as one of the best rapper.

Rocalist recently released his two hits singles which are Attention Ft Kevie and MuLevel Ft Lil Perry. Samelo, T Crime, talking of MuLevel this track has been a hit and the track was being directed to the youths of Zimbabwe to stop drug abuse.

Talking Mulevel, the track has been a dominant in the streets of Rimuka Kadoma starting from the young ages to the older ages(if you haven't listened to that I recommend you to listen to it). Currently Rocalist is set to release his first Album titled DRILL KING, Although this Drill genre based Album is set to shake the music industry of Kadoma coming out on the 25th of November 2023

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May there be more women in our country who will benefit the society like you," said the reporter. "Thank you so much!" the woman laughed.

Tears rolled from the eyes of the boy who was watching this on TV. His mother was a famous woman, a toilet worker who helped the poor. At that moment, the lights of the orphanage went out. The boy went to sleep...

Jahongirova Gulsanam was born on June 25, 2007 in Guzor district, Kashkadarya region. She is currently studying in the 10th grade of the creative school named after Abdulla Oripov in Karshi.



She Is A Mother

She is young and ready to live,
She is working hard to be a better mother,
Toiling and giving all her best to be best
Her absence is end life,

She just want to be a better wife,
Her hands are tide,
Her heart is overwhelming with sadness,
Her eyes speaks of Freezing soul inside her.

A rose in a desert
Oasis in the desert
She is life to many
Fighting to survive,
She is worthy this love,
A little Flames into her heart,
Will not hurt
She will bloom once more and
Please keep her safe in your arms she is



trying to be the best.

By prof George meya.

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What Is Hunger?



Hunger comes to everyone's mind when they don't have enough to eat. So what is hunger? Starvation is a lack of material energy below the level necessary to maintain the organism. According to the World Health Ministry, 100 million people die of hunger every year. 5 million of the three figures are children. Until 2010, the number of hungry people decreased. But after 2010, these numbers increased rapidly, and now this indicator is 842 million people, 12.5 of the new planet earth Asia has 418 million hungry people, Africa has 282 million hungry people, and the Caribbean and South America have 60 million hungry people.

So what or who is causing this? First of all, we humans are the reason for this. According to the Internet, 30% of food is thrown away every year. Great Britain and the USA have the highest

indicators. Every year, 50 percent of food in Great Britain and 40 percent in the United States are wasted. 100 million tons in European countries and 1.3 billion tons of food waste in the world. If at least half of these foods reached their owners, the number of hungry people would be much less. another reason is wars and conflicts. War and conflict have a great impact on that country and on other countries as well. Another reason is natural phenomena. Natural phenomena beyond the reach of mankind reveal many fields of crops.

Well, the remaining 87.5 percent of the world's population is slowly looking at this situation. Voluntary aid is given to countries with high poverty. But this is not enough. Not all people act equally. We should think about how to get the starving people out of this situation rather than delivering food. For this, first of all:

- Avoiding wars and conflicts
- Poverty should be added
- Further improve food aid
- And the expected result can be achieved by finding the most economical economic inequality

Sheraliyeva Bahara, an 8th grade student living in the village of Chorzona, Zhondor District, Bukhara Region

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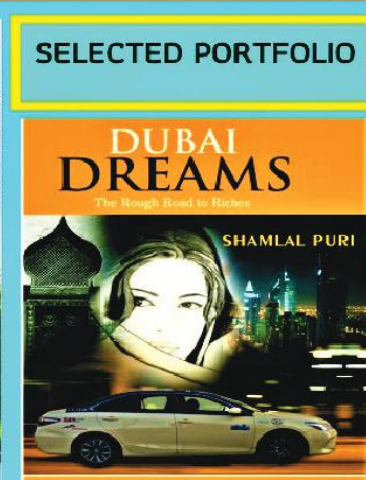
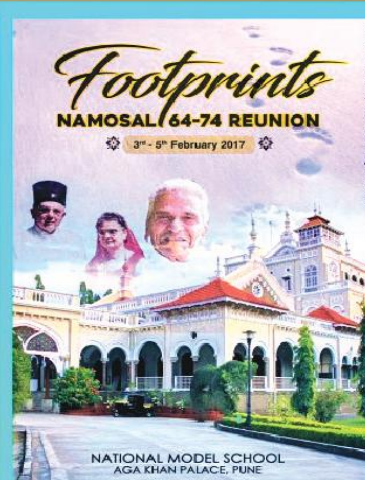
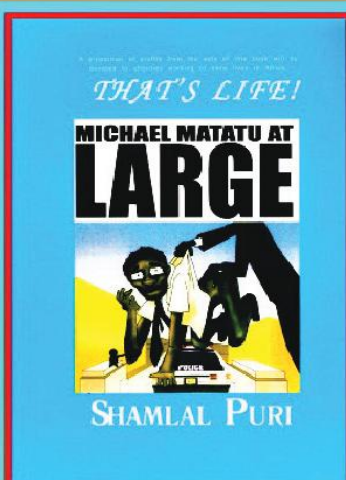
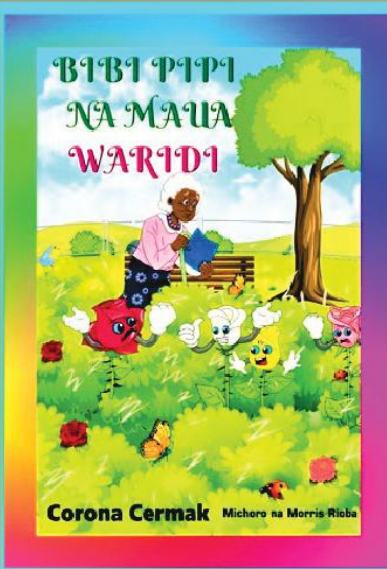
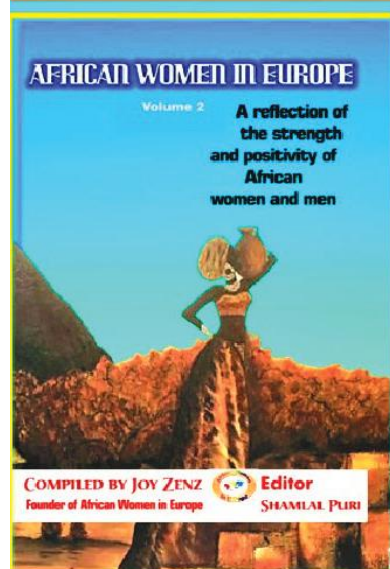
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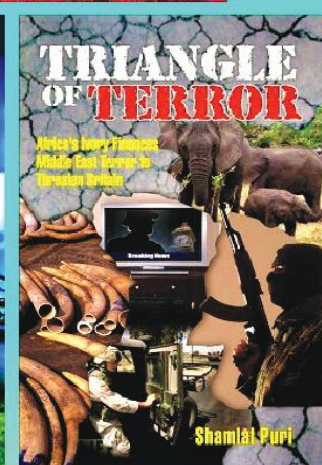
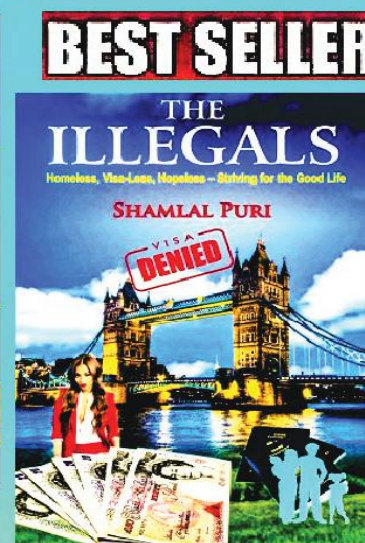
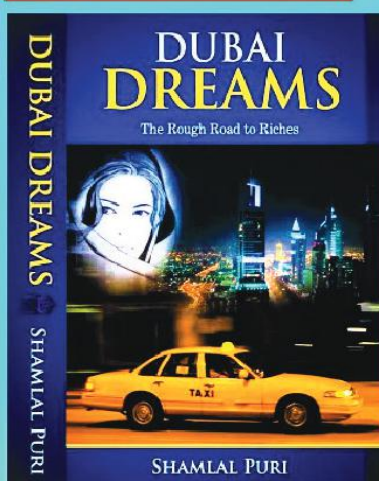
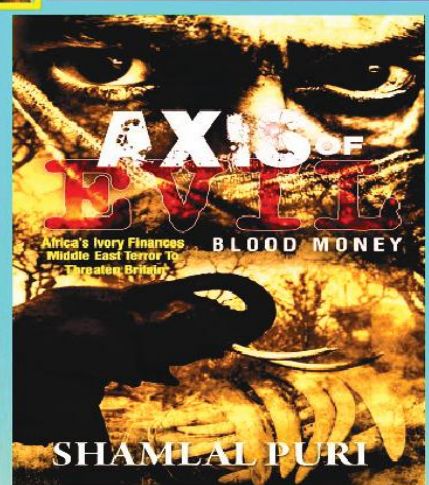
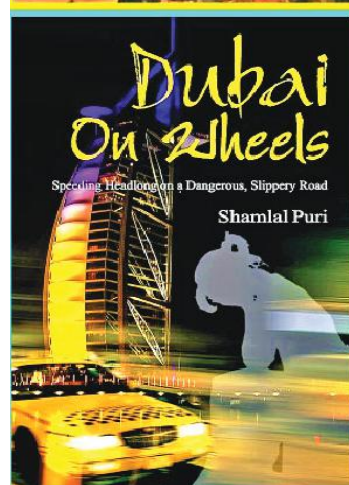
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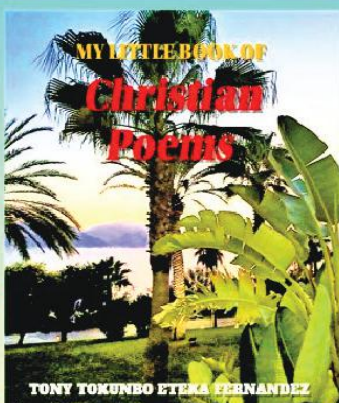
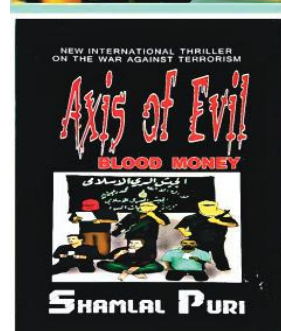
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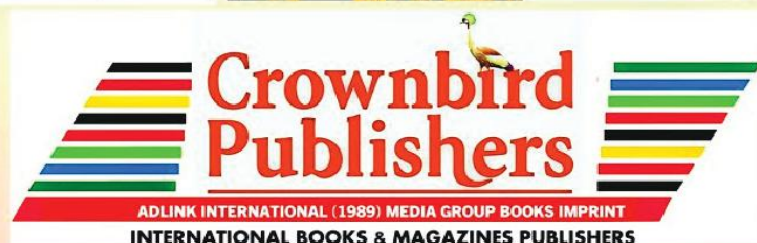


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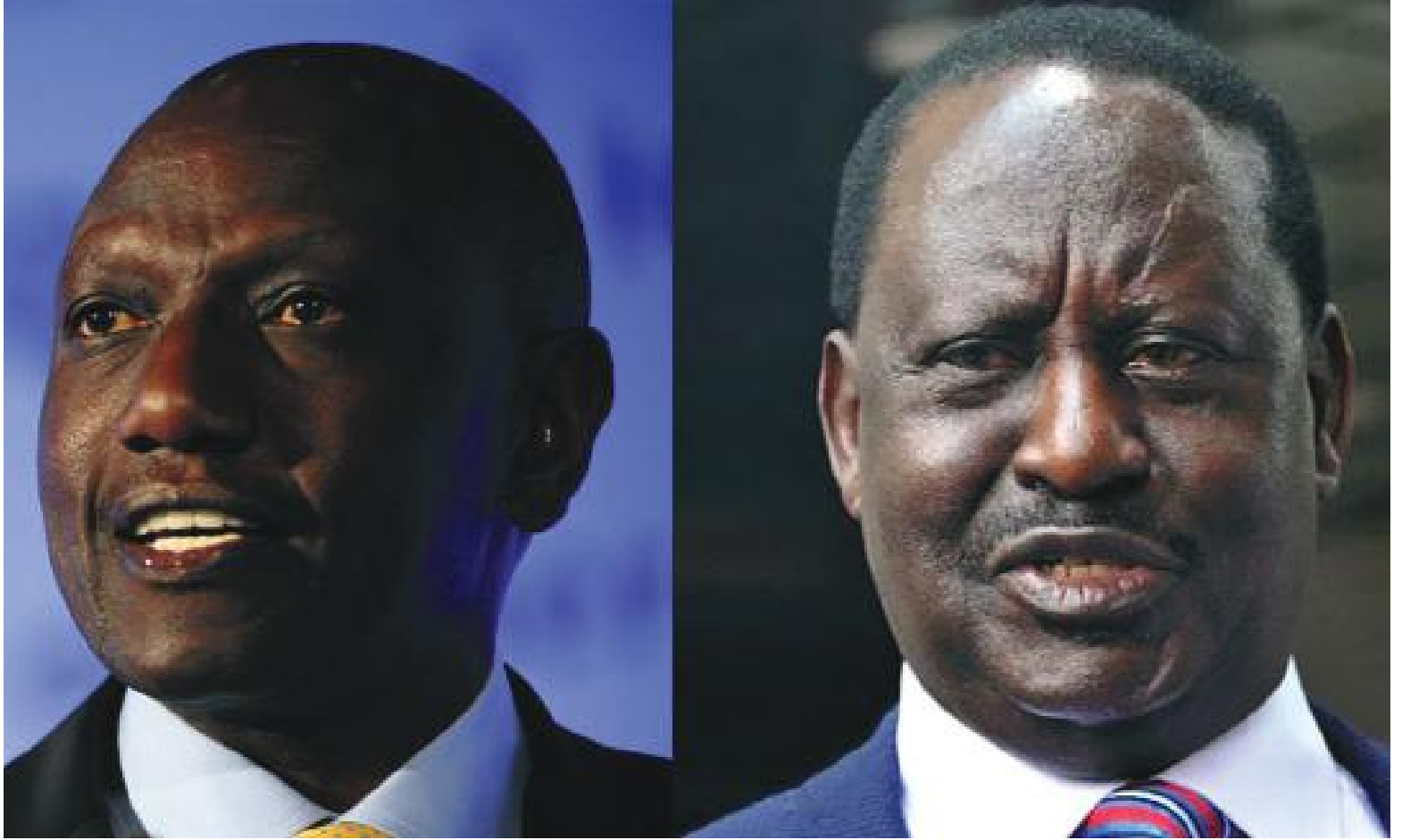
POLITICS

Ruto-Raila Talks Spark Uproar In Kenya Kwanza

By: Capital News

Worth Noting:

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

President William Ruto's top men are opposed to his talks with Opposition leader Raila Odinga, saying they will only serve to derail the government agenda.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula and his Senate counterpart Amason Kingi have warned the president that his talks with the Opposition leader are a waste of time because he has not even recognised him as president.

"Meeting strange people in strange places will not help in lowering the cost of living for Kenyans but delivering on the plan will," said Wetangula Sunday in front of the president when they accompanied to a church service in the coast.

Kingi too said the talks agreed upon during a meeting between the president and the opposition leader will "derail the government agenda".

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi said Odinga was "making issues in Kenya sound so international yet we don't have a problem."

"Raila is just internationalizing his electoral loss. Kenya is not in a crisis like Sudan," he said, speaking at the same church.

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Odinga's Azimio La Umoja Coalition has protested what it terms a "one-sided" statement issued by its Kenya Kwanza counterpart on the agenda of their proposed meeting following the Mombasa meeting between their top leaders.

The Opposition coalition is particularly concerned that Kenya Kwanza did not include the cost of living, electoral reforms and police brutality among others as part of the agenda for proposed talks between the two coalitions to resolve political differences.

Soon after the meeting, Odinga's team was the first to issue a statement outlining the agenda for the agreed talks.

The statement was signed by Azimio Minority Leader in the National Assembly Opiyo Wandayi.

But shortly after, Majority Leader Ichung'wah issued a joint statement that only had his signature, outlining the agenda for the agreed talks once a 10-man team is formed.

"The committee shall be seized with 5 issues; reconstitution of IEBC, implementation of 2/3 gender rule, the entrenchment of Constituency Development Fund, Establishment and the entrenchment of Office of the Leader of the Opposition and embedment of the Office of Prime Cabinet Secretary," the joint statement states.

But Raila's Azimio insists that the terms of engagement in the joint statement were the views of their Kenya Kwanza counterparts.

"Azimio has taken note of the one-sided statement released by the majority leader of the National Assembly on behalf of the Kenya Kwanza regime. It should be noted that in our statement that was released before KK's, Azimio is yet to table its substantive issues," the Opposition coalition said in a statement posted on Twitter which is rebranding to "X"

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Kenya Kwanza did not include all the issues agreed by Ruto and Odinga to form part of the talks, including the high cost of living that led to protests in the country this month leading to deaths of 50 people as stated by Azimio even though official records place the number at 20.

"As Azimio, we reaffirm that our four-point agenda remains the same; Cost of living, Electoral audit and reforms, non-interference in coalitions and their constituent parties and finally accountability and probe into police brutality that has claimed dozens of innocent lives," the Opposition coalition said.

Azimio is also protesting the implementation of the Finance Act 2023, which they argue will make life unbearable for a majority of Kenyans at a time when the cost of living is snowballing.

The matter is pending in the Appeals Court that lifted a conservatory order by the High Court last week, effectively kickstarting its implementation.

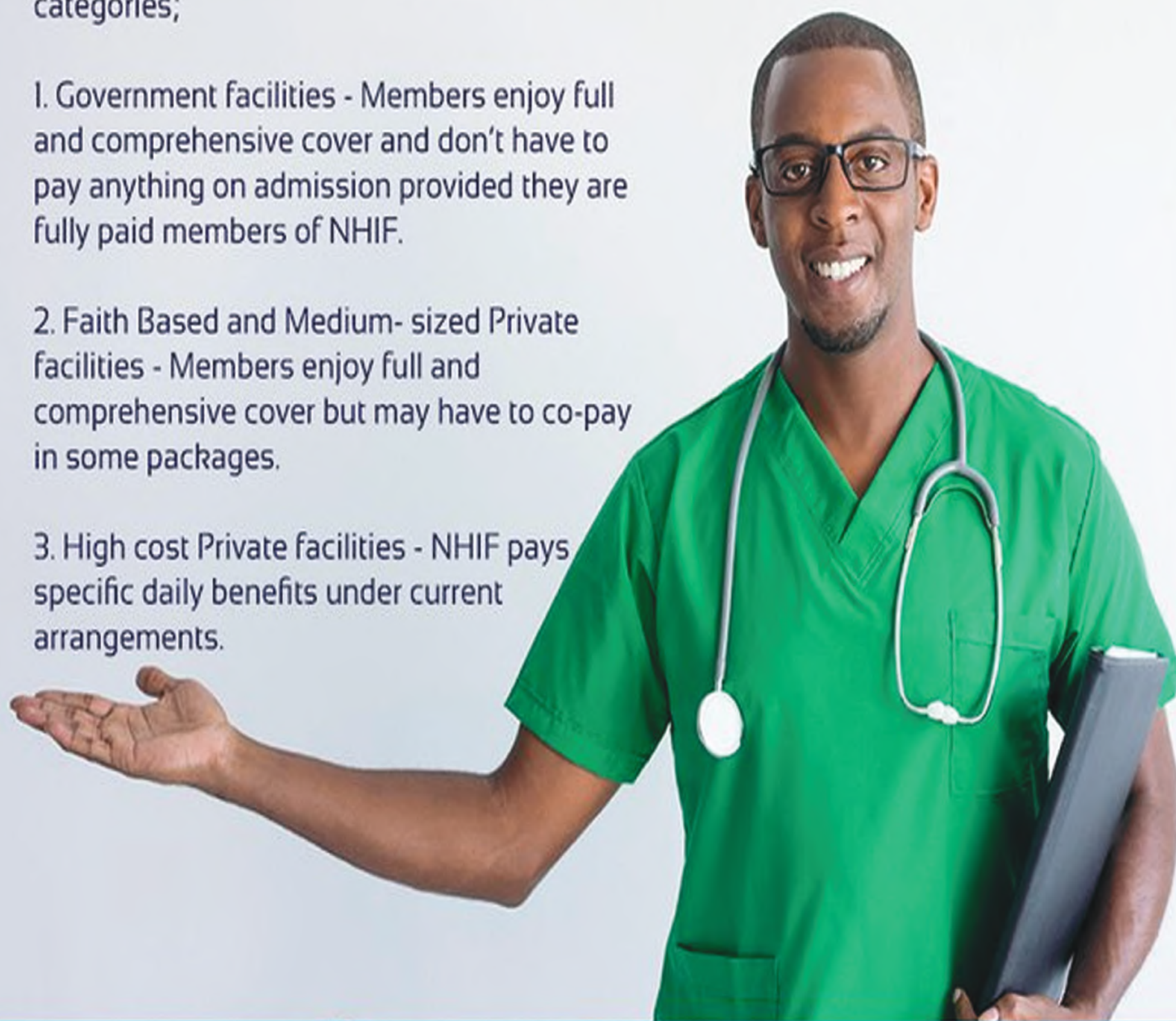
This followed an appeal filed by the government, through the National Treasury, against an order obtained by Senator Okiya Omtatah and other activists who are challenging its implementation, arguing it will make life unbearable for most Kenyans.



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New Team Takes Nyeri Volleyball Federation Nyeri Office

By: Our Correspondent
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The Kenya Volleyball Federation, Nyeri branch has a leadership team.

This is after the election, held over the weekend saw a team led by James Munene win the hotly contested polls.

Munene won the chairmanship with 6 votes against his closest challenger Liziki Wambui who garnered 5 votes.

Luke Kariuki was elected as the Treasurer and Joseph Kimemia as the Secretary, respectively.

The exercise held in Nyeri town was conducted by Nyeri County Directorate of Sports where 14 others were elected as board members where they will serve for the next four years.

In his acceptance speech, Munene promised that he will reclaim the volleyball game's lost

glory in the county.

"Nyeri is home of volleyball and I will do all what it takes to shine more," he pledged.

"For those who have been elected also to sit on the board, we have been given a mandate. It's now our responsibility to work. Let's work together as a team so that we bring Nyeri to where it was in volleyball let's put integrity first because it is the only key issue which will make us perform," the chairman concluded.

Newly elected Kenya Volleyball Federation, Nyeri branch officials from right chairperson Jacob Munene, his secretary Joseph Kimemia and treasurer Luka Kariuki. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU
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Economic Boost For Malindi As Naivas Supermarket Opens New Store

Malindi town residents are set to benefit with employment opportunities following the opening of a new Naivas supermarket store at the Malindi festival mall.

At least 100 people will secure jobs at the new store in the wake of the beginning of the high tourism season which kicked off in mid-July.

This becomes the 97th branch of Chain store which has been on a mega expansion plan.

The Chief of Strategy Naivas Andreas von Paleske said the opening of the second store in Malindi means a lot to the company in its strategy to grow countrywide.

"We've seen Coast growing tremendously since we opened up several stores here many years ago, we believe first of all we are creating employment for people in the area," he said after officially opening the Malindi Highway Naivas located just next to the Airport.

So far, Naivas Supermarket has 10

stores in the Coast region bringing to 97 the total number of stores in the country.

Currently, Paleske said they were on a journey to hit 100 stores and promised to continue delivering good quality products.

He said Naivas spends Ksh2 billion annually opening new stores and a store costs more than 200 million with between 50 to 100 staff employed.

David Mugo the Naivas Regional Manager Coast said they were happy to open a new store in Malindi as the customers have been supportive in Malindi.

"Business is booming in Malindi that's why it's justifiable to open another store," he said.



Chief of Strategy Naivas Andreas von Paleske.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Life Which Is Unexamined Is Not Worth Living

By: Maxmarejabova Muqaddas

Socrates is one of the founders of Western philosophy. Socrates wrote nothing, established no school, and never theorized concepts. In addition, he always asked questions which he interested something.

This is a new way of thinking called "dialectic thinking." Socrates was vilified as a sophist. Socrates has a lot of followers, and one of them is Plato, who recorded all ideas of Socrates examining various perceptions. Socrates lived Athens in the 5th century BCE, and he was interested in learning about natural philosophy. Socrates is looking at various perceptions to take and weigh about ethical and moral conceptions. After that, he explained what was interesting about politics. Interestingly, he never likes or prefers to win in arguments.

Socrates said: Understanding good and evil is really the first task of phi-

losophy. Also, he mentioned knowledge. More precisely, evil only will born who are unknowledgeable and lack of wisdom. Knowledgeable and clever people knew how to remedy obstacles, but those who had evil intentions for something or somebody lacked wisdom in their minds. Moreover, Socrates was born in 469 BCE in Athens.

Socrates becomes well known and famous in Athens. The important factor was that he used it to argue with the questioner, who knew nothing and only asked questions, and as a consequence, realized these arguments and gaps in knowledge. Socrates created a discussion of topics such as justice, the nature of love, and loyalty.

Through a lot of discussions, he revealed the opinions and perspectives his opponent held. After that, the contradictions, which he exposed with agreement and a new type of conclusion, This methodology helps

examine a lot of arguments. This position meant ignoring philosophical thinking. The first argument used was an inductive argument, which was then based on true perspective and experience.

The conclusion is about universal truth. This famous and powerful argument not only explains the basic structure of the scientific method but also the whole world of sciences. In 399 BCE, Plato's teacher was condemned to death. Plato's teacher is Socrates. In addition, Plato's mentor has no writings, and Plato took his mastery of posterity from his teacher.

"Seeking the Ideal"

Plato describes many things from a mentor's position of elucidating things. Socrates said that "virtue is real knowledge." For example, you may ask in the first questionnaire what justice means. Plato elucidat-

ed that before analyzing, we should think in more depth about the concept and gave a certain conclusion. We should first know which concept makes us precisely think what it is. Plato wrote about the things that seek the ideal about "bed." We know a bed, and we recognize all beds, even though it doesn't matter which bed has numerous differences. We call them "dogginess." Plato argues that not only do we recognize what a dog or bed are, but we have an idea in our mind for every object in the world. Plato shows the true concept of knowledge being possible to reach with reasoning, using the mind and efforts rather than emotional intentions or senses.

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Kenya International Theatre To Announce Ambassador For 2023

The Kenya International Theatre has announced the launch of the Face Of The Festival and Unveil the Festival Ambassador for its 8th edition will take place on July 30.

The ceremony is set to take place from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm at the Kenya National Theatre.

The two events are pivotal in the KITFest calendar. The honour of the Face of the Festival is usually bestowed upon an individual who left an indelible mark during the previous edition and its activities.

In 2022, the ambassador for the festival was Martin Githinji who became a household name

for starring in the series Sue na Johnnie where he played the titular character Johnnie. Githinji also starred in the Netflix movie "The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind" alongside Chiwetel Ejiofor.

According to KIT, this year's choice will acknowledge the phenomenal and inspiring women who have enriched Kenya's theatre and performing arts industry. Through them, KITFest will highlight the powerful impact of women in shaping the artistic landscape of Kenya.

KITFest is an annual festival event organised by the Ken-

ya International Theatre that takes place every year in November. The first event was held in 2013 and now boasts an event filled with theatrical performances and a variety of different experiences curated specifically for its attendees. Most activities at KITFest are curated to promote fun, knowledge sharing, collaboration, and cultural exchange.

Applications to participate are ongoing and will close on July 31.



Thembelani Majingo Annual Soccer Tournament

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Top 16

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2nd: beeps,ball,medals

3rd:beeps,ball,medals

Individual awards

.Goalkeeper of the tournament
.Top goalscorer of the tournament
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Don't Give Up On Your Goal...Not Much Happened To This Event

By: **Abdurahmanova Mohichehra**
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At this time, Uzbekistan was flourishing. We are the Musabozor of Uzbekistan we lived in the village of Solim. Our village was not very big, but for us this settlement was a piece of our heart. We were 5 children in the family.

My father was a truck driver, and my mother was a housewife. We were not very rich in material terms, but we were not poor either. My sister and brother were at school, and I and my 2 sisters were at university. My brother was a boy who would turn blue if you hit him on the ground. On the contrary, my sister was a very intelligent and educated girl. The teachers praised my sister, even my brother's teacher told me:

- Because you study well, I accepted your brother in my class. That day I remember that I came to my mother and told my brother that he was not a man. Me I thought my brother had no purpose. Right, what a goal in a 4th grader let it be If he was full, no

one would fight. But one incident changed me.

At that time, my brother was going to the gym for boxing. For some time, dad did not put it. Maybe they don't have enough money. Because we also married my older sister that year, maybe they thought that boxing is a tough sport.

Because my brother was the only son in the family. From this point of view, you can understand my father. After that, my brother became an idler and could not stop dusting the streets. And we took it back to manhood. My brother has been coming home late lately. He would not be at home all day and would come late at night. If we asked where he was, he would not tell us. His favorite thing to say was: "What's wrong with you?"

However, I loved my brother very much. One night, he did not come home until late at night. At that time, my father was also at home. We spent the evening together. We searched for my brother. There were no neighbors left, and there was no street we did not enter.

Then my brother came in himself. My father did not raise a hand to

us, but they beat my brother. Do you know where my brother is even then? He didn't say. In the morning, my sister found a 3rd level medal from where my brother was sleeping. She showed it to my dad, no one knows where it came from. Then they asked my brother.

My brother said that he went boxing secretly from my dad, the reason why it disappeared. That's it. When I explained the situation to my teacher, my teacher didn't say a word to my father and mother. Boyagi won the medal in a boxing competition. After that, my father put my brother in boxing again. He said that he had been aiming to participate in the competition for a long time. He again:

- If I had gone without a break in the middle, I would have taken the 1st place, he says. After that, we all supported my brother. Now I remember this incident every time I face obstacles on the way to my goals. I get a lot of motivation in this, and then I love my brother...

Abdurahmanova Mohichehra, Republic of Uzbekistan on September 12, 2004 Born in Kitab District,



Abdurahmanova Mohichehra.

Kashkadarya Region. There are 5 children in the family. Mohichehra is the third of them. Studied at school No. 85 in Kitab district. Currently, Shahrizabz is studying Primary Education at the State Pedagogical Institute.

The Fate Of One Family

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In a remote village, Mukhtar lived with his 2 daughters, son and his wife. But money was a big problem in their family. One day, Mukhtar and his wife Guljahan consulted together and decided to go to work abroad. A week later, they left their children with their grandmother Aisha and went to work in Turkey.

When his eldest daughter Malika was preparing for the entrance exam, she was mistreated by her relatives and fellow students. But she ignored these words and continued to read. Her brother Sarvar and sister Madina were still schoolchildren. Sarvar's behavior began to change day by day.

He used to walk a lot on the street, and his behavior toward his sisters changed. Although their parents got good jobs and saved money from time to time, they still could not take care of their children's upbringing. One day, her neighbor Aziz tried



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to take care of Malika, but she did not allow him to do so, beat the man and ran away into the house. Madina was busy with her reading. And her brother was in a bad way. There is a

proverb in our people: "If you walk near a cauldron, you will get black." He joined street thugs and became addicted to tobacco products. Malika, who noticed these actions of

her brother, reprimanded him.

Her brother realized his mistake, but now it was a big problem to get out of this way. Because he was addicted to drugs. His sister reported this case to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and they searched for the people who taught her brother these things.

people came and stabbed Sarvar. When his parents found out about this, they regretted that they could not raise their child and moved away from their family for money. But it is not for nothing that they say, "The last regret is your enemy".

Unfortunately, the parents caused their son to go down a bad path, even if only a little bit. The day they heard this news, they arrived on the 1st flight: "Perhaps if we had stayed here, there would not have been such unpleasantness...", they deeply regretted...

Why should people leave their families for a simple piece of paper? Why do parents neglect their children these days?

Because: "Family peace is the joy of society"

Javokhir Avazov!

AVAZOV JAVAHIR JAMSHIDOVICH

He was born on May 21, 2006 in the town of Yangihayot, Sari-osiya district, Surkhandarya region. Currently, he is a student of A.F.CH.O'.I.U.M. No. 9 (specialized general education school with in-depth study of certain subjects). In the last academic year, he won the second place in the regional stage of the competition "The best English language learner". In addition, he has been taking places in science Olympiads. 07/05/2022 tested himself in the "Measurement Test for English Proficiency" and achieved CEFR B2 level. Less than 1 year later, on 23.03.2023, he obtained IELTS 5.5 level. Currently working hard to achieve IELTS level 8. For him, he intended to study at a prestigious American university!

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Barca And The Woodwork Defeat Real In Texas ‘Clasico’



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A packed AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL’S Dallas Cowboys, witnessed a game which had all the passion and commitment of a real derby despite being a pre-season warm-up.

The crowd were soon on their feet when Oriol Romeu rattled the Real cross-bar with a thundering drive in the fourth minute but Barca soon had their fans celebrating.

A cleverly worked free-kick saw Pedri slide a diagonal pass into the path of Dembele, who expertly drilled the ball into the far corner.

Real had a great chance to get level just five minutes later when

Barcelona defender Ronald Araujo handled in the box but Vinicius Junior blasted the penalty against the bar.

The action was non-stop as Rodrygo then forced Barcelona keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen into a fine, full-length save with a free-kick that was flying towards the top corner.

The woodwork denied Real again when Vinicius struck the bar and although Jude Bellingham outjumped ter Stegen, the midfielder’s header hit the post.

At the other end, Dembele had a chance for a second after a mistake from Ferland Mendy allowed him to break through on goal, but the French forward’s soft shot was easily dealt with by Thibaut Courtois.

Tempers flared after a sliding challenge from behind from Frenkie de Jong on Eder Militao, with players from both teams scuffling on the half-way line and half-time likely came as a relief for American referee Allen Chapman.

Real’s bad luck continued after the break with Aurelien Tchoua-

meni blasting against the bar while Vinicius continued to torment from the left, poking a shot from a tight angle just wide.

There was no let-up from either side, despite multiple substitutions, but Barcelona’s finishing proved to be the difference with substitute Fermin Lopez making it 2-0 with a brilliant blast from outside the box in the 85th minute after being set up by Sergi Roberto.

Incredibly, Vinicius, after a jinking run in from the left, struck the bar again with his drive from a tight angle and Barca wrapped up the win in stoppage time.

Ferran Torres, ran on to a lofted ball from Lopez, lifted the ball over the advancing Courtois and showed good awareness and balance to turn and slot the ball into the empty net.

– Could have been different –

Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez admitted the scoreline flattered his team.

“The result could have been different, the result is a bit mis-

leading, Madrid also had many chances and we shouldn’t be overconfident,” he said.

“The result is very favorable but it doesn’t mean we played a super match. There are many things to improve. It was a very even match in which Madrid also had many chances,” he said.

Xavi also questioned whether he had enough depth for the upcoming season.

“I think Madrid have a much bigger squad than us. At the end of the game they were taking players out and they have many players in the midfield, physical, technical, they have a wide range of possibilities,” he said.

“We tried to play and impose our game and in many moments we succeeded. I am satisfied with the way we competed and in many moments we looked like what we want to be,” he said.

Ancelotti also played down the scoreline and was pleased by many aspects.

“The result is the least important thing. It hurts to lose, but I’ll keep the good things we did,” said Ancelotti.

“We were good in terms of intensity, we had a lot of chances that didn’t go in. Five (against the woodwork) in a game is quite rare, I don’t think it has ever happened to me. But it’s better if it happens in pre-season,” added the Italian.

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“Ugali Is Bae,” Chipu Coach Olago Insists After Kenya Fall To Zims At World U20 Trophy



Kenya’s Chipu Mike Odour leads charges against Zimbabwe at the World Under-20 Trophy at the Nyayo National Stadium. Photo/RAYMOND MAKHAYA

The national under-20 rugby team head coach Curtis Olago believes there is need to improve the diet of rugby players at the high school level if Kenya is to physically measure up to other countries in the sport. Olago said the World Under-20 Rugby Trophy has been an eye opener for him on the need to consider the dietary needs of players in preparations for major tournaments. “Those in school need to have a good diet...you see what we are faced with. You’re faced with 18-year-olds weighing 100 kilos (from opposite teams) and we need to condition ourselves much better”, Olago said. Olago was speaking in the af-

termath of Chipu’s 64-10 loss to Zimbabwe in the fifth-place play-off match of the World Under-20 Rugby Trophy match at Nyayo Stadium on Sunday afternoon. Drawing from the results of the match, Olago insisted on the importance of proper preparations for such tournaments. “My observation is on the importance on attention to detail. We need to start early on the preparations...we need to prepare well for next year,” the coach underscored. He added: “There is so much attention we need to put to detail. There’s so much detail around the game we need to put our emphasis in terms of line-out...attacking line-out and defensive line-out.”

-Zimbabwe Coach-
Speaking at the same time, Zimbabwe head coach Shaun de Souza described Nyayo Stadium as a second home to the Southern Africans. “It feels great (to win this game). We came to this tournament and playing at Nyayo Stadium felt like playing at home. The crowd that came into the Stadium today... we appreciate them so much. We know that most of them came to support Kenya but I also know half of them were for Zimbabwe,” de Souza said. De Souza added that a dinner outing with the boys had helped recalibrate their focus after a disappointing campaign in which

they lost their Pool A matches to Scotland and Uruguay. “I think we had a good strategy... We took the team out on Friday night for a bonding and just to build the camaraderie once again. We did that off field and then we did that on field,” he said. In the earlier matches of the day, United States beat Hong Kong 47-22 in the seventh place playoff. In the bronze medal match, Scotland beat Samoa 83-10 to walk home as third place winners.

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“From Novice To Expert Educator: TEFL Certification And International Qualifications In English Instruction” Course By “Leader Ladies Club”

Worth Noting:

- One significant highlight of the course was its focus on teaching abroad. The global demand for English language teachers makes international opportunities abundant for those with specialized qualifications like TEFL certification. Participants were equipped with the knowledge of how to navigate the intricacies of teaching in different cultural contexts, understanding the unique challenges and adapting teaching methodologies accordingly.
- The dedication and hard work put in by each participant were rewarded at the end of the course when they received their TEFL Certification. This internationally recognized qualification is a testament to their commitment to professional development and their ability to effectively instruct English language learners.



In today's globalized world, the demand for qualified English language educators is ever-increasing. To meet this demand, the CEO of Leader Ladies Club, M. Abdurakhmonova, organized a transformative course titled “From Novice to Expert Educator: TEFL Certification and International Qualifications in English Instruction.” This course aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in teaching English as a foreign language.

A total of 18 girls participated in this comprehensive program, each eager to embark on a journey towards becoming proficient educators. The participants included Ziyodullayeva

Odina, Ismigul Ahmadjonova, Laylo Bakhtiyorova, Mukhlisa Orifjonova, Abdumalikova Saidabonu, Safarova Bahora, Ismoilova Shahzoda, Madina Khayrullaeva, Nigina Jalilova, Khojievva Gulirano, Inatova Raykhon, Avdulkhayeva Gulmira, and Kimsanova Nozima.

Over the duration of the course, these aspiring educators delved into various aspects of teaching English. They learned how to effectively teach online lessons and organize online classes. With technology becoming an integral part of education today, this skill was emphasized as it enables educators to reach students from all corners of the globe.

Furthermore, the participants also

gained insights into offline teaching techniques. They were introduced to learner-centered approaches where student engagement and active participation were prioritized. By employing interactive teaching methods such as group work and role-playing activities during offline classes, these future educators developed the ability to create a stimulating learning environment.

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M. Abdurakhmonova, as the CEO of Leader Ladies Club, played a pivotal role in organizing this transformative course. Her expertise and guidance ensured that each participant received a holistic learning experience, allowing them to grow from novices to expert educators.

The impact of this course extends far beyond the classroom. By empowering these 18 girls with TEFL Certification and international qualifications in English instruction, they now possess the tools necessary to make a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals worldwide. They have become advocates for language education, bridging cultural divides, and promoting global understanding through effective English language instruction.

In conclusion, “From Novice to Expert Educator: TEFL Certification and International Qualifications in English Instruction” organized by M. Abdurakhmonova has successfully equipped 18 girls with invaluable skills for teaching English as a foreign language. As these participants embark on their careers, they will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the field of education globally.