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President William Ruto

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Gachagua To Grace Memorial Service For Londiani Crash Victims

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is expected to grace a special memorial prayer service for the victims of the recent tragic accident at Londiani Junction that claimed 52 lives last week.

The interdenominational memorial prayer service that will be held in Londiani today, will bring together the area community, the area clergy and guests from all walks of life including governors, senators, Mem-

bers of Parliament, and other senior government officers.

Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Ms Florence Bore made the announcement at the Ker-

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua



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Embrace Peace, Humility And Integrity In Your Work, Mudavadi Tells Church

By: KBC Digital

Worth Noting:

- He urged the church to assist the government identifying rogue pastors and bring them to book as they are tarnishing the good name of the Church.
- At the same time, Mudavadi said that the current unrest being witnessed in some regions of Africa calls for collective efforts, with the church at the forefront in seeking lasting solutions to conflicts.
- “We all know what is happening in various parts of Africa like what has befallen Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Africa is grappling with a myriad violent, economic and political conflicts day in day out. The church must stand out and be counted among entities that are helping restore calmness and tranquility,” said Mudavadi.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi during the inaugural Local Government Revenue Initiative Conference (LOGRI).

Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi has urged the church to be key drivers of peace in the country and support the government’s initiative of uniting Kenyans.

Mudavadi said that the church plays a critical role in society and should be a reflection of the country in terms of stability and prosperity in all spheres of life.

He made the remarks, even as he cautioned Kenyans to be on the look out over rising cases of false prophets and preachers, whom many innocent people have fallen victim to.

Mudavadi said false pretenders of the word have caused havoc both locally and internationally.

“Innocent people have surrendered their health and wealth to people who have done totally nothing in helping them acquire the wealth. It defeats logic, when someone like a professor or doctor or an educated person surrenders all his/her years of work, abandons his/her family and follow a false prophet who has never even been in class one,” regretted Mudavadi.

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Mudavadi made the remarks during the 2023 World Conference of Friends Church (Quakers) being held at Kabarak University in Nakuru.

He said Africa is awash with mercenaries fighting proxy international wars that need the intervention by the Church of Friends.

“You must have heard of countries

straddling over Africa natural resources and at the same time, the global dynamics are changing very fast and within Africa itself and within various countries we hear of communities fighting of natural resources. The Church must stand out and be counted,” he said.

“Personally, I was involved in restoring peace in Kenya within the Serena talks arrangement under the then UN Secretary General Koffi Annan, Madam Graca Machel and Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa back in 2007/2008 when Kenya was in turmoil,” Mudavai added.

The PCS further acknowledged efforts being undertaken to integrate peace curriculum in the Kenyan education curriculum.

He said this will play a pivotal role because it involves inculcating the aspect of peace building and unity an early age.

Mudavadi also urged the church to be an example in emulating humility as a virtue within the society.

He said leadership in many parts of Africa has been misconceived to self-gratification and amassing of wealth without

hard work.

Cautioning that if the church does not speak on such matters, Mudavadi observed that the society will continue to vanquish in vices that will end up eroding the moral fabric of the society and nations will collapse.

“Leaders in Africa need humility in large doses; especially when leaders refuse to leave power when their terms expire or refuse to accept defeat after democratic elections. This is an area that needs deeper reflection with the church being called upon to lead by walking the talk,” said Mudavadi.

“It is mainly in Africa, where integrity is a choice. This is when corruption is embedded as a virtual in governance, rather than a plague to be vanquished. This must change,” added Mudavadi.

Mudavadi called on the religious institutions offering theological courses to scale them up with other skill-based courses, in a bid to produce all round graduates that will help in boosting the country’s economy.

He said men and women of the cloth also need additional skills that will not only help them be self-reliant and earn a living from an additional career but it will also be an eye opener to the society that they are leading by example.

“I will not mind seeing my pastor doubling up as an agricultural officer, a nurse, a mechanic, an ICT trainer or any other profession. So that apart from passing the work to the congregants, they can also pass skills and help nurture talent and be part of key players in turning around our economy,” pointed out Mudavadi.

“As a country we are facing a crisis of unemployment of up to about 7 million young men and women, who have been schooled but there are no jobs. The church should support the government in figuring out what we should do to sort out this problem collectively,” paused Mudavadi.

This years’ World of Friends Church 2023 is the first to be held in Africa, running under the theme “Come, Abide and Go”.

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National Land Commission Meets Wambugu Farm Beneficiaries

By: Our Correspondent

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Dozens of former Nyeri Colonial Chief Wambugu Mathangani descendants yesterday met with officials from the National Land Commission over their impending compensation.

The Commission officials led by Commissioner Esther Murugi were in Nyeri to explain to the family members the implications of a judgment that was made a few weeks ago concerning compensation of their land that is currently used by the government as an agricultural training centre which is known as Wambugu Farmers Agricultural Training Centre.

The Commission took them through the compensation process that will see them pocket millions of shillings awarded to them by the court.

Recently, the court ruled that the government should compensate them with Sh230 million plus interest, summed from December 2008 which

brings the total amount to about Sh729 million.

Ms Murugi and her team met the families' representatives at the training institute with their chairman Bishop Mathangani saying they were convinced by the explanation given over various issues.

Former Nyeri mayor Wanyaga Gathaka who is also a grandson of the former chief said the family had waited for years to be compensated, adding that they were optimistic that eventually, they will get their dues.

However, the Commission informed them that getting the money was not an easy task and they were not definite when the money would be released to them.



National Land Commission's Esther Murugi addressing the media after meeting Wambugu Farm beneficiaries. With him is among others Bishop Mathangani who is their chairman and former Nyeri mayor Wanyaga Gathaka..

Nairobi Women Have The Lowest Fertility Rate – Kenya Demographic Health Survey 2022

By: Capital Correspondent

The Kenya Demographic Health Survey 2022 has revealed that women in Nairobi have the lowest fertility rate at 2.6pc.

According to the study, Nairobi was followed by Nyamira and Machakos at 2.7 and 2.8 children respectively.

The research further indicated that the total fertility rate in women in Kenya has declined to an average of 3.4 children.

“This marks a significant decrease from the 2014 figure of 3.9 children per woman. Women in Nairobi City have the lowest average number of children as the total fertility rate among Kenyan women declines,” the report stated.

Kirinyaga, Mombasa, and Kiambu also recorded a low fertility rate at 2.8, 2.9 and 2.9 children respectively.

Counties that recorded the highest fertility rate are Mandera (7.7), West Pokot (6.9), Wajir (6.8) and Marsabit

(6.3).

While women in rural areas are likely to have an average of 3.9 children, their counterparts in urban areas would have 2.8 children by the end of their childbearing years.

The survey showed that the fertility rate declines with increase in level of education, where women with no education would get 6.3 children, while those with more than secondary school education will have 2.8 children.

“TFR declines with increase in wealth quintile, from 5.3 children for women in the lowest wealth quintile to 2.7 children for women in the highest wealth quintile,” the survey further indicates.

In regards to the desire for another child, the survey showed that more married men want to have another child.

Irrespective of the number of children one has, a higher percentage of currently married men compared to women desire another child.

Key Findings

There were **2 births** per 1,000 women **age 10-14** and **73 births** per 1,000 women **age 15-19** in the 3 years before the survey.

The total fertility rate is **3.4 children per woman** and is **unchanged since 2020**.

15% of teenage women age 15-19 have ever been pregnant.

2% of women and <1% of men age 20-24 were married before age 15.

13% of women and 2% of men age 20-24 were married before age 18.

30% of married women and 37% of married men want to delay childbearing and **46% of married women and 36% of married men want no more children.**

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIRINYAGA

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Endorois Community On Verge Of Getting Extinct Due To Violations Of Human Rights

By: John Kariuki
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Worth Noting:

- According to findings of the Arusha court in 2010 which stated that the Kenyan government had violated the African Charter on human Rights certain aspects of the Commission decision have been realized, the Kenyan government has mostly not complied with the recommendations yet. The case represents the first legal recognition of an African indigenous peoples'.
- Geoffrey Kerosi East Africa Project Coordinator on Minority Rights Group Africa calls for stakeholders to address the recommendations that the Kenya Government recognize the Endorois community's right of ownership of their ancestral lands, restitute to the Endorois their ancestral lands and compensate them for their losses.



Endorois Community .

Following a verdict by the African court case to the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACH-PR) on the case between the Endorois community versus the republic of Kenya that found violations of human rights. Today the minority group of Endorois community which has 20,000 people is on the verge of being extinct.

During a visit to Muchongoi ward, Baringo South Constituency in Baringo County, Lake Bogoria has made life for the community a disaster this after the lake broke its boundaries leading to rising of water levels, swallowing of homes, shops, health centres, latrines, electricity supplies, farmland, tourist resorts and more. Malaria, cholera, typhoid and dysentery are increasing. Wildlife is also under threat; conflict has broken out between people and animals and old grievances between

neighbouring groups have resurfaced. Since it started rising, Lake Bogoria surface area has more than doubled, and it isn't alone. Right across the East African Rift valley, lake water is creeping over animal and human heads. And where East Africa leads, much of the rest of the world is following North America's Great rift is part of it.

While addressing members of the fourth estate Samuel Kiptek an elder of Endorois community is a Calling for legislators and Kenyan government to answer on their plea of getting compensation on their ancestral land. "When the town submerged our life have not been very easy ,imagine living In place where you can't do any development , walking for 20km to get services it's a real hustle, I fear that in another 10years to come there won't be the Endorois community if no in-

tervention will happen as soon as possible "Says Samuel Kiptek.

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"I support the move that of the Com-

munity should have unlimited access to Lake Bogoria National Reserve (LBNR) and benefit from the royalties and employment opportunities within the game reserve." Said Mr Geoffrey.

Mr Billy Rwothungeyo Africa Media Officer, Minority RIGHTS Group (MRG) is calling for the current Kenyan regime to address the land injustices that happened to the Endorois community especially when now another calamity has hit on climate change.

"The non-implementation of the recommendations of the Endorois Decision has negatively impacted the community's livelihoods, consigning many of its members to severe poverty, illiteracy, poor health and a life of destitution." Billy Media relations Officer.

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The Senate Of Kenya And The Civil Society Parliamentary Engagement Network Resolve To Partner In Developing Legislation

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The Senate of Kenya and The Civil Society Parliamentary Engagement Network have resolved to work together to ensure that the Bills that the August House passes are enriched and, in turn, are useful to Kenyans.

While receiving the Parliamentary Engagement Network's membership, led by their convener Ms Caroline Gaita, who paid the Senate a courtesy visit earlier today at Parliament Buildings, the Deputy Clerk of the Senate Ms Eunice Gichangi underscored the need for partnership between the two entities.

She subsequently added that the Senate is ready and willing to tap into the diverse membership of the network so as to enrich the legislation that the House passes.

"We, as the Senate, are constitutionally mandated to seek the views of the public in legislation that we publish through public participation. We seek your support in developing legislation because you are partners

who have been in the space of devolution over the years. You can assist us by giving a useful critique of the legislation that we publish," Ms Gichangi said.

On her part, Ms Caroline Gaita, who is also the Mzalendo Trust's Executive Director, apprised the Senate's leadership of the work that the Civil Society Parliamentary Engagement Network has engaged in in counties, before urging the Senate to continue partnering with them to ensure the Senate fulfils its core mandate of serving Kenyans.

"A lot of our work focuses on research, drafting legislation and analysis and review of Bills before legislatures. So, we are interested in working with the Senate to ensure the August House fulfils its core mandate to Kenyans," Ms Gaita said.

Other areas of interest that the Senate and the Civil Society Parliamentary Engagement Network resolved to collaborate on include public participation, capacity enhancement, media partnership and service delivery.



Ms Caroline Gaita, the Mzalendo Trust's Executive Director.

Sakaja Gets 80% Approval Rating

By: John Kariuki
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Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja is likely to be re-elected by 80% of Nairobians if elections were held today.

This is attributable to his exemplary track record in just under one year he has been in office.

According to Nairobi County Social Audit Network, Governor Sakaja main focal points include sectors of education and healthcare.

To demonstrate this, he recently launched a school feeding program.

Under The program, the Kenyan capital of Nairobi is set to see the largest school meals program in Africa this August, aimed at eliminating the "shame of hunger" and providing daily lunches for scores of primary school children.

Beginning on August 28th, the first day of the autumn term, the school

feeding program will see ten new kitchens providing 400 000 daily lunches for children in 225 primary schools and Early Childhood Development centers in Nairobi.

In Addition to feeding the kids, the initiative will also create employment opportunities for 3 500 people and a market for dozens of farmers. It's a collaboration between Nairobi County and Food4educatuin, which already supplies meals to 150 000 primary schoolchildren in the city.

The government has allocated \$36 million to increase the reach of the current national feeding program to 4 million children from 1.6 million, Ruto said. But he promised to increase the allocation if more counties contributed, promising to match shilling for shilling.

Apart from damaging their ability to learn, child hunger affects school enrollment and attendance too. The county has institutionalized the school feeding program owing to the link between nutrition and learning, said Suzanne Silantoi, Nairobi's County executive.



Nairobi County Social Audit Network.

Court Declares 50 CAS Positions Unconstitutional

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The High Court has ruled that the 50 Chief Administrative Secretaries (CAS) are unconstitutional. In the ruling delivered yesterday, a three-judge bench found that public participation was only conducted for 23 CASs while the additional 27 CASs did not adhere to the requirement. “Based on the record before us it is evident that the Public Service Commission failed in its mandate. The undeniable conclusion is that the prices of establishing the extra 27 posts was unconstitutional,” the bench ruled. Justices Kanyi Kimondo and Aleem Visram argued that the entire complement of 50 CASs position was unconstitutional and presents illegal, irregular and unconstitutional duplicity of roles as those of Principal Secretaries. “We do not think that it was the intention of the framers of the constitution to have 50 CASs deputising 22 Cabinet Secretaries. Furthermore, public participation on the office of CAS was founded on a complement

of 23 CASs,” Justice Kimondo stated. However, Lady Justice Hedwig Ong’undi gave a dissenting opinion stating that the additional 27 CAS positions were created unconstitutionally but the 23 approved by the PSC during former President Uhuru Kenyatta’s tenure were created constitutionally. “I find that the manner of establishment of the additional 27 CAS posts was unconstitutional. On the flip side I find the establishment of the CAS office in the public service with 23 posts to be constitutional,” she stated. President William Ruto on 16th March, 2023 appointed 50 CASs against 23 vacancies announced by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The 50 CASs were later sworn in on March 23 after the National Assembly declined to vet them saying it had no constitutional authority to do so. On March 24, the High Court stopped the 50 CASs from assuming office pending the hearing and determination of a suit filed by the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and the Kaitiba Institute.



A three-judge bench

Sahara Group, UoN Partner To Enhance Clean Energy Transition

Sahara Group and the University of Nairobi have launched a platform which will help students develop and innovate solutions that will accelerate Kenya’s clean energy transition. The partnership seeks to prioritise use of innovation challenges, Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) contests, creative writing and debate competitions, and thought leadership platforms to facilitate generational sustainability in Kenya. “Sahara Group is on a mission to spearhead Africa’s march towards sustainability and an inclusive energy transition and we welcome this opportunity to work with the University of Nairobi with great excitement. Together, we can enhance awareness creation and ultimately birth innovations that will create sustainable livelihoods and economic development in Kenya,” said Bethel Obioma, Sahara Group Head of Corporate Communications. University of Nairobi Director of Corporate Affairs John Orindi said

the planned partnership resonates with the institution’s ongoing efforts towards empowering students to become change agents for sustainability in Kenya. “The creative writing contest presents another opportunity for our students to contribute towards raising awareness and proffering solutions for issues like deforestation and pollution and suggest renewable energy solutions to reduce the dependence on fossil fuels and adoption of clean energy technologies in households and businesses,” he said. Other sustainability projects the partnership includes sustainable waste management through improved collection and the recycling of waste materials to conserve the environment. “How and what young Kenyans understand about the terms climate change, climate action, and energy transition will play a critical role in leveraging their energies and skills in promoting sustainability,” added Obioma.



L-R: University of Nairobi’s Director of Corporate Affairs John Orindi, Asharami Synergy Limited Kenya’s Operations Manager, Lavinah Gonah, Sahara Group’s Head of Corporate Communications Bethel Obioma and Aunthetik House Series’ Communications Consultant Kurian Musa at the University of Nairobi, in Nairobi, Kenya. PHOTO | Courtesy.

Electrifying Worship



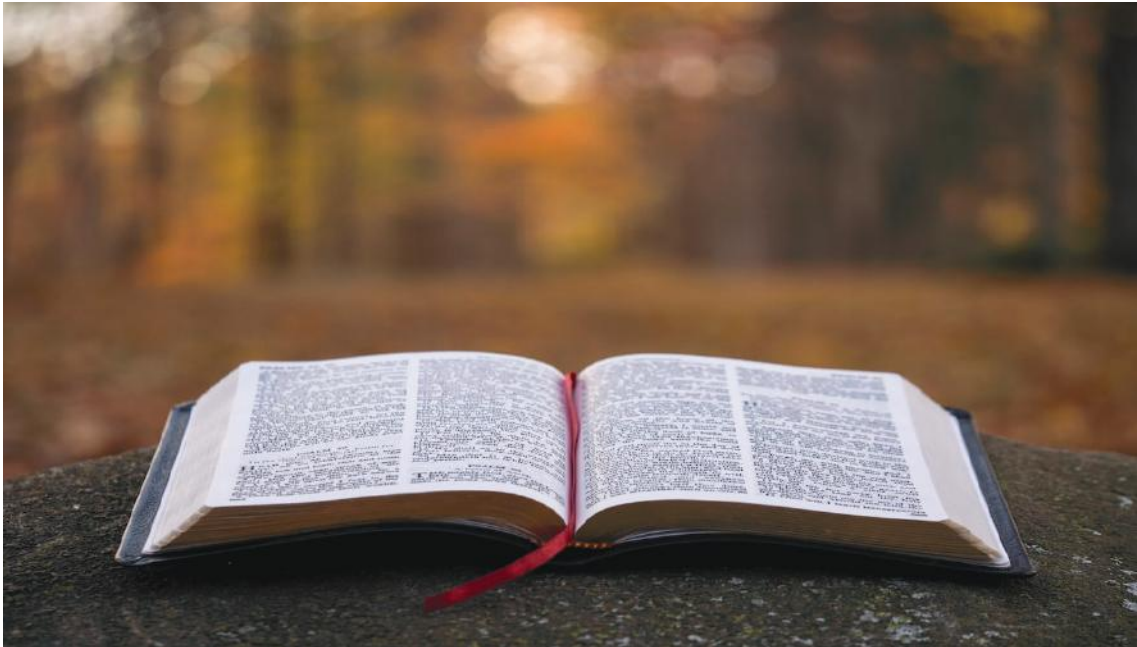
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Jesus tells us in John 4:24 that we must “worship in spirit and in truth.” Worshipping “in truth” means that we come informed by the objective revelation of God’s Word about the great God we serve and the precepts He has spoken. In this sense our worship is governed by what we know and believe of God. The better informed we are, the better we can worship. If we know and have taken to heart passages like Genesis 1, Psalm 139, Psalm 23, the Book of Job, John 7, John 17, Romans 1 — 3, Revelation 19 — to name a few, the better equipped we will be to worship “in truth.”

This knowledge of God through his Word ought to heighten our ex-

pectations and instil healthy fear and reverence. Men, we need to fill ourselves with God’s truth so our worship will be electrified with proper reality! Besides worshipping in stupendous truth, we worship “in spirit.” Notice the small “s,” referring to our human spirits, the inner person. TRUE WORSHIP FLOWS FROM THE INSIDE OUT. Worship is not an external activity, but is of necessity first internal. Jesus warned hypocrites with the words of Isaiah: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain” (Mark 7:6, 7, quoting Isaiah 29:13).

Thus true worship must spring from within a man’s spirit, from the spontaneous affections of the heart — as it did so regularly from the heart of David. Psalm 130, a Psalm of Ascents, expresses the anticipation of one worshipping in spirit: “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen



wait for the morning (Psalm 130:5, 6).

HALELUJAH. PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO IS ALWAYS ON TIME AND EVER FAITHFUL

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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

Greenpeace Africa Calls for Reinstatement of Ban on Illegal Logging

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The government lifted the ban on logging after six years on Sunday this development did not sit well with climate crusaders among them Greenpeace Africa.

Responding to the news that president Ruto has lifted the six year old ban on logging, Greenpeace Africa’s Community Manager, Tracy Makhetai has said:

“Greenpeace Africa is alarmed by these developments. During last year’s Mashujaa day celebrations, president Ruto made a commitment to increase the forest cover to 30% by 2032. Greenpeace Africa is perturbed that 8 months down the line the president has made a u-turn on his own words.

“There is an evident lack of goodwill in implementing the existing policies on illegal logging. By lifting this ban president Ruto has prioritised profit over people and nature. The ban on logging in public and community forests should not be based on monetary value, but rather

on restoring our natural forests with indigenous trees.

“The Ministry of Environment and Forestry should upscale the establishment of mixed forest plantations as it will increase forest cover and at the same time increase revenue while building the economy by providing employment opportunities. The Ministry should also consider planting indigenous trees in the 8,000ha bare buffer zones, to help restore biodiversity and increase forest cover.

“As a long term solution the Ministry should work to foster collaborative relations with communities living near the forests as well as environmental protection agencies and activists instead of resorting to unsustainable solutions. They should prioritise fast growing species of bamboo to supplement wood and timber needs of the country.

“Greenpeace Africa is petitioning CS Soipan Tuya and president Ruto to immediately reinstate the ban on logging in all the community and gazetted forests and also develop a model where NGOs can adopt these spaces to take care of the indigenous trees.”



Illegal Logging

CS Murkomen's Directive On Hawkers To Vacate Road Reserves Was Well Thought Out



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Worth Noting:

- The hawkers would not wait for the dust to settle. One day later, they returned to back to the same scene of the accident. They started doing their business with some constructing makeshift structures. What lesson do we learn here? Kenyans do not respect their leaders. Besides, they do not care or value their lives.
- The sanctity of human life is sacrosanct but to them this is just a song to them.
- I had previously interacted closely with CS Murkomen. This is when he served as a board member of Youth Agenda (YAA). I was a member of the secretariat.

The other day Kenyans woke up to a sad and heart-breaking news of a grisly road accident that claimed the lives of more 55 people and left dozens of others nursing serious injuries.

The accident that occurred at Londiani Junction in Kericho County was caused by a trailer ferrying cement to Rwanda and it bore the registration number of that country. The driver, a Rwandese, is among those who perished.

The witnesses further stated. The trailer's brake had failed and the driver lost control of it after hitting a bump.

As a result, the trailer rammed into five Nissan Matatu, run over dozens of the hawkers, customers and pedestrians.

The matatus which were picking the passengers besides the road were almost full.

This place serves as an open air market for the travellers heading to Kericho, Kisumu and the area residents.

As a result, most of the victims were the hawkers. This accident happened in evening at around 6.30 pm when there is always a booming business in this market.

So, a number of the people living around this area, their relatives and neighbors returning back from work also lost their lives. This is the time they were buying foodstuff and doing shopping.

It is also worth to note that this disaster was exacerbated by the detachment of the trailer and the driver's cabin.

The trailer rolled on one side of the road reserve before landing in a ditch.

The cabin crashed on the other side.

Transport Cabinet Kipchumba Murkomen was the first to arrive at the scene just minutes after the sad news of the deadly accident broke out.

He looked extremely shocked, devastated and saddened.

This not an accident. This is a disaster. This is catastrophic. It is indeed very sad and painful to lose all these people at one go. Very sad.

He added: As a government, I want to assure the people of Kenya that this will not happen again.

As the CS incharge, I'm shortly going to give the directives on how we are deal with this.

He set the ball before leaving the scene by stating. Moving forward, the hawkers operating businesses along the road reserves will be relocated.

Here in Londiani, we are going to buy land near this place and build a market.

This will be replicated in other parts of country.

We are going to give this a priority because the cardinal responsibility of the government is to protect lives of its citizens.

A few minutes later, the CS released a statement outlining nine directives.

This included ensuring all the drivers sat for a competency and road safety tests. NTSA should only renew the driving licenses of those who pass.

The CS's interventions were well thought out and meant for the good of



Transport Cabinet Kipchumba Murkomen.

our country.

However, this is the question that would come to my mind. Will the hawkers and drivers heed his call?

The hawkers would not wait for the dust to settle. One day later, they returned to back to the same scene of the accident. They started doing their business with some constructing makeshift structures. What lesson do we learn here? Kenyans do not respect their leaders. Besides, they do not care or value their lives.

The sanctity of human life is sacrosanct but to them this is just a song to them.

I had previously interacted closely with CS Murkomen. This is when he served as a board member of Youth Agenda (YAA). I was a member of the secretariat.

He was a performer, a person who means his words. He stood firm in articulating and defending the vision and goals of YAA, a youth NGO.

I knew he was poised for big and great things. My prayers came to pass.

Today, he is a CS heading one of the key ministries in Kenya.

Given this background, I'm sure he is going to stand firm. This is in terms of ensuring that his directives have been adhered to.

Notably, when an accident or a disaster happens in this country, survivors, their families and Kenyans would always point a finger at the government. This government promised to protect our lives: it is not keeping the promises blah, blah, blah.

The CS is aware of this and as a Christian he also values the sanctity of human life.

I have heard the argument of the hawkers. Where does the CS want us to go? This is our source of livelihoods. We have children in schools and families to take care of.

I want to ask the hawkers this question. Between your life and that business you are running on a road reserve, what is more important?

The CS understands all your concerns. He is not telling you not to do your business. He just want to relocate to a safer area.

This is not far from the road and so you are not going to lose your customers.

Here, I want to give the hawkers unsolicited advise. You are free to continue selling your goods but avoid putting them on road reserves.

Some of you are mothers and fathers. If another accident occurs (God forbid) and you end up losing your lives,

your children will never see you again. Chances are that they will live a miserable life for the rest of thier lives.

For Murkomen to succeed, he will need financial resources and support of other line ministries and departments. I would also expect the leadership of the county government of Kericho to fully support his efforts.

President William Ruto has also been expressing his disappointments and heart felt concerns regarding the increase of the road accidents and other disasters.

Some of them were caused by citizens' don't-care-altitude and reckless behaviors. So they can be avoided. He would, therefore, challenge the relevant arms of the government to pull up thier socks and come up with effective ways of dealing with this menace.

This means the CS enjoys the blessings of the President. So, I have no doubt he will succeed.

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Decisions Should Be Examined As Per Context

By: N. George

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Worth Noting:

- That is why I did not let you touch her. Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die."
- Continuing to read this chapter you will realise that Abraham feared if he told the truth to the king that Sarah was his wife he would be killed then she would be taken for marriage as the people of that place had no fear for the God. Their actions depended purely on their wishes as men.



It is a great pleasure to transport one's-self into the spirit of the times; to see how a wise man has thought before us, and to what a glorious height we have at last carried Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

More than 15 years ago while still in school a deputy headmaster was posted to our school as usual most of those who occupy that office happen to be the discipline master so he had to get into conflict with some of us in one incidence or the other. His tone was tough but before he punished you he reasoned with you. Not long after he joined the school that he got another transfer.

In the morning parade that he bid us goodbye is when it came to click into the minds of many of us how good he was as he had an ear for us. During his stay we could fear him instead of engage with him especially when we are wrong but his departure made us to think whether we shall ever get any other discipline master who would be willing to support us as he did. Much as he could punish us at times it was justified.

A similar case happens with our parents whenever we are with them they try to make the best of us but many are times we feel that our freedoms have been curtailed by them until that time we are out of their control and get in the hands of someone else who is tougher than them or have minimal concern for us than them.

In the bible book of genesis chapter 20 it reads" Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman." Now Abimelek had not gone near her, so he said, "Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister,' and didn't she also say, 'He is my brother'? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands." Then God said to him in the

dream, "Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me.

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Someone would think Abraham had low regard for Sarah that is why he let the king take her but the truth is out of his love for Sarah Abraham wished that both stay alive.

Upon realizing the truth the king did not become conclude that Abraham wanted him harmed rather he sought to know the reasons behind his action and once Abraham explained to him Abimelek the king did not hold any

grudge against him rather returned his wife in addition he gave him sheep, cattle, male and female slaves and a thousand shekels of silver in addition he let him to choose wherever he would like to live in that land.

In our lives we should not be quick to judge anyone unless we know the reasons for their actions. You may be surprised that the weird behaving person who you criticize is going through a lot that if you were subjected to you could be doing something worse.

When you are with a small kid who misbehaves do not vow never to allow him to accompany you at any other time rather train him how to behave well at all times. Neglecting him will only serve as a punishment to something that he could be innocent about.

Let us be caring for our brothers and sisters. Be ready to listen to them. Congratulate them where necessary and guide them where required to do so.

Gachagua To Grace Memorial Service For Londiani Crash Victims

By: KNA

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Worth Noting:

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- Meanwhile, Mutai assured that the county government would foot the hospital and mortuary bills of the victims of the Londiani accident.



The Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Hon. Florence Bore flanked by Kericho County Governor Dr. Eric Mutai among other Kericho county leaders at the County headquarters where they issued an update concerning the recent fatal accident at the Londiani Junction

icho County Government headquarters pointing out that after the prayer service, a fundraiser will be held in support of the families of the victims of the fatal crash.

The CS said the financial aid for the victims would go a long way in assisting families of the victims, a majority of who were engaged in informal businesses along the Kericho-Nakuru highway.

“I pass a message of condolence for the lives we have lost in the Londiani accident. This is a time of mourning and we all come together as a county and as a national government to give a good send-off to those that we have lost and also wish the injured a quick recovery,” added Bore.

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“The people that were affected the

most were ordinary hustlers and their families are in deep pain and that is why we have decided to fully support them by waiving all bills for the victims,” said Mutai.

The governor also commended traders at Kapkelek Centre who have already relocated from transacting their businesses from the roadside to the designated marketplace that is away from the road and safer for them to trade promising to construct a market for traders in Londiani junction.

“We continue to urge traders to avoid conducting their businesses along the busy highways for their safety and as a County was not going to compromise our people’s lives even if it’s hustling, we will ensure traders get safe designated places to transact their businesses,” said Mutai.

According to the Kenya Red Cross Society Kericho Branch Coordinator, family contact tracing is still ongoing at the Londiani hospital and a total of 49 deceased persons have been

positively identified by their family members.

The Red Cross officer also said that a total of 56 persons have been reported to be missing in hospitals and in the Londiani Hospital Mortuary.

Friday evening, a trailer registration No. RAC164/RL 2379 registered in Rwanda was involved in a tragic accident at Londiani junction leaving 52 people dead and 32 people injured.

Transport and Roads Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen who visited the accident scene directed that all markets along road reserves should be relocated and KeNHA construct access roads to the markets.

Murkomen also directed through the relevant agencies, speed limits be revised in the area and bumps and signages be provided and the National Safety and Transport Authority include the dangerous section as one of the spots to install speed detection cameras, especially in the upcoming pilot phase to support the enforcement of traffic laws and regulations.

The Transport CS also directed that the County Transport Safety Committees in all 47 counties immediately embark on road safety education and awareness programs for traders, pedestrians school children, and boda-boda operators.

“The Ministry of Transport will also hold consultative meetings with the East Africa Community to guide on the harmonization of motor vehicle inspection in the region even as I call upon all motorists to be careful on the roads for their safety and that of other road users,” said Murkomen.



Londian accident.

Lovely Sister



You are the witness of what is going on
in my heart,
Sometimes the pain is heart-wrenching,
What are you doing in this sad language?
Sister you know they don't know...

Whom I saw more than myself,
To whom I have been good or bad,
Sometimes my heart hurts,
Sister you know they don't know...

When worries increase, my youth is in

sight,
It cannot be described in any words,
No one understands but you,
Sister you know they don't know...

One day happiness and ten days sadness,
My days are funny, my nights are sad,
You are my comfort, my sister
Sister you know they don't know...

I only have a prayer in my hands,
One day everything will end. Bright days
will come and the sun will shine,
Sister you know they don't know...

I love you more than anything, what I
knew before everything.
I mean Master in my ways of life, Sister
you know they don't know...

 Authors: Numonova Robiya &
Aminjonova Laylo

Dream

If I go far,
I long for dreams
I fly like a bird
I embrace the heavens.

Forgetting the sad world
I fly as light as a curtain.
I wish I was a bird
If I fly far away
If I hug the clouds
If I go far away.

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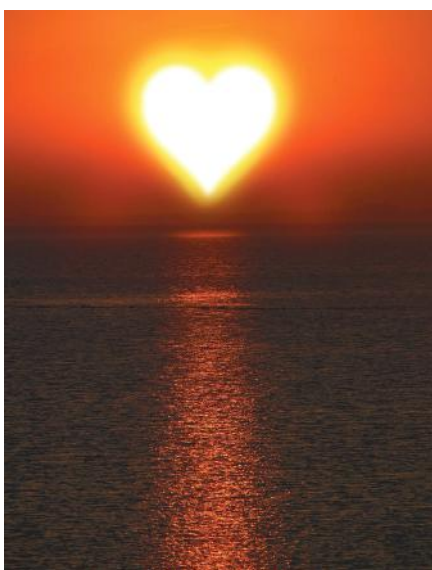
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By: Gulom Abdiyev

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The Sun Of My Heart



As always, the sun nuzzled, dawned. In the
morning, nature becomes more beautiful. My
mood along with nature. When I look at the
sun every morning, I remember an event in my
childhood.

I don't remember how young I was. I was
around 10 years old. It was night. We went to
bed. I, my sister, my brother and my mother.
My sister has fallen asleep, and my twin can't
sleep when he says little yes yet. He asked my
mother a question. My relative is very slippery.
Sometimes keeps asking me something from
my mother. Sometimes I get angry and shout.
My mother is not forgotten. He calmly answers
my brother's questions one by one. Again he
begins asking questions They think I'm asleep,

but I close my eyes and listen and lie down. my
brother asked:

-Mom..... Mm,
-yes my son.

-Oh, why is the sun one? Why does he stand in
heaven

-Who told you that the sun is one? There is a
lot of sun. The sun is in every house. My brother
looked at my mother in surprise. Honestly, I
was also surprised by my mother's answer. My
mother understood and explained it:

-The sun is in the hearts of every good person.
The sun in their hearts encourages goodness.

-Oh it's also in your heart. I know that, However
do I have the sun in my heart too.

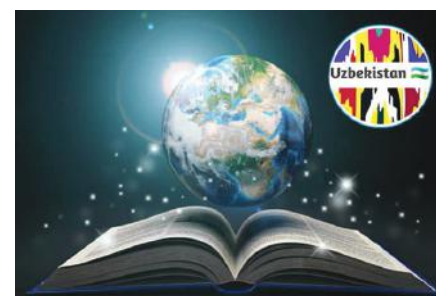
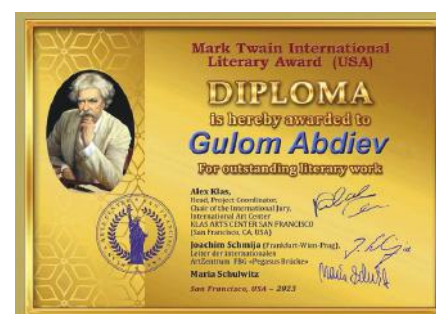
-Of course my little prince.

-oh? does the sun fit into my heart?

-Everything worships you in this broad heart.
My brother didn't understand this so well. But I
had a very good understanding.

Every good man has the sun in his heart.
Alternately all mothers. I realized that day, every
house has a bright sun, and the sun in the sky is
actually in our house. And my sun is my mother.
The sun in heaven does not illuminate the earth
at night. But my mother always shines brightly
even at night. It should be said that the rays
of the sun in the sky will fade one day, but my
mother's rays will never fade.

Bahromova Ifora



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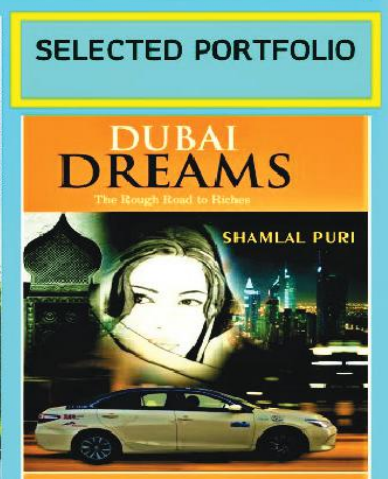
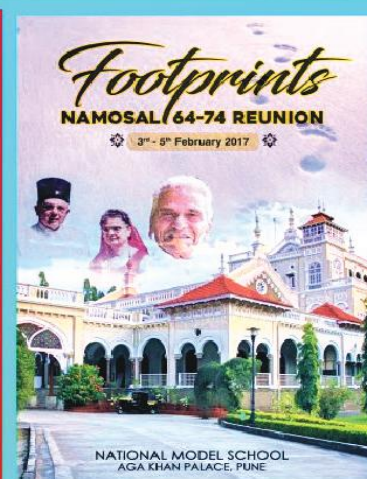
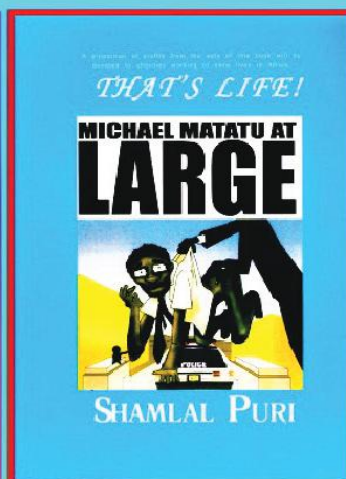
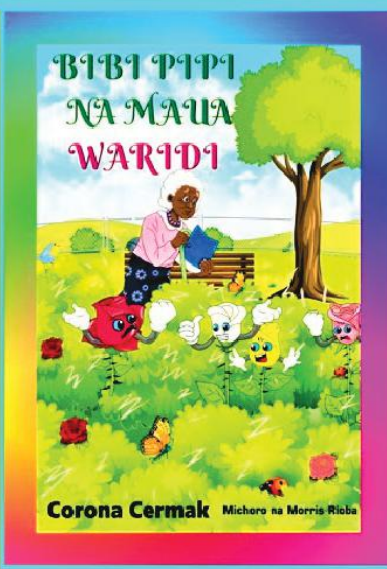
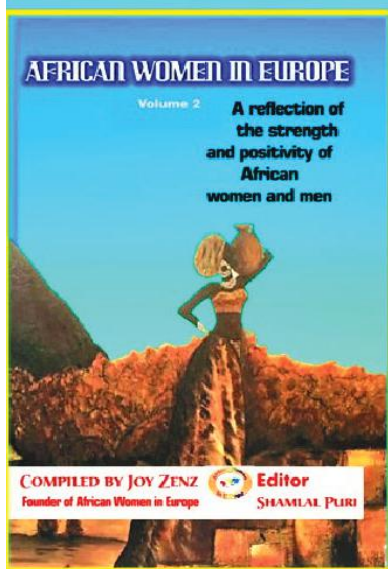
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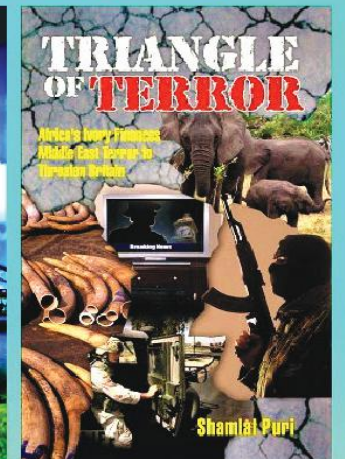
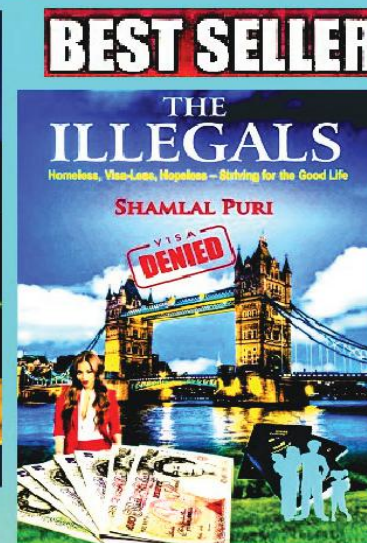
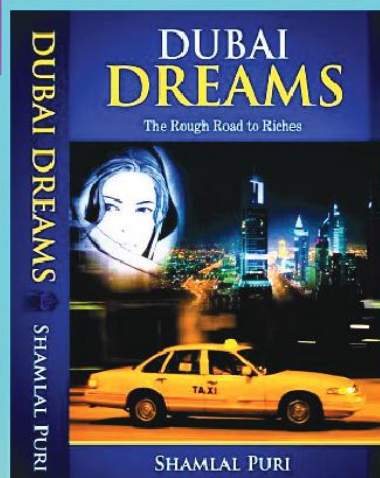
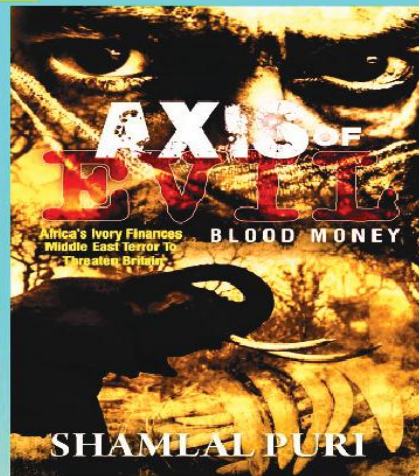
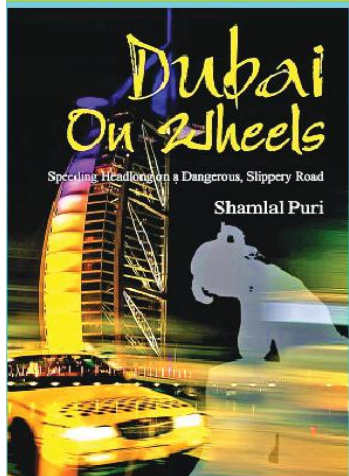
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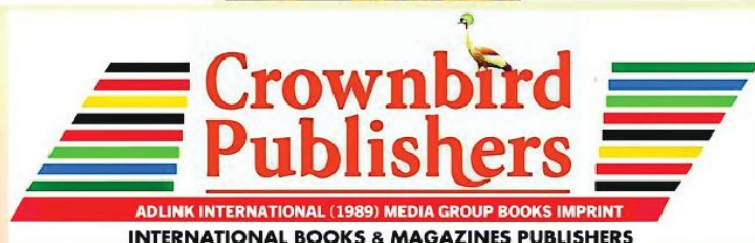
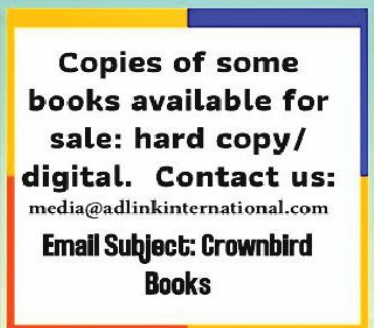
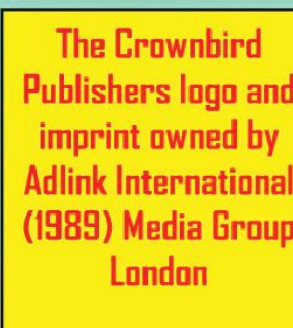
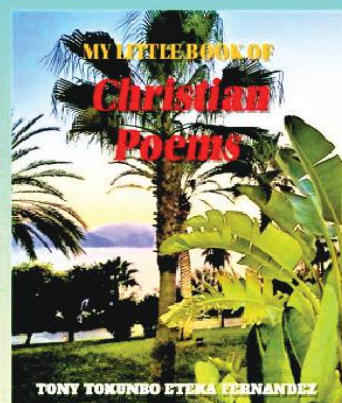
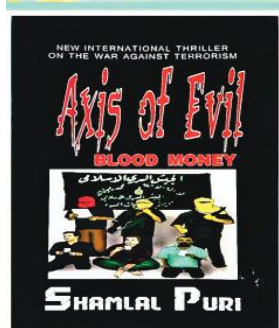
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FaidiHR Unveils CasualPay Platform to Facilitate Casual Workers Payments in Kenya



By: Capital Correspondent

Over the past few decades, ghost workers have proven a thorn in both private and public institutions, costing firms and government bodies billions, as they lack proper management systems to track the enrollment and payment of casual workers.

This has prompted FaidiHR, a leading innovator in Kenya's HR and payroll space, to launch a Fintech product dubbed CasualPay aimed at transforming the way businesses manage and pay casual laborers in

the country.

Kenya, like many other African countries, has a significant informal sector with a substantial number of casual workers including but not limited to plumbers, office cleaners, electricians, construction workers, farmers, domestic workers among others.

"Data by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Labor Force Survey Report for 2020 indicates that the informal sector in Kenya employed approximately 15.9 million people, which accounted for about 83.6 percent of the total employment in the country,"

Despite an increased adoption of digital technology in the country, the majority of business owners are still managing casual workers' attendance using paper work that is filled on a daily basis to track how many days the worker is present at work.

Not only is this a tedious process but it is significantly prone to manipulation and errors. Reconciling this data at the end of the week is also time consuming since it must be transferred to spreadsheets before the final dues are calculated.

This introduces loop holes for fraud as this data can be manipulated to allow ghost workers into the system as

well as providing room for exaggerated and erroneous payments.

This is where CasualPay comes in, creating the ability for businesses to manage casuals in a cloud database, allowing attendance to be booked in the system on a real-time basis and the reconciliation of working days which automatically computes the total amount owed to the casuals.

Additionally, the admins/business owners are able to initiate payments which once approved ensure that all the casual laborers receive their money via M-Pesa automatically with the click of a button.

The Fintech product has been de-

veloped as a result of feedback from the firm's payroll and HR platform customers who apart from managing their full time employees felt the need to automate casual attendance management and payments.

Prior to the official launch the platform had already attracted more than 1,000 casual workers being managed on the digital system while more are expected to be onboarded. The platform is free to access with the only fees charged being transaction fees capped at Sh50 per transaction.

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Nairobi County Alcoholic Drinks Control Board Sets Sh1bn Revenue Target

By: Capital Correspondent

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“According to Statistics released by NACADA in 2022 11.8% of Nairobians consume alcohol and other drugs majority of them over indulging and we all know what that means to the community, families to our a work force because people are not able to engage in productive economic activities so for us as liquor board we have a mandate to ensure that we establish a rehabilitation center,” she stated.

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The rehabilitation centre will provide affordable and accessible treatment for victims, who on exit will be assisted to reintegrate back into the community by offering them job opportunities and also providing aftercare and follow-up counselling.



Nairobi County Alcoholic Drinks Control Board .

The Nairobi City County Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Board has set a revenue target of Sh1 billion during the 2023/2024 Financial Year. Speaking in Mombasa during the Sectoral Committee on Culture and Community Services meeting, Kibiru Ward Member of the County Assembly Clarence Munga stated that so far , there are a total of “3,000 bars and restaurants, our main aim should be to control and ensure compliance. We expect the revenue collection set target to be achieved.” Zipporah Mwangi, Chief Offer, Business and Hustler Opportunities said that the Sinai wellness rehabilitation facility had been identified as suitable for the establishment of the first county owned rehabilitation centre for persons affected with alcohol and substance abuse; the first of its kind in Nairobi. “According to Statistics released by NACADA in 2022 11.8% of Nairobians consume alcohol and other drugs majority of them over indulging and

we all know what that means to the community, families to our a work force because people are not able to engage in productive economic activities so for us as liquor board we have a mandate to ensure that we establish a rehabilitation center,” she stated. The rehabilitation centre will provide affordable and accessible treatment for victims, who on exit will be assisted to reintegrate back into the community by offering them job opportunities and also providing aftercare and follow-up counselling. This will be undertaken by the Nairobi city county government. “Through this project we are looking at ensuring that we effectively re-integrate recovered addicts back into the society and give after care that will ensure they do not relapse and can continue working and contributing to the economy of Nairobi. The Multi-Sectoral approach is, therefore, to ensure that we have all the sectors involved in the recovery process.” Rhoda Otieno, Director Liquor,

echoed the Chief Officers sentiments. “As we start 2023/2024 financial year the Liquor board will focus on increasing its support towards sporting activities, education and advocacy engagements within Nairobi county wards inorder to engage young men and women in various activities that will keep them away from alcohol which may lead into addiction and drug abuse,” she stated. The Alcoholic Board Chair, Mike Rabar, unveiled a five thronged program implementation, which will include the adoption of “Smart licensing” program which once adopted and onboarded will be used to identify bars that are operating without licenses. “Smart licenses will ensure that the Liquor Board has a lot of potential to raise untapped revenue in Nairobi, but it also has a huge responsibility of ensuring reduction of alcoholism amongst Nairobians,” he stated. “This system will give exact coordinates in terms of longitudes and

latitudes of a liquor business and will be able to tell us if the business has complied or not. Each outlet will have a unique QR code, which will be scanned by our team. This will be able to reveal if the business is in the correct location and has all the prerequisite documentation to operate the business it is licensed to do. Nobody will be able to claim that you are not compliant when you are online.”

3Rd China-Africa Economic And Trade Expo Achieves Unprecedented Milestones

By: CGTN

The third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo closed on Sunday in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province.

This year's expo achieved several unprecedented milestones. A total of 120 projects were signed, amounting to \$10.3 billion in value. Ninety-nine cooperation projects were unveiled, totaling \$8.7 billion. Notably, 11 African countries contributed to these numbers by launching 74 projects, which marks the highest count to date.

The four-day exhibition showcased nearly 1,600 kinds of commodities from 29 African countries, representing a remarkable 166-percent increase compared to the previous expo. The event witnessed active participation with some 1,500 exhibitors, indicating a 70 percent increase from the previous session.

The presence of 9,000 buyers and professional visitors further en-

hanced the bustling atmosphere, and the overall visitor count surpassed 100,000.

The expo played a significant role in deepening cooperation between China and Africa, resulting in remarkable achievements for both sides. Throughout the exhibition, 34 co-operation achievements across eight categories were announced, encompassing areas such as standards and specifications, research reports, and statement initiatives.

The China-Africa trade index was released for the first time. The index had a base of 100 points in 2000, which reached 990.55 points in 2022 and highlighted a rapid and positive development trend, consistently reaching new heights, data from China's General Administration of Customs showed.

With the China-Africa economic and trade relations report being published once again, this information base contributes to a better understanding of the deepening bilateral economic partnership between China and Africa.



Chinese shoppers browsing African goods at the third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo in Changsha International Convention and Exhibition Center, Hunan Province, July 1, 2023. /CFP.

Jubilee Insurance Shareholders Set For Ksh 870M Dividend Payout

By: Capital Correspondent

Shareholders in Jubilee Insurance are set to walk away with Ksh 870 million following the completion of the transfer of general business to Allianz.

The pay which is lower than Ksh 942 million the firm paid in 2021 comes after the shareholders endorsed the payment of a dividend of Ksh 9 per share plus a special dividend of Ksh 3 per share during the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held Friday as recommended by the board. This now brings total dividend pay for the year to Ksh 12 per share.

The dividend pay comes despite Jubilee Insurance recording a marginal drop in profit after tax which reduced to Ksh 6.6 billion for the full year period ended December 31, 2022 from Ksh 6.8 billion recorded a year earlier.

“East Africa’s economy experienced a slowed growth in 2022

because of inflation coupled with high interest rates and increasing debt. While the road to recovery was difficult, our company navigated uncertain market conditions while adapting to a rapidly changing landscape. We are delighted that the Group’s balance sheet remains solid and resilient,” said Nizar Juma, JHL Chairman.

JHL also recorded a 4pc decline in profit from the core business despite the completion of the transfer of general business to Allianz.

Juma said during the year under review, Jubilee Insurance completed the partnership in the remaining countries with Allianz in the general insurance businesses in Burundi, Mauritius and Tanzania recording a gain of Ksh 2.2 billion, which gave a combined profit before tax of Ksh 7.5 billion for 2022 from Ksh 8.4 billion in 2021.

JHL also saw a 15pc decline in gross written premium to Ksh 26 billion from Ksh 30.6 billion which was impacted by the transfer of the general insurance business to the Allianz Group.

The firm said non-general business



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has grown by Ksh 7.2 billion since 2020, when the sale of general business to Allianz commenced.

Jubilee Insurance total assets increased by 9.8pc to Ksh 170.5 billion from Ksh 155.3 billion, which is the largest in the industry.

Juma told shareholders that the insurer is now targeting to begin implementing the second phase of its digital transformation agenda to focus on customer experience,

telematics, and data analytics.

“This stage will support the development of more innovative and affordable insurance products improving accessibility and financial inclusion across the region,” said JHL.

Phase one of the project saw the firm deploy robotics, cloud, Artificial Intelligence and data capabilities and successfully migrate its core applications and infrastructure to the

cloud enabling the business to pursue efficiency, agility, security, and end-to-end digital transformation.

So far, over 50 robots have been deployed across the region to improve business efficiency, security and to deter fraud.

The Group has also introduced Artificial Intelligence to improve the claims process, further enhancing the customer’s experience.

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HUMANITY AND MORALITY IN ESSENCE, a poetry book by Ms. Til Kumari Sharma

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Worth Noting:

- This poem has also a fruitful message for youths advising them not to get addicted to drugs as drug addiction affects mental health, and drugs addicts also suffer from lung or heart disease, cancer with this and their life becomes a ruin and they become burden on their families and nation.
- One more poem in this book is titled as; THE COMPLEXITIES OF LIFE.
- According to my analysis, the Poetess has versified her sufferings and the difficulties being faced by her and what she yearns for, is also contained in the poem.
- In this poem the Poetess tells us about life and death and what things cause death are also contained in the poem. The poetry lovers will buy the book to know more on their own.

This inspirational book of poetry has been published by Black Horse Publication in South India. This book with attractively designed cover has eighty poems in it on almost 117 pages. This book has been authored by a young multi-award winning Poetess, Ms. Til Kumari Sharma. She has received multi-awards for her writing from international sectors. She hails from Bhorle-Hile, Paiyun 7, Parbat West Nepal. Now she is in Kathmandu, Kirtipur. Currently, she is pursuing PhD in English literature from Singhania University, Pachheri Bari, Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan (India). She has published many thousand poems, some essays and stories and others literary writings in Nepal. She has also published poems, stories and essays in the magazines and anthologies from Russia, America, England, Scotland, Indonesia, Bangladesh, South Africa, Kenya, Tobago, Spain, India and many other countries. She is a featured Poetess in the world. She is a member of different groups of poetry from Kenya, Hong Kong, Hungary so on. She is the co-author of the best selling books and has won many awards as certificates from international anthologies, magazines and poetry groups. The title of the book as "Humanity and Morality in Essence" speaks about the book. I myself being a poet write mostly on the same themes as written on by this inspiring, encouraging and motivational Poetess, Ms. Til Kumari Sharma. I suggest the youth, especially poetry lovers to hold this book in their hands once as it contains the beneficial messages for them. The beautifully crafted poems in the book are about varied themes like peace, harmony, morality, human tragedy, God, true love, a daughter's rights, misuse of drugs, complexities of life, so on. After going through and analysing few of her poems, I came to know about the poetess's love, positive mind for youth and her society. Her verses are a sort of protest against drug addiction, injustice to daughters, suicidal attempts and other evils in her or other societies. The poems though crafted in simple diction, have the power to affect the readers' heart and mind immensely but positively. The verses of the Poetess really reveal anger and dejection at the evils spreading alarmingly in her society.

Now I would throw light briefly on few of her poems taken from this book of poetry.

One poem from the book is titled as; "POWER OF YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP".

The youth as powerful and energetic
The education of leadership should be
Given in early period.

This Poem has a powerful message in it about the leadership education for the youths to lead their nation well. The Poetess through this poem says that youths have the power and energy to lead their nation well. It's only possible when leadership qualities, like integrity, honesty, good decision making skills

are developed in them from their early years for the betterment of their nation/ country.

Another poem in this book is: EFFECTS OF ADDICTION "

This poem has also a fruitful message for youths advising them not to get addicted to drugs as drug addiction affects mental health, and drugs addicts also suffer from lung or heart disease, cancer with this and their life becomes a ruin and they become burden on their families and nation.

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Another poem in the book is ; "LIFE VERSUS DEATH"

In this poem the Poetess tells us about life and death and what things cause death are also contained in the poem. The poetry lovers will buy the book to know more on their own.

Another interesting poem in the book is titled as; "MY LIGHT IS MY POETRY"

Yes, my poetry is my light in darkness.
The poetic lines reach where the sun can not.

These are the opening lines of the poem. According to what

I got from the poem is that the Poetess wants to say that poetry for her is a joy in sorrows as light symbolises happiness. Writing poetry about the sufferings lightens her heart.

One more poems in the book is: Don't Walk on MY Grave

The poem reveals the abhorrence in the heart of the Poetess likely for her own people because of whom she has suffered. How and what she suffered from, poetry lovers will know on their own.

This is a brief light that I have thrown on the award winning Poetess's this poetry book.

Hope poetry lovers will buy and enjoy reading it.

I wish more power the poetess's pen.

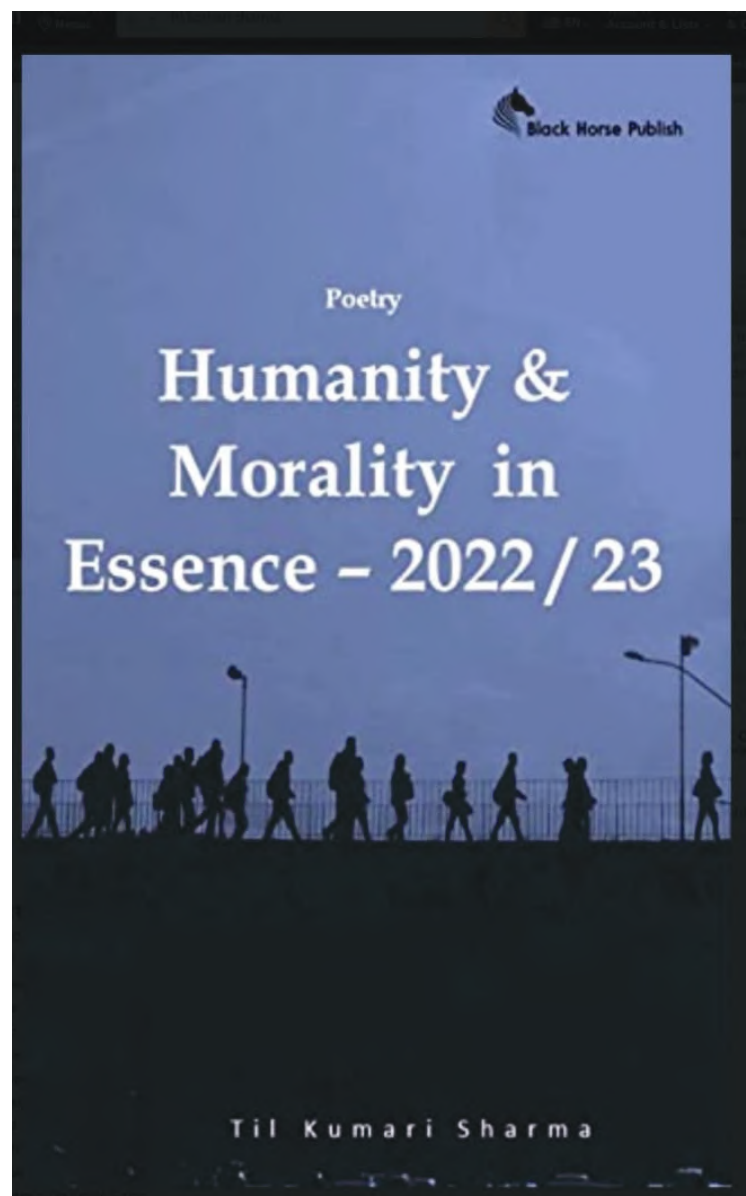
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Sports >> *Commonwealth Games 5000m champion Beatrice Chebet admits she had to cope with the existential Ethiopian threat and bad weather on her way to victory at the Stockholm Diamond League on Sunday evening.

How Commonwealth Champ Chebet Beat Bad Weather, Ethiopian Threat To Triumph In Sweden Diamond League



Beatrice Chebet celebrates after winning the Commonwealth Games title. PHOTO/Kelly Ayodi

Commonwealth Games 5000m champion Beatrice Chebet admits she had to cope with the existential Ethiopian threat and bad weather on her way to victory at the Stockholm Diamond League on Sunday evening.

The 23-year-old was the only Kenyan representative in the women's 5000m and concedes that this was a disadvantage she knew she had to overcome to cross the finish line ahead of all other competitors.

"I was the only Kenyan in the race and you know, the Ethiopians are very strong and help each other so I had to fight for this win. The first thing was to get the win today and the second thing was to fight these conditions. Yes, the weather was not very good but you have to run in any condition. It was not easy to

finish the race," the world cross country champion said.

Chebet timed a season's best of 14:36.52 to cut the tape ahead of Ethiopian duo of Hailu Lemlem (14:38.06) and Eisa Medina (14:40.02) who finished second and third respectively.

It was Chebet's first race since her triumph at the National Championships, a week ago, where she clocked 4:06.09 to win the women's 1500m.

The victory was also her second in this year's Diamond League series following her exploits in Oslo, Norway where she stopped the timer at 8:25.01 in the women's 3000m.

Her next stop around the globe will be at the London Diamond League on July 23 where she is hoping to run faster than she has ever done.

"My main goal now is the PB (personal best) at 5000m so maybe in London, if the conditions are good, I can try to do it. I feel in a good shape so anything is possible. I am already thinking about Budapest (World Championships) where the main target is to get to the podium at the 5000m," the World 5000m silver medalist said.

Before packing her bags for the United Kingdom, Chebet still has the 'small matter' of the national trials for the World Championships, set for this weekend at the Nyayo Stadium in Nairobi.

Considering the start list for the 12-and-a-half lap race features the name of newly-crowned world record holder Faith Kipyegon, this weekend's trials promises one of the most titanic battles witnessed on Kenyan soil in

recent times — as far as athletics is concerned.

Both women are in the form of their lives and will be keen on securing the two slots available for grabs in this race albeit Kipyegon may yet choose to focus on her traditional 1500m race.

Besides the two, other runners who will fancy their chances of securing their tickets to Budapest include world 10,000m bronze medalist Margaret Chelimo, newly crowned national 5000m champion Lilian Kasait, Africa 5000m champion Caroline Nyaga, world cross country mixed relay champion Brenda Chebet and world cross country bronze medalist Agnes Jebet Ngetich, among others.

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GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >> *Kenya’s Titus Ekiru, sixth fastest man in marathon history, is facing a potential 10-year ban after receiving a provisional suspension for doping, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said Monday.

Kenyan Marathoner Ekiru Faces 10-Year Ban Over Doping



Kenya’s Titus Ekiru

Kenya’s Titus Ekiru, sixth fastest man in marathon history, is facing a potential 10-year ban after receiving a provisional suspension for doping, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said Monday.

Ekiru has two marathon wins to his name including victory in Milan in May 2021 in the exceptionally fast time of 2hr 2min 57sec.

The 31-year-old tested positive for triamcinolone acetonide, a glucocorticoid, after winning in Milan, “but was not immediately

charged after the initial investigation appeared to validate his explanation that the result was due to legitimate medical treatment”.

The athlete tested positive for pethidine after winning in Abu Dhabi in November, 2021, and again claimed the outcome resulted from legitimate medical treatment. He has not raced since then.

“Following initial investigations into that matter – and given the emergence of a pattern of triamcinolone acetonide use among

Kenyan athletes – the AIU re-opened the investigation into Ekiru’s first case,” the AIU said.

Ekiru was provisionally suspended last month, “pending the outcome of both wide-ranging investigations which included crucial collaboration with the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) and other Kenyan authorities”.

That led to the AIU rejecting Ekiru’s explanations, charging him with two doping charges and then asserting that the Kenyan

has “cases to answer for tampering with the results-management processes by submitting falsified medical explanations and documentation to the AIU for both positive tests”.

This means the elite marathoner is facing a potential 10-year ban, the AIU said.

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ZOMIN EVENING



Zomin sleeps at night's lap,
the streams sing songs silently
catch the bright tool,
the moon return the sky to guard.

Green trees rest,
laying his head on the mountain's lap,
even silence plays a strange tune,
fed up with the magic of the beautiful
Zomin.

Zomin sleeps at night,
it feels tired breath,
ornament the evening of beautiful nature,
brings heart passion.

Translation from Uzbek
by Odina Yulchieva

THE NIGHT SCENERY

The sun is sinking in the sea horizon,
The moon is peeking from the sky wall,
Spreading its light to the earth's surface,
Giving peculiar charming beauty.

For witnessing this magnificent night,
Stars are staring from the space,
Craving to the moon so much,
They are also started glittering.

AMOROUS HEART

The life is full with various wonders,
Making your emotions bloom in every
moments,
And enchanting you with the divine beau-
ty,
Phrasing thousands of glammers to your
heart.

In order not to leave
different intentions are occupying your
heart,
The infinite demand of living on any given
day

is increasing without ceasing.

LIVE WITH LOVE AND
BE LOVED IN THIS WORLD

Don't live in this fascinating world with-
out sensations,
don't pass from the world without leaving
a trace
breathe for the love without a word,
live with love and be loved in this world

Not even a nightingale can live without a
flower,
a flower that cannot live for a moment
without a nightingale,
People can't live without soul ever,
live with love and be loved in this world

Love is sweet, the sweetest feeling
living without love is a great sorrow,
My friends, this feeling is forever
live with love and be loved in this world.

Translation from Uzbek
By Sanjar Obidov

Khusniddin Khait was born in 1989 in the
Sardoba district of the Syrdarya region of
the Republic of Uzbekistan. Graduated
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Philology, and Tashkent State University
of Uzbek Language and Literature named
after Alisher Navoi. The books "Syrdary-
alik kyz", "Annotated dictionary of the
language of the heart", "Dilnurbitik" were
published.

Member of the Union of Writers of Uz-
bekistan. Member of the Public Fund of
Kyrgyz Poets and Writers of the Kyrgyz
Republic, member of the Association of
World Talents in the Republic of Kazakh-
stan. He was awarded the badge "30 years
of Independence of the Republic of Uz-
bekistan" and the medal "Glory".

TALENT OPPORTUNITY



The hearts that are familiar with art and
literature will be enchanted by beauty and
goodness.

They say, "Creative people don't get bad."
Because, their hearts always yearn for
beauty and strive for goodness.

Through their works, writers and poets
call for humanity, awareness, awakening,
literally goodness.

I would not be wrong to say that Nemat-
jon aka Dosmatov from the village of
Khanabad is one of the leading poets of the
Pop district today.

For this reason, brother Nematjon has
been winning people's love by actively
participating in spiritual and educational
events held in our district with his folk and
instructive poems.

N. Dosmatov is gaining more attention not
only as a poet, but also by singing national
status songs with his sweet voice at spiritu-
al and educational events held in military
units.

If there is a little attention, motivation and
incentive for talent, it will improve and rise
day by day.

Brother Nematjon was also recognized by
the Pop district branch of the Republican
Center of Spirituality and Enlightenment,
and has achieved enviable results today.

His poems were published in the newspa-
pers and magazines of the district, region,
republic, Kenya, Bangladesh, Turkey, and
the countries, and he was awarded the
"Master Penman" medal of the internation-

al association "World Talents" of the Re-
public of Kazakhstan, the "Commemora-
tive Badge of the International Amir Temur
Public Fund".

This indicates that the artist has risen to
another level.

"He who wants to achieve a lot must make
great demands on himself," said the great
German thinker Goethe.

In order to achieve one's dreams and goals,
a person should set great demands on him-
self, search for more, and strive for more.

A person who only fantasizes and lusts
will not achieve anything.

Efforts should be made to turn desires and
dreams into reality.

Ne'matjon Dosmatov is also one of such
searching poets.

The "Garden of Virtue" poetry collection,
which came to the world during researches
and aspirations, is much more polished than
previous books in terms of spiritual-educational,
educational-ethical, literary-artistic.

I sincerely congratulate the creator with
the book "The Garden of Virtue" and wish
him great creative flights!

We hope that this wonderful book, which
is a hymn of love and beautiful human feel-
ings, will be enjoyed by all poetry lovers!

Farhodjon PRIMNAZAROV
Head of the Republican Center of Spiritu-
ality and Enlightenment, Pop District De-
partment.