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President William Ruto

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Catholic Bishops Denounce 'Explicit Content' In Grade 7 Health Education

By: ADAH TANUI

The Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB) has denounced explicit sex education content in

Grade 7 textbooks alleging to drop the teaching of abstinence in schools and introduce family planning in its place.

KCCB's Commission for Education and Religious Education singled out

Health Education textbooks by two publishers for seeking to "sexualize the learning environment".

In a statement endorsed by the Catholic Schools Principals' Associ-

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KCCB said the content violates the Ministry of Education policy against the exposure of children to explicit content/CFM



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Plans To Install Rigathi Gachagua As Regional Kingpin Underway - Kùngù Mùigai

By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

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- Captain Muigai who was accompanied by dozens of Elders from different parts of the region said, having retired, Uhuru Kenyatta could not claim kingpinship and thus, they were working on how to install the current Deputy President.



Kùngù Muigai (centre) in Othaya town yesterday. Photo/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua will soon be made the mountain region Kingpin, Kikuyu Council of Elders patron Captain Kùngù Mùigai revealed yesterday.

Muigai said the regional leadership mantle will be handed over to Gachagua, the second most senior politician in the country during a date that will be communicated soon.

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He said the crowning ceremony would put to an end who is the most senior political leader in the region, adding that the tradition their council was to support and recognise those in the current leadership.

"Uhuru Kenyatta is my brother and am with him at Ichaweri home, what we are doing there with him is just to eat goats and drinking Muratina. We are not going to take over his leadership mantle because it's his crown, but what we shall

do is to bless another mantle for the incoming leader," Kungu disclosed.

He added, "for those who are saying that they are going to take the leadership mantle from Uhuru they are lying as nothing like that will happen".

He at the same time thanked President William Ruto for his commitment to steer various development projects in the Mountain region in particular and the whole country in general.

He said the region residents were happy with the assurance that the Head of State gave during his stay at Sagana State Lodge last week.

"For those who are saying that President Ruto is comissioning Uhuru Kenyatta projects are giving misleading information since all belong to Kenyans and

what the current administration is doing is carrying on from where the other regime left," he said.

He urged Kenyans to give the new government to work on its pledges saying he was optimistic that the William Ruto and Rigathi Gachagua led system will deliver what they promised Kenyans.

Captain Muigai, a first cousin to retired President Kenyatta currently chairs the board of Kenya Cultural Centre.

He was appointed to the position in January this year by Cabinet Secretary for Youth, Sports and Arts Ababu Namwamba.

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Assembly Watchdog Committee Questions Pending Bills Without Supportive Documents By Economic Planning Department

By: Parliamentary Team

The National Assembly Public Accounts Committee yesterday put the Principal Secretary in charge of Economic Planning Department James Muhati on the spot for failing to furnish them with essential documents to substantiate payments amounting to over Kshs2.7 million in pending bills.

The PS who appeared before the committee at Parliament Buildings during a session chaired by Tindi Mwale from Butere could not provide relevant supporting documents, which included requisitions, local purchase or service orders and invoices among others.

Of particular concern to the committee was the absence of these documents, particularly in relation to funds owed to airlines for travel services provided to senior government officials.

Tindi voiced apprehension over potential irregularities highlighted in the auditor’s report, emphasizing the risk of misappropriation of public funds if the outstanding bills were to be settled.

“In light of the report’s findings, it has come to our attention that an airline agency purportedly issued two tickets to a former Cabinet Minister for simultaneous travel to Mombasa on the same day and time. Such a claim appears to be fabricated,” noted the MP.

Despite Muhati’s reassurances that the department would not suffer any financial losses as a result of withholding payment for the pending bills, his assertions were met with scepticism from committee members.

The committee observed that it will be wrong for the department to subject contractors and suppliers who provided services at an expense to suffering for declining to pay them because of incompetence by senior staff pushing for fictitious claims for their benefits.



The watchdog committee in session yesterday.

“Your role as an accounting officer involves discerning genuine pending bills from fabricated ones. A blanket refusal to honour these payments based on lack of supportive docu-

mentation is untenable,” said Gabriel Kagombe of Gatundu South.

In response to the committee’s queries, the PS requested a two-week extension to compile the necessary

details and documents.

The committee acceded to his request, granting the additional time for him to provide the required information

Kenya and China Forge Collaborative Partnership to Boost Film Industries and Foster Cultural Exchange

By: Our Reporter
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Kenya and China have joined forces to uplift the film industry and nurture artistic talents.

The announcement was made during the China Film Festival held at the Two Rivers Mall, where esteemed dignitaries from both nations convened to celebrate this remarkable partnership.

The collaboration underscores the shared commitment of Kenya and China to utilize their film industries as powerful tools for economic growth and mutual understanding.

Mr. Zhou PingJian, Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, articulated the vision of strengthening cinematic ties between the two nations during his address at the opening ceremony of the China Film Festival.

He highlighted the historical significance of film production in China and how it harnessed well in Kenya can create job opportunities for the youths.

“This collaborative effort will see China working closely with Kenya to foster the film industry’s growth



Zhou PingJian, Chinese Ambassador to Kenya exchanging signed documents with Cabinet Secretary Ababu Namwamba.

within the Kenyan landscape while simultaneously exploring opportunities to showcase Kenyan-produced films on an international stage,” he said.

He also acknowledged the pivotal role played by Kenyan platforms in promoting Chinese content, showcasing the reciprocity inherent in this alliance.

Kenya’s Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts, Cabinet Secretary, Ababu Namwamba noted that film festival serves as a platform to showcase the talent, creativity and diversity of Chinese and Kenyan movies, while also fostering cultural exchange and understanding between the two countries.

He noted that the occasion also

marked 60 years of the diplomatic ties between Kenya and China.

Kenya Film Commission CEO Timothy Owase in his address shared his confidence in the positive impact of streamlining the Kenyan film industry.

He encouraged stakeholders within the industry to craft high-quality content that can captivate international

audiences, thus positioning Kenya as a vibrant hub of creativity.

“This collaboration between Kenya and China resonates with the spirit of unity, creativity, and shared prosperity. As the partnership evolves, both nations anticipate a dynamic exchange of artistic excellence and cultural insights that will not only enrich film industry but also enhance the lives of their people,” he said.

Mr. Carter Luo, the Chief Executive Officer of Startimes, delivered insights into the expansive investment made by his company to foster local content.

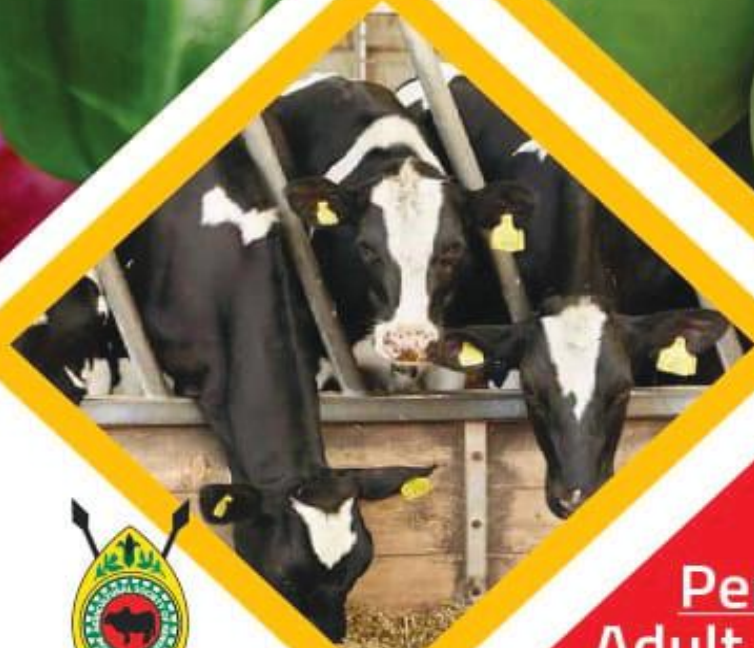
He unveiled the recent launch of the highly anticipated “HELO MR RIGHT” Season 3, underscoring Startimes’ commitment to showcasing diverse narratives and artistic expression.

“The Chine film festival seeks to enhance capacity building, technological advancement, and cultural enrichment between Kenya and China . High-resolution technology equipment will be at the forefront of this transformation, promising to elevate the quality and impact of cinematic creations,” he said.

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National Assembly Finance Committee Stakeholder Engagement On The Anti-Money Laundering And Combating Of Terrorism Financial Law Bill

By: PSCU

The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning yesterday commenced stakeholder engagements on a law seeking to tighten the framework to combat money laundering, funding of terrorism and the propagation of illicit armament.

Besides accelerating the establishment of stringent measures to deal with these vices, Kenya is keen to have the law enacted to meet her international obligations.

In accordance with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Standards, countries are required to align their laws to the FATF Standards and effectively implement the requirements domestically.

The Anti- Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment Bill) which was read for the first time on July 26, 2023 and which intends to amend seventeen Acts of Parliament will also see the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs conduct public participation alongside their counterparts from Finance with the latter concentrating on amendments regarding the Financial Sector.

At the same time, the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning heard that Kenya risks being placed in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Public Statement on High- Risk Jurisdictions and be subject to the International Co-operative Review Group (ICRG) Process if the National Assembly does not enact the



Committee vice chairman Benjamin Langat.

Anti-Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023 by the September deadline.

Kenya, a member of the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) a regional anti-money laundering body has been put on a spotlight following certain deficiencies flagged out during a recent peer review assessment by ESAAMLG.

According a report from the Mutual Evaluation, though the country has made commendable improvements on its legal and institutional frameworks regarding anti-money laundering and the fight against illicit flows, there are some outstanding strategic gaps which require urgent attention.

Receiving a brief from the Financial Reporting Centre ahead of a full-day public hearing session today, the committee was told that there is a legal gap

in the country in relation to Terrorism Financing and this is impending the country's efforts in the fight against illicit flows, ultimately affecting the flow's preventative measures.

"Kenya does not have legal basis for the implementation of requirements of targeted financial sanctions related to proliferation. The Implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions on Proliferation Financing are not supported by the primary Act (POTA) as the Act does not cover proliferation financing", Director- General, Financial Reporting Centre, Saitoti Maika, told the lawmakers.

Among the notable changes that the law sponsored by the Leader of Majority, Kimani Ichung'wa is expected introduce is a provision making money laundering and terrorism financing as extraditable offences.

The country is expected to create a



Some of the committee members during yesterday's session.

mechanism for simplified mutual legal assistance or simplified extradition.

In a bid to promote transparency on beneficial ownership, the proposed law seeks to provide that companies keep a register of beneficial owners and to entrench the beneficial ownership requirements under the Limited Liability Partnership Act.

With regard to reporting cash transactions, the proposed legislation is expected to raise the cash transaction reporting threshold from KShs1.5 Million to KShs2.2 Million. The law, if amended will however raise the reporting threshold by requiring reporting institutions to report suspicious transactions promptly to the Financial Reporting Centre upon forming suspicion.

During yesterday's brief, members led by the committee's vice chairperson Benjamin Langat of Ainamoi

constituency who was presiding the session sought a clarification on if banks would implement the new threshold if the law is enacted.

Members told Mr. Saitoti that despite the high dollar rate to the Kenyan Shilling, most banks were adamant to allow a cash withdrawal of more than Kshs1 Million without being subjected to financial reporting which is way below the recommended US\$10,000 (about KShs1.5 Million) threshold as per today's exchange rate.

The lawmakers also raised concerns over harassment of certain depositors such as herders who trade their livestock in cash, noting that such traders have in the past had their monies frozen after being unprocedurally declared illicit flows.

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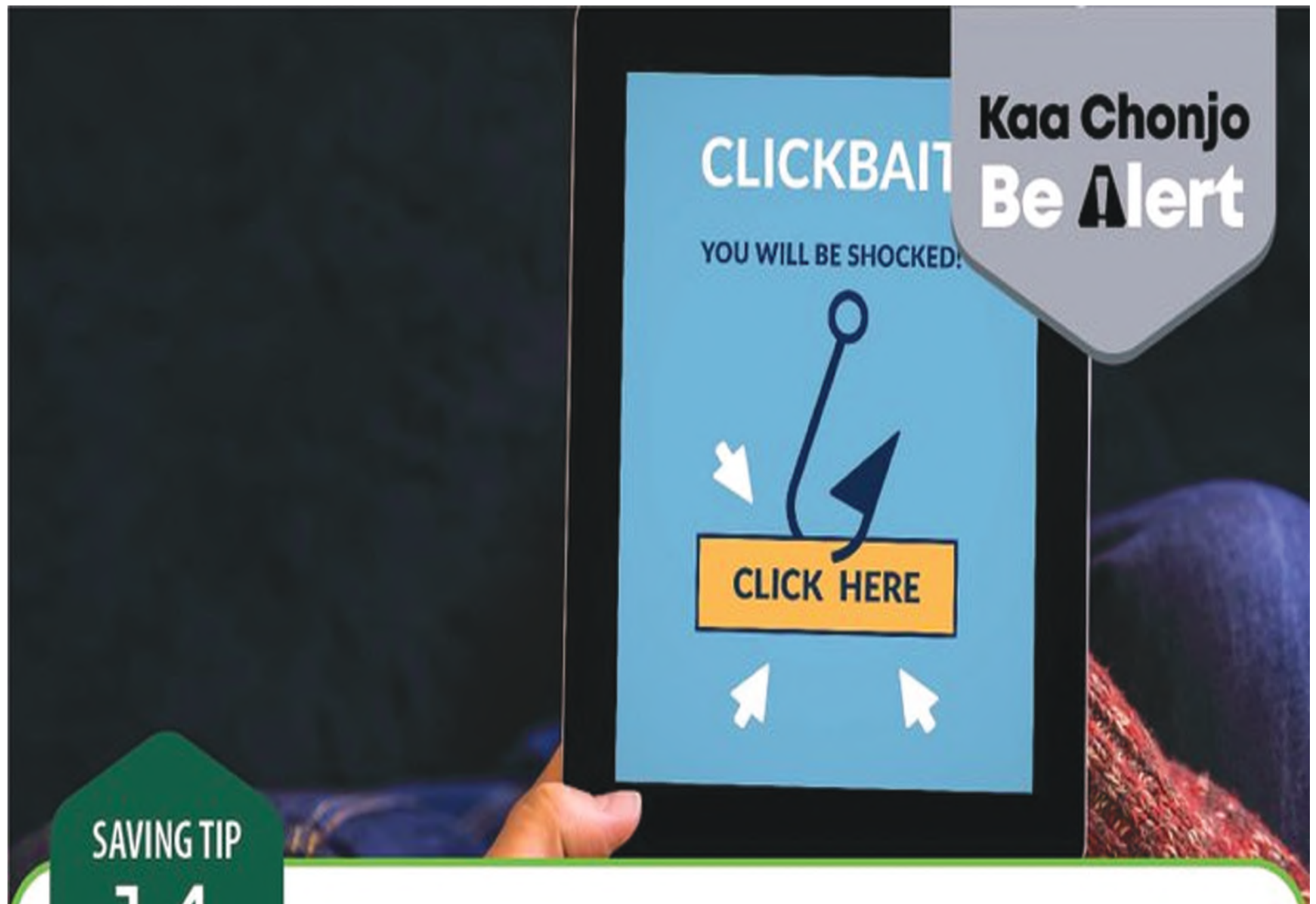
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Criminals Invading The ADC Mutura Ranch Put On Notice

By: Muturi Mwangi
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Rogue individuals in Laikipia county's Segera area have been warned against invading private property following the destruction of an eight-kilometre-long Agriculture Development Corporation (ADC) Mutura ranch electric fence.

Speaking at a public baraza in Tank Nyeusi in Segera, Laikipia East Deputy County Commissioner Patrick Muli warned that stern action will be taken against individuals found to destroy property.

"There is this ADC Mutura fence; it was vandalised, and we wanted to have a conversation with residents on how we can stop the destruction. They destroyed about eight kilometres of the fence," said Muli.

He said that the heavily guarded ADC Mutura ranch was invaded by unknown individuals who left a trail of destruction in the vast land. He pointed out that ADC Mutura was



Residents of the Segera location during a public baraza in Tank Nyeusi. They urge Laikipia County and the National Government to intervene to ensure youth get job opportunities in local ranches. Photo:Muturi Mwangi/KNA.

home to wildlife, and destroying the fence was exposing residents to human-wildlife conflict.

"Without the fence, there will be a challenge from wild animals, which will start causing chaos in the villages. We have already notified them and warned them: no more fence de-

struction," warned the DCC.

The administrator said plans were underway to heighten security in the area through the deployment of National Police Reservists (NPR).

At the same time, Gladies Naserian, a resident, alleged that youth were being sidelined from job opportuni-



Laikipia East Deputy County Commissioner Patrick Muli.

ties by local ranchers despite having the qualifications.

"There are these ranches here, including ADC Mutara, Olpajeta, and Segera Ranch; they don't offer us jobs despite our appeal to employ residents. I call on both the county and national governments to intervene," Naserian said.

NSSF To Fast-Track Payment Of Pending Claims

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The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has extended an invitation to anyone who has any pending claims to come forward to enable them to process their claims promptly.

The organisation Chief Executive Officer David Koross said that benefits should be paid within 24 hours, and they are going to do all that is needed, including going digital and using a mobile app that will see benefits paid within a day of launching the claim.

Koross, speaking during a meeting with the Kenya Editors Guild (KEG) on Tuesday said that they have identified some of the priorities and rules that will enable them to run the NSSF fairly by ensuring that they process claims in a timely manner.

Koross added that they are focusing on benefit payment and have cleared all the pending bill cases, which demonstrates their commitment to enabling the contributors to access their funds on time.

"As NSSF, we plan to recruit new members in our short-term strategy; we are working on the modalities, and once we have them finalised, we will roll them out," said Koross.

He added that they are aiming at developing a customer-centric performance-based culture to ensure that they have a focus, thus moving their employees' satisfaction to a level of 95 per cent.

"We want to take our services to the grassroots, to the people who are not registered as members of NSSF. This will be facilitated by digitization, which will ensure that all our records exist on digital platforms," revealed the CEO.

He noted that his vision was to grow and double the fund from the current Sh300 billion to a target of Sh600 billion in the next three years.

He added that they intend to collaborate with the media to ensure that the public has information on the benefits of early enrollment in the NSSF.

"We have come up with a pay bill number (*303#) that will help in transactions and other NSSF services," said Koross.



National Social Security Fund Chief Executive Officer David Koross.

"We have identified a number of priorities areas where we have embarked on a transformation agenda and implementation of the new NSSF Act that has enhanced contribution from members as this has also split the contribution into Tier 1 and Tier 2, where Tier 1 goes to NSSF and Tier 2 can be opted out to a scheme of one's choice," voiced

Koross.

NSSF Financial Manager Marietta Mutinda gave a presentation of the Annual performance for 2022–2023, where she outlined some compounds such as fund volume growth, contribution trends, benefits paid distribution, and payment and Investment income.

She revealed that the sudden in-

crease from the 2022–2023 financial year was due to the new rates that took effect in March, leading to a contribution increase.

Mutinda further said that the 40 per cent biometric delayed claims were due to the backlog in fingerprint issues, but then the issues were cleared.

17 Presidents Confirm Attendance At Africa Climate Summit In Nairobi

By: Margaret Kalekye

17 Heads of State and Government, including the UN Secretary-General António Guterres are among high-ranking dignitaries who have confirmed attendance at the Africa Climate Summit scheduled for September 4th to 6th in Nairobi, Kenya. Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua says they are expecting many more confirmations to the summit to be graced by Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Environment from across the world. 12,500 delegates have so far been accredited for the conference and the Africa Climate Week that will be happening concurrently. “The Government of Kenya under the able leadership of His Excellency the President William Ruto and the African Union has made tremendous progress in preparing for the successful hosting of this inaugural and historic Africa Climate Summit.

The Government of Kenya has put in place adequate measures for the success of the Summit” said the CS. Mutua who presided over the Diplomatic Corps Briefing on the upcoming Summit emphasized that the Summit aims to position Africa in solidarity with the rest of the world for Global Climate Action. The CS highlighted that the Summit will bring together leaders from Africa and beyond to design and catalyse actions and solutions for climate change in Africa by providing a platform to deliberate on the nexus between climate change, Africa’s development reality, and the need to push for increased investment in climate action globally, and specifically in Africa. “As co-hosts with the African Union, we are deeply honored and proud to collaborate with all stakeholders, not only within the continent but globally to ensure the Summit achieves a successful outcome” he added. At the heart of the Africa Climate Summit he observed is an ambitious



Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua.

African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Green Growth and Climate Finance Solutions, and for a Call to Action for African Union Member States and supporting partners to champion its delivery. The declaration he noted seeks to launch a renewed ambition for Af-

rica and invite partnerships with the rest of the world. “The Summit therefore serves as a platform to position Africa in solidarity with the rest of the world for Global Climate Action, exchange perspectives and begin to converge on common priorities for global

discussions including during the upcoming 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and COP28 and beyond” he stated. Renovations for the Kenyatta International Convention Center (KICC), which will host the event are also almost complete.

Raila Urges Kalonzo Led Dialogue Team To Address Its Issues

By: Muraya Kamunde

Azimio leader Raila Odinga has called on the dialogue team to get down on serious business and address a myriad of issues that have been raised by his party. Speaking in Emali during a burial service on Tuesday, Odinga said Azimio wants the high cost of living to be addressed and a special independent audit of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) election results to put to rest the issue of whom validly won the presidential election. On the reconstitution of IEBC which Azimio has listed as part of the agenda in the dialogue talks, Mr. Odinga said the reconstitution of the electoral body should be all inclusive and that all stakeholders should be involved.

The ODM party leader reiterated his earlier assertion that Azimio is only interested in people’s issues being discussed and addressed and not power sharing agreement. Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka said he and members of his team in the dialogue committee will push for the Azimio agenda which he said represents the people of Kenya. “We have an enormous responsibility to fix the problem and the time to do it is now. We have the platform to have the issues Kenyans have been raising addressed once and for all,” Kalonzo said.



Azimio leader Raila Odinga

The Discipline Of Integrity



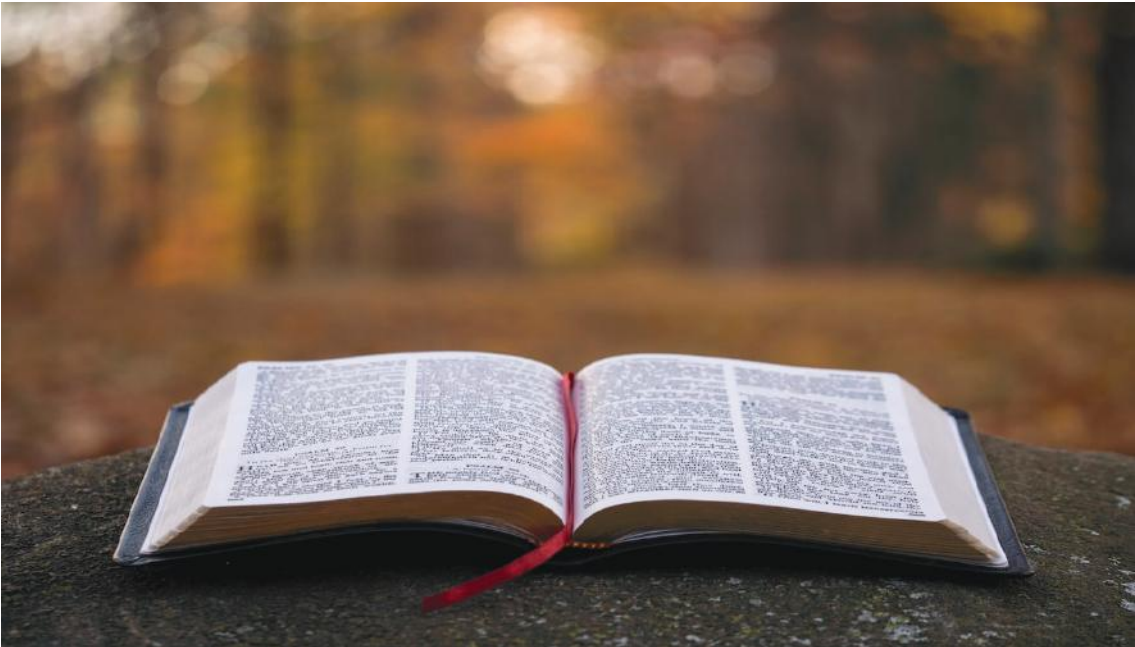
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The urgency and importance of integrity suggests one thing to the serious heart—the necessity of discipline. God wants us to be men of principle. G. K. Chesterton said, “Morality, like art, consists in drawing a line somewhere.” We must let God’s Word draw the line, not culture. The elevated ethics of Holy Scripture must be kept at all costs, even though culture thinks them quaint and impossible. And we must discipline ourselves through the power of the Holy Spirit to maintain them.

Here UPI correspondent Wesley Pippert offers wise advice: One of the most effective disciplines I know is not to do something that first time

— for repetition will come far easier. . . . Not doing something for the first time is a tremendous bulwark against not doing it later. As moral philosopher Sissela Bok has said in her book, *Lying* (New York: Pantheon, 1978, p. 28), “It is easy to tell a lie but hard to tell only one.”

Discipline will help us avoid the guilt that we often experience by dabbling in things we shouldn’t. An important fruit of discipline is integrity. Few things are more important than whether one has a good reputation, a “good name.” Not all people are gregarious or outgoing. Not all people are sought after or loveable. But everyone can have integrity. Integrity flows more out of a disciplined character than a daring personality. We must discipline ourselves to be truthful in all that we say. The Scriptures’ intent is not to rule out having fun with our friends, indulging in playful exaggeration, or even telling fanciful tales. But God’s Word does call us to be honest through and through, to never lie or equivocate to save face or



to stay in the good graces of others.

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

Boaz Mboa Mbugua, An Innovative Entrepreneur

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The Government has been keen in matters job creation especially for the millions of youths who are still unemployed.

For this reason, one innovator and entrepreneur, by the name Boaz Metal Arts has taken the responsibility on his shoulders by creating employment to youths in Ruai through innovation.

In a visit to his Enterprise Thursday Morning, we witnessed firsthand the spectacular artwork that Mr Boaz and his team are making.

“I owned this idea about three years ago, Cognizant of the need to take care of our environment. In that regard, I receive waste scrap metal which I use to carefully craft these beautiful masterpieces from the hitherto waste metal. At the moment I’ve about 7 staff who get their daily bread from here,” the composed Mr Boaz noted.

More importantly, Mr Boaz is inviting likeminded individuals to agree to work in synergy in a bid to bridge the gap of unemployment that continues to widen by the day.

“Most of the youths are desperate which is why they result to alcohol and drug abuse. But I welcome the step by the Second Lady, Her Excellency Pastor Dorcas Rigathi who has shown her commitment in rehabilitation of our youths who have been in the yoke of alcoholism. As Boaz Metal Arts we are ready to present our sustainable approach to give the reformed youths a lifeline and an avenue for them to earn a decent living,” he said.

Boaz Metal Arts is appealing to the Government and indeed all institutions to support local manufacturers so that our economy can continue to grow whilst creating employment.

He is also appealing to the government to consider promoting the local innovators instead of going for the foreign ones.

“If you look like this Coat of Arms, it’s a spectacular and fascinating artwork which can comfortably be placed in our entry points such as the Airport, the State House and State Lodges and even in the precincts of National parks and Game reserves to showcase the beauty and heritage of our beloved country Kenya,” he advised



Boaz Mboa Mbugua, An Innovative Entrepreneur.



Ruto's Directive On Subsidized Fertilizer, Who Is Sleeping On The Job?



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Worth Noting:

- Now, two questions come to mind. Who is sleeping on the job? Could it turn out that some of state officials were out to derail or sabotage Dr Ruto's agenda?
- By now, one would have expected the price of the fertilizer to have been adjusted to reflect the new price?
- Here the Ministry of Agriculture comes on spotlight because the National Cereal and Produce Board (NCPB) is one of its key dockets.
- The farmers from North Rift who spoke with the media stated. A number of NCPB depots have already received the stock.
- The management's hands are however tied. They cannot sell the input to us because they are yet to receive a new written directive reflecting the new price.



President William Ruto in his farm.

Farmers in the North Rift are busy preparing their parcels of the lands for short rains.

But as they do this, they aver that they were facing a challenge.

They were yet to receive the subsidized fertilizer two weeks after President William Ruto announced a reduction in price of 50kg bag of the farm input from Sh3,500 to Sh2,500.

When he took the reign of power, the same packet was retailing at Sh7,000.

He took from the 'Handshake' government which was being led by President Uhuru Kenyatta and his core-principal Raila Odinga.

In his acceptance speech, Dr Ruto took immediate action and dropped the price to Sh3,500.

The farmers were upbeat as high price of a key farm input was beyond the reach of most of them.

This did not only have negative impact on their livelihoods as they could not produce enough but it was also a serious drawback to the growth of our economy.

At the time, President Ruto announced that he was looking forward to reduce the cost of fertilizers further and other

farm input including seeds and pesticides.

Noting that the agriculture is the backbone of our economy, Dr Ruto stated.

My government is committed to do things differently. This is in terms of realization of one of critical pillars of Kenya Kwanza manifesto that would make Kenya become food secure.

So our focus is to move away from subsidizing consumption and instead re-direct our resources towards boosting production.

If we produce enough, we shall do away with the shame and indignity of hunger.

Our economy will also grow because it will be driven by a human resource capital that is health and energetic.

The recent announcement by the President is a clear testimony that he has been walking the talk.

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The farmers from North Rift who spoke with the media stated. A number of NCPB depots have already received the stock.

The management's hands are however tied. They cannot sell the input to us because they are yet to receive a new written directive reflecting the new price.

As we know, the short rains are about to start. So, further delays in release of the fertilizer mean the production would be hurt. This would translate to a drastic drop in harvest.

As of his commitment to fulfill the pre-election promises he made to the people of Kenya, President Ruto recently presided over an all important function at State House Nairobi.

Attended by cabinet secretaries (CSs), Principal Secretaries (PSs) and other top government officials, he witnessed each signing a performance contract.

In his brief speech, a tough talking President told them that he expected each one of them to undertake the mandate he had assigned him effectively

and professionally.

You have been employed by the people of Kenya. You owe allegiance to them. You must serve them. One of your key assignments is to visit them and listen to their plight and grievances.

He reiterated that he will not entertain any excuse. If you fail to deliver, you will see me in true colors. I will not allow you to let me down.

There are so many qualified Kenyans who can do that job and in a way that would satisfy the public.

As the President, I'm also being monitored and watched by the citizens.

Come 2027 polls, they will look at my score-card. They will renew my contract if they are satisfied with my work. I have no doubt that they will do this.

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The Story Of Shukur Kholmirzayev “HORSE OWNER”

By: Nematullayeva Fayoz
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Shukur Kholmirzayev’s works contain not only the image of nature but also stories that reveal the politics of the system of his time. One such story is “Horse Owner”. The hero of this work, Inod, is faced with severe trials by fate.

Inod is an ordinary teacher living in a remote village. He doesn’t have many valuable things in his life. That is, a few. Inod knows three things throughout his whole existence: the village of Serdaraxt, the only school in the village, and the black horse.

They make up the entire life of the inode. His family: his wife and two children will be burned. After that, depression takes over Inod’s psyche. His whole being is tired. He gets cold from both the village and the school, where his life is meaningful. Then the black man rode his horse to the mountain. Even in the worst situation, he does not leave his horse.

Plays with him. Being alone with nature has a good effect on him. It starts to come back to normal. His

love for his village and school will be revived. In this passage, we see how well nature affects and calms the human psyche.

No matter how strong he is mentally and physically, grief begins to crush him, and he loses heart even from his village school. Out of helplessness, he rides a horse and goes to the mountains. The lands where the shepherds fought and fought he sees passes under the emerald snow-capped peaks, sleeps in the green meadows, and without realizing it, his spirits rise, his pain subsides, and he returns to the village. After that, it becomes a habit for him to go for a walk in the forest on his days off from school.

Months later, the wound in the young man’s heart seems to have healed. His love for his village and school is rekindled. He feels like he’s back to his old self.” Inod is embodied in the story as a person who knows his job and is very restrained, kind, and open-hearted. Although he is a brown-haired man, all the children at school like him.

Because in his spare time, he teaches children to ride horses and other useful things. He lived peacefully

without any harm to anyone. But Egamberdi’s interest in her horse changes the situation. His greed, and his restlessness until he gets this horse, are embodied as an expression of the Soviet regime at that time. At the time this story was written (1971), it was very dangerous to say anything against the government.

For this reason, Shukur Kholmirzayev blames the injustices of that system on the image of Egamberdi. This character is very greedy and will not give up until he gets what he wants. For his benefit, he takes the cow of an ordinary teacher, but even this cannot quench his passion for the horse. After realizing this, he makes strict demands on Inod.

At this point, Inod appears as a man who stands firm in his words, a son who fights not to give away the only relic left by his father. He shoots the horse. He buried this beloved horse next to the graves of his brothers. And that depression starts again in his heart. Over time, he understands Egamberdi’s game. But at that time, the feeling of living again was awakened in Inod’s heart.

Such is the son of man. When my hopes are gone, when everything is



The Story Of Shukur Kholmirzayev - HORSE OWNER.

over, the hope of living again with God’s grace is awakened. He begins to live again. It’s like a natural phenomenon. That is, just like spring comes when nature thinks it’s all over after a harsh winter...

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Wa Muratha Keen To Salvage The Boychild

By: John Kariuki
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Kiambu County Member of Parliament Ann Muratha has taken an ambitious initiative in her shoulders aimed at salvaging the Boychild from the yoke of the social ills bedeviling him, key among them being depression.

The Woman Representative, who is a respected counsellor in a candid conversation with residents of Kabete sub-county, belaboured on the issue of mental health and how to enhance it through a multi-pronged, pragmatic approach.

The Hon Woman Representative noted,

“Depression has stolen one more of our Kiambu sons here at Nyathuna ward, Kabete.

As a mother, am pained. No parent should have to bury their child, and worse still, through the circumstances that led to 35 year old, Samuel Kamau Njoroge’s death. He was

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She at the same time alluded to another ambitious project that she has recently launched, “Mama Boys Mashinani” aiming at bringing stakeholders together in a bid to chart the way forward in tackling mental health.

She urged parents and especially mothers not to give up on their children even if they have been enslaved by alcohol.

“You should be the strong pillar on which your son can lean. Don’t rebuke nor curse him. All they want to be shown is love, care and mentorship.” The Hon Ann Muratha concluded

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Catholic Bishops Denounce ‘Explicit Content’ In Grade 7 Health Education

By: ADAH TANUI

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ation, KCCB said the books published by the Kenya Literature Bureau and Oxford University Press were part of a well-choreographed scheme to encourage the use of contraception. “We note that the content not only sexualizes the learning environment for minors but will also be the biggest contributor to the high rates of teenage pregnancies and abortion,” Bishop Paul Kariuki told new reporters. He noted that the content violates the Ministry of Education policy against the exposure of children to explicit content.

Anti-abstinence teaching

KCCB said the content in the said publications fails to establish abstinence as the expected standard for all children. “Looking at the Grade 7 Learner’s book titled “Top Scholar Health Ed-



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ucation” by the Kenya Literature Bureau under Strand 7 on Human Reproductive Health, sub- strand 7.2 on Reproductive Health on page 127 and Grade 7 Teacher’s Guide titled “Health Education in Action” by Oxford University Press under Strand 7 on Human Reproductive Health, sub-strand 7.2 on Reproductive Health

on page 153 have created room for introduction of family planning and encouragement of the use of contraception to very young learners,” Bishop Kariuki said. KCCB argued that if left unchecked, the promotion of family planning at the basic education level could lead to a surge abortions among teenagers. The clergy implored principals running Catholic schools to continue instigating the right moral values to the school going children. “The mischievous and behind-the-scenes introduction of Comprehensive Sex Education defies the narrative sold to Kenyans that the Competency Based Curriculum is based on values and any education given would be age appropriate,” Bishop Mark Kadima explained. KCCB urged parents to exercise caution even as it challenged the Ministry of Education to seek parents’ consent prior to introducing sensitive content such as reproductive health to learners.

Assembly Lands Committee Probes Lands Commission’s Financial Performance

By: Our Reporter
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The National Assembly Committee on Lands, chaired by Joash Nyamoko, met with Mr. Gershom Ochami, Chair, and Ms. Kabale Tache, CEO of the National Land Commission (NLC), regarding budget implementation and monitoring for the fiscal year 2022/2023. The Legislators sought detailed information from the National Land Commission regarding the financial performance based on programmes. The committee requested data on actual receipts, exchequer issues, recurrent expenditure, pending bills, and the extent to which the NLC had achieved its set targets. Ochami highlighted that the NLC’s total budget allocation for the fiscal year 2022/2023 amounted to



National Land Commission's chairman Gershom Ochami and Chief Executive Officer Kabale Tache during yesterday's meeting..

Kshs1,477,653,243 and that pending bills which are a subject of discussion, totalled Kshs704,266,017. On the issuance of Title Deeds to public schools and institutions, it was noted that only 151 letters of allotment were prepared and issued for such purposes in the last financial year. However, the committee expressed concern over the underachievement in that area. During the meeting, documents under scrutiny by the committee brought to light that NLC had issued 54 allotment letters for the recovery



Some of the parliamentarians during the session.

of public institution land. These actions were carried out based on recommendations from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and other statutory bodies. Members of Parliament present at the meeting requested further details regarding the specific parcels of land that were recovered through these efforts. The information will be availed at a later date.

Give me as much grief as you want



Give me as much grief as you want
May your heart be filled with joy and happiness
I will remember you forever
I step on the feet of the good ones.
It's morning when my eyes are bathed

in tears
My opponents are everywhere
In a time where there are no infinite rewards
Follow good people
Male or female, big or small
His faith is open in his lost heart
We are free from sin
Follow good people.
Day and night prayer, teacher of knowledge
To protect his great conscience

Abdullaeva Risolat
Termiz State University
2nd stage student of applied psychology.

Carrying me in his arms



Such a person comes into my life,
He didn't turn away from me for a second.
Holds my hands and says, believe me,
"We will be with you in Paradise."

Carrying me in his arms,
I love it and love it.
People's words don't hurt me,

Then I feel love in my heart.

Such a person comes into my life,
Takes me to the palace of happiness.
God blesses this moment with love,
My life will pass without being able to thank you.

My mistakes don't hurt him.
I know it will fix them.
I pray every day and every night,
Well, I'll wait until he comes.

Such a person comes into my life,
He holds my hand, tenderly.
He repeats: "Trust me."
"We will be with you in heaven"

Kadirova is the daughter of Azodakhan Bakhodirjan. Young artist, poet.

THE DAY:

By Nadim Fatma, Mapimo Girls' Secondary School

The sun rises it's your dawn
Born again you smile
neglect all they say
restart to the peak
Happy birthday

Many wishes you receive
Taking heed your teeth glows
Amazing places shout your name

as you enjoy you begin your new time
Happy birthday

Its a year more
more to light you up
up to be the one
one Alive and sound
Happy birthday

Edited by Bettie Atemo, Founder BAM CARES ARTMORE, POETRY GROUP

My Dear Angel (To Farzona)



My heart fills with love, a joy so new,
How can I describe this feeling so grand?
My heart is like an ocean, with Farzona as the sand.

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The sun rose with joy on that day,
As if it flew across the sky to play,
I felt a sweet excitement in my heart,
For an angel had come to Earth to start.

Perhaps you wonder who this angel could be,
What is their name and why did they come to me?
Let me explain this feeling to you,
My heart belongs to my dear angel, Farzona.

When I see her smile, I believe it's true,

So Stress!

Si stress inaeza kumess banda!
Si haichagui kaa we ni buda ama mamaa,
Si hukuja bila ata rada,
Si ikifikia hii point ndo unajua adi ile hope kidogo ya kuishi ilishakutoka,
Si hapa ndo adi wale mabeste wako Hope na Patokaa wanakutoka mbaya,
I mean after kuask for help ndo wanakushow we can't,
So usini-judge ukiona natoka wasee masimu,
Juu maybe najua hii shida ni ya msimu,
Si nimetry ku-go hard on my knees but all najipata nikushow wasee PLEASE!
Nahafia nikiendelea hivi nitagenya but that's the only solution juu nitapenya,
So Bro, Siz.,
Let's stand as one ndo usije mazishi yangu useme you the only one we had!
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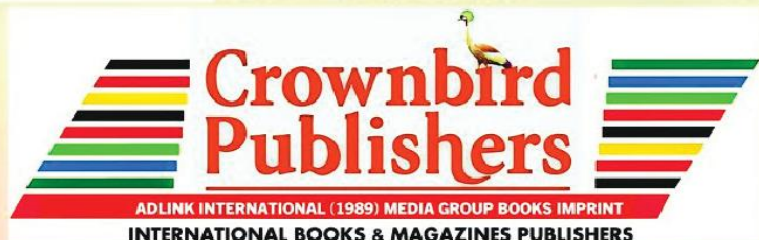
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Govt Has Prioritised Digital Superhighway, Says President Ruto

By:Christine Muchira

The Government has prioritised the Digital Super Highway as a key driver for the country's transformation, creation of jobs and growth.

President William Ruto said the Government is inviting partners and investors to further expand high-speed internet access nationwide.

This will ensure remote parts of the country reaps the economic benefits of the digital space in a cost effective way.

"In addition to fibre connectivity, new emerging connectivity solutions such as satellite will be considered," said President Ruto.

The President spoke when he held discussions with @Karibu_Connect, a Global partner of @elonmusk's @SpaceX at the Eldoret State Lodge, Uasin Gishu County on Tuesday.

Present were Jimmy Grewal CEO Elcome International and Kavita Handa Chairman Africa Capital.

The Government has opened the ICT space for more investment by removing the 30 percent local share holding restriction, which will see more technology companies invest in Kenya.



Buuri MP Mugambi Rindikiiri Supports Youth Talents

By: Dickson Mwiti
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Buuri Member of Parliament Mugambi Rindikiiri has affirmed his resolve to help young people from his constituency exploit and nurture their talents in order to earn a living.

In line with this, the MP held various events in each of the five wards in the constituency where young people displayed their prowess ranging from martial arts, dancing, fine arts, and acrobats, among others, with a view to picking the best of the talents.

The winners at the ward level will meet in a grand finale to be held later this month.

Speaking during the event, Mr. Rindikiiri said this was one way of helping the young people realise their potential and evade the temptations of indulging in drug abuse and other criminal activities.

He said the programme will be featured at least twice every year to build youths' abilities to a spectacular level.

The event was the first of its kind to

be held in this constituency.

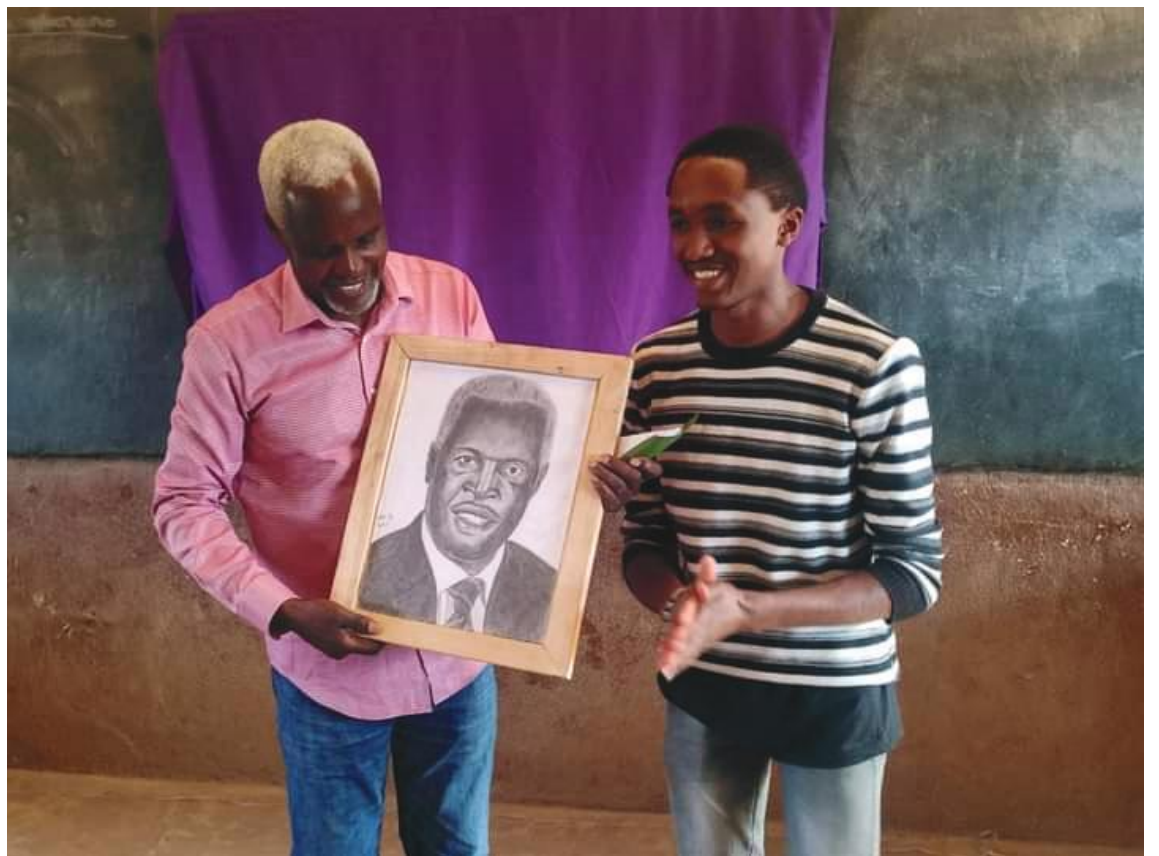
"I believe that if we are to achieve our goal of being an aspirational nation, then young people need to be given a chance," said Mr. Rindikiiri.

The MP also promised to organise the young people and help them access government funds, including the Hustler Fund, Youth Enterprise Fund, and Uwezo Fund, as well as funding from the Micro and Small Enterprise Authority.

"We want to bring all our young people together to help them nurture their talents and, above all, empower them economically in order to ensure that they have a strong foundation in life," said Mr. Rindikiiri.

To help them gain experience and access to online jobs, the MP promised to ensure there was a computer hub in every ward where musicians could also access recording equipment.

"We all know that talent is money, and, in this view, we will also set aside money from the National Government Constituency Development Fund, which will be used to acquire the required equipment," said Mr. Rindikiiri.



Buuri MP Mugambi Rindikiiri, with one of the artists from his constituency

Women Are Key Players In Overcoming Tribalism-Prime CS

By: Muraya Kamunde

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has lauded the efforts of women and the roles they play in shaping our societies. Speaking during the funeral ceremony of Mr David Chepkwony, husband to Njoro Constituency Member of Parliament Hon. Charity Kathambi, Mudavadi said women play a vital role and can help end the tribalism menace in the country. “Women are key pillars for our country. If they take up their position and guide the society on these best ideals, the politics of tribalism will come to an end.” Said Mudavadi. The funeral service took place in the Taita Mauche area of Nakuru County. The gathering witnessed the presence of high-profile mourners, including His Excellency President William Ruto, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Cabinet Secretaries,

Governors, Senators, and Members of Parliament. Dr Mudavadi, in his eulogy, offered his condolences to Honourable Kathambi and the children for the loss of her husband and father. He acknowledged the profound impact of such a loss and extended his sympathy to the family. Dr Mudavadi also highlighted the remarkable dedication of Hon Kathambi towards environmental conservation, specifically mentioning her involvement in a tree-planting initiative. The Prime Cabinet Secretary recounted how Charity played a pivotal role in rallying the Njoro community to support the tree-planting efforts on a five-acre plot recently allocated to his office to plant trees by Egerton University. Dr. Mudavadi commended the Njoro MP’s resolve and leadership qualities. He emphasized the role of women in reshaping the nation’s social fabric and overcoming challenges such as tribalism. “Charity has shown that women are



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

the ones who will end tribalism here in Kenya. Women are the pillars of the nation. When women stand up, they will show the way, and much of the politics and tribalism will come to an end,” stated Dr Mudavadi. The Prime Cabinet Secretary further praised the resilience and determination demonstrated by Charity and other women who have transcended adversities and prejudices. He applauded their efforts and declared them as the harbingers of a promising future.

Actors Call For Implementation of Laws Against Child Sex Abuse

By: John Kariuki
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Stakeholders who have been on the frontline fighting child sexual abuse have called upon the government and all actors to see to it that all the relevant laws are implemented to the letter in a bid to safeguard children. This comes in the wake of emerging trends in the form of online sexual abuse, and in a majority of scenarios, the victim is always embarrassed instead of the perpetrators. In a candid interview with Kanga Rasi, the Africa Campaign Manager for Brave Movement, here’s what she had to say: “Kenya has rich laws but what had been lacking is the implementation of those very noble pieces of legislation. Of all the victims of sexual abuse, which in most cases comprise children, most cases of reported sexual violence don’t get to see the light of day of access to justice. In some instances, we’ve document-

ed cases where the victims face more traumas when they go to report and fall prey to the same authorities who are supposed to safeguard them. It’s like a case of falling from the frying pan to the fire. We need to acknowledge that the survivors of sexual violence need someone of a similar gender whom they can feel comfortable sharing with their ordeal.” The Campaign Manager acknowledged the setting up of the SGBV courts in the country as it will go a long way in ensuring cases of SGBV are hurried as this cases drag in court for long. Survivors of sexual violence have had to wait even more than five years to receive justice and this brings about re triggering as each time the survivor has to go to court they have to relieve the incident and it even becomes worse with the lack of psychosocial support. We lack enough shelter homes. There is a provision to have each county have a shelter homes. However this is still not enough because survivors are not homogeneous so



you can’t loop all survivors in one shelter homes so we need several. In addition it’s important that the shelter homes are equipped with adequate resources to take care of the survivors. Survivors who are children have the necessary need to go to school and continue with their life so it’s important that this aspect is well taken care of even at shelter homes with partnership between schools or provision of teachers who can provide training services at the shelter home

Parliamentary Committee On Communication Informed Worldcoin Company Has Been Operational Since 2021

By: Our Correspondent
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The parliamentary departmental committee on Communication, Information and Innovation has learnt that the collection of personal data from Kenyans by the foreign company Worldcoin dates back to 31st May, 2021.

The committee chaired by Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie, convened a meeting yesterday with the Data Protection Commissioner Immaculate Kassait, to delve into the activities of the company; which has raised concerns on the nature of information they were gathering and for what purpose.

“Is the office of the Data Protection Commissioner aware of when the Worldcoin started collecting data from the citizens and the purpose of the information so gathered? On what legal framework is the company operating under, who authorized the collection of data from Kenyans? How many Kenyans have so far been signed up by Worldcoin?” asked the



Some of the committee members.



Tetu MP Geoffrey Wandeto making his contribution during yesterday's committee session

chairperson.

According to the Data Commissioner, her office became aware in April 2022 of the Company's activities of collecting sensitive personal data from residents of Kenya and transferring the same out of Kenya.

Its due to this that the office wrote to the CEO of Worldcoin seeking answers on the legal basis of collection and transfer of personal data, as well as proof of consent for the same.

“From information submitted by Worldcoin under confidential letter dated 6th May 2022, Worldcoin began data collection and processing activities in Kenya on or about 31st May 2021. The purpose of this as indicated in registration application forms is Know Your Customer and Registration,” said Commissioner Kassait.

However, she told the committee that the office of the Data Commis-

sioner has commenced a multi-agency investigation to ascertain the true position of the processing activities of Worldcoin.

The Data Commissioner in her submissions also told the legislators that her office is yet to establish the number of Kenyans who have signed up with Worldcoin.

The MPs expressed dissatisfaction with the responses given by the Commissioner, as she could not

reveal the contact person between Kenya and Worldcoin, neither could she reveal the physical address of the company.

The chairperson asked the Commissioner to submit more comprehensive responses to the MPs' questions by close of business on Friday.

Kenya Kwanza, Azimio MPs To Pass Motion On Talks

By: Muraya Kamunde

The questions surrounding the legality of the new bi-partisan talks will be answered today.

This is after the Majority leader of the National Assembly Kimani Ichungwah and his Minority counterpart Opiyo Wanyai officially submitted a motion seeking to legalize the talks between Azimio and Kenya Kwanza.

The motion read by the Majority leader and co-sponsored by his Minority counterpart Opiyo Wanyai stipulated the terms for talks that will run for next 60 days as stipulated in the motion.

Key among them is when the new bipartisan team will finalize its report it will submit to the leaders of Azimio and Kenya Kwanza as well as Parliament for adoption.

Moreover, the Committee has resolved to receive memorandums from the public, professional bodies and non-governmental organization

for review and consideration.

The motion submitted by the two this afternoon before Members of Parliament will be up for debate on Wednesday afternoon where the legislators will have their say over the motion.

The talks which have been welcomed by most of the members will see political lines drawn in the house especially when it comes to the agenda of the talks with secretariats of both factions fronting different issues.

This comes as Attorney General Justin Muturi maintained that whatever the two parties will agree upon his office will consider their resolutions keenly and ensure they remain within the boundaries of the Constitution.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula has scheduled the debate of the motion for Wednesday afternoon.

Report by Abdiaziz Hashim



Parliament.

The National Assembly’s Select Committee On NG-CDF Winds the First Phase of Public Participation over the Proposed Law

By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- Expressing admiration for NG-CDF’s achievements, Akuja recommended reevaluating bursary caps and prioritizing disbursements based on urgent needs. He also proposed raising the allocation of the National Government Constituency Development Fund from 2.5% to 5-10%, aiming for more impactful community projects.
- In his closing statements, Chairperson Musa Sirma commended the significant turnout of residents eager to voice their opinions on the crucial matter of NG-CDF. He celebrated how NG-CDF had facilitated the establishment of day secondary schools, thereby promoting higher enrollment and retention rates.
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Dagoretti North MP Beatrice Elachi, she sits in the NG-CDF committee of the National Assembly

“Sometimes you wonder how a person in their right mind would want to stop such a noble idea. What would be their motivation?”, posed Sirma.

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“Sometimes you wonder how a person in their right mind would want to stop such a noble idea. What would be their motivation?”, posed Sirma.

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Make Good Use Of Funds, Belgut MP Urges Uwezo Beneficiaries



Belgut MP Nelson Koech (in red) donates a dummy Cheque Worth 7.3Million shilling of Uwezo fund to 29 self-help Groups which qualified for the Uwezo fund..

Worth Noting:

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Youth, Women and Persons living with disabilities in Belgut have been urged to form and register self-help groups so as to access to national government funds to boost their economic empowerment.

Belgut Constituency Member of Parliament Nelson Koech said the self-help groups are more beneficial to the members of the public which aims in eradicating poverty where he called upon the members of the public to take advantage of the Uwezo fund and other government funds to venturing in small scale business projects to improve their living standards.

Speaking after issuing a dummy cheque worth 7.3 Million shillings which is set to benefit a 41 self –help groups from the five wards in Belgut, the legislature noted that due to good record tracked by the first beneficiaries the constituency recorded a total of 29 new groups .

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‘The Uwezo and Hustler funds has the same similarities in helping the less fortunate in the society and as the leadership of Belgut we strive to ensure we bring all persons in board to benefit through government funding projects’, Koech added.

The legislator praised development programmes that have been initiated by the Government towards expanding opportunities for youth and women to make them self-reliant and also contribute in national development.

The Koluu Women groups from Seretut -Cheptoriet ward receive a total re-financed loan of 500,000 shillings to boost their poultry farming after clearing the previous loan.

Gladys Korir the chair of the Koluu Women Group narrates that they founded the group in 2014 which made them qualify to get the first Uwezo fund of 100,000 shillings which they bought 100 chicks to every member and feeding products. Mrs Korir said the exercise went on smoothly and in the midst 8 members left paving way for 12 to continue with the farming.

‘Even though we faced challenges we remain focus on our objective in transforming our living through the project

and to date each member has more than 300 chickens at her homestead which really gives us the clear picture of the hardworking organization’,Mrs Korir added.

The chair also said since they borrowed the Uwezo Fund they have been refunding on time due there were minimal challenges in the project.

Esther Teituk, treasurer said they have a passionate members whom they are accountable in the progress of the group and they are looking forward in expanding the project as the biggest investment.

‘The marry-go-round is the base of the project where each member contributed a thousand shillings each every month, where were loaning member with an interest fee of 10 percent in return and we found the money was return on time there after qualified for the Uwezo fund which streamline our project,as the group we do appeal for the national government to increase the loan limit to allow us venture in other projects’,Mrs. Teituk said.

Lily Mutai said the poultry farming is easy to manage thus needs less effort and the women have ability in venturing on the business. She adds the noble idea has help them feed their families and pay school fees for their children in various learning institutions where she challenged the women in the constituency to start in business projects.

‘Due to high cost of living it has gave us opportunity to sell our products at great price as the layer goes between 700-800 shillings as the broiler price is between 1500-1700 shillings which is a

great opportunity to participate in poultry farming’,=Mrs. Mutai added.

Sach Angwan Self –Help group in Kapsuser ward were also the beneficiaries after recording a good track record. Langat Evans the chair said they started the group in 2013 with total members of 12 where they ventured into marry-go-round project and in 2014 they were able to qualify for the Uwezo fund for a loan of 100,000shillings.

‘In 2014 we had a total of more than 300,000 shillings in our account and once we received the Uwezo fund we ventured to transport system by acquiring 2 bodaboda motorbike and use the rest for table banking with a loan 10 percent for every member, we applied for the second loan and we received a total of 300,000 shillings which help us to buy the Wasili cab’, Langat added.

Langat added that they were able to refund the loan on time which has made them get an increment loan limit of 500,000 shillings and they are aiming in purchasing the matatu vehicles as the investment of the group.

Kapsuser ward got the biggest share of the distribution of 2.1 Million shillings for 11 groups, Kabianga ward received 1.9Million with a total of 10 new groups with existing of 3as Waldai caught 1.6Million shillings with five groups respectively.

Seretut –Cheptoriet and Chaik Ward having a total of 6 new groups and 3 existing got a share of 1.4million and 300,000 shillings coming to total of 7.3 Million shillings disbursed for the self-help groups.

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Kevin De Bruyne Out For 'Three To Four Months', Says Man City Boss Pep Guardiola



Kevin de Bruyne. Photo/TEAMTALK MEDIA.

Pep Guardiola has confirmed Kevin De Bruyne faces a "few months out" with a hamstring injury, with Manchester City now having to decide whether he will undergo surgery.

The 32-year-old midfielder was forced off in the first half of June's Champions League final triumph against Inter Milan and did not play a single minute of pre-season.

De Bruyne returned as a second-half substitute in the Community Shield shoot-out loss to Arsenal and captained the side against Burnley in Friday's Premier League opener.

But the Belgium playmaker only lasted 23 minutes at Turf Moor, where seemingly out of nothing he signalled to the bench that he had felt something.

Guardiola said the issue related

to the same hamstring and would see him miss "a few months", but it is worse than first feared and a decision has to be made over surgery.

"It's a seriously injury," the City boss said. "We have to decide surgery or not surgery but a few months out."

The decision on surgery will be taken in the coming days and could see him miss "three or four

months", Guardiola said.

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Sports >>> *Brazil forward Neymar has signed for Saudi Arabia’s Al-Hilal from Paris Saint-Germain, the clubs announced on Tuesday, joining Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema as the latest big name lured to the oil-rich Gulf state.

Neymar quits PSG to sign for Saudi Arabia’s Al-Hilal



(FILES) Paris Saint-Germain’s Neymar celebrates after scoring a goal against Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors during their friendly football match at the Asiad Main Stadium in Busan on August 3, 2023. Brazil forward Neymar has signed for Saudi Arabian side Al-Hilal after six seasons with French champions Paris Saint-Germain, the two clubs announced today. (Photo by ANTHONY WALLACE / AFP).

Brazil forward Neymar has signed for Saudi Arabia’s Al-Hilal from Paris Saint-Germain, the clubs announced on Tuesday, joining Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema as the latest big name lured to the oil-rich Gulf state. “I am here in Saudi Arabia, I am Hilali,” Neymar said in a video posted to Al Hilal’s social media accounts.

“It is always difficult to say goodbye to an amazing player like Neymar, one of the best players in the world,” said PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi in a statement from the French champions. “I will never forget the day he arrived at Paris Saint-Germain, and what he has contributed to our club and our project over the last six years. We had a great moment

and Neymar will always be a big part of our history,” he added. Neymar, 31, scored 118 goals in 173 matches for PSG in six injury-plagued seasons. He won five Ligue 1 titles and three French Cups, but was on the losing side as PSG were beaten by Bayern Munich in the 2020 Champions League final.

SPORTS NEWS

A red and white Vodafone Formula 1 car, number 2, driven by Lewis Hamilton.

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Two Sri Lanka cricket players in blue uniforms, one batting and one bowling.

A black and orange MotoGP race car, number 93, driven by Marc Márquez.

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Zambia's Kaladoshas Taking Part In Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards

By: Our Reporter
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1. Who are you?
Kaladoshas

2. Where are you from?
Zambia

3. How did you hear about these awards?
Social Media

4. How do you feel about the nomination?
Good

5. Are you attending the Grande finale?
Yes if I've won

6. Who are you going with?
Manager

7. What do you anticipate?
Greatness & networking

8. Which category do you represent?
Best Star Reggae Dancehall

9. What do you got to tell the upcoming artists or those aspiring to do what you do?
Keep believing in themselves

10. Do you have many followers, what can others do to grow and get more followers?
Yes. Post attractive content constantly

11. What are your future aspirations?
More awards, more wins, more success

12. What shall you do if you win, to help grow the Shinning star awards brand?
Post about it on all my social media platforms, thank it for supporting talent & see how to engage with the organisers more on future collaborations

13. Your last words?
Thank you for the opportunity



Kaladoshas .

Worth Noting:

- I am from Namibia, wndhoek but I grew up n the northern part of Namibia n Ohangwena region in a town called ongha
- This is my very first nominee, so I am very excited, grateful, overwhelmed, at least I am being recognized I anticipate a world where diversity and inclusivity are celebrated, where people come together to solve global challenges, and where every individual's voice is heard and respected. I look forward to a future where advancements in technology continue to connect us, while also valuing the importance of personal connections and meaningful relationships.