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President William Ruto

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Kalonzo Invites Kenya Kwanza For Talks Monday, Says Time Is Of Essence

By: Margaret Kalekye

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The opposition now wants to hold talks with Kenya Kwanza starting this Monday, August 7.

Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka who is leading the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition team says time is of the essence noting that a speedy start and a time-bound program are necessary to put the na-

tion at ease.

In an invitation letter to Kenya Kwanza national dialogue team through the National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wa,

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Azimio co-principal and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka addressing the media (File)



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Kenya Has 151,000 Immigrant Domestic Workers In Saudia Arabia –CS Bore

By: PSCU

Worth Noting:

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Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore.

The Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection has told the National Assembly that Kenya has approximately 200,000 documented migrant workers in Saudi Arabia with at least 151,000 working as domestic workers.

Florence Bore was speaking when she appeared before the House during the weekly session on Question Time.

"Hon. Speaker, Kenya has approximately 200,000 documented migrant workers based in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with 151,687 among them, engaged in the domestic work section" Bore noted.

Various lawmakers had raised crucial questions to the Minister regarding the

status, conditions, and welfare of Kenyan migrant workers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The question on the number of documented Kenyans working in Saudi Arabia for the last three years had been sought by Konoin MP, Brighton Yegon.

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ing for the first time since the House reprimanded her to failing to show up during a previous invitation was forced to apologize to the House before responding to Members' questions.

The Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetang'ula who was presiding the House told her that Cabinet Secretaries have a duty to prioritize their engagements with the House, especially when scheduled to appear during Question Time.

He noted that Parliament had in particular agreed with the Cabinet Office not to schedule any Cabinet meetings on Wednesdays to facilitate the Cabinet Secretaries appearances before either Houses

to respond to MPs' Questions.

According to responses tabled by the CS, over the last three years, a total of 283 reported deaths have occurred among Kenyan migrant workers in the Gulf States, particularly in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE. 185 Kenyan migrant workers lost their lives in Saudi Arabia, 45 in the UAE, and 53 in Qatar with causes of death ranging from illness to homicide.

She told lawmakers that families of the victims had however been informed of the incidents through proper channels.

Legislators further sought details on the measures the Ministry has put in place to secure the welfare of Kenyans working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including the agreements that the Government has with the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to address the reported cases of mistreatment.

In response, the Labour CS informed the members that the Kenyan government, in partnership with Saudi Arabia, has taken vital steps to ensure the welfare of Kenyan migrant workers. She cited the establishment of a Bilateral Labor Agreement in 2017, which is aimed at protecting workers' terms and conditions and enhancing their overall well-being.

She further told the House that a dedicated Labor Attaché office had been set up in Riyadh, alongside offices in Qatar and the UAE, focusing on sourcing job opportunities and addressing workers' concerns.

The House was further informed that the government is actively implementing a range of measures to safeguard its migrant workers.

"A National Policy on Labor Migration has been developed, emphasizing safe and productive migration. Additionally, a Labour Migration Management Bill is in the works to hold recruitment agencies accountable. We are also in the process of developing a comprehensive curriculum to prepare migrants with essential skills and knowledge before they embark on their journeys," Bore told MPs.

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Azimio la Umoja Gusii Chapter Leaders Pledge to Foster Development and Coherence in the Region

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Leaders aligned with Azimio la Umoja Gusii chapter have vowed to work together and ensure that there is more development and unity in the region.

Speaking at Nairobi during the meeting, led by Kisii governor Simba Arati, the leaders emphasized the importance of unity among themselves to foster development in the region.

“It’s through unit that we can speak in one voice and source for more resources,” he said.

Arati acknowledged the progress they have made so far and expressed confidence in achieving more success in the future.

During the meeting, Governor Arati stressed the need for collaboration between county and national governments to enhance service delivery for the residents.

They aimed to address various issues affecting the Omogusii community

and vowed to hold the government accountable for the equal distribution of jobs and resources.

One of the specific concerns raised during the meeting was about subsidized fertilizers for farmers.

Borabu Mp Patrick Osero requested the national government to distribute fertilizers freely to farmers to alleviate the high cost of living.

“Let the government be tolerant to our farmers by giving them free fertilizers for the benefit of themselves and the country,” he said.

He alleged that the government had received free fertilizers from Russia and, therefore, should not burden farmers with the cost.

As part of the government fertilizer subsidy program, a 50kg bag of fertilizer will now be sold at 2500 shillings, reduced from the previous price of 3500 shillings.

The leaders appealed to members of the Gusii community to support them in this initiative where they intend to forge ahead together in matters development and community interests.

The meeting was attended by various prominent figures, including



Azimio la Umoja Gusii Chapter Leaders

Nyamira senator Okong’o Omogeni, MPs Dorice Donya (Kisii), Patrick Osero (Borabu), Clive Gisairo (Kitu-tu Masaba), Anthony Kibagendi (Kitutu Chache South), nominated MP Renee Mayaka, Obadiah Barongo (Bomachoge Chache), and Charles Onchoke (Bonchari).

Ministry Of Lands Signs MOU With LSK, Bankers On Sectional Properties

By: John Kariuki
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The Ministry of Lands today signed a memorandum of undertaking with the Law Society of Kenya, the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya and the Kenya Bankers Association unlocking a bottleneck in the processing of sectional title deeds which had caused the blockage of hundreds billions of shillings in banks.

The agreement now creates an avenue to register sectional properties on conditional basis thereby opening up financial transactions and allowing owners of flats to get individual titles for their property.

LSK President Eric Theuri and Kenya Bankers Association representative Raimond Molenje praised CS Zachariah Njeru and PS Generali Nixon Korir for their dedication and honesty that has seen stakeholders

cooperating to resolve challenges.

“We are delighted that the three months consultations we’ve had has born fruits and we are happy for the significant progress made and the challenges solved so far,” said Mr Theuri.

Mr Molenje said the pending transactions related to sectional properties and the the Sh55 billion pending in banks will soon be cleared following the signing of the MOU today.

“I appreciate the Ministry for being transparent. Since the new Government came into office we have seen tremendous changes in bank transactions.

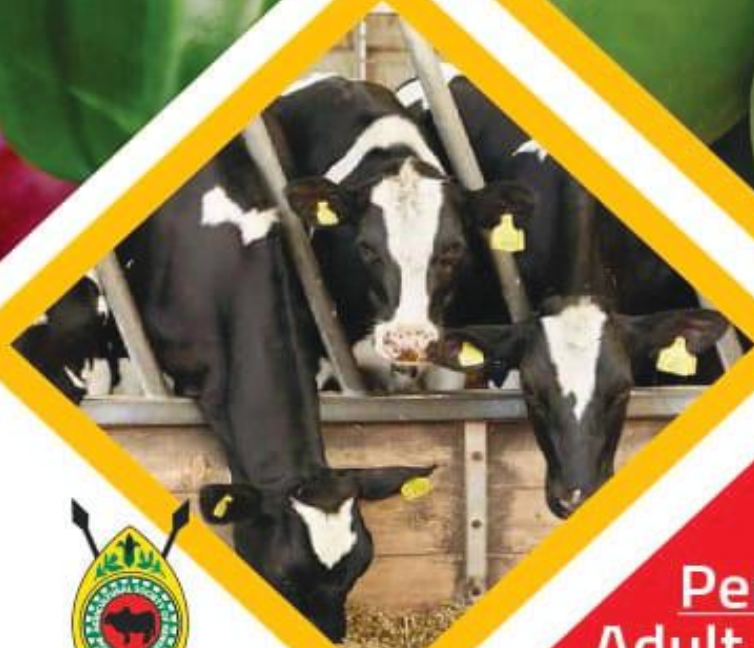
When President William Ruto’s Government came into power a total of close to Sh200 billion of financial transactions were held up in Banks because of issues to do with sectional properties and challenges that faced Ardhisasa users.



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Finance Act: Housing Levy Backdated To July

By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- The levy is payable by the employee and employer at a rate of 1.5 percent of the employee's gross monthly salary.
- "The State Department for Housing and Urban Development would like to inform the members of the public that the Affordable Housing Levy is now in effect from 1 July 2023. The levy is payable by the employee and employer at a rate of one point five per centum of the employee's gross monthly salary by the employee, and one point five per centum of the employee's monthly gross salary by the employer, as outlined in the Finance Act 2023" reads the notice.



The Finance Act 2023 proposes that the deductions shall be remitted by the employer not later than nine working days after the end of the month.

The government has backdated the mandatory deduction of the Housing levy to July 1, 2023.

This is after the Appellate Court last week temporarily lifted conservatory orders barring the implementation of the Finance Act 2023, paving the way for the government to implement deductions of new taxes.

In a public notice, the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development said deductions of the levy will now take effect from July.

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The Kenya Revenue Authority-KRA

is to issue a communication advising on the mode of collection of the deductions.

"The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development has appointed the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) as the collection agent. KRA will issue a communication advising on the mode of collection" the Ministry directs in the notice.

Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah has already moved to the Supreme Court seeking to overturn the Court of Appeal decision that allowed the implementation of the Finance Act 2023.

He wants the new tax law suspended pending the determination of his case at the High Court that is challenging its legality.

While vacating the orders last week, the judges concurred with Treasury CS Njuguna Ndung'u and Attorney General Justin Muturi that there will be serious irreversible economic consequences if the stay of the conservatory orders is not granted.

"The application by (the state) has merit and the same is allowed as prayed with the effect that the order made on July 10, 2023, suspending the Finance Act 2023, and the order prohibiting the implementation of the Finance Act 2023, be and is hereby lifted pending the hearing and determination of the appeal," the three judges ruled.

Additional reporting by Asha Khamis

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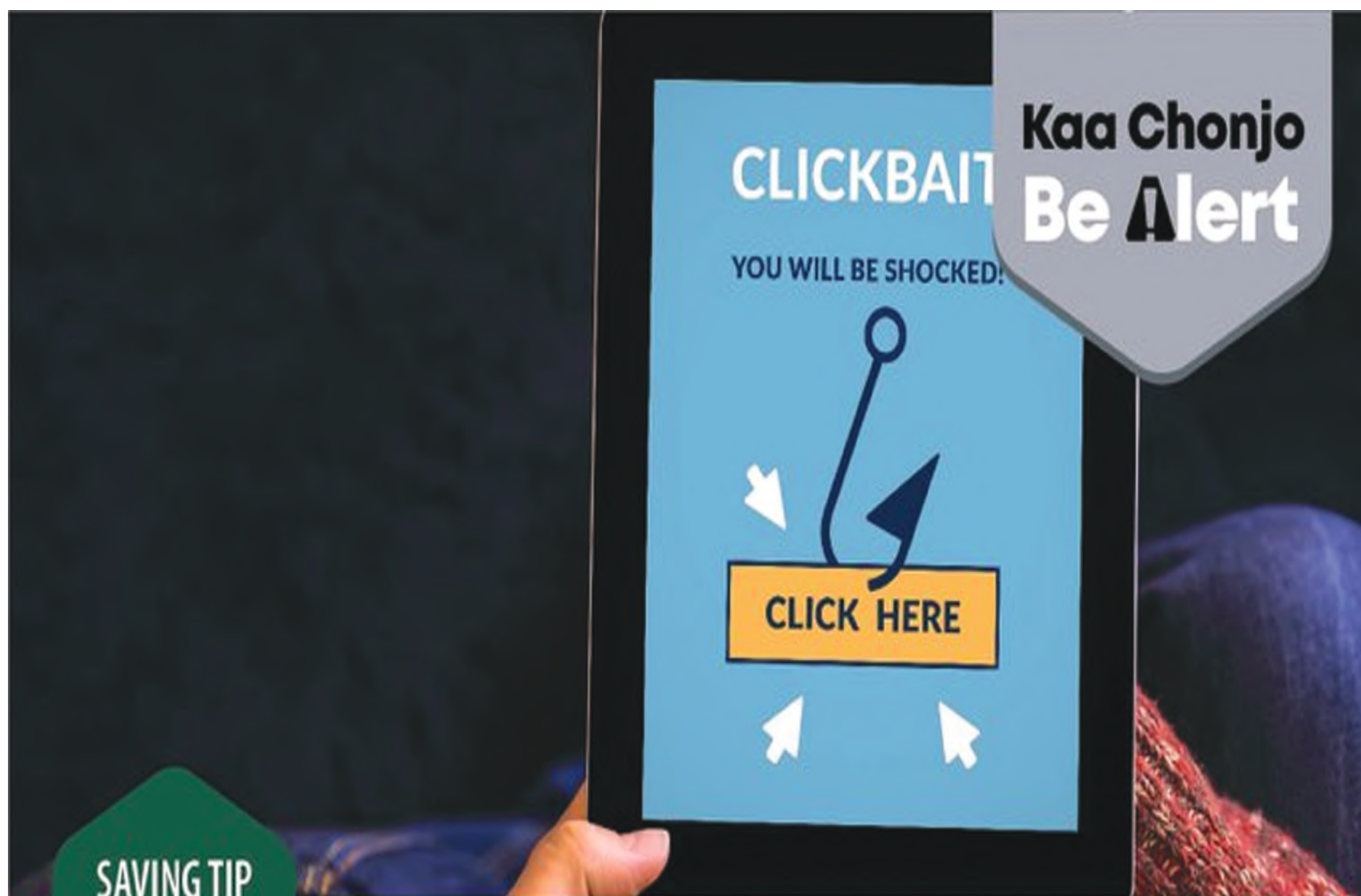
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Government Will Recognize And Renumerate Village Elders Once Law Is Amended, CS Prof. Kindiki

By: PSCU

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki has revealed that the government has put in place plans to recognize and remunerate Village Elders under the Nyumba Kumi Initiative.

Speaking when he appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations, CS Kindiki said the Kenya Kwanza Administration recognizes that the Village elders offer essential services to the country thus there is need to support them through recognition and remuneration.

Prof. Kindiki appealed to the lawmakers to come up with an amendment of the National Government Coordination Act No. 1 of 2013 to provide for a village as the lowest administrative unit after a sub location.

“Once the National Government Coordination Act, 2013 is amended



to include a village as the lowest administrative unit after a Sub Location, the ministry will come up with criterion of establishment of a village, considering the population, geographical area and social cultural factors,” explained CS Kindiki.

He said a policy framework on recruitment and remuneration of village elders will be developed to address among other issues the establishing terms of engagement, functions of village elders, criteria of recruitment, remuneration scheme, termination of engagement, disciplinary procedures, conditions and procedures for vacation of office.

The policy framework will also enable the Ministry to establish the ensuing budgetary implication which will be submitted to the National Treasury for allocation of funds.

CS Kindiki appeared before the committee to give his input on the Petition by the Secretary General, National Community Ambassadors Benson Nyaga Kagete who peti-

tioned the Senate regarding recognition and remuneration of village elders under Nyumba Kumi Initiative.

The CS also gave his input on a petition by residents of Kajiado East and Kajiado West Sub Counties concerning the rampant livestock theft in the region and Kajiado County at large.

Prof. Kindiki assured the legislators that his Ministry has beefed up patrols and surveillance to stamp out criminals stealing livestock.

He said all security officers have been warned against colluding with criminals as alleged assuring the committee that any officer who will be found engaging in the vice will be prosecuted.

Members of the committee in attendance were Baringo County Senator William Cheptumo (Chairperson) and Senatora Prof. Tom Ojienda, Fatuma Dullo, George Mbugua, Senator Seki Lenku, Julius Murgor and Joseph Githuku.

Senators Samson Cherakey and Miraj Abdillahi attended the meeting as friends of the committee.

Leather Players Have Decried The Dismissal Of Their Recommendations

By: John Kariuki
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Leather Players In The Country Have Decried The Dismissal Of Their Recommendations When The Finance Act Was Being Tailored

Led by the Kenya Tanneries Association Chairman Robert Njoka, they said there’s need for the government to relook into their recommendations.

“My name is Robert Njoka, the chairman of Kenya Tanneries Association, the challenges we have in this industry is whereby the government doesn’t put the proper policies for the industry.

One thing you find that this is an industry which carries a lot of job creation, number two it’s an industry economically if you look at the bottom up economic agenda, they have identified the leather industry as one

of the key pillar of the economy.

So if it is true they want to match the industry with their statement, they need to listen to the stakeholders and get the right direction to take the industry.

Our biggest challenge is one: You find like the latest financial bill, where we took almost two days to defend our proposals, none of our proposals was incorporated in the Finance Bill, I don’t know where they got the recommendations from.

As you have heard the CS say that whatever they factored it was from stakeholders. I’m a Charmain. I defended the industry on finance bill, so where did they get the other report from? So whatever they factored in the finance bill it’s their own making and it does not reflect our interests and our recommendations in the leather industry.

They need to convene a stakeholders meeting, they get from the grass-root what is good for the industry be-

cause the government cannot set the interests of the industry excluding the stakeholders because they will be setting for who? So they should take time to listen to the stakeholders so that we can have the right position and the right direction for the industry.”

Kenya Tanneries Association Chairman
Robert Njoka.



President Ruto Set To Tour Mt Kenya For Five Days

By: Margaret Kalekye

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William Ruto is set for an intense development tour of Mt Kenya this weekend through next week.

The five-day tour will begin on tomorrow morning with a road trip from Nairobi, marked by stop-overs in Githurai and Kenol.

At Kagio Trading Centre, the President is expected to open a water project before addressing wananchi at Baricho in Kirinyaga County.

In Karatina, he will commission the Marua-State Lodge Road that will ease the movement of goods and services and spur growth in the area.

On Sunday, the Head of State will be at the State Lodge Sagana for an interdenominational prayer service.

He will start his day on Monday in Mukurweini where a road will be commissioned.

This event will be succeeded by the launch of water projects in Tetu and Othaya.

At Nyeri Town, the President will open a bus park that is poised to ease congestion and create a friendly transport environment.

On Tuesday, he will open a new Kenya Co-operative Creameries facility in Kiganjo.

Thereafter, he will host Mt Kenya leaders at the Sagana State Lodge.

Agriculture, infrastructure, health, education, among other sectors, are expected to dominate the meeting that will be composed of Governors, MPs, MCAs, among others.

The Mt Kenya tour will come to an end on Wednesday when the President will open the three-storeyed, 175-bed capacity Naromoru Level IV Hospital.

He will later launch affordable housing project in Gichugu before landing in Thika where he will commission the Karimenu Dam Water Supply Project and also launch affordable housing.



President William Ruto

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Open University Of Kenya Will Boost Access To Higher Education

By: Margaret Kalekye

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The Government is committed to enhancing access to affordable and quality education in the country.

President William Ruto said his administration is keen on offering competitive and industry-driven education, aligned with the Government’s economic transformation agenda.

He noted that the objective is to deliver a 100 percent transition to higher education.

The Head of State was speaking on Thursday in Konza during the awarding of Charter to the Open University of Kenya.

This is the first virtual public university in the country.

He also toured the Konza Technopolis in the company of Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet Secretaries Davies Chirchir,

Ezekiel Machogu, Alfred Mutua, Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Junior, MPs, among other leaders.

President Ruto explained that the launch of the institution will enhance public university capacity.

“It will also build a formidable stock of qualified and skilled graduates for our market and beyond,” he observed.

He said the University offers a chance for ordinary Kenyans to pursue professional training of their choice wherever they are.

“This will endow enterprises with a sustainable capacity to be innovative and competitive,” he added.

The President said the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) will incorporate the Open University of Kenya into its portal in time to enroll students for the academic year commencing September.

Students placed via KUCCPS will benefit from government financial support through the new funding model.



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Deepest Of Friendships



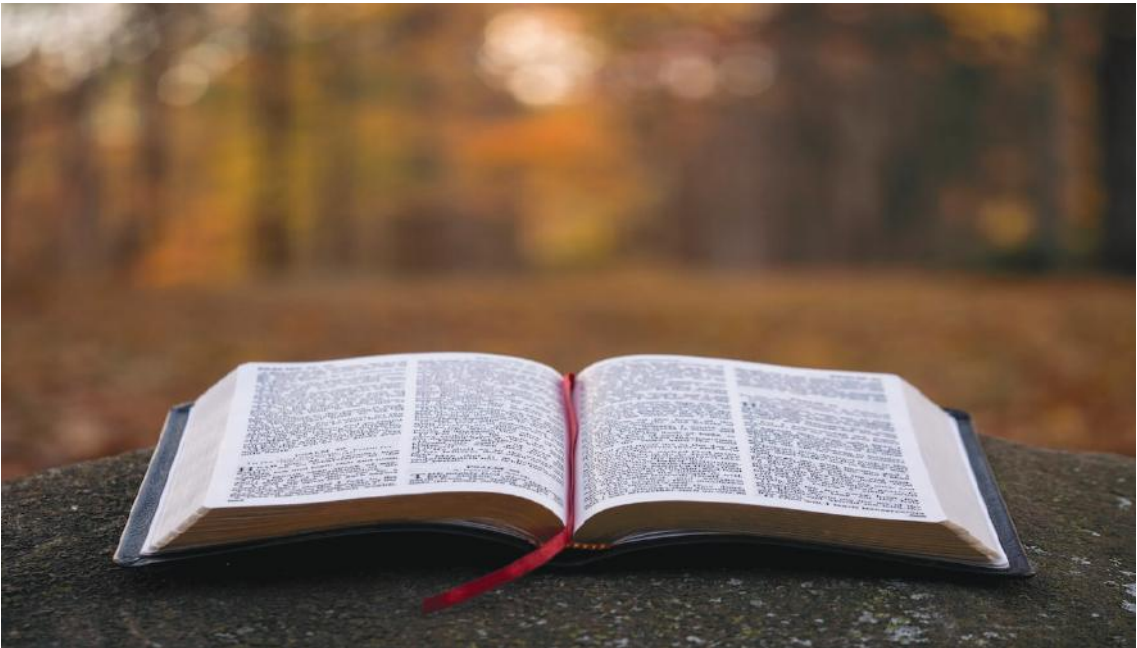
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The deepest of friendships have in common this desire to make the other person royalty. They work for and rejoice in the other’s elevation and achievements. There are no hooks in such friendships, no desire to manipulate or control, no jealousy or exclusiveness — simply a desire for the best for the other. Dostoyevski had the idea when he wrote: “To love a person means to see him as God intended him to be.” Do you have the great fortune to have such a deep friend? Men, are we kingmakers?

Jonathan maintained a fierce loyalty to David as their friendship grew. This is most remarkable, because after the first flush of dramatic commitment he was reminded by his father

(no doubt more than once!), “As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established” (20:31). Yet, when Saul maligned David, we read that “Jonathan spoke well of David” (19:4), and on one occasion even persuaded his father to make an oath not to harm David (an oath Saul did not keep).

Loyalty is indispensable to the survival of friendship. How many once-prosperous friendships have faded because of disloyal talk? Pascal put it pointedly: “I set this down as a fact, that if all men knew what each other said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world.” You will never know a deep friendship unless there is mutual loyalty and trust. It is also critical to encourage one another. When David was in Horesh in the desert he fled, disheartened and terribly discouraged. Jonathan came to the rescue: “And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God” (23:16). What a friend! “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity”



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Two Police Officers Arrested Over Robbery With Violence In Juja Town

By: Capital Correspondent

Two police officers were Wednesday arrested over a case of robbery with violence in which victims lost Sh500,000 in Juja, Kiambu County.

They were arrested as they returned to a scene of a robbery with violence they had been involved in earlier on, police said.

The officers attached to Kamkunji police in Nairobi were arrested by their Juja counterparts as they revisited a scene they had earlier on robbed two men of more than Sh500,000 when they were arrested.

The initial robbery happened on July 31 along Kenyatta Road, police said.

A victim, Robinson Mogaka who is a student at the Mackakos University told police he was driving a salon car after attending a ceremony in Embu when he was blocked by another car.

Three men armed with pistols jumped

out and handcuffed the victim demand- ing that he takes them to his friend iden- tified as Abdulrahaman Juma.

Police suspect the officers had been trailing the university student who was using a rented car then on arrival at Ju- ma’s house, the officers also handcuffed him and forced both of them to take them to Total petrol station in Marurui area along Northern Bypass, police said.

There, they forced the two to fuel their (officers’) car for Sh6,000.

They also forced Robinson to transfer Sh85,000 from his mobile phone and US\$4,3000 from both complainants through Binance online transactions.

They then abandoned the two and left. The complainants reported the matter at Juja police station prompting a probe.

Come Wednesday, police were tipped the same suspects were going to Juma’s house for more money prompting a trap which nabbed the two officers and two other suspected civilian accomplices.

Police said one of the officers was then armed with a Jericho pistol loaded with 14 bullets and had a police pocket phone radio.

Police also detained two salon cars the



suspects had.
 The suspects were Friday expected
 in court to face robbery with violence

charges as the probe into the incident
 and others go on.
 Police officers handling the matter

termed it isolated and vowed justice.

Ruto Walking The Talk In Fight Against Hunger



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Worth Noting:

- In his acceptance speech, the new President announced a drastic reduction of price of fertilizer from Sh6,500 to Sh3,500 per 50-kg bag. This executive order applied to all brands used by Kenyan farmers.
- A few days later, the President noted. You have heard the story of subsidy programme that had been introduced by the outgoing 'handshake' government.
- This was an illicit business enterprise operated by a cabal of cartels who were close allies of the two handshake partners.
- A huge chunk of billions of shillings allocated ended up being looted and lining up their pockets.
- To conceal this, they would announce that they have reduced prices of essential commodities and mainly single out Maize flour (Unga) and petroleum products

During the campaigns the fight against hunger stood out as one of the pillars of the Kenya Kwanza's plan/manifesto.

As he traversed the country soliciting for votes, the party flag bearer Dr William Ruto minced no word in pledging to nip in the bud the shame of hunger in our country.

Food security is a key component of a health nation. We must bear this in mind. The problem of hunger is a key hindrance to the growth of our economy.

This is because human resource is needed to drive it. You would not expect the citizens to make any meaningful contribution when hungry. Hunger also causes deaths of grown-ups and children who suffer from acute malnutrition.

So, Dr Ruto reiterated; this problem will become a thing of the past if you elect me your President.

As Kenya Kwanza, we have a marshal plan which we have factored in our manifesto and has a clear road map to achieve this.

After winning the elections, it emerged during his swearing-in that this is a matter that he held so close to his heart.

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The subsidized Unga selling at Sh100 per 2 kg packet would be available for less than one month and the commodity won't reach all parts of the country.

The supplies would only go to a few selected supermarkets and retail shops chain in big towns.

For those lucky to access this unga, they will be allowed to buy only one packet of 2kg. The same case applied to fuel.

In eve of 2022 polls, the handshake government which was supporting the candidature of Raila Odinga of Azimio Coalition unveiled a Sh7 billion Unga subsidy.

The state announced that a packet of 2kg will sell at Sh90. This Unga was available for only one day and Kenyans in most parts of country did not see it.

Again, one would be allowed to buy only one packet. The stock got depleted before most of them packet got a packet.

For President Ruto, this was a big



President William Ruto.

blow to the growth of our economy.

The looting and stealing hindered in a big way the provisions of other critical services to Kenyans.

President Ruto further assured Kenyans. I'm going to get rid of these cartels once for all. Corruption will never be part of the equation of governance in this country.

Back to his acceptance speech, president further noted. My administration will take a different approach. He took immediate action of removing Unga and petroleum subsidy.

I have done this because the subsidy programme on consumption cannot help our economy to grow.

The mindset of those who introduced it was meant to achieve one thing. Use it as a conduit of stealing nothing else.

Cognizant of fact that Agriculture is the backbone of our economy, he said we need to train our eyes on production.

We need to empower and boost the efforts of our farmers. This is by subsidizing farm input and those in the fields of agro-processing and value additions.

The President said he has started to do this by reducing the prices of fertilizers. He also promised to further reduce

the price of this input from Sh3,500 to Sh2,500 per 50 kg in coming days.

This has become a reality. The president announced the reduction a few days ago during a press conference at State House Nairobi.

He also unveiled other interventions aimed at helping farmers to access loans with ease which would attract lower interest rate.

The president was also privy to the fact that the prices of sugar have gone up.

He announced measures that would help the price of the sweetener to come down in the next one or two weeks.

For me, the president is on the right course. I would therefore expect the Azimio La Umoja-OKA party to drop the issue of the high cost of living from the list of their demands.

The bipartisan brokered by former Nigeria President Olusegun Obasanjo have kicked off in earnest.

The talks are meant to resolve the political impasse created by Azimio leader Raila Odinga. This is after he failed to accept the results of last year's general election.

He never thought he would lose because he enjoyed the support of the outgoing President, deep state and system.

On the other hand, Dr Ruto, his main competitor, enjoyed God's favor and the support of the majority of Kenyans. In a ruling to a petition filed by Raila, the Supreme Court judges unanimously upheld Ruto's victory.

The local and international observers had also given the polls' outcome a clean bill of health.

Azimio and Kenya Kwanza have each picked five negotiators.

One of Azimio's demands is inclusivity in Government.

This explains why many believe Raila and his brigade were out to bulldoze thier way into government through the backdoor.

If Raila ends up having his way, this will not be the first time. He used the same card in 2007 and 2017.

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How Will My Child Change Between The Ages Of 10 And 14?



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Worth Noting:

- Others may change more slowly. Early adolescence often brings with it new concerns about body image and appearance. Both girls and boys who never before gave much thought to their looks may suddenly spend hours primping, worrying and complaining—about being too short, too tall, too fat, too skinny or too pimply.
- Body parts may grow at different times and rates. Hands and feet, for example, may grow faster than arms and legs. Because movement of their bodies requires coordination of body parts—and because these parts are of changing proportions— young adolescents may be clumsy and awkward in their physical activities

Throughout our lives we grow and change, but during early adolescence the rate of change is especially evident. We consider 10-year-olds to be children; we think of 14-year-olds as “almost adults.” We welcome the changes, but we also find them a little disturbing. When children are younger, it is easier to predict when a change might take place and how rapidly. But by early adolescence, the relationship between a child’s real age and her developmental milestones grows weaker. Just how young teens develop can be influenced by many things: for example, genes, families, friends, neighborhoods and values and other forces in society.

Physical Changes

As they enter puberty, young teens undergo a great many physical changes, not only in size and shape, but in such things as the growth of pubic and underarm hair and increased body odor. For girls, change include the development of breasts and the start of menstruation; for boys, the development of testes. Adolescents do not all begin puberty at the same age. For girls, it may take place anywhere from the age of 8 to 13; in boys, on average, it happens about two years later. This is the time period when students’ physical characteristics vary the most within their classes and among their friends—some may grow so much that, by the end of the school year, they may be too large for the desks they were assigned in September.

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The rate at which physical growth and development takes place also can influence other parts of a young teen’s life. An 11-year-old girl who has already reached puberty will have different interests than will a girl who does not do so until she’s 14. Young teens who bloom very early or very late may have special concerns. Late bloomers (especially boys) may feel they can’t compete in sports with more physically developed classmates. Early bloomers (especially girls) may be pressured into adult situations before they are emotionally or mentally able to handle them. The combined effect of the age on the beginning for physical changes in puberty and the ways in which friends, classmates, family and the world around them respond to those changes can have long-lasting effects on an adolescent. Some young teens, however, like the idea that they are developing differently from their friends. For example, they may enjoy some advantages, especially in

sports, over classmates who mature later. Whatever the rate of growth, many young teens have an unrealistic view of themselves and need to be reassured that differences in growth rates are normal.

Cognitive Changes

The cognitive or mental, changes that take place in early adolescence may be less easy to see, but they can be just as dramatic as physical and emotional changes. During adolescence, most teens make large leaps in the way they think, reason and learn. Younger children need to see and touch things to be convinced that they are real. But in early adolescence, children become able to think about ideas and about things that they can’t see or touch. They become better able to think through problems and see the consequences of different points of view or actions. For the first time, they can think about what might be, instead of what is. A 6-year-old thinks a smiling person is happy and a crying person is sad. A 14-year-old may tell you that a sad person smiles to hide his true feelings. The cognitive changes allow young teens to learn more advanced and complicated material in school. They become eager to gain and apply knowledge and to consider a range of ideas or options. These mental changes also carry over into their emotional lives. Within the family, for example, the ability to reason may change the way a young teen talks to and acts around her parents. She begins to anticipate how her parents will react to something she says or does and prepares an answer

or an explanation. In addition, these mental changes lead adolescents to consider who they are and who they may be. This is a process called identity formation and it is a major activity during adolescence. Most adolescents will explore a range of possible identities. They go through “phases” that to a parent can seem to be ever-changing. Indeed, adolescents who don’t go through this period of exploration are at greater risk of developing psychological problems, especially depression, when they are adults. Just as adults, who with more experience and cognitive maturity can struggle with their different roles, adolescents struggle in developing a sense of who they are. They begin to realize that they play different roles with different people: son or daughter, friend, teammate, student, worker and so forth. Young teens may be able to think more like adults, but they still do not have the experience that is needed to act like adults. As a result, their behavior may be out of step with their ideas. For example, your child may participate eagerly in a walk to raise money to save the environment—but litter the route she walks with soda cans. Or she may spend an evening on the phone or exchanging e-mails with a friend talking about how they dislike a classmate because she gossips. It takes time for young teens and their parents to adjust to all these changes. But the changes are also exciting. They allow a young teen to see what she can be like in the future and to develop plans for becoming that person.

Kalonzo Invites Kenya Kwanza For Talks Monday, Says Time Is Of Essence

By: Margaret Kalekye

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Azimio said the move was in light of the urgency of the issues at hand and what it termed as anxiety of the people.

“.....In light of the urgency of the issues, the anxiety of our people, and in the interest of a speedy resolution to the issues afflicting our nation, today we extend an invitation to the Kenya Kwanza National Dialogue Team for the initial joint meeting of both parties at the Serena Hotel on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 11 am” he said in the statement.

“We have taken this step because we believe time is of the essence. While a lot of hard work will be needed to resolve the issues at hand, we believe a speedy start and a time-bound program is necessary to put the nation at ease” Kalonzo explained.

Kalonzo is optimistic that the talks would not take more than a month.

“Consequently, we believe this process should come to an end at the close of August. 2023, as a party we believe that if all concerned show

courage and commitment, there is now a real chance that before the 1st of September, Kenya will be reunited” he said.

He assured that the Azimio side remained committed to negotiating in good faith on the basis of a plan to achieve a comprehensive settlement of the country’s problems through dialogue.

Kalonzo who is the Azimio la Umoja co-principal reiterated the outstanding issues that the team wants discussed namely the cost of living, Audit of the 2022 Presidential Election Results, Restructuring and Reconstitution of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and Related Matters, Prevention of Political Parties Interference as well as Outstanding Constitutional Matters.

He said Azimio was committed to respecting the issues listed by Kenya Kwanza for the talks which include the reconstitution of the IEBC Commission, Implementation of two-thirds gender rule, Entrenchment of Constituency development fund, Establishment and entrenchment of the Office of the Leader of the Opposition and Embedment of the Office of Prime Cabinet Secretary.



Azimio co-principal and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka addressing the media (File).

“Our initial discussions shall take cognizance of the already signed Framework document, during the bipartisan talks. We commend the constructive spirit and political will displayed so far. All of us now face historic responsibilities to bring about a just and lasting peace in Kenya” he emphasized.

Last week, the two sides met and agreed to establish a 10-member committee to deliberate on outstanding issues.

Those in Azimio include Minority Party Leader Opiyo Wandayi and DAP Party Leader Eugene Wamalwa, Nyamira Senator Okon’go Omogeni and Malindi MP Amina Mnyazi.

Kenya Kwanza is led by Majority leader and Kikuyu MP Ichung’wa. Others are Senate Majority Leader Aaron Cheruiyot, Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire, Hassan Omar and Catherine Wambilianga.

The talks will be mediated by former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Igamba-Ng’ombe Sub-County Hasn’t Been Declassified As An ASAL Area, CS Miano Tells Senate National Cohesion Committee

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The Cabinet Secretary for EAC, the ASALs and Regional Development, Rebecca Miano, has today informed Senators that Igamba-Ng’ombe Sub-County in Tharaka Nithi County hasn’t been declassified as an ASAL area.

While appearing before the Senate Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration led by Marsabit Senator Mohamed Chute, the Cabinet Secretary told the Members of the Committee that the Ministry isn’t aware of any declassification of the sub-county.

She added that her Ministry uses the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization’s (KARLO)

Aridity Index Study to classify regions as Arid, Semi-Arid or Non-Arid in Kenya.

“Based on the KARLO’S Study, Tharaka Nithi has over 50% of its land mass that’s classified as Arid and Semi-Arid area. Igamba-Ng’ombe Subcounty is one of the locations in the county which constitutes the ASALs,” Miano said.

On their part, the Members of the Committee raised concerns about the non-payment of hardship allowance to civil servants in the sub-county despite it being classified as a hardship area, and asked the Cabinet Secretary to look into the matter.

“Although you have indicated that Igamba-Ng’ombe sub-county hasn’t been declassified, declassification is there because the civil servants from the area aren’t paid hardship allowance. You should look into that matter,” Senator Gataya said.

Miano was appearing before the Committee to respond to a Request for a Statement by Tharaka Nithi Senator Mwenda Gataya on the Declassification of Igamba-Ng’ombe Sub-County in Tharaka Nithi as an Arid and Semi-Arid Area.

Cabinet Secretary for EAC, the ASALs and Regional Development, Rebecca Miano



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I love Surkhandarya and try to make his name known to the whole world.

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Don't leave me alone for a moment.
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even when I ask you myself
Capture me in your heart all the time.
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You will fall in love anyway
Sweet dreams of your heart,
Even the heart does not find medicine.
It is actually a command from God.

The stone of your heart will melt,
Age of blindness,
If it is not enough, a person can bear it
You will fall in love anyway.

The heart does not find comfort
Love will build in your heart
Admit it one day,
You will fall in love anyway.

I know you are proud of it
One day when your heart is smoking
You will fall in love anyway.

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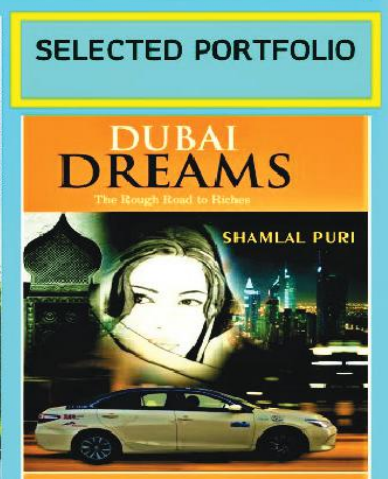
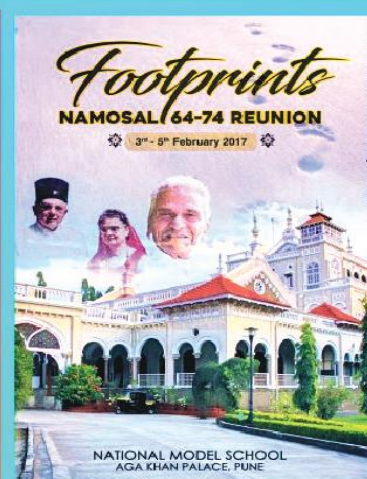
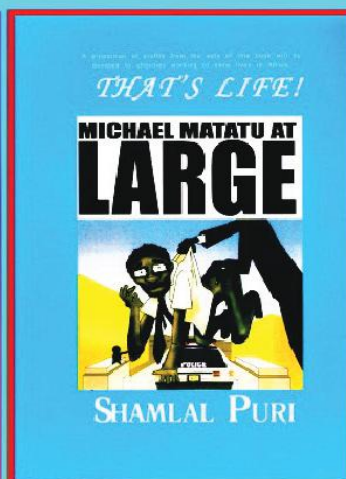
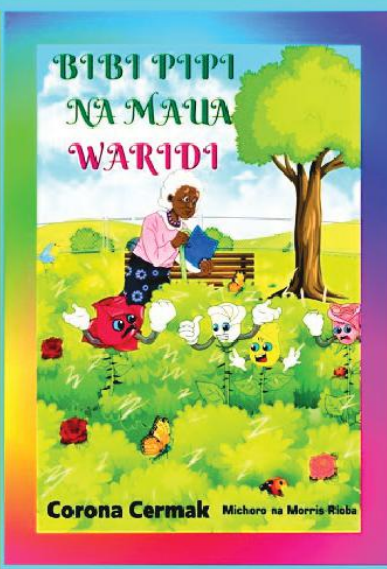
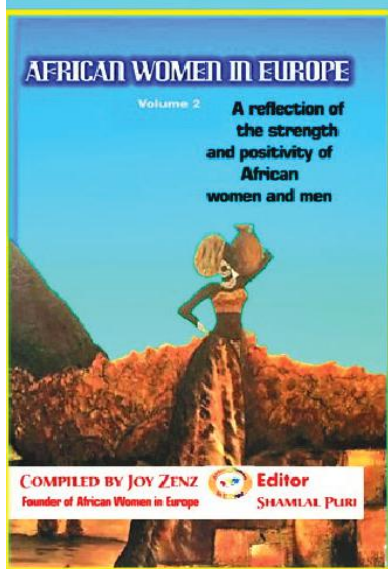
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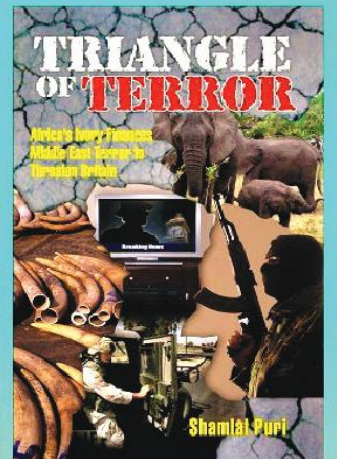
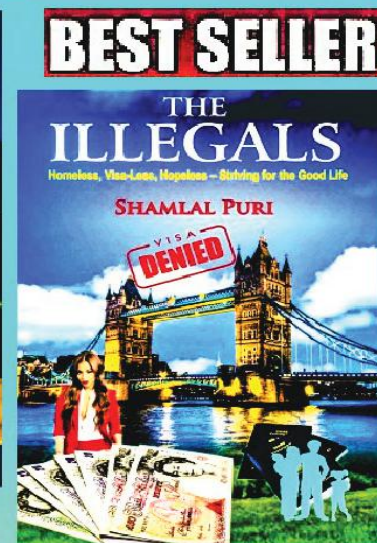
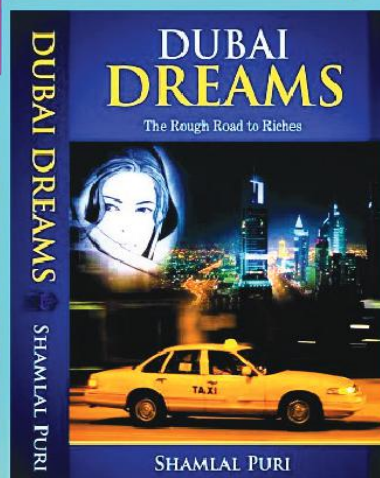
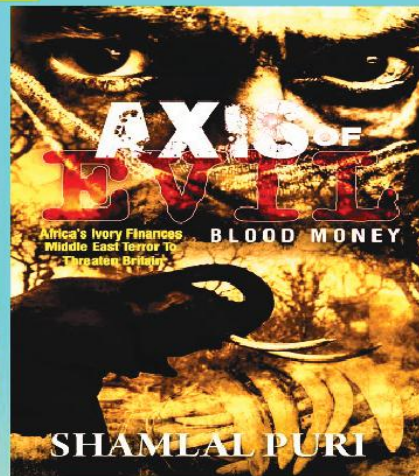
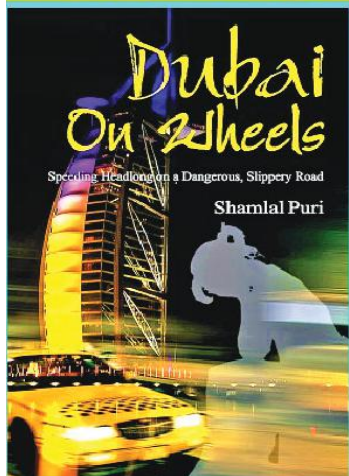
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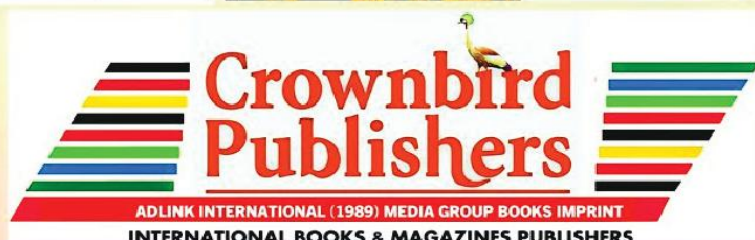
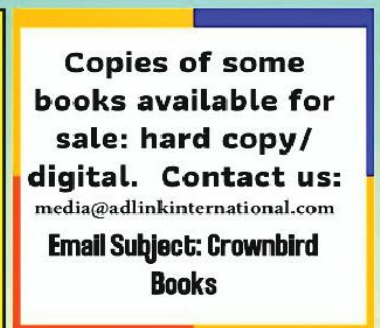
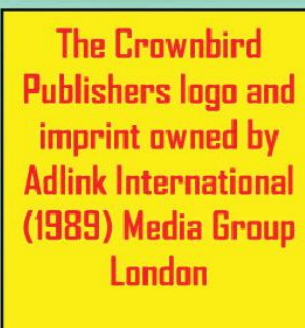
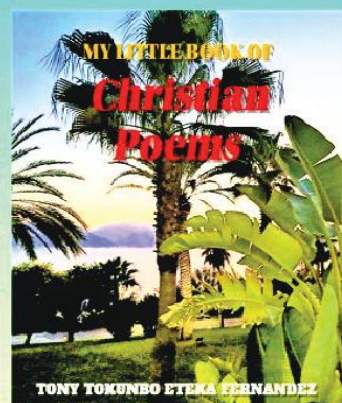
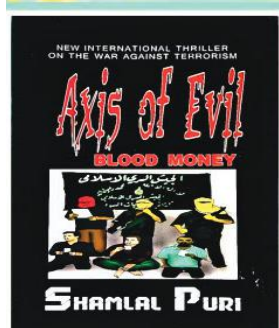
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Sacco Capitalization Exceeds Threshold Despite Hostile Climate Changes

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Worth Noting:

- One key parameter that recorded improvement is capitalization which was bolstered by the high overall retention of surpluses.
- According the report, total capitalization of the DT-Saccos increased from Kshs96.74 billion in 2022 to Kshs109.27 billion in 2023. The core capital to total deposits ratio equally increased to 23.04 per cent in 2023 from 22.66 per cent recorded in 2022, which is above the prescribed minimum of 8 per cent.
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Following the research that was done on January by the disaster management team dealing with drought, it was noticed that the key stability ratios of core capital to total assets increased to 16.74 per cent in the budget year 2022/23 from 16.03 per cent recorded in the budget year 2021/22 against the prescribed minimum of 10 per cent. The sub-sectors of the Sacco in Kenya maintained its stability particularly in capitalization, keeping ratios above the prescribed minimums thanks to the prudential and regulatory frameworks implemented by Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority {SASRA}.

According to the Sacco Supervision Annual Report, 2022 released on January 17, 2023, strategic performance indicators improved compared to the previous year.

As the result, this will inject it with a dose of confidence and translate into increased deposits and loan uptake; and the growth of the sub-sectors.

However, the growth rates in key performance parameters in the beginning of this year were lower than that recorded in 2022.

The CEO Peter Njuguna principally attributed this to the after-effects of

the Covid-19 pandemic and erratic weather patterns witnessed in the country.

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However, the SASRA report showed that the ratio remained well above the prescribed minimum of 8 per cent and thus confirms the continued financial stability of the DT-Sacco segment. According to it, the Non-Withdrawable Deposit-taking {NWDT}

Saccos was compliant with the overall total capitalization, which was maintained above the prescribed minimum of Ksh5 million. Core capital to total deposits ratio was maintained at 8.54 per cent in early 2023, which is above the prescribed minimum of 6 per cent.

The institutional capital to core capital ratio was maintained at 74.60 per cent, which is above the prescribed minimum threshold of 50 per cent. However, the NWDT Saccos segment on average did not meet the core capital to total assets threshold prescribed at a minimum of 8 per cent, which was reported at 7.48 per cent in early 2023. This is because NWDT-Saccos were first subjected to prudential supervision in late 2022, which prescribed capital adequacy requirements.

The CEO, Peter Njuguna noted that the NWDT Saccos were previously not required to comply with minimum capital adequacy requirements and thus there was never any incentive for them to build their capital. The Sacco sub-sector's liquidity ratios increased from 48.49 per cent in late 2022 to 55.34 per cent early 2023, which is above the prescribed

minimum threshold of 15 per cent.

On the other hand, NWDT Saccos segment's liquidity increased from 18.93 per cent in 2022 to 19.84 per cent in 2023, which is above the prescribed minimum of 9 per cent. However, the sub-sector's overall non-performing loans portfolio increased substantially to 8.98 per cent in 2023 from a low of 8.34 per cent registered in 2022. The spike in the NPL ratio was mainly driven by the NWDT-Saccos, which stood at high of 10.24 per cent in 2023 compared to the NPL ratio of the DT-Saccos, which stood at 9.25 per cent.

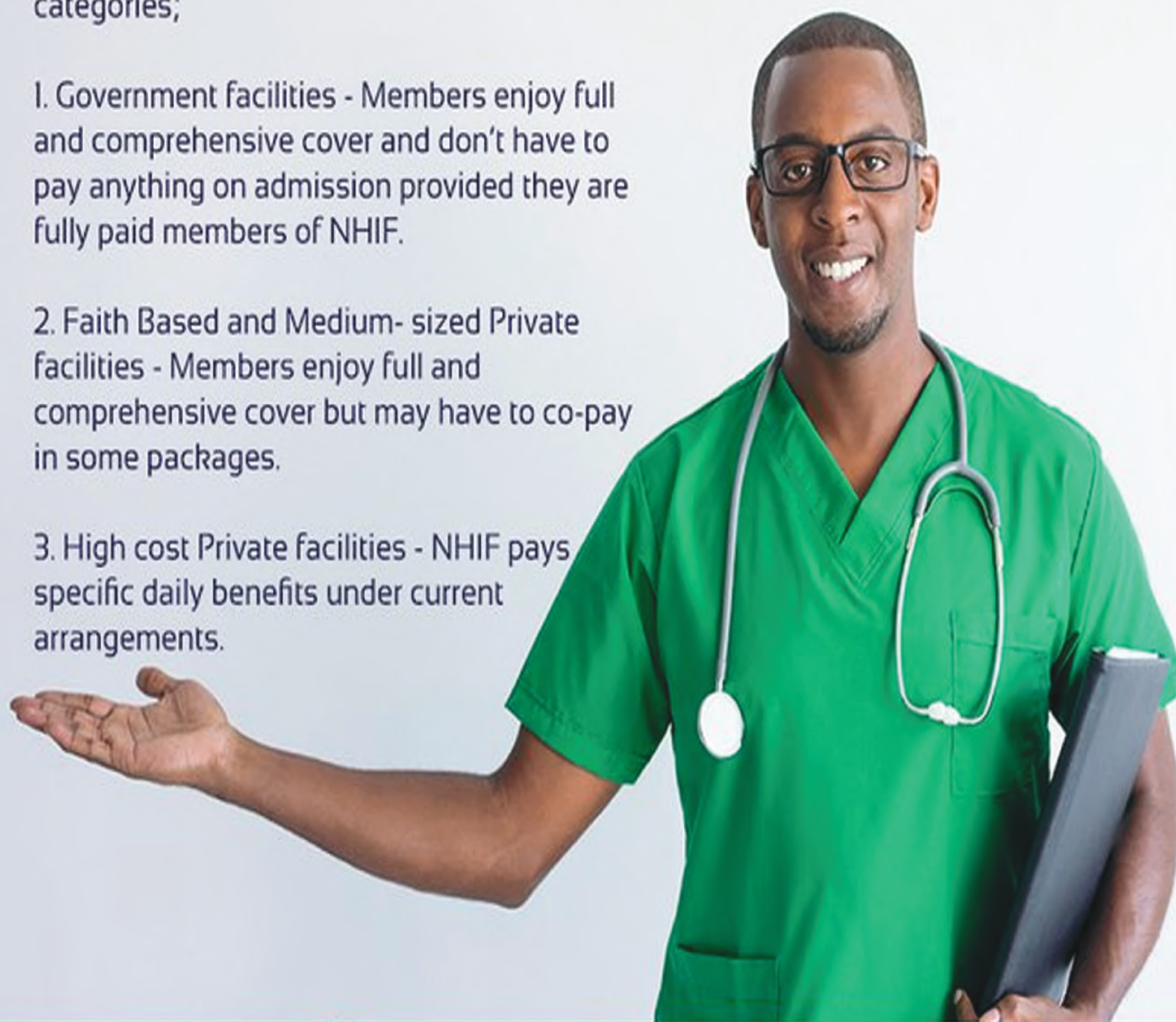
To further bolster the stability, the regulator and key stakeholders are working on other initiative to stabilize the sector. One such move is the Deposits Guarantee Fund, a legal framework aimed at compensating members in case of collapse of the Sacco due to capitalization issues during this hostile climatic change moment in the country.



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Kindiki: Worldcoin Is Not Registered As A Legal Entity In Kenya

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Interior CS Kindiki Kithure (Centre).

Worth Noting:

- According to the preliminary statement read by National Assembly Majority Leader, Kimani Ichungwa in Parliament on Thursday, criminal investigations have commenced to establish the authenticity and legality of the activities of World Coin, the safety and protection of the data being harvested, and how the harvesters intend to use the data.
- The project captured the attention of authorities after thousands of Kenyans started queuing up at registration centers this week to get free tokens worth Ksh 7000 in exchange for iris scans.
- Kindiki said Worldcoin was issued with the registration certificate on April 18, 2023, after it provided the requisite documentation pursuant to the Data Protection Registration Regulations.

Cryptocurrency project Worldcoin which was suspended by the government over data privacy concerns is not licensed.

Interior CS Kindiki Kithure in a joint statement with his Information Communication, and Digital Economy counterpart Eliud Owalo clarified that Worldcoin is only registered as a data controller and not a legal entity.

This he said is pursuant to the Data Protection Act, 2019 and the Data Protection Registration of Data Controllers and Data Processors Regulation, 2021 (Registration Regulations) which require, as one compliance obligation, that entities processing data should be registered with the Office.

“An application for a certificate of registration only signifies that the entity has complied with sections 18 and 19 of the Act and does not endorse an entity’s compliance with the Data Protection Act or its subsidiary regulations, nor is it a valid license for organisations to operate in Kenya or authorize the operations of an entity,” the CS said.

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Preliminary investigations reveal that the entity has hired a company in Kenya called Sense Marketing to do the data capture for them.

The local representatives who are under probe by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) have been identified as Emmanuel Otieno, in charge of operations and Ms. Rael Mwende the alleged Country Manager.

“Among the foreign nationals associated with Worldcoin, is a Mr. Piotr Piwowarczyk who is on record to have entered Kenya on several occasions, the last one being in June 2023 (Arrival – 11th June, 2023; Departure 25th June, 2023)” the statement says.

Kindiki says as a precautionary measure, the Immigration authorities have been directed to ensure that no persons whether Kenyan or foreign nationals associated with this entity leave the country without the clearance of the Director of Criminal Investigations in charge of the ongoing investigations.

Source of funds

The investigations will also cover any persons of interest who may be

outside the territory of Kenya in accordance with relevant international procedures and protocols on Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) and the exercise of extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The Government further says is not aware of the source of funds adding that part of the multi-agency team mandate will be to investigate the source of the money being issued to the participants and the beneficiaries. “The Government has commenced investigations to ensure that Worldcoin complies with the data collection, storage, and sharing principles. Immediate mitigation steps being undertaken are the constitution of a multi-agency team comprising of security, financial services and data protection agencies have commenced inquiries and investigations to establish the legality of the activities of Worldcoin, the safety and the protection of data collected with the aim to safeguard personal data and mitigate against any adverse practices” said Kindiki and Owalo.

The Statement follows concerns raised by MPs and a request for a statement made by Manyatta MP John Mukunji.

Suspension

It was further revealed that The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner commenced an assessment of the organisation in May 2022, and immediately suspended its operations for a period of 60 days to ascertain the lawful basis and safeguards ad-

opted by Worldcoin.

The statement goes on to explain that the Office conducted a spot check on 24th May 2023 and once again raised concerns with the processing activities of the entity.

On 30th May 2023, a letter was done directing the immediate cessation of processing of sensitive personal data, namely: iris and facial data, of data subjects.

“The Office further directed that Worldcoin safely restrict processing any data that had already been processed and advise the Office of the safeguards placed on the restricted data” the statement adds.

Following the suspension, Worldcoin said it is planning to implement crowd-control measures and collaborate with the government before resuming work. It added that Kenyan regulations are adhered to.

It claims to be creating a new global “identity and financial network”.

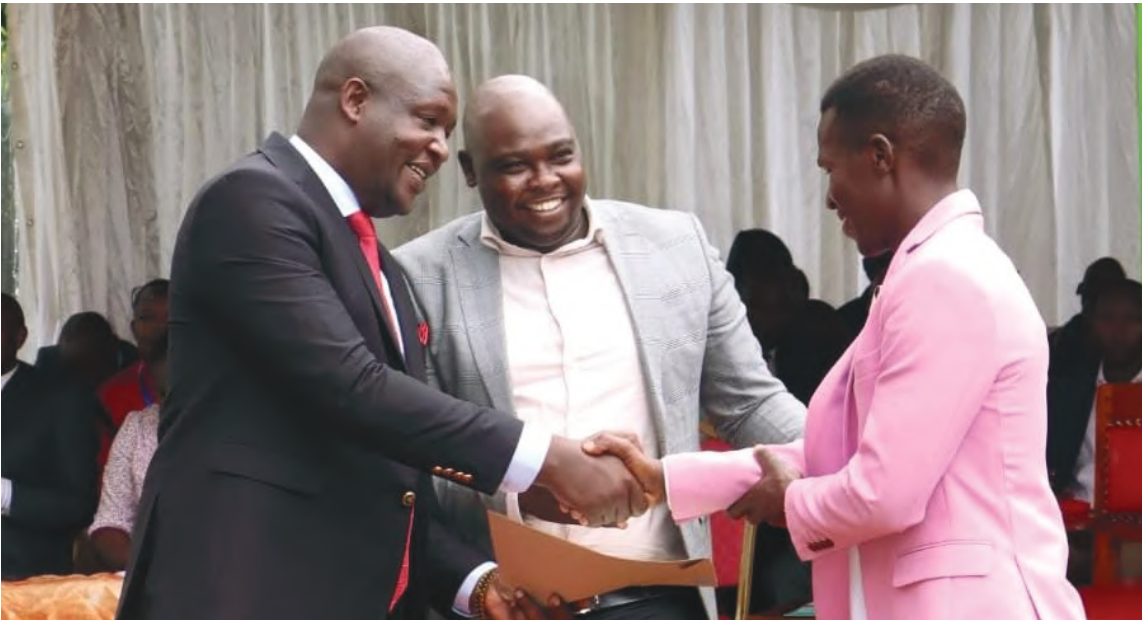
“We are creating the world’s largest identity and financial network as a public utility, giving ownership to everyone. And establishing universal access to the global economy regardless of country or background,” a statement on the Worldcoin website reads.

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Kericho Launches Second Phase Of College, Varsity Students

By: Our Reporter
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In need to address the challenge of unemployment which has been a great concern across the country. Kericho County has launched the second phase of the internship program which aims to equip fresh graduates with work skills in different capacities across the county. The one year programme aims to developing and preparing the interns to job market. Kericho governor Erick Mutai, while officiating the event held at County Headquarters grounds yesterday, said addition of 90 interns totalling to 300 from the six sub counties is a mile stone to improve lives of the youths who have graduated from various universities in the country. ‘The first Cohort has truly demonstrated their excellence service delivery to the people of Kericho in various departments and to improve on service delivery there was need to add more interns after dialogue with



Frankline Rotich with fresh graduate of Pwani University, a resident from Chilchila in Kipkelion West receives internship appointment Letter from Kericho County Governor Erick Mutai, looking over is Chilchila ward MCA Hezron Ngetich during the launching of as Second Phase of Internship program held at Kericho County Governor’s Headquarters on Thursday, 3rd August, 2023.

Kericho MCAs who approved the process and today we are glad to add more to the process’, Mutai said. The County boss said that education the greatest equalizer and urged the interns to seize the opportunity noting internship offers a beginner in a career field practical experience within a professional role. Mutai further implored other institutions in the county to offer students and newly graduate space to harness their skills and get ready for job market. Mutai said in addation of offering opportunities in the devolved unit, the county will also help them get scholarship and job at different institutions across the world. To keep their dreams valid, the county has set a Kshs 40 million kit-

ty which will be used as stipend and every intern will receive kshs 15,000 per month. For the graduates from the tertiary institutions the county has a plan to have various building of modern industries which will create jobs for them. ‘The head of state is set to launched various institutions such as Export Processing Zone and many other institutions which will provide employment for the people of Kericho before the Mashujaa day which will be held at the county. Public Service Board Chief Officer Betsy Chebet echoed the governor’s words saying the board will ensure all the interns get a conducive environment for acquiring skills called upon the interns to do their best. ‘University and College students who have graduated within a period of three years are legible for the opportunity and I urge you to make good use of the stipends to entrepreneurship sector’, she added. Kericho MCAs who were present in the event said the program will dully transform the community noting that process was transparently done and every ward benefited.

Parents Should Be Educated About CBC

By: Joyline Chepkorir
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Most of the parents do not know how exactly Competence Based Curriculum of education system is going about. That is why most of them are trying to pay different schools headteachers for their children to be registered to sit for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) instead of having their children join Junior Secondary Schools for grade seven. The parents are not to be blame of this since they are innocent of how the new curriculum is running about.The main reason is because they were used to the last 8.4.4 system and hence would want their children go through it. There is need for these parents to be trained concerning the new curriculum so that it could continue running on smoothly. There is need for them to be aware of how the curriculum works.



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Amendments To The 2018 Cybercrimes Act Ready-Ps Omollo

By: Muraya Kamunde

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The Ministry of Interior and National Administration is in the process of making amendments to the Computer Cybercrimes Act of 2018 in order to curb issues of scams, identity theft, hacking and internet fraud.

PS interior Dr. Raymond Omollo revealed that since the Act was passed in 2018, a lot has changed in the digital space, which is one of the reasons that have necessitated the need for the changes in the law.

Addressing the press after meeting with the taskforce mandated to give proposals on computer and misuse and Cybercrimes Regulations, the PS said the government will be keen on employing a much more coordinated approach in dealing with Cybercrimes and sharing of data.

The task force, which comprises of two co-chairs among other members from government agencies, with expertise in Cyberspace, ICT, and

digitization has already come up with draft regulations which will be subjected to a rigorous public participation exercise soon before the Parliament okays it.

Advancements on digital technologies have led to the rise of new risks that expose government and Kenyans to threats such as subversion, cyber terrorism and cyber fraud cases, with the amendments to the Act if approved by Parliament, expected to protect Kenyans, government and even businesses from such threats.

The Computer and Misuse and Cybercrimes Regulations seeks to address three key areas, which include protection measures for critical information and public infrastructure to enhance their cyber security preparedness and prioritize cyber security.

The National Computer cybercrimes coordination committee was formed about six months ago to look into the Act.



Interior Principal Secretary Dr. Raymond Omollo

Kindiki Hints At Result-Based Performance Contracts For Police

By: KBC Digital

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Police were on the spot Thursday following increased cases of livestock theft in some parts of the country.

Appearing before the Senate Security and Defense Committee, Interior CS Prof. Kithure Kindiki said he could not rule out the possibility of security officers colluding with cattle rustlers but warned that those found culpable will be dealt with firmly.

He however stated that no evidence had been adduced linking the police to the alleged crime.

“The government is not aware of any conspiracy between security agencies and cattle rustlers. If the investigation reveals collusion we will take action in accordance with the law. As a stop-gap measure we have directed all officers in the field to take charge and that they will be



Interior CS Prof. Kithure Kindiki .

liable...so far we have no evidence but we can't rule out any possibility” he clarified.

Responding to a petition regarding a spike in livestock theft in Kajiado County, the CS said moving forward officers in the affected areas would be held to account as part of the recommended long-term solutions being implemented.

“We have made progress on this crime around livestock, but we are not out of the woods yet. There’s a lot of work to be done and part of the response in terms of long-term success is putting all officials of national administration and security agencies who are in command under result-based performance contracts. We are working on a framework” he

told the Senators.

While terming the vice as a serious security matter, the CS revealed that in the last 7 months, 32 cases had been reported in Kajiado East and West while seven people had been charged.

Overall, he hailed the security operation to flush out rustlers in North Rift region disclosing that a record

7,147 herds of cattle and assorted animals have been recovered in the last four months.

He attributed the success to the gazettement of some remote areas used as hideouts by the criminals as disturbed and dangerous adding that they will keep the hideouts inaccessible and deploy more specialised police units.

“We have determined that banditry is an organised, sophisticated crime, no amount of regular policing interventions will deal with it. We have invested both in terms of personnel (specialised police units) and equipment, the same way we have done with terrorism” he said.

He further called for enhanced community policing to help eradicate the vice.

Unfortunately, he said, the stolen animals were being ferried to Nairobi.

“These thieves have been avoiding roadblocks and official routes. We will track them until we stamp out banditry ” he said.

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Sharp-eyed Jasmeet Chana looking to consolidate KNRC lead in Eldoret



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Chana will be navigated by his elder brother Ravi Chana in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X marque in a series which has so far been to Machakos, Naivasha and Nakuru and Voi.

The Rubis Energy Kenya – sponsored Chana currently tops the KNRC log by 114 against McRae Kimathi's 60 after four events.

"We have run a pre-event test and it's been a mad rush to keep the Evolution in good nick for Eldoret. As we kick-start the second half of the season, we're not letting the championship slip from our grasp as was the case last year," said Chana.

Asked about his strategy for the Western Kenya Motor Club (WKMC) round, Chana quipped: "There is always the feeling of attacking and putting everything in."

Eldoret's gravel roads are technical and energy-sapping given the high-altitude nature of the region which is synonymous with the old-type Safari and the event previously known as the Raymond Rally.

After finishing second in last year's championship behind Karan Patel, Chana got his mitts on his maiden KNRC winner's trophy in Nakuru before taking second spot in the WRC Safari KNRC category.

–Top Seed–

Kenya's JWRC /WRC3 contender Hamza Anwar returns to the local championship after finishing fifth in Junior WRC in Estonia.

Hamza has entered a Mitsubishi Lancer and will be navigated by Adnan Din from Mombasa.

Also, in the Eldoret mix is reigning champion Karan Patel who returns to the bucket seat of his old Mitsubishi Lancer.

Karan has been running a Ford Fiesta Rally 3 in international and local events and it will be

interesting to see how he cruises in his EvoX.

Fourth off the ramp is Issa Amwar in an Evolution 10 followed by home driver Ghalib Haji in a similar car.

McRae Kimathi and Jeremiah Wahome will both pilot their state-of-the-art M-Sport Poland prepared Ford Fiestas which feature in Rally 3 category in the FIA Rally Pyramid.

Old boy Ian Duncan, outright winner of the 1994 WRC Safari Rally, has enlisted a Nissan 280 Z classic and will have his pace-notes called by Jaspal Matharu.

Also listed in the Classic category alongside Duncan is Sam Karangatha in a Datsun 180 B.

The Specially Prepared Vehicle (SPV) category has attracted two entrants in Jose Sardinha (Pajero Mitsubishi) and Navdeep Sadhu in a Subaru Leone.

Youngster Sameer Nanji has entered the event's only Two Wheel Drive, a VW Golf Mk2 he'll drive alongside Vinay Shah.

This year's Eldoret Rally is an all high-altitude rally. The event will be flagged off outside Rupa

Mall in Uasin Gishu County on Saturday, August 5 before tackling repeat stages in Kaptagat, Bugar, Salabin.

The repeat run of the 17.4 Km Bugar stage (SS6) will serve as the Power Stage where the top three fastest drivers will be awarded bonus championship points.

The event's Service Park will be centered on Iten in Elgeyo Marakwet County better known as the "County of Champions".

KNRC STANDINGS AFTER WRC KNRC SAFARI

1 Jasmeet Chana	114
2 McRae Kimathi	60
3 Nikhil Sacania	44
4 Carl Tundo	39
5 Kush Patel	34
5= Karan Patel	34
7 Amman Shah	33
8 Jeremiah Wahome	30
9 Hamza Anwar	26
10 Izhar Mirza	23

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‘Explosion of joy’ as World Cup debutants Morocco reach last 16



Morocco celebrate after progressing to the knockout phase of the women's World Cup

Goal-scorer Anissa Lahmari called it an “explosion of joy” as World Cup debutants Morocco qualified for the last 16 at the expense of Germany after stunning Colombia 1-0 on Thursday.

One of the lowest-ranked teams at the tournament at 72 in the world, Morocco face France on Tuesday in the knockouts.

Lahmari’s winner just before half-time separated the teams in Perth, but Morocco then endured a few nerve-jangling minutes with Germany and South Korea locked at 1-1 in Brisbane and still playing.

Two-times former champions Germany needed a victory to overtake Morocco on goal difference and progress from Group H. But they could not produce a late

winner, triggering wild celebrations from Morocco’s players and staff.

“At the end of our game, we came together and we were praying,” Lahmari told reporters.

“(When we found out) it was a draw... it was a complete explosion of joy.

“We are so proud, delighted and happy. Emotions are running high.”

It was a fairytale moment for Morocco, who rebounded from a humiliating 6-0 drubbing on their debut against Germany with wins over South Korea and now Colombia.

They will be dreaming of emulating their men’s team, who made a shock run to the semi-finals of the World Cup in Qatar last year.

“We came here as debutants. There was a lot of emotion and those emotions were overwhelming against Germany,” said coach Reynald Pedros.

“We helped them continue to be motivated, made adjustments and there was a lot of hard work.”

The clash with France pits Pedros against the country he represented as a player.

“It is very special because it is France,” Pedros said.

“I know the French team very well and maybe it will help us. They will be very difficult to play.

“If we have the same mindset, maybe we can go further. Our objective is not to stop now.”

Despite the defeat Colombia finished on top of the group to set up a clash with Jamaica.

They will be without defender Manuela Vanegas, who picked up her second yellow card of the tournament.

“We can replace her... we wanted to qualify first in our group,” said Colombia coach Nelson Abadia, explaining his decision to play Vanegas.

“The next match is sudden death. We are facing a very good rival who are physical, good in defence and have a good counterattack.

“It is a good opportunity for both teams.”

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Those Who Know The Language Know

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Worth Noting:

- There are sayings in our people: "He who knows the language knows", "pay attention to the language - pay attention to the hand". It's pretty cool, of course. Let's not take any nation in the world, it has its place and position in the world, its nationality and historical development. The cultural and spiritual wealth of the nation, intellectual perception and thinking, scientific and historical cultural wealth are expressed in its language.
- To consider the Motherland, which is the symbol of our pride, as the greatest and dearest value, to teach the young generation to live in the heart of the motherland, to always feel gratitude from the heart and express it in their native language.



Shermuhammadova Madina .

It is known that language is a symbolic controller in the understanding of people's culture, and vocabulary is an emotional expression of its culture, the greatest product of human spirituality and a means of expressing a certain idea. Bequeaths the treasure of national culture from ancestors to generations. The young generation learns the rich cultural experience of their ancestors along with their mother tongue, all the

changes taking place in the society are reflected in the language.

In today's rapidly developing society, the importance of knowing the language is incomparable. In order to firmly build the foundation of our New Uzbekistan, the third Renaissance, it is necessary to learn languages on the basis of scientific progress, to be equally aware of the news in the conditions of globalization, and to analyze and research

them. Studying different languages from a scientific point of view, comparing them with our mother tongue, justifying the obtained results serves to increase the status of the state language.

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This means that New Uzbekistan, which is taking its rightful place in the world community, is keeping pace with the times, and also has an effect on the growth of the digital economy. The extensive reforms carried out in our country, the policy of openness, the free and active entry into the world market, and the increasing expansion of interstate international cooperation relations, respect for the languages of different peoples, in turn, open up wide opportunities for a number of dialogues based on mutual understanding.

Because a language cannot develop in isolation from other languages. Any language is created by the nation, and the culture of that nation is reflected in the national language, and the vocabulary of the language continues to grow over the centuries. By the virtue of knowledge of languages, a person can express his thoughts, have all the information, create large projects, introduce innovations and inventions in science, conduct various research works, enriching any language at the expense of external and internal sources. , creates the ground for its development, besides, the integration of our country into the world community at the stage of national development requires important reforms in Uzbek linguistics.

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