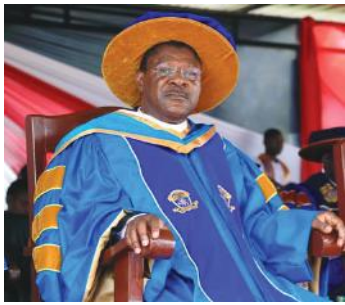




Kenya To Host Sixth African Network Of Parliamentary Budget Offices Conference

The Parliament of Kenya is set to host the Sixth Annual Conference in Mombasa later this month. The forum which is held in conjunction with the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices (AN-PBO) will be co-ordinated by the Parliamentary Budget Office and is expected to focus on experience sharing on how the power of the purse can be used effectively ... Page 18

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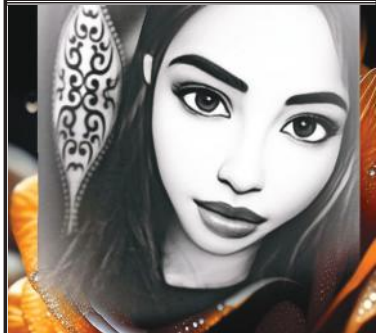
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From left: Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru, President William Ruto and Water CS Alice Wahome

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KNUT Rallies Behind Recommendations By Presidential Working Party On Education Reforms

By: Joshua Chesire

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The Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) has welcomed recommendations by the Presiden-

tial Working Party on Education reforms.

KNUT Secretary General Collins Oyuu says the Working Party report on Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) is based on extensive re-

search especially having taken into consideration the input of stakeholders in the sector, especially the teachers. The Union says it, among other things, supports the recom-

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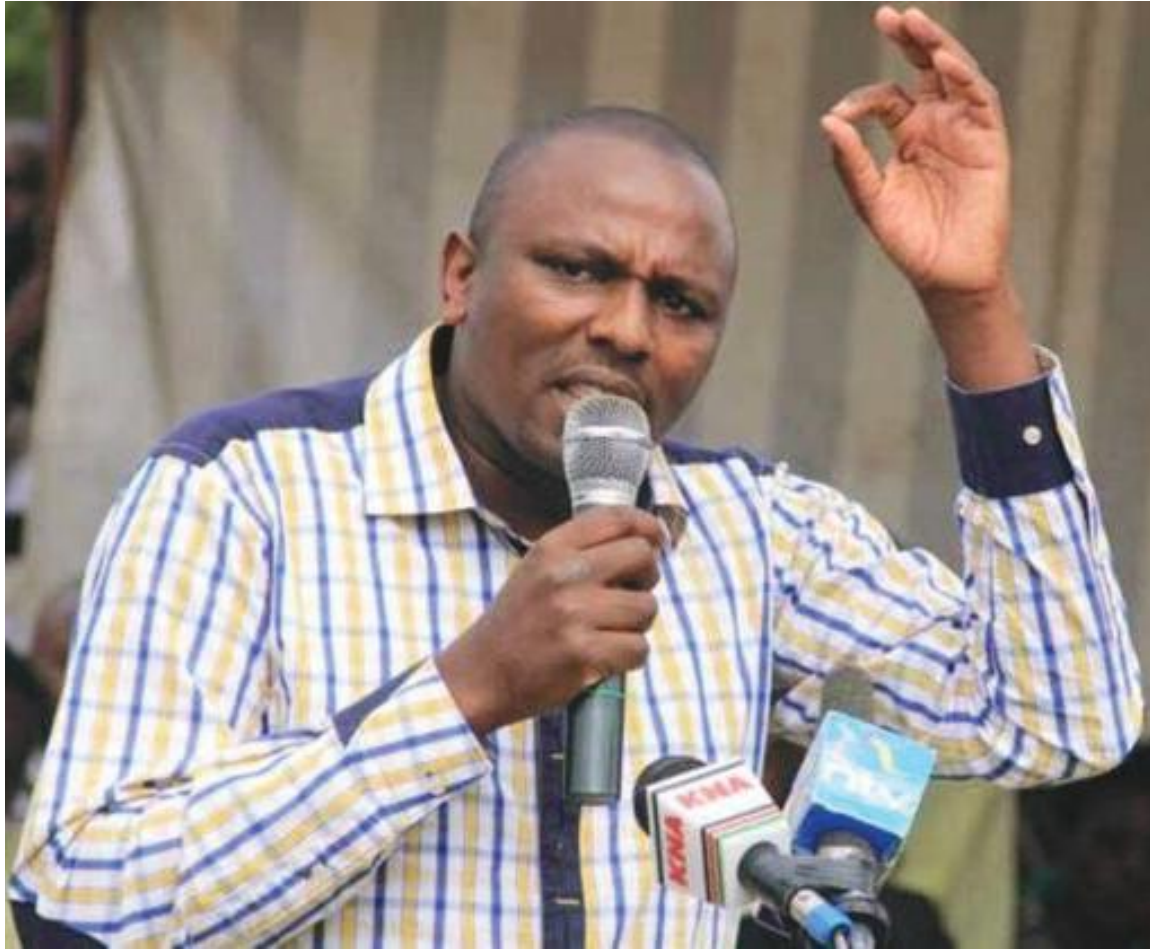
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Kenya Kwanza, Azimio Reached Pact To Ending Violent Demonstrations: Ichungwah

By: IRENE MWANGI

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National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwa.

National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwa has assured that the political goodwill between the Azimio La Umoja and the ruling coalition will ensure there no chaotic demonstration that will be staged in the country.

Ichungwah says that a political consensus has been reached to ensure no anarchy will be sponsored by any political outfit in the country.

“We have committed that there shall be no more violence, no more anarchy, no more bloodshed in our political discourse. We also agreed that we shall have no handshake or nusu mkate,” he said.

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The Opposition Coalition called off the anti-government demonstrations after former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo brokered a pact between Presi-

dent Ruto and Azimio leader Raila Odinga to facilitate a ten-member team to hold talks aimed at ending the social, economic and political situation facing Kenyans.

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Nothing Will Come Out Of Kenya Kwanza, Azimio Dialogue: Kingi

By: Capital News



Worth Noting:

- The Former Kilifi Governor noted that the agenda issues raised by the Raila Odinga-led coalition are currently being considered by the bicameral house which is guided by the constitution hence no need for bi-partisan talks.
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Senate Speaker Amason Kingi.

Senate Speaker Amason Kingi has poured cold water on Azimio La Umoja coalition agenda on lowering the cost of living through bi-partisan talks saying it’s an exercise in futility.

Kingi stated that the dialogue between the two opposing sides will yield nothing for Kenyans given the laid-out agenda by the Opposition Coalition.

The Opposition Coalition stated that the team will be required to engage in dialogue on four thematic areas which include ways to lower the escalating cost of life and the audit of 2022 presidential elections.

Others include the bipartisan reconstitution of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and Inclusivity in national affairs and respect for political parties in line with the Constitution.

“I don’t want to be a prophet of doom but I have been in this space long enough to observe something. Nothing will come out of these called talks but something will come out from this plan that the president has,” said Kingi.

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Advancing Education Reforms in Kenya: A Bumpy Road to Equity and Inclusivity

By: John Kariuki
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Worth Noting:

- Addressing issues of equity and inclusivity in the education system is another crucial aspect raised by the report. While the recommendations hint at the need for more time to formulate guiding principles, it is essential not to overlook the immediate needs of learners in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and hard-to-reach areas.
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Early this month, the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms in Kenya presented a comprehensive report aimed at improving the country's education system. One of the key recommendations is to reduce the workload, which is deemed advantageous in the long term. However, implementing this change is not without its challenges.

The proposed reduction in workload has its merits, as it can potentially alleviate academic pressure on students and foster a more holistic learning experience. Nevertheless, this shift

requires careful consideration as it poses significant financial implications. Authors and textbook publishers have invested substantial resources in developing the current learning materials. With this new recommendation, stakeholders, including the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) and publishers, will need to reevaluate their content to align with the revised workload.

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While the Presidential Working Party's recommendations offer promising prospects for transforming the education landscape in Kenya, we must approach implementation with a keen eye on both short-term challenges and long-term goals. Collaborative efforts from all stakeholders, including educators, policymakers, and community leaders, are indispensable to ensure the success of these reforms.

In conclusion, the report's proposal to reduce the workload and the emphasis on equity and inclusivity in education are commendable steps towards progress. However, we must not forget the need to address the financial implications of the proposed changes while ensuring that learners in marginalized areas are given equal opportunities to thrive. Together, we can pave the way for a brighter future for the next generation of Kenyan students.

Renaming education stages is good but doing away with school's categorization needs to be revisited.

Renaming education stages is a positive move towards modernizing the education system in Kenya. However, the decision to do away with school categorization demands thorough consideration and professionalism.

While rebranding educational stages can offer clarity and relevance to the evolving needs of students, eliminating school categorization requires a detailed assessment of its impact. School categorization has often served as a basis for resource allocation and targeted support for underprivileged institutions. It is crucial to thoroughly examine the potential consequences and develop alternative strategies to ensure that schools in marginalized areas still receive the necessary resources and assistance.

To make this transition successful and equitable, a comprehensive plan involving educators, policymakers, and educational experts must be in place. This plan should take into account various factors, such as geographical distribution, socioeconomic disparities, and the availability of infrastructure and resources. Ensuring that every school receives the support it needs to offer quality education is of paramount importance.

Additionally, engaging with stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and community members, is crucial for understanding the local needs and perspectives. Collaboration and feedback from these groups can help fine-tune the reform's implementation and address any potential challenges.

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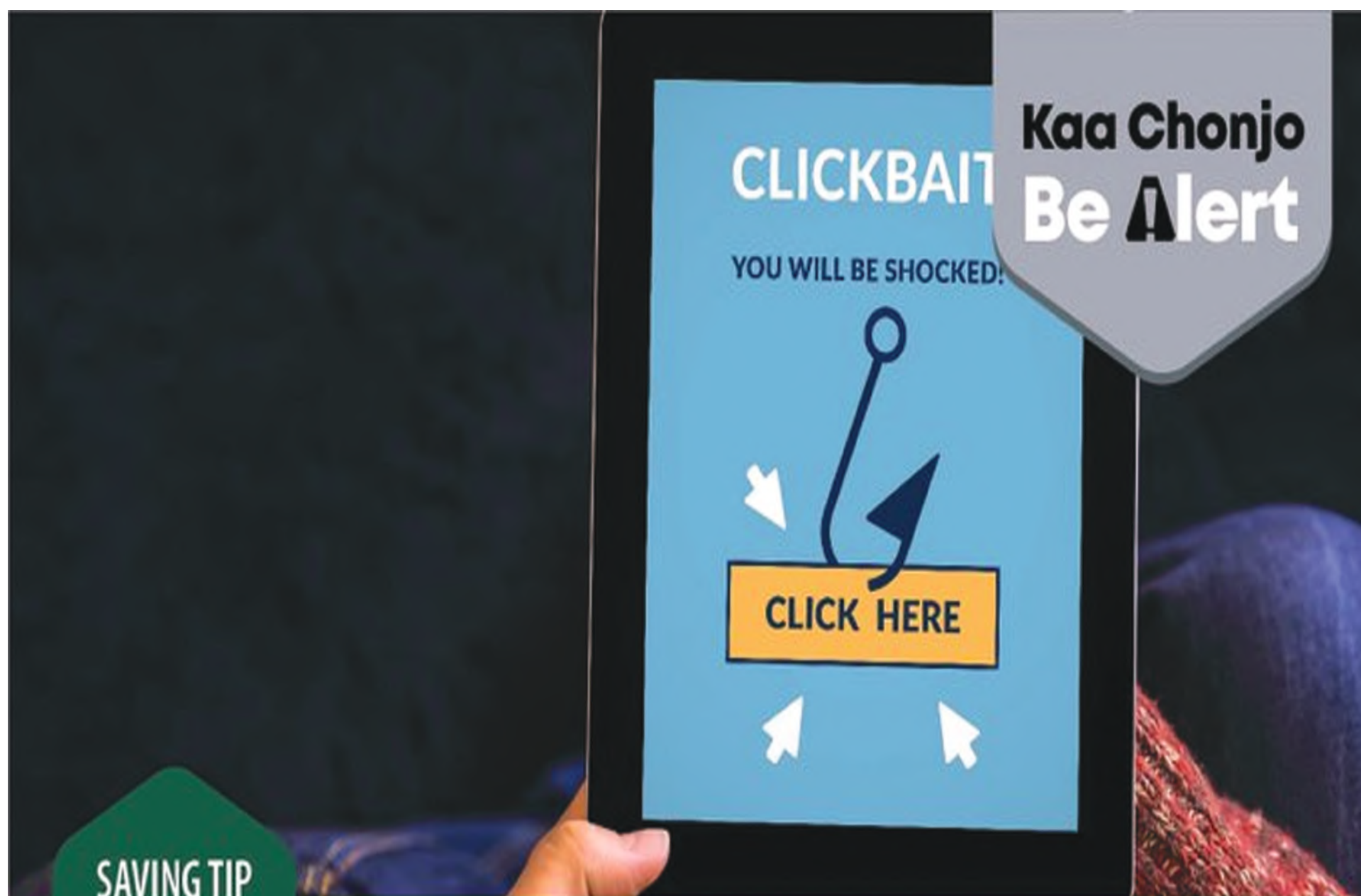
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National Assembly Speaker, MKU Founder Call For Urgent Measures Against Climate Change

By: James Wakahiu
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Worth Noting:

- Making reference to various authorities including the Federal Institute of Science and Technology in USA, he noted that global warming is the average rise in temperature on the earth's surface (both land and at the oceans) which leads to changes in the global climatic patterns or climate change and is one of the gravest crises facing the whole world today.
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Dr. Karim Khan (left), the Prosecutor at International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands, is awarded a Honorary Doctor of Laws by MKU Chancellor, Prof John Struthers, during the ceremony.

National Assembly Speaker Dr Moses Wetangula has cautioned Kenyans to be aware of the ongoing devastating impact of climate change in the region, calling for urgent measures by everyone to stem the tide.

Mr Wetangula said climate change interventions need a serious commitment because of their adverse and disruptive effects to human ecosystems, to human operations and subsistence, as well as to human wellness and overall lifestyles. "We need not belabour the very well-known realities regarding Climate Change and the greenhouse effects in our lives today. Climate change and the greenhouse effects are attributed directly and indirectly to human activity," he said.

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Mr Wetangula, who was the chief guest, reminded the graduates and their parents, varsity managers and dons that on September 8, 2021, President Uhuru Kenyatta officially declared drought in the arid and semi-arid (ASAL) parts of Kenya a national disaster. "Fifteen out of 23 ASAL counties in Kenya have experienced widespread droughts in the last two years alongside the entire Horn of Africa. This as a global and not an isolated phenomenon," he said.

The speaker said calls for multi-faceted strategies and use of law, science, technology and innovation in sustainable interventions are an obligation to all stakeholders. "All governments and their agencies across the world, NGOs, institutions of higher learning, business communities, professional bodies, and all other stakeholders working together are called upon to contribute individually and collectively towards this glaring danger of

our current times," he added.

Mr Wetangula said the rise in research on "greenhouse" effects and climate change mitigation is a vital input by universities and research organisations for bridging the glaring national policy gaps. These include areas of environmental education, consumer behaviour, rewarding and sanctions systems, as well as in legislation and government or organisational support in climate change mitigation.

The Speaker highlighted the various intergovernmental agreements / treaties that have been signed over the years to globally support climate change mitigation. "Noting the global occurrences such as the Greenland heating and ice loss, widespread droughts and flooding, we must all take responsibility. There has to be clear strategies to ensure all the above mentioned agreements are implemented for the sake of humanity," he said.

In support of the above, the Speaker said, President William Ruto, has declared and has put in place modalities of planting 15 billion trees by 2032. "We all need to support this clarion call and make it a reality," he added, congratulating the MKU administra-

tion for its efforts in tree planting and environmental conservation.

MKU founder and chairman of the board of directors, Prof Simon Gicharu, said the climate change challenge comes with numerous opportunities for innovative and creative entrepreneurs. "These include coming up with innovative solutions for clean and green energy, tree planting, restoration of water towers, conservation, and Cloud Seeding Technology," he said.

Congratulating the graduates, he asked them to apply this innovative spirit in their areas of training and expertise. "If your field is I.C.T, you should not just be an I.C.T specialist. Be innovative and identify other opportunities in areas such as Artificial Intelligence. Use the existing e-resources to discover the emerging opportunities arising from disruptions," he said. Climate change

Recently, the university was awarded a Sh4 million grant by the UK's Knowledge Transfer Network (UK KTN) to pilot an Internet of Things-enabled machine that allows shopkeepers to accurately dispense as little as a few cents' worth of washing powder into reusable containers thereby increasing profit margins for store owners and reducing single-use plastic, which is a major contributor to environmental pollution and climate change.

During the fete, International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim Khan awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law in recognition of his contributions to the rule of law and international justice. Dr Khan hailed the value of education in the growth and development of humanity and reckoned that climate change theme of the graduation ceremony "resonates very well with the time we are living in.

"Any compromise on the ability of environment to sustain human existence will ultimately bear unfathomable consequences to the peace and stability the world is enjoying today," he added.

He pledged to support the development and growth of MKU Parklands School of Law (as an alumnus) so as to enhance sustained competencies in training law. "Whenever possible, I will participate in any non-conflicting engagements while offering material and ideological support when called upon," Dr. Khan added.

We Shall Implement Guaranteed Minimum Returns, President Ruto Says

By: Presidential Communication Service

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The Head of State was speaking on Saturday during a public meeting in Karatina, Nyeri County.

“We want agriculture to be transformed into a profit-making venture so that our farmers can earn more.”

He said the move will be supported by the Government’s deliberate plan to invest in agro-processing and value addition.

Earlier, the President, who is on a five-day working tour of Mt Kenya, opened the Githurai Market and commissioned the Ruiru-Juja and

Greater Githurai Water Project.

The project is expected to serve more than 500,000 people in Ruiru, Githurai, Mwhiko and Kahawa.

In Kirinyaga, he launched the Kagio Water Supply Project before commissioning the Marua-State Lodge Road in Karatina.

“The sustained supply of water for irrigation in Kirinyaga will increase rice acreage by 10,000 and boost production,” he added.

On his way, he made stop-overs in Githurai, Juja, Kenol, Makuyu, Kambiti, Makutano, Kagio, Baricho and Kiburu.

In the meetings, the President explained that the bipartisan talks were not meant to give birth to a Handshake or sharing of positions in Government.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet Secretaries Moses Kuria, Alice Wahome, Zacharia Njeru, Governors Kimani Wamatangi (Kiambu), Irungu Kang’ata (Murang’a), Anne Waiguru (Kirinyaga) and MPs led by Majority Leader Kimani Ichungw’ah were present.



President William Ruto .

We Are Following Kibaki’s Economic Footsteps – President Ruto

By: IRENE MWANGI

President William Ruto has defended his unpopular revamped tax collection measures to fund the budget asserting it’s a successful measure implemented during President Mwai Kibaki’s regime.

President Ruto exuded confidence that his administration’s tax collection measures will increase revenue collection and cut on debt borrowing which he says is not sustainable.

“When Kibaki was the President, we used to collect Sh200 billion in revenue. He helped the country until we collected up to Sh900 billion, almost Sh1 trillion,” he stated.

“Will I now lose track when Mzee Kibaki has already showed us that the nation is built on taxes and not debts. That’s where we are,” said Ruto.

The President mentioned that his administration’s proactive approach on subsidizing production is a well-calculated measure to lower the cost of living.

“I worked with Mzee Kibaki and when I was his Agriculture Minister, he told me I look for a plan to reduce fertilizers prices. Because of learning from him that’s why I reduced the fertilizers prices,” said Ruto.

President Ruto has said that his administration has managed to stabilize the economy despite criticism from his detractors that the economic outlook has worsened during his regime.

Ruto has pointed out that his government has moved away from sponsoring the budget of the current financial year through borrowing and focused on funding the budget through taxes imposed on Kenyans.

“We have stabilized the economy of the people of Kenya. We must build this country on a solid foundation not on a foundation of debt. The economy is now stabilized,” said Ruto.

The Head of State buttressed that the government has moved forward to make plans of settling foreign debts before their maturity to ensure



President William Ruto.

the nation is not caught off guard due to an unmitigated crisis.

President Ruto expressed that failure to initiate early plans to repay the foreign loans would have risked the country to default on the loan.

“We sat down and planned and said that we won’t wait until next year June. Those rogue credit rating agencies, those who are used to use fishy ways to increase debt have now written to us questioning why we are paying the loan early,” said Ruto.

CS Nakhumicha Says NHIF Rates Will Drop To Ksh. 300 Starting September

By: Eric Biegon

The Cabinet Secretary for Health Susan Nakhumicha has announced that starting September, contributions to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) will have reduced by Ksh. 200, as part of the reforms being made to streamline the health sector.

The CS who was in Bungoma County indicated that the budgetary allocation to the sector in the current financial year will enable her Ministry to institute the much-needed reforms including revamping of maternal services and medical logistics all across the country.

“President William Ruto’s government is doing a lot in the area of health. Two months from now, NHIF rates will be revised from Ksh. 500 to Ksh. 300. This financial year Ksh 4.1 billion has also been allocated to support the Linda Mama program,” said Nakhumicha

Nakhumicha said the Kenya Kwanza government is actively reforming the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) alongside NHIF while also equipping community health promoters. She said the initiatives are aimed at improving healthcare services and accessibility in the country.

Nakhumicha claimed a lot had gone wrong in the Ministry of Health by the time she was appointed to lead it citing corruption and mismanagement. She said there are ongoing initiatives to bring order back to the sector and Kenyans will soon see changes.

“When I joined the Ministry of Health, I found a huge mess. I immediately moved in to clean the rot at KEMSA and things are back in good order there. I am also streamlining NHIF and soon the Fund will have a new CEO,” Health CS, Susan Nakhumicha



Cabinet Secretary for Health Susan Nakhumicha.

PS Korir Leads Initiative To Unlock Land Dispute Which Blocked Expansion Of Kericho Town For Decades

By: Capital Correspondent

Lands and Physical Planning PS Generali Nixon Korir spearheaded a process to resolve the decades old Chelimo squatter problem which had blocked the expansion of Kericho town.

The PS, who was joined by Kericho Governor Erick Mutsi and Senator Aaron Cheruiyot, was in Kericho County to hold consultative meetings with residents to create consensus before the resettlement process begins soon.

The PS and the County leaders held a public gathering where an agreement was made for the formation of a task force to start working immediately to identify and settle the genuine squatters.

Addressing the public gathering at Chelimo, PS Korir said settling the genuine squatters will create the space required for the expansion of Kericho.

“I thank the Kericho area leaders led by Governor Mutai and Senator Aaron

Cheruiyot for making the baraza a success and putting to an end the dispute that has lasted for decades,” said PS Korir.

Mutai said public participation is key for the development of the country.

“I am happy for the positive response from Chelimo residents who are in support of the Government’s affordable housing plan. We are going to use this opportunity of the municipality expansion to provide a lasting solution to the residents,” said the Governor.

National Land Commission Chairman Mr. Gershom Otachi, who accompanied the PS, said he is committed to working closely to ensure disputes over the land are resolved quickly and amicably.

Earlier in the morning the PS held meetings with County political leaders and National Government Administration officers.



Lands and Physical Planning PS Generali Nixon Korir .

Ruto's Working Tour Of Mount Kenya West Shows He Is Committed To Fulfill Pre-Election Pledges



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Worth Noting:

- Mount Kenya East, Kiambu, Murang'a, Embu and Kirinyaga have gotten a bigger share of the development projects that he so far rolled out.
- This totally proves wrong his critics from the region particularly those drawn from the Azimio La Umoja-OKA coalition that he has forgotten this region.
- In his latest ongoing five-day working town, the President is continuing to launch and commission more projects with Nyeri and Kirinyaga counties getting a big share.
- This was expected because President Ruto's policy is that of ensuring equal distribution of the public resources.
- Most of the projects are being rolled out in Nyeri County.



President William Ruto .

President William Ruto made a raft of promises to the people of the Mount Kenya region during the electioneering period.

While being guided by the recommendations contained in an economic charter blueprint presented to him by his chief campaigners from the region, Dr Ruto minced no word in assuring the residents of his commitment to walk the talk.

I fully understand the social and economic challenges that you are facing. Take it from me. If you elect me to be your President and I have no doubt you will do this, I will strive to address them.

With this, Ruto convinced the residents that he means well and as a result he garnered the highest number of votes.

Since he assumed office, he has made numerous visits to this region with bagful of goodies.

Mount Kenya East, Kiambu, Murang'a, Embu and Kirinyaga have gotten a bigger share of the development projects that he so far rolled out.

This totally proves wrong his critics from the region particularly those drawn from the Azimio La Umoja-OKA coalition that he has forgotten this region.

In his latest ongoing five-day working town, the President is continuing to launch and commission more projects with Nyeri and Kirinyaga counties getting a big share.

This was expected because President Ruto's policy is that of ensuring equal distribution of the public resources.

Most of the projects are being rolled out in Nyeri County.

This does not mean the county is being favored. It had not yet received its share that is commensurate to those rolled out in other countries. This is despite the fact that Deputy President Rigathi hails from this County.

In this tour, President is staying at Sagana State Lodge. He is set to chair a cabinet meeting on Tuesday and also host two meetings of the local leaders from this region at this facility.

The leaders will have an opportunity to bring to his attention the expectations of the locals. Are they satisfied with what he has done so far? What were the other challenges facing them?

They will develop a work plan enumerating projects to be rolled out in next and subsequent financial years. The categorization is based on priority areas.

The people of this region are farmers

and rely on coffee, tea and milk for livelihood.

The President is visiting at a time when they were just toiling and only getting a peanut from their sweat.

Ruthless brokers and cartels were calling the shot and eating their sweat.

We know the President had assigned his deputy Rigathi Gachagua to speedily look at this matter and advise his government on how to address them.

This is one of unfinished business that preoccupies the President's mind. This explains why Dr Ruto directed that one of the meetings with local leaders would specifically focus on this matter.

Earlier, the President had fired stern warnings to the brokers and cartels.

Your days were numbered. We will not allow you to reap from where you never sow anymore.

This is at the expense of the farmers who only toiled in their farms without reaping anything.

This tour will leave Dr Ruto critics in shame and with an egg on their face.

The president is delivering on his pledges. So, which other card would they use to incite the locals?

None. I'm so far impressed with the way the President is governing this

country.

He understands his job description very well. He knows he is the president of the Republic of Kenya.

This explains why he has been ensuring that other regions of Kenya were not left out.

We have seen him rolling out development projects even in the regions that did not vote for him.

This brings him out as statesman and charismatic leader.

The ongoing tour of the president in the Mountain started in Githurai where he commissioned a water project and a market.

Addressing a mammoth crowd that had turned up, he reiterated.

These people (read the Azimio leader Raila Odinga and his brigade) are angling themselves for a 'nusu mkate' (half bread) government.

I want to tell them to forget this. I will never do that.

And moving forward, I will be hard on them.

This is because they were out to sabotage our economy and derail us from fulfilling the pledges we made to you during the campaigns.

It worth noting that Raila was yet to come to term with the devastating loss he suffered at the ballot.

Dr Ruto won the elections. Besides being declared the winner by IEBC chairman, the Supreme Court of Kenya also reaffirmed and upheld his victory. This is while delivery a ruling on a petition filed by Raila and his running mate Martha Karua.

The decision of the seven-judge bench was unanimous.

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

This is not the first time that Raila is resorting to blackmail and intimidation to force the newly elected president to share the government with him.

He used the same tricks in the aftermath of 2007 and 2017 general elections, respectively. Then, he succeeded and this led to the loss of the opposition's voice.

For Dr Ruto, he has been walking the walk. This is in terms of ensuring the democracy and rule of law takes root in Kenya.

The success of this lies in having a vibrant and robust opposition.

Dr Ruto would further assert. I'm not afraid of my government being audited and put in checks. This is because I believe in a just and open society.

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Role Of Community And Your Family In One's Life

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Worth Noting:

- Right! The main priority is to handle them with work. In addition, people can find their spouse without the permission of their parents, or even their occupation, and all of these things In premodern life, we can have strong relationships with their family but weak industries and individuals.
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The community and your family always take care of you when you fail, when you become ill, and even during the hard times of your lifetime. Unfortunately, the Industry system wanted to urbanize and care with the system not more for family but about work.

They can continue their schedule with the insurance company to care for their health, and they can encourage their properties in banks like they can take many values. Also, their crimes are never countered, and they can live how they want, and as a consequence, when they become older, they can go to the elderly hospital and receive nursing support.

As a result, they can take care of people who have never met before or are unaware of their perception of

each other, or even if this care isn't given by their grandchildren or their children. They should take care of the nurses. So, interesting point.

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through, waiters, gyms, dietaries, and cosmetic surgeons can make as much effort to look perfect as they can. Also, many years ago, children offended their parents. In most societies, children can do whatever they want, and parents can't punish them.

Everything in the world has evolved into an industry. Many years or eras ago, humans worked like a person with the clothes they wanted to wear at work, and even they didn't know what time to come and go or have lunch with themselves.

An interesting point is that humans thought about agricultural work from season to season, like when plants and flowers start to grow, they can start their plantation process and harvest them at the end of the hot days.

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sciously. They never became aware of this kind of thing. In addition, one human asked a passerby an interesting question. What year do we live? In which era or time can we call momentum? This situation is incredible. After that, they started to create their own times. Like the first time clock created in London, in 1784.

The London time may be 7 p.m., but the Liverpool time shows 7:30 p.m. Like that, people started to go on time with their work. Simply put, humankind adapted to the situation. Children started to go on time every day to their schools, and bus workers started to go to their bus station every day in the morning.

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KNUT Rallies Behind Recommendations By Presidential Working Party On Education Reforms

By: Joshua Chesire

Continued from page 1

mentation to have junior secondary domiciled in primary schools. “CBC now has grades 7,8 and 9 domiciled in primary schools under one head,” said the Secretary-General “KNUT conducted yet another research and we gave our research findings to Prof Raphael Manavu and we inducted all the branches based on the research and every branch knew what to say about CBC and the amendments that we expect. And what the branches said were internalized by the presidential working party,” he added In Oyuu’s view, the latest recommendations “will succeed any time on the premises of research that we do to have a proper position.” What’s more, the union said it is backing the report for the reason that the Presidential working party report has addressed issues about the categorization of schools which he says ought to be abolished.

“We must de-categorize schools because we cannot afford to categorize schools anymore. Every child in this country needs education. Categorization of schools brought in a lot of classism,” said Oyuu He said having de-categorized schools, the Presidential working party has given a lot of room on how the Teachers Service Commission should post teachers while also making valid recommendations on the number of subjects to be taught in schools. “The working load for teachers in this republic was too much. Based on the number of teachers and what teachers need to teach in the learning areas, the working party has reduced the number of subjects taught at different levels,” he said during a teachers’ Annual General Meeting in Eldama Ravine, Baringo County.



KNUT Secretary General Collins Oyuu.

Ministries, Govt Agencies Ordered To Close Non-Designated Payment Platforms, Use Only Paybill 222222

By: Capital Correspondent

Ministries and all government agencies have been ordered to close non-designated payment platforms and only use eCitizen with Paybill 222222 for all transactions. In a letter to all Principal Secretaries and Accounting Officers, Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau stated that migration to the new paybill number should have been completed by Tuesday next week. She stated that they should further compile a status report by the aid date on all services mapped out and onboarded into the e-citizen platform. “The stated reports should be submitted to the following email address, director@ecitizen.go.ke. Any queries with regard to this cir-

cular should be directed to helpline number +254207903260.” President William Ruto had unveiled a dedicated government pay channel, 22222 to enhance transparency and revenue collection. Speaking during the launch of the #GavaMkononi platform Friday, the head of state indicated that this will give Treasury a sight of every government service that is paid for. The Head of State has further directed the closure of all paybills operated by ministries and state departments in the next 90 days. He said that digitization of all the 7,000 government services will ensure that citizens access services at the comfort of their homes. The government has already worked with partners to establish 240 hubs that provide these services.



Victim Of Jealousy



I saw my son, your music teacher Alisherjon.
I love you
praised I am so glad that you are taking it
easy. "Merciful
has a juicy voice. It is necessary to educate
him. You need to find a good teacher."
said.

Rukhsor mother was tall, hot-tempered,
black-eyed,
He caresses his youngest son, whose black
hair falls on his forehead. If you become a
great singer, you will be excused by seeing
the Tashkent when you come, my son. God
willing! It's enough if I get into the study, the
first one, I'll do this. All I have to do is turn
you around in the city. Since when
I wish that. But... can I go to the
conservatory, honey?

They will get it, my son, they will get it.
Hearing your voice, they are also fascinated
by you will remain.

Oh, you exaggerate, how many people are
like me?

- Never mind. God created everyone with
his provision, my child..

Rakhimjon could not go to Tashkent after
finishing school. What would his mother
find? He entered the school of music
education with the help of his teachers, he
learned to sing ghazals.

- To the point where you can still play
big songs with ease you can do it, my
son, - said his teacher Gani, happy with his
student's ability.

The Youth Festival held in the region in
the year of graduation from the country
of knowledge "Qora ko'zim" sung with
Rakhimjon Navoi's ghazals at the festival.
He won the first place by performing the
songs "Kelmadi". One of the well-known
singers in his panel introduced himself as
Muslim an old, tall man hugged Rahimjon and
pressed him to his bosom:

My son, you have a bright future. This is my
address. "If you go to Tashkent, find me "I will
help you to study," he said.

On this day, Rakhimjon's joy was boundless.
He was flying in the sky
as if when you get home:

Mum, congratulate me," he said. - They gave
first place to me. After a month, we will
go to Tashkent. If I get a place there, I will
enter the conservatory without exams.
- Learn from my smart son. Don't let your
eyes touch your voice, my child.

May God protect you from calamities.
- What you say...

Mukhsinjan, who won the second place at
the festival, lights up a lamp inside, it didn't
light up.

Will all my hard work and efforts go to
waste?

I dream of singing in Tashkent, on big stages,
after all...

Mukhsin could not sit at home. Mother's:
"Hey, hey, where are you going in the
evening," he said, but he went to his
teacher's house.

On the day he came home, he asked for a
rug to hang on the carpet.

I want to call...

He tried to hum, matching the tune, but his
voice did not come out. Then he cried.

I can never sing again, honey? Why, why?!

To me, what happened? What happened?

Mental depression, illness overcame him. He
was bedridden. Mukhsinjan was in Tashkent
in those days. Take part in the competition
and get a rank, after receiving it, he was
accepted to study. He was extremely happy.

- Master, I have achieved my intention. I am
very happy, he said on the way back.

- Now be diligent. Good job.

- Of course.

- I heard that your friend is sick. Did you get
the message?

If we can get there safely today, I will
definitely go see him...
I couldn't get a message because I was busy
with preparations.
- Do so. He is very talented. Get well my god...
- God willing...

Mukhsinjan said in his heart: "He will never sing
again, he can't tell, he won't get better," he
kept thinking. The villain who did it, he was
calm because his work was clear only to God
and to himself.

No cure was found for Rakhimjon's pain. The
old man brought by his uncle, the doctor said
that mercury might have been added to the
drunk, because it is quickly absorbed into the
blood, it is difficult to detect and treat maybe.
It turned out that the young man committed
suicide...

During autumn days, more precisely, on the
twenty-eighth of October
Rahimjon passed away at the age of twenty...
There was no one left who did not burn and

cry. It's raining non-stop on this day, poured...
Mukhsinjan's popularity increased... In large
gatherings, they invited Mukhsinjan to
weddings. He was full and had a belly. He
bought a car.

Tashkent became a step towards it.
On one of those days, it was snowing in
January. In his twenties, Mukhsinjan had a
car accident on his way home from work,
met the car fell into a ravine... What was he
thinking in his last breath is unknown. But he
was punished for what he did.

Many years have passed since this event.
Rakhimjon's mother is also getting old and
passed away. But his instrument and his
picture are still hanging on the carpet.

Lobar RUSTAMOVA
Uzbekistan.

Munisa Narzulloyeva: OUR GRATEFUL FRIEND

A book is a person's closest friend and
advisor, a source of intelligence and
knowledge. A book is a tool of thinking, a key
to treasures, and everyone values it, respects
it, and considers it sacred. A person's culture
is reflected in his book. Book-reading also
depends on the environment in this family.
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ability to think is alive with the world of
spirituality. One of the factors that separates
a person from other beings is the spirituality.
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spirituality. But nowadays it is a very sad
situation that most people spend on books on
the Internet. We all know very well that the
book is a priceless wealth, but there are many
people among us who do not appreciate this
priceless wealth.

The book reveals the wonders of the world
to us. It is also helps to acquire new knowledge.

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is the book. Although humanity has made
great progress in the field of information
technology today, the reader it's never too
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a book! How many great writers and poets
have expressed their warm thoughts about
books, including the great English writer William
Shakespeare who said about books: "My books
are a huge kingdom for me to last a lifetime." It



is clear from these thoughts the book is our
closest and most sincere friend who always
leads us to go goodness. How to protect this
friend depends only on us!

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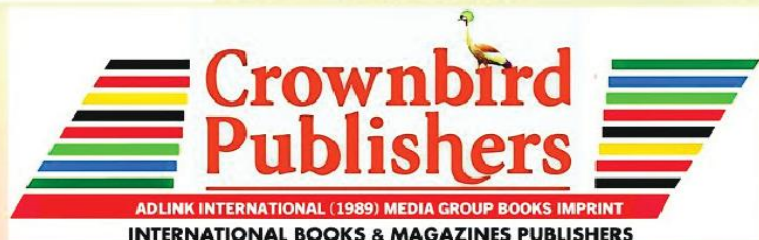
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Rogue Credit Rating Agencies Planned To Increase Our Debt, President Ruto Says

By: Capital News

Worth Noting:

- The Head of State buttressed that the government has moved forward to make plans of settling foreign debts before their maturity to ensure the nation is not caught off guard due to an unmitigated crisis.
- President Ruto expressed that failure to initiate early plans to repay the foreign loans would have risked the country to default the loan.
- “There were waiting for us to default. We will pay that loan before the scheduled time so that those who are used to planning evil, will stop and fail,” he added.
- President Ruto has said that his administration has managed to stabilize the economy despite criticism from his detractors that the economic outlook has worsened during his regime.



President William Ruto, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua being welcomed in Nyeri.

President William Ruto has bashed the international credit bureaus claiming they had eagerly anticipated for the country to default its Sh280 billion loan slated for maturity next year in June.

The President said that the bureaus had complained about the move by the government to repay the loans in advance as they had waited to escalate the debt expecting the country to delay on the repayment.

“We sat down and planned and said that we won’t wait until next year June. Those rogue credit rating agencies, those who are used to using uncouth ways to increase debt have now written to us questioning why we are paying the loan early,” said Ruto.

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Ruto has pointed out that his government has moved away from sponsoring the budget of the current financial year through borrowing and focused on funding the budget through taxes imposed on Kenyans.

“We have stabilized the economy of

the people of Kenya. We must build this country on a solid foundation not on a foundation of debt. The economy is now stabilized,” said Ruto.

Ruto has defended his unpopular revamped tax collection measures to fund the budget asserting it’s a successful measure implemented during President Mwai Kibaki’s regime.

The President exuded confidence that his administration tax collection measure will increase revenue collection and cut on debt borrowing which he says is not sustainable.

“When Kibaki was the President, we used to collect Sh200 billion in revenue. He helped the country until we collected up to Sh900 billion, almost Sh1 trillion,” he stated.

“Will I now loose track when Mzee Kibaki has already showed us that the nation is built on taxes and not debts. That’s where we are,” said Ruto.

The President mentioned that his administration proactive approach on subsidizing production is a well calculated measure to lower the cost of living.

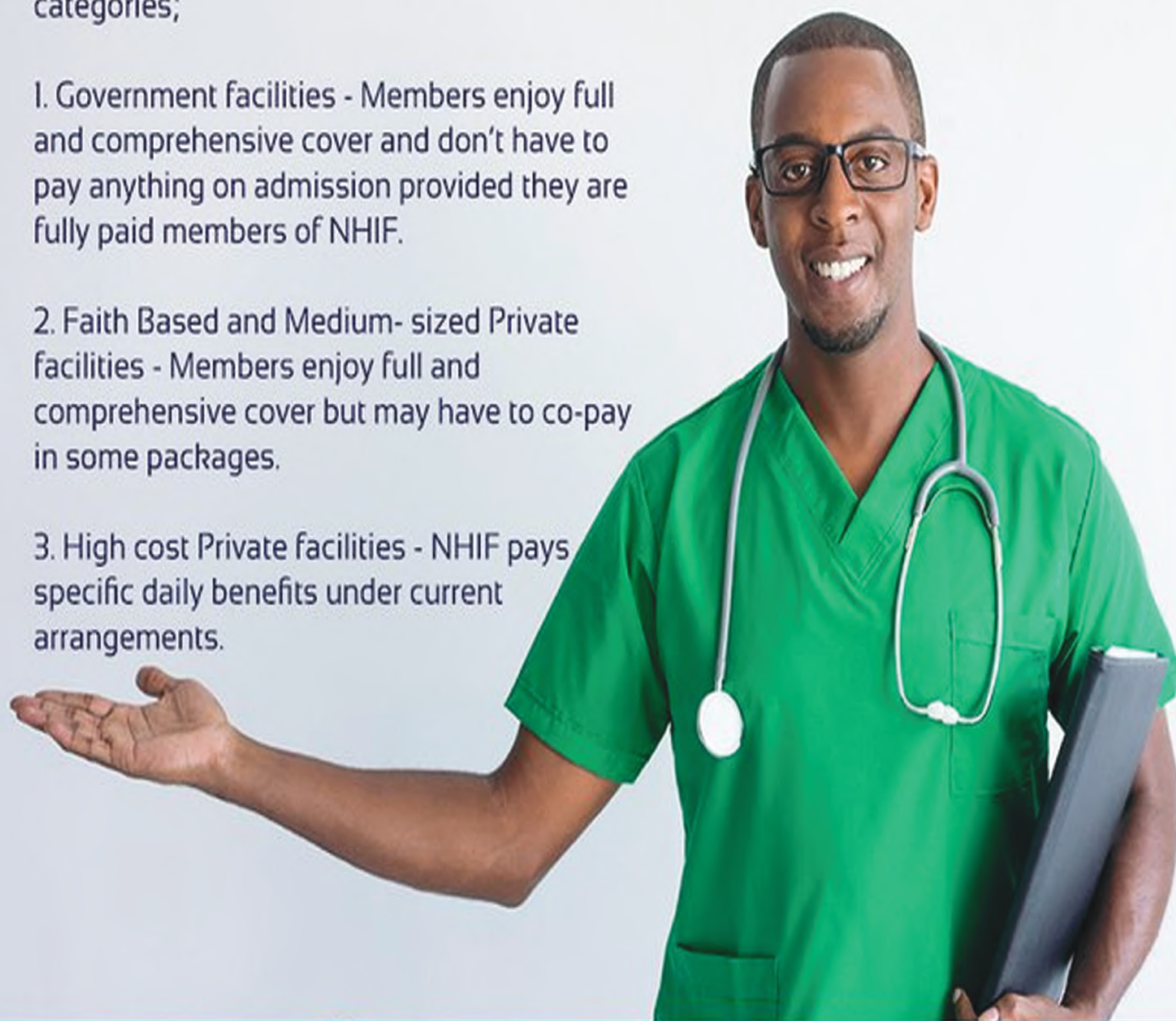
“I worked with Mzee Kibaki and when I was his Agriculture Minister, he told me I look for a plan to reduce fertilizers prices. Because of learning from him that’s why I reduced the fertilizers prices,” said Ruto.



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Kenya To Host Sixth African Network Of Parliamentary Budget Offices Conference

By: KBC Digital



Worth Noting:

- This session will discuss how fiscal policy can respond to the economic vulnerabilities exposed by the crises and the role of fiscal oversight in ensuring transparent and responsible financial management as the call for greater accountability and fiscal prudence continues.
- Given that the knowledge of Members of the Legislatures varies across the world and that the PBOs have a crucial role to play in enhancing the fiscal oversight and technical capacity of legislative members in processes involving Budget or Money Bills, the Conference has scheduled a session on ‘The role of PBOs in supporting Parliament processes with Budget or Money Bills Amendments’. During this session, Speakers will lead presentations on how they have supported their Parliaments in this regard.



Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang’ula entering chambers.

The Parliament of Kenya is set to host the Sixth Annual Conference in Mombasa later this month. The forum which is held in conjunction with the African Network of Parliamentary Budget Offices (AN-PBO) will be co-ordinated by the Parliamentary Budget Office and is expected to focus on experience sharing on how the power of the purse can be used effectively to tackle Africa’s development challenges and the future of Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs). Delegates expected to attend the event which is scheduled to be opened by the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang’ula, come from countries in Africa and across the world, including those with PBOs and representatives of international organisations supporting legislatures’ oversight of public funds. Top of the conference’s agenda will

be deliberations on the global economic outlook. This discussion is informed by the fact that the global economy is grappling with a web of complex challenges as countries attempt to rebuild and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. Further, Geopolitical conflicts have surged from the ongoing war in Ukraine to the conflict in Sudan. This session will discuss how fiscal policy can respond to the economic vulnerabilities exposed by the crises and the role of fiscal oversight in ensuring transparent and responsible financial management as the call for greater accountability and fiscal prudence continues. Given that the knowledge of Members of the Legislatures varies across the world and that the PBOs have a crucial role to play in enhancing the fiscal oversight and technical capacity of legislative members in processes

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The conference scheduled to run from scheduled to run from August 27 to September 1, 2023 will also focus on the nexus between Public participation by country citizens acting as individuals or represented through civic societies in national budget processes and its crucial place in upholding democratic principles and promoting transparency, accountability, equitable public resource allocation and trust in government processes. The AN-PBO is a platform for African Parliamentary Budget Offices and similar institutions to share ideas and experiences about strengthening support for parliamentary fiscal oversight.

Kenya Kwanza-Azimio Dialogue: Ruto Says He Won't Be Arm-Twisted By Opposition

By: Our Reporter
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Remarks made by top Kenya Kwanza leaders in Kiambu County on Saturday appear to have yet again thrown into limbo the yet-to-begin dialogue between the ruling party and the opposition.

The leaders led by President William Ruto argue that amid push to have structured talks between the Majority and the Minority side they won't be arm-twisted by the Raila Odinga-led coalition into a formation of a unity government.

Addressing residents of Kiambu County at the start of his five-day tour of Mt. Kenya, President Ruto reiterated that Kenya is a democratic country but one that must abide by law. He promised not to succumb to what he described as constant threats from the Opposition.

"I have told the Opposition that the threats they were issuing in order to get a share of government will not

work. And I will be so tough on them (Azimio)," said the President.

His allies amplified the same message and even went ahead to ask him to reject all attempts to meet the Azimio la Umoja One Kenya coalition leaders. They claimed the opposition was keen to use the talks to find a way into government.

"As Kenya Kwanza we won't allow any Handshake. No one will join our government through the back door. We are asking you Mr. President to abandon this dialogue (with opposition) and work for the people of Kenya," charged Kiharu MP – Ndindi Nyoro during a stopover in Githurai

National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah who was picked to spearhead talks from the side of Kenya Kwanza declared that the ruling party will not entertain talks to consider co-opting members of Raila's camp to Ruto government.

"As we go into negotiations with our friends in Azimio, we want to tell them we are discussing how to end violence in our politics. We will



President William Ruto .

discuss how they will accept election results. I can assure you that the dialogue we will have with Azimio will be about Kenyans. We will not discuss anything about sharing government or individuals and their interests," said Ichung'wah.

Nyakera Promises To Restore Kemsas Lost Glory

By: Lydia Mwangi

The Chairperson of Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) Irungu Nyakera has assured Kenyans that strategies are in place to rebuild the country's medical logistics provider.

He said the runaway impunity that had become synonymous with the agency is steadily being eradicated and that the institution will soon return to and even surpass its former glory days.

"I know there has been a lot of noise about KEMSA's past. It's true KEMSA has had a difficult past but that's what we are working on; to clean up the image and ensure that we are delivering as per our mandate to the people of Kenya," said Nyakera on Sunday

Speaking in Laikipia, Nyakera noted that the new leadership at the institution is working round the clock to ensure previous troubles associat-

ed with it become a thing of the past.

"We have been engaging national treasury and the Council of Governors to see how counties can fully support KEMSA through payment of outstanding debts to KEMSA currently standing to the tune of Ksh. 3 Billion and to order all their medicine from KEMSA," he said

In his appeal for partnership with counties, Nyakera made a commitment to ensure that over 90% of orders made by the devolved units are fulfilled.

He also undertook to ensure the delivery of high-quality of drugs from KEMSA. He said this is possible because the agency boasts of modern laboratories besides the introduction of strict procurement procedures.

Over and above these, he says the prices of drugs from KEMSA will be way lower than anywhere else and thus counties and other state institutions ought to make KEMSA their primary supplier of medicine.



Chairperson of Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) Irungu Nyakera .

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The Third Zikomo Africa Awards Edition Brought With A Sizzling Style A Fashion Week And Honors 2023

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Zikomo Africa Awards invites everyone to the vibrant city of Lusaka, Zambia, as they embark on a momentous journey of inspiration and celebration at the 3rd edition of the Zikomo Africa Awards! Get ready to witness the magic unfold on the 17th and 18th of November, where the brightest stars from all corners of Africa will gather under one roof.

With the empowering theme of ‘Dress Right to Inspire’, this extraordinary event promises to be a visual spectacle like no other, where fashion meets inspiration. Immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere as we honor and recognize the exceptional talents, achievements, and contributions that have shaped our continent.

From electrifying performances to captivating speeches, the Zikomo Africa Awards will ignite your senses and leave you inspired. It’s

an incredible platform that brings together visionaries, trendsetters, and change-makers who are shaping the future of Africa.

Be part of this remarkable experience and witness the unveiling of the categories, which will be announced next weekend. Mark your calendars as nominations open for all on the 29th of August, giving you the chance to shine a spotlight on those who have touched your heart and made an impact.

For more information and exciting updates, visit our website at www.zikomoawards.com. Prepare to be dazzled, uplifted, and inspired as we come together to celebrate the best of Africa at the Zikomo Africa Awards.



M-pesa Foundation To Build Classrooms Worth Sh34mn In Nyandarua

By: Capital Correspondent

The Mpesa Foundation has pledged Sh34 million to construct 10 classrooms at Mumbi Primary School in Nyandarua.

Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa announced that the funds will be used for constructing classrooms, latrines, an administration block, a school gate, a library, and an ICT center in both the primary and secondary school sections.

Additionally, a multipurpose hall and kitchen will be built.

“This development will significantly improve the learning environment for students, replacing the current dilapidated infrastructure,” he said.

He noted that the initiative is one of several in their pipeline known as “Citizens of the Future.”

Under this program, they empower

young school children by providing them with standard learning equipment and constructing modern classrooms and water points in selected schools nationwide.

Nyandarua County Governor Kia-rie Badilisha, present at the groundbreaking ceremony, also reaffirmed his administration’s commitment to elevate education standards in the region.

Moreover, as part of its efforts, the Mpesa Foundation will be planting 100 fruit tree seedlings in various schools across the county.



Safaricom CEO Peter Ndegwa/COURTESY.

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Hojlund agreed a five-year contract with the option of a further season as United manager Erik ten Hag finally got his wish to bring in a striker ahead of the new Premier League campaign.

The 20-year-old could cost United a further £8 million if add-on clauses in his contract are met.

"It is no secret that I have been a fan of this great club since I was a small boy and I dreamed of walking out at Old Trafford as a Manchester United player," Hojlund said.

"I am incredibly excited by this opportunity to turn that dream into a reality and I am determined to repay the faith that the club has shown in me.

"It is still early in my career, but I know that I am ready to make this step up and play with this group of world-class players."

Ten Hag made Hojlund his top target after United reportedly refused to pay Tottenham's asking price for England striker Harry Kane, who appears bound for German champions Bayern Munich.

French champions Paris Saint Germain were said to be in the hunt for Hojlund's signature before United won the race.

Ten Hag was keen to boost his striking options after a season in which his side often lacked a cutting edge.

United finished third in the Premier League but scored just 58 goals — 36 fewer than champions Manchester City.

Although Hojlund has a low profile compared to many of his new team-mates, Ten Hag is confident he can thrive under the Old Trafford spotlight.

United football director John Murtough said: "Rasmus is a truly exceptional talent. He possesses technical and physical at-



Denmark forward Rasmus Hojlund is reportedly on his way to Manchester United © Jure Makovec / AFP.

tributes which rank him amongst the best players in the world for his age group.

"Working under Erik and his coaches will provide Rasmus with the perfect development platform."

Hojlund has enjoyed a sudden rise since starting his career in relative obscurity with Danish club FC Copenhagen in 2020.

He moved on to Austrian side Sturm Graz, where his 12 goals in 21 games convinced Atalanta to sign him in August 2022.

He scored 10 goals in 34 appearances in all competitions for the Italian team last season, catching Ten Hag's eye in the process.

— 'He gets stronger every day'

— Standing 6ft 2ins tall, Hojlund, who has scored six times in his six games for Denmark, should have the physical presence to cope with the aggressive ap-

proach of Premier League defenders.

As well as his imposing physique, he is also blessed with blistering pace and predatory instincts in the penalty area.

Hojlund's Atalanta boss Gian Piero Gasperini likened him to Manchester City's record-breaking striker Erling Haaland, whose goals helped United's rivals win the treble last term.

Hojlund's presence in the United attack will also allow Ten Hag to deploy England forward Marcus Rashford in his preferred role on the left flank.

"Once I had spoken to the manager, I knew that this environment would be perfect for my development," Hojlund said.

"Under his guidance and support I know that I'm capable of achieving great things together with my new team-mates at this special club."

In his maiden season in charge,

Ten Hag led United to their first trophy in six years when they beat Newcastle in the League Cup final in February.

But the Dutch coach wants a sustained title challenge this term and Hojlund will be expected to make an instant impact after his signing took Ten Hag's close-season spending over £160 million.

Hojlund is the third major arrival at Old Trafford since last season after the signings of Chelsea midfielder Mason Mount and Inter Milan goalkeeper Andre Onana.

The Danish striker could make his competitive debut for United against Wolves at Old Trafford in their opening Premier League fixture on August 14.

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Brazil Great Falcao Quits Job After Sexual Assault Accusation



Paulo Roberto Falcao (left) was accused of sexual assault. Photo: AFP

Retired Brazilian football legend Paulo Roberto Falcao has resigned from his job as sports coordinator at iconic club Santos after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her, an allegation he denied.

The woman, a receptionist at the building where Falcao lives in Santos, said the former footballer, who played a starring role on Brazil's 1982 World Cup team, had pressed his genitals against her arm on two occasions while she was at her desk, according to Brazilian media reports.

Falcao, 69, denied the accusation. "Out of respect for Santos FC's fans... I have decided to leave the position of sports coordinator, effective today," the former midfielder said Friday in a statement on social media.

"My intention, first and foremost, is to protect the image of the institution. As for the accusation made today, which I was shocked to learn of from the media, I affirm it never happened."

Santos, the former club of late Brazilian icon Pele, confirmed in a brief statement that Falcao had left

the job, which he had held since November last year.

Police have reportedly opened an investigation of the case.

Falcao was nicknamed the "King of Rome" for his glittering career at Roma in the 1980s. FIFA included him on a list of the 125 greatest living footballers in 2004.

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A Woman Who Gained Fame From Her Profession!

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Literature is the root of this word, which has many meanings, thanks to this word, many people are known to the people, many people found value. You say that no one dreams of the great happiness of working in one profession for many years, finding his own way in this field, shaking his family and black cauldron, and finding fame.

Today, he is a symbol of such as fame, pride and perseverance that many of his students are proud of, and he is respected for his sweet words to everyone and his advice and guidance, saying "my boy". a real person, journalist, publicist, poet and writer, head of the Syrdarya region branch of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan, and former editor-in-chief of the newspaper "Davri Yoshlari" who discovered many

writer and wished them the best of luck. Let's talk a little about Noriniso Kasimova.

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Noriniso Kasimova, a member of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan, was born on June 2, 1959 in the family of the intellectual Ergash Kasimov. His first entry into creativity was the family environment and the circle of rural reporters working in the newspaper "Sharq Tongi" (previously Kalkhoz Galabasi), the journalist activity of the teacher, and the fact that the writer Shukurullah Faizulla could fully see the talent in the tutor and complete it. It should lead to the right path.

After graduating from high school, the young poet entered Tashkent State University (now UzMu) in 1979 and graduated from this institution in 1983.

After that, he works in many

newspapers and magazines. One of the poets whom she trained for years and passed her pen - the poetic "Yigilimgan chimildiq" written in different genres, "Dil so'zlari", "Sog'inch", "Izlayman", His short stories "Begona Osmon", "Sir Darya's Woman", "Bir Dasta Gul", "Piri Komil Kelsalar" were published and reached his fans and followers. His poems, articles and essays were published in national collections such as "A thousand and one exemplary life", "Kun nafasi" and "Men O'zbekiston fuqarosiman".

For many years, the teacher has supported and encouraged many young writer, helping them to become good poets and writers without sparing his help. One of her students is poetess and writer Nodira Dostmatova, a member of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan. " - he gives the rate to the teacher.

Another proof of the master's skills is the winner of republican contests such as award named "Atirgul", "Best Journalist of the Year", and the winner of the "Syrdarya Zarqalami" award. There is no other achievement for a professional than his work appreciated. In June of this year, June 27, in connection with the "Day of Press and Mass Media Workers" and according to the decree of the President of Uzbekistan, he was awarded the "Shuhrat" medal.

Indeed, there is no better reward for a woman than praise. The words of journalist Khairullo Sidikov, "You don't like it when you tell a woman her age, except sweet words and flattery," are useful for the teacher. We pray for the increase of such teachers and we wish Sister Noriniso a long life and good health.

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