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President William Ruto

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Parliamentary Finance And National Planning Committee Begins Public Hearing On The Privatization Bill, 2023

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The Principal Secretary State Department for Water and Sanitation yesterday held a meeting

with Members of Parliament from Nyandarua County.

The MPs had visited the PS in his Maji office to discuss matters related to water and sanitation services in their respective constituencies.

Key projects under discussion included Kinangop Sewerage Project, Turasha dam project in Konoike, St. Lukes School as well as Malewa dam and Pesi dam re-

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Committee chairman Kuria Kimani



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Murang'a County Government Launches Short -Term Job Opportunities

By: Bernard Munyao
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Worth Noting:

- The opportunities, the governor noted, are hinged on the internship policy and the Murang'a Youth Service Policy, which were approved by the local County Assembly.
- "Whereas the county cannot employ youths permanently due to a legal prohibition that does not allow salary payments beyond 35 percent of the total budget, the internship programmes will equip Murang'a youths with the skills and experience required by the private sector," Kang'ata said.



Murang'a County Governor Irungu Kang'ata during yesterday's press briefing.

Murang'a County Government has launched a youth and internship programme to engage young people in short-term opportunities as a way of mitigating unemployment.

Governor Irungu Kang'ata has observed that the increased unemployment rate has forced many young people to engage in drug and alcohol abuse, thus the need to come up with opportunities to engage the youth in meaningful opportunities.

In a press briefing yesterday, Kang'ata said the programme would not only mitigate unemployment but also contribute to equipping the youth with skills through the provision of various short-term opportunities.

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youths permanently due to a legal prohibition that does not allow salary payments beyond 35 percent of the total budget, the internship programmes will equip Murang'a youths with the skills and experience required by the private sector," Kang'ata said.

In the programme, the county administration will spend Sh110 million in the current financial year to recruit 1,050 youths and 35 supervisors who will be engaged in environmental clean-ups in Murang'a urban areas.

"Applications for these opportunities will be done on September 15 at the locational venues as provided in the Murang'a portal. Each youth will earn on a daily basis Sh400, and the supervisors who are required to have a degree will earn Sh30, 000 per month," said Kang'ata.

He added that another 1,000 youth would be recruited and deployed to all

sub-counties to conserve the environment.

"We will also recruit another 582 youth to help in farmer profiling exercises at the specific sub-county agriculture offices," said the governor.

On the internship programme, Kang'ata said Sh20 million has been set aside to recruit a total of 455 interns who will be deployed in various departments.

Eighty intern nurses who will be earning a monthly salary of Sh30, 000 will be recruited and deployed in various health facilities to support service delivery.

Kang'ata explained that with the expansion of the health sector, the nurses, 20 interns of medical laboratory technologists, and 20 medical clerk interns will be of great contribution in ensuring better services in the newly opened health centres and expanded existing hospitals.

He added that other interns to be recruited include those of IT specialists, quan-

tity surveyors, and architects, saying the recruitment exercise for the opportunities would be done on August 23.

Meanwhile, Kang'ata said that, as a way of reducing the rate of alcoholism in the county, they have licensed 1,730 liquor outlets.

"We have reduced the number of bars in the county by about 50 per cent. More than 3,300 applications were made, and we finally settled on 1,730 liquor outlets which met the set requirements," he added.

Kang'ata continued "The county has not licensed any wine and spirit shops as it awaits an advisory from the Ministry of Interior and manufacturers regarding legitimate dealers".

He urged the security apparatus and courts to take action against anyone who would be found selling alcohol without license.

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Commission On Administrative Justice Appears Before Three Joint Committees Over Military Ombudsman Office Proposal

Members Heard That CAJ Had Received 289 Complaints As Of June 2023, From Current And Former KDF Members On Promotion And Termination

By: PSCU and Our Reporter
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The committees on Justice and Legal Affairs; Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations and Delegated Legislation yesterday held a meeting with the Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) to get insights on a proposal for the country to have an internal Military Ombudsman.

The commission which is also unofficially referred to as “Office of the Ombudsman”, was represented by among others its chairperson Florence Kajuju.

Kajuju who was flanked by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance and the South African Military Ombudsman explained her proposal to have an Internal Military Ombudsman in Kenya.

She told the members that the official will ensure that the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) operate with integrity, handle individual complaints and



Members of the Parliamentary committees and CAJ after the meeting.

help prevent human rights abuses, eliminate malpractice, and contribute to the overall good governance of the security sector.

“The commission had received 289 complaints as of June 2023, from current and former members of the Kenya Defence Forces particularly on matters of promotion, termination among others. We propose to have an Internal Military Ombudsman, who will deal with these disputes in a fair

and just manner,” she asserted.

Members raised aspects to do with the security components used on issues of national security, with Kajuju noting that they have one limitation on access to information, as KDF only gives information to the extent to which the institution feels it’s prudent for CAJ to analyze that information, limiting the information that they receive, and making it hard to gauge whether the information with-



CAJ chairperson Florence Kajuju while making her presentation

held touches on national security.

The committees also heard from a retired Lieutenant General from South Africa, who serves in the Defence Forces of South Africa as a Military Ombudsman as he shared more information on the operations of his office.

The lead chairperson in the meeting George Gitonga Murugara from

Tharaka advised CAJ to prepare a legislative proposal that will be looked at critically by the three committees for consideration.

The commission is presenting that proposal to the National Assembly for a second time, having first made the proposal in the 12th Parliament.

Glut Of Arrowroots Hits Nakuru City

By: Veronica Bosibori
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The glut of arrowroots in Nakuru County has led to a number of farmers hawking their produce on bicycles, as a desperate measure to recoup profits instead of selling to the middlemen at throw-away prices.

Amos Mugo an arrowroot farmer who has resorted to moving from one office to another to hawk his produce, said selling four pieces at Sh100 was a great relief compared to selling a whole sack to middlemen at only Sh1000.

The chairman of small-scale farmers in the county Bernard Mwenje said more than ever, farmers irrespective of their status, should consider joining cooperatives and use them as a venue for the marketing of their crops.

He noted that the current scenario where farmers are moving around with tomatoes, arrowroots, and ba-

nanas on bicycles or in basins on their heads, was a distressing move that’s unlikely to bear much fruit.

He observed that the gluts were caused by the heavy reliance of rain-fed agriculture that leads to all farmers planting and harvesting at the same time.

Mwenje gave an example of Irish potatoes that were selling at Sh1200 per debe two months ago, but currently, they are retailing between Sh400-500, and unfortunately, farmers must sell since they are fast perishable products.

However, he noted that where cooperatives are well managed the high produce is first preserved in cooling rooms, hence reducing the desperation of farmers watching their produce rot or sell at throw-away prices.

He blamed the local elites, who are not farmers for stooping too low as to purchase a debe of potatoes at Sh400, and yet they are aware that the production cost cannot be recouped.

He called for fairness and a humane attitude when purchasing farm produce from poor people.



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All Public Learning Instructions Will Be Issued Title Deeds – PS Korir

By: PSCU and Our Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

- Principal Secretary for Lands Nixon Korir told the John Mbadi led committee that the Ministry was collecting data of all the schools without the vital documents to enable them benefit through the ambitious programme.
- “We have directed the Education committee to submit to the Ministry schools that do not have Title Deeds,” said Korir.
- He added, “I have formed a technical committee comprising of officers from the Education, Treasury and Lands Ministries and the Counties to help fast-track the process.”



Principal Secretary Nixon Korir

The Lands Ministry has stepped up the planned issuance of Title Deeds to all public learning institutions in the country, the Public Accounts Committee has been told.

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The PS informed the committee that

he has involved the Treasury in the exercise to help in ensuring that charges put on Title Deeds are waived during



Parliamentarians and Lands officials during yesterday's session.

the implementation of the plan.

“We have asked the Treasury to exempt the institutions from paying charges imposed on the Title Deeds so that we can issue them under public interest,” he added.

The committee had noted with concern that learning institutions were embroiled in disputes with individuals who were taking advantage of lack of the important documents to grab their land.

Gatundu South MP Gabriel Kagombe lamented that he was dealing with 159 cases of Primary Schools that were seeking Title Deeds so as to develop the institutions.

“My efforts to have the schools get Title Deeds have been frustrating,” he said as he asked the PS to intervene and speed up the process.

Korir said he was aware of cases where churches that sponsored some schools have turned around to demand their land and assured the committee that such cases will be a thing of the

past once the schools get their Title Deeds.

The PS, who was responding to audit queries, was taken to task on why the Ministry failed to avail the land ownership documents, buildings and structures and transport equipment worth billions of shillings to auditors for audit review.

“Further scrutiny of the physical fixed assets register provided for audit revealed that the register was incomplete as it did not indicate details of assets, dates of acquisition and the cost of the assets,” the report read in part.

As a result, the report noted further that the ownership and valuation of the assets could not be confirmed by the auditors.

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Water Troubles In Kiambu County: Senate Committee Press For Action

Senate Outlines Measures That The Kimani Wamatangi Administration Should Take To Resuscitate The Firms

By: PSCU

Under the stewardship of Senator Godfrey Osotsi, the Senate committee on County Public Investments and Special Funds (CPISFC) convened yesterday with Kimani Wamatangi, Governor of Kiambu County. The summons was prompted by the governor's failure to heed an earlier invite from the committee.

Wamatangi expounded on his absence, revealing that an unanticipated visit by President William Ruto to Kiambu County. Acknowledging this explanation, the committee promptly transitioned to the primary agenda: addressing the Auditor-General's Reports concerning the financial statements of water companies during the fiscal years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21.

The committee's evaluation of the audit reports culminated in several definitive directives.

These directions, encompassing



Kiambu County governor Kimani Wamatangi taking oath before making his submissions before the Senate committee.

various timelines, called for action and cooperation.

Notably, the governor was asked to diligently oversee the management and operations of the county's water companies in compliance with Article 179 of the Constitution.

Certain water and sewerage companies; Limuru, Kikuyu, Githunguri and Karuri were flagged for persistently incurring losses and displaying adverse working capital trends.

To counteract this trajectory, the County Government of Kiambu was

charged with implementing strategic measures within 60 days to resuscitate their fiscal health.

Within the next four months, the County Government was further directed to align the County Water Act with the National Water Act, 2016, and other pertinent statutes. Wamatangi was entrusted with assembling substantive Boards of Directors for all water companies within 60 days, adhering to the Water Act, 2016, and associated regulations.

To optimize efficiency, the committee advised the clustering of the



Senate Committee members during the session.

eight water companies within Kiambu County following a process of robust public participation and adherence to best practices.

Additionally, steps to curtail the high levels of Non-Revenue Water in these companies were directed, including a directive to present comprehensive measures for verification by the Auditor-General's office.

Exposing irregularities, the committee noted that certain water companies had borrowed customer deposits without a clear framework for utilization or refund.

In response, the County Government was given a seven-day timeline to institute policies guiding the access, utilization, and repayment of such deposits.

Senator Osotsi was joined in the meeting by other committee members including Vice Chair Prof. Tom Ojienda and Senators Karungo Thangwa, William Kisang, Hamida, Tabitha Mutinda, and Miraj Abdillahi.

Trade Principle Secretary, Alfred K'Ombudo, Appears Before Regional Integration Committee

By: PSCU

The high cost of production and manufacturing is affecting the country's ability to attract investors, this is according to the Principal Secretary State Department of Trade, Alfred K'Ombudo, who appeared before the National Assembly Committee on Regional Integration yesterday.

The Committee chaired by Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (Kipipiri), however, heard that the ministry had put in place measures to address the challenge and position Kenya for investors to locate it as their destination within the East Africa Community (EAC) and globally.

PS K'Ombudo told the Committee that despite the fact that the global economic politics had changed the way international partners are sour-

ing their goods, efforts were in place to understand the dynamics and make Kenya a sourcing option for these partners.

"To access the EAC market effectively, we have advocated for common standards within the EAC region. We have also created a liberalized market for goods and services through successive rounds of negotiations," PS K'Ombudo said.

The Committee through the chair asked the PS the roles that the ministry had played towards promoting regional trade.

While responding, the PS disclosed that the ministry contributes to the movement of capital and natural persons and facilitates investments building on the initiatives and developments in the State Parties and Regional Economic Communities.

According to the PS, to solve trade disputes and balance between competition and cooperation within the member states and ensure smooth



Wanjiku Muhia, Chairperson of Regional integration Committee of the National Assembly.

trade relations, the Ministry has implemented trade agreements that are in place.

Additionally, the PS told the Committee that the ministry has adopted

strategies to support Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to access regional markets and participate in border trade and investment.

He said that traditional export trade

was for big companies but they have ensured that all trade agreements have a SMEs corporation chapter.

President Orders Amboseli Park To Be Managed By Kajiado County

By: Ben Troy Njue

President William Ruto has ordered the transfer of Amboseli National Park to Kajiado County government from the Kenya Wildlife Service.

This comes after governors from the Maa community made a fresh plea to the head of state to return management of the park to the county.

Day two of the Maa cultural week and thousands thronged the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Narok County.

President William Ruto who graced the event hailed the Maa community for preserving culture and protection wildlife which they have coexisted peacefully with for years.

He added that the acreage of the conservancy will be expanded and henceforth game parks will share revenue with host counties.

President Ruto further said his administration aims to employ about 600 warden's living within the eco-

system of the game parks and game reserves.

As part of festivities celebrating the Maa Cultural Week President Ruto handed over UNESCO Intangible rites of passage certificates to governors Patrick Ole Ntutu of Narok, Joseph Ole Lenku of Kajiado and Lati Lelelit of Samburu.

In addition, he launched the One Maa Brand strategy and presided over a cattle auction where he bought seven heifer worth Ksh 2 million.



President William Ruto

DP Calls On Kamba Community To Embrace Government

By: JMuraya Kamunde

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has appealed to the leaders from the Lower Eastern to steer the unity agenda of the region and foster working relations with the government for smooth service delivery saying the government is willing to embrace all leaders.

He called on the Kamba community to embrace the government saying it is willing to work with every community. The DP hailed the community as brave and courageous with unity of purpose that should be emulated.

He spoke this while delivering a condolence message from President William Ruto to the family of Mwala MP Vincent Musyoka Kawayo who lost his mother Anne Kalekye Musau during burial at Ulaani Village, Mwala Constituency in Mach-

akos County.

The DP eulogised Mama Anne Kalekye Musau as a strong, independent woman with values worth emulating.

Leaders from the region who were in attendance implored upon the government to address issues of water and roads in Machakos and the larger lower eastern region.

The DP said that the region is among priority areas in regards to the development of dams that the Kenya Kwanza government is constructing.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

Intrinsic Power Of The Tongue



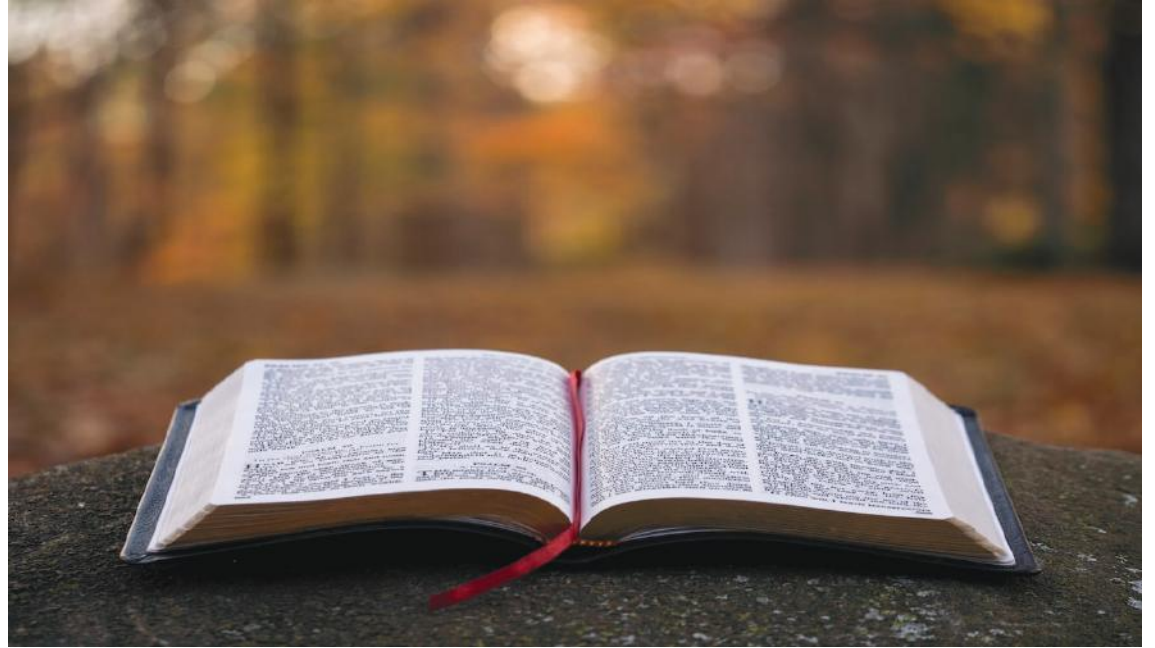
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Take the example of ships: although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts” (James 3:3-5). The horse is an incredibly powerful animal. Take 550 pounds (as much as a puffing Olympic heavyweight lifter can hoist overhead), set it on a horse’s back, and it will barely snort as it stands breathing easily under the burden. The same horse, unburdened, can sprint a quarter-mile in about twenty-five seconds.

A horse is half a ton of raw power! Yet, place a bridle and bit in its mouth and a 100-pound woman on its back who knows what she is doing and the animal can literally be

made to dance. James observed the same phenomenon in ancient ships, as ships small and large were steered by an amazingly small rudder. Today it is still the same, whether it be an acrobatic ski boat or the USS Enterprise. He who controls the rudder controls the ship.

So it is with the mighty tongue, that “movable muscular structure attached to the floor of the mouth” (Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary). “[T]he tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts,” says James (v. 5). Or as Phillips has helpfully paraphrased it, “the human tongue is physically small, but what tremendous effects it can boast of.” Though it weighs only two ounces, it can legitimately boast of its disproportionate power to determine human destiny. The lives of Adolf Hitler and Winston Churchill bear eloquent testimony to the dark and bright sides of the tongue’s power. The Führer on one side of the Channel harangued a vast multitude with his hypnotic cadences. On the other side, the Prime Minister’s brilliant, measured utterances pulled a faltering nation together for its “finest hour.” But we



need not look to the drama of nations to see the truth of James’ words. Our own lives are evidence enough. Never doubt the power of the tiny tongue — and never underestimate it.

HOLY SPIRIT CONTROL OUR TONGUES ALWAYS IN JESUS CHRIST MUGHTY NAME: AMEN.
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Evangelist Eric Musa:
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DAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

CS Bore Meets ILO Delegates

By: John Kariuki
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On yesterday, The Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Hon Florence Bore had a consultative meeting with the United States Department of Labour (USDOL) officials and Ms. Caroline Njuki of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Charge.

The US Department of Labour and the ILO have long shared common interests in helping to secure universal human rights through various ways including improvements in global living and working conditions and respect for democratic principles around the world.

With Hon. Geoffrey Kaituko, Principal Secretary State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Waziri and the PS discussed ideas on how best to foster the existing partnership.

“All Hands in Kenya “(AHK) project formed part of the conversation. AHK is one of the projects implemented by ILO

here in Kenya and funded by the USDOL Bureau for International Labor Affairs and the Office of Trade and Labor Affairs (OTLA). The goal of the project is to improve the government’s capacity in enforcement and promotion of Labour Standards consistent with International Labour Standards and Acceptable Working Conditions.

Principal Secretary for Labor and skills development Geoffrey Kaituko .



Why Azimio's Morale In Bipartisan Talks Is Going Down?



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Worth Noting:

- It is worth noting the meeting was held just two days after the Azimio leader Raila Odinga flew out of the country.
- His close handlers stated that he had travelled to the United Kingdom (UK). This is a private trip and he will stay there for one week.
- Being the captain of Azimio, many would also interpret this as another indication that the coalition was not interested in these talks.
- This is the time that the wisdom and guidance of the two leaders was badly needed.
- As we know, Azimio had prepared a list of the issues that they wanted to be discussed. The ruling Kenya Kwanza side had also done the same thing.



File image of National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah and Wiper Party Leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

I hope many would agree with me that the morale of the Azimio La Umoja-OKA coalition in bipartisan talks was lately going down.

The latest developments attest to this and I want to single out on two of them. First, the Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka was conspicuously missing from the third meeting of the 10-member Bipartisan team.

This was the first meeting after the National Assembly approved a motion to establish the National Dialogue Committee.

This was a key step as it was meant to legally fast track the process and shield deliberations and final resolutions from encountering any legal hiccups.

This meeting was therefore considered to be crucial.

So, given that Kalonzo is the team leader of the Azimio, many would have expected him to attend.

Well, we heard the minority leader Opiyo Wandayi trying to play some politics with this matter.

His explanation was not convincing. He said Kalonzo was out of country but he would not give further details.

The journalists wanted him to respond to the following questions. When did he leave the country? Where he was? The purpose of the trip? When was he expected back? This fell on deaf ears.

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As we know, Azimio had prepared a list of the issues that they wanted to be discussed. The ruling Kenya Kwanza side had also done the same thing.

One thing however remained clear. The two sides had not reached a consensus on the issues that would be put on the table.

The joint meetings of the technical committees would not help the matter.

Given this scenario, this was not the right time for the two Azimio leaders to miss in action.

The opinion is however divided. There are those who believe this move was deliberate.

The two leading players had already fallen into President William Ruto's trap.

How did the President manage to put them into his box?

Initially, he would use his skills of cunning and shrewdness. He would first tell them, 'I'm ready and prepared to hold dialogue with you.'

At one time the President who was away in Tanzania tweeted, "Tinga, you are my friend and we have come a long way. Right now I'm away in Tanzania but I'm coming back tomorrow. When I come, I'm ready to meet you at your own convenience".

This would mollify Raila who had threatened to organize and lead a new wave of street protests.

The media would a few days later report that Ruto had held a meeting with Raila in presence of former President of

Nigeria Olesugun Obasanjo at a Mombasa Hotel.

Of course, the details of this meeting would be released by the Azimio leadership.

Obasanjo did not want this to happen. He wanted to engage the two leaders behind the scene. This is because he did not believe the crisis in Kenya had reached to point of being shepherded by foreign mediators.

But Raila's opinion was different. He wanted the world to buy his political card that Kenya was burning. Kenya is staring at a full blown anarchy.

All is not however lost. The world leaders can save us if they move with speed.

To many Kenyans, this would not come as a surprise. Raila is a product of Russia. He had been flown there by his father, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, the doyen of opposition politics in Kenya. He was enrolled in a college where they were being taught pure propaganda and outright lies.

One of the sub topics of the course he studied was to cook stories that would help him to blow the small matters out of proportion.

Raila has been playing this card very well. He would not care about the damage it would cause. This is in terms of loss of lives of innocent people and destruction of people's businesses and properties.

In the aftermath of 2007 and 2017 general elections, he had his way after managing to arm-twist and blackmail President Mwai Kibaki and his successor Uhuru Kenyatta to share the government with him.

This time he is dealing with a shrewd

and well-schooled leader.

He has already managed to disarm him. This is by making him believe that he (Dr Ruto) was ready to play the same ball as his predecessors.

For Ruto, he would play two cards. The first one is to reach out to Kenyans and convince them to shun Raila's protests because they were destructive and bloody.

The second one is to tell Raila to call off the anti-demonstrations. We cannot hold talks within this toxic environment. Tell your people to go back to work and play their role of nation building.

On my part, I commit that I'm ready to dialogue with you and your brigade on anything that you want.

Initially, he would make it look like he is not even opposed to the talks that would culminate to the sharing of the government with them.

But in his mind, the President's position would be very clear. He cannot entertain this kind of talk.

Kenyans went to the polls and elected the leaders of their choice.

They elected me as the president and gave me the mandate to serve them for five years.

As losers, you are supposed to play the role of the opposition. So, stick to your lane.

As a government, we are ready to be corrected when we go wrong. This engagement should be done in a structured, constructive and respectful manner.

In light of this, Raila and Kalonzo may have had a good reason why they were missing in action. Many believe their main agenda was to push for a 'nusu mkate' (half bread) government. Going by President Ruto and his deputy stance, this now turns out to be a bad dream.

If they engage in these talks, they would end up being shamed and embarrassed. Kalonzo has already been given free advice by one of the top scholars and political analysts Herman Manyora. Keep off the dialogue. If you fail to heed the call, this will taint your credentials as a diplomat, a negotiator and a peace mediator.

It is worth noting Kalonzo's decision to skip the talks came in the wake of the comments by Manyora.

Maybe this also informs the decision that he might take.

Kalonzo's critics would on the other hand aver. This man is a water melon. He cannot be trusted. So, Raila's decision to pick him to lead the Azimio team leaves a lot to be desired.

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Primary Schools In Kangema Receive A Major Facelift

By: Florence Kinyua
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In a bid to ensure pupils learn in a habitable and good environment, Kangema Member of Parliament Peter Kihungi through the NG-CDF is in the process of improving the infrastructure in over twenty primary schools in the constituency.

The schools that have been in a deplorable state are receiving a major facelift and renovations and will be ready for occupancy when schools open for the third term next week.

“The previous standards of the primary schools were wanting and we started with Karuri and Kangema Primary Schools which were the worst hit before carrying on with the rest as we do not want to interfere with the school calendar,” observed the MP.

“Our aim is to ensure the pupils have a comfortable learning environment which will help them register even better performance going forward,” he added



One of the school undergoing face-lift in Kangema constituency.

The construction and renovation works will also involve making walkways to prevent the pupils from walking in mud and learning in muddy classrooms during the rainy season as well as replacing the leaking roofs.

The local community surrounding the schools is not only thrilled at the opportunity to put food on the table for their families but are also excited

that their children will enjoy a good environment for learning and be able to post better results for an even bright future.

They thanked the MP for the initiative, saying it was long overdue.



Kangema MP Peter Kihungi.

Social Protection Committee To Summon NSSF Boss Failure To Honour Committee Invites



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina listens as the committee chairperson make her submissions.

By: Our Correspondent
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The parliamentary committee on Social Protection yesterday resolved to summon the Managing Trustee of the National Social Protection Fund

(NSSF) Davis Koros after two failed attempts to have him appear before them.

The NSSF boss is wanted by the



Committee chairperson and Thika Town MP Alice Ng'ang'a during yesterday's session.

National Assembly committee to respond to queries around the financial management of the Fund.

In yesterday's sitting led by the CI-committee substantive chairperson and Thika Town Member of Parliament Alice Ng'ang'a, the lawmakers noted that the no-shows amounted to disrespect to Parliament in its capacity as an Arm of the National Government.

“Chair we have three Arms of Gov-

ernment which work independently. We shouldn't beg NSSF to appear before this committee. Instead, they should explain why they have not appeared today,” noted Dr. Lilian Gogo from Rangwe constituency.

Other leaders set to be invited alongside the summoned NSSF Managing Trustee are the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and the Funds Board of management.

Parliamentary Finance And National Planning Committee Begins Public Hearing On The Privatization Bill, 2023

By: PSCU

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Committee members..

Priest Finds Pleasure In Farming

By: John Kariuki

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Agriculture is indeed the backbone of our economy. It's also being taken as an Agribusiness, not just a past time activity.

It's for this reason that a Reverend Priest, Father Peter Maina finds joy when he approaches the issue of farming with an aim of motivating the youths by showing them that they don't have to wait for white collar jobs.

Our crew caught up with Father Peter Maina at Watiri farm and he agreed to share with us these brilliant words of wisdom.

“Watiri farm is a family owned enterprise, which we started with the sole aim of motivating and mentoring the young ones so that they can take up agriculture as a business venture.

We major in poultry keeping as well

as dairy cattle keeping.

We hatch chicks in bulk upon order from our customers who range from individuals to groups.”

As Father Peter Maina I took the responsibility upon myself to see to it that the farm is well managed as well as making sure youths can get a place to come and learn.

“Chicken farming is an easier method of alleviating poverty and it's cheap to start. With two birds, one is able to multiply his flock and become a successful farmer,” the farm manager noted.

Watiri Farm is indeed a pleasant place to be, nestled perfectly in the leafy and serene Kerugoya, with a tropical climate and arable soil.

Fr. Maina urged the youth not to sit pretty waiting for jobs to come by, but instead advised them to embrace the jobs available so that they can improve on their lives as well as get something to keep them going.



Rev. Fr. Peter Maina in an interview in his farm. He mentors young people to embrace agribusiness for their own good

My Blue Sea



Waves are shining
There are sails and ships
There's no equal in love
My blue sea

The winds blow at times,
As if a genius is speaking
Flood is far from storm
This little sea

Listen to the sound of it
Sings, "stay on the ship"
Incomparably beautiful
The bright blue sea

I am Khomidjonova Marjona, I was born on June 21, 2004 in the village which is located in the southern part of Andijan. Now, I live in Buloqboshi district of Andijan region. In 2022, I was graduated on the 27th General Secondary school and that year I became a student of the Uzbek language and literature department of Andijan State Pedagogical Institute. I am studying Turkish and French. My hobbies are writing poetry, drawing on the computer and creating logos. I have written more than 30 poems so far.

The Sweet Lemon: By Fatma Nadim

I sat across the sea
The waves ran hastily
scared, I escaped!
Boom!
They lost the diamond.

In the battle,
I fought hard for my heart,
As devastating as it was,
A conqueror, I became.

As tears competed,
The smile outgrew,
They say when it rains and the sun shines,
Then an elephant's birth is underway.

Little did I know,
The elephant was me!
I therefore became a lemon,
That has the taste of honey!

Edited by Bettie Atemo, Founder, BAM CARES Artmore, Poetry and Art Group.

The Result of Knowledge

On The Way To The Goal



By: Umida Abdullaeva

There is no person in this world who does not have a goal and a dream. The feeling of "dream" is present in everyone. But only dreaming is not enough for this world. However, the desired goal is achieved by hard work and sweat. You will have a little trouble, but you should not be defeated. Because giving up is a coward's job. The most important thing is to take the first step. The important thing is to start. And after that, whether we want it or not, everything will begin: both luck and failure... Maybe you will fail?! What happened?! Get up and try again. In such a situation, you should not be discouraged, on the contrary, you should be able to find the strength to get up without anyone's help. Those around you cannot help you in any way. They just support you.

Everything else is up to you. People around you will never act for you. They can kill you. But they never drag. It's true that some are not just spectators, but also criticize. But let me tell you, it is necessary to listen to criticism.

Because where there is criticism, there is also growth. Try to listen a little to what people around you say about you. If they are criticizing you in your absence, then be happy. Because, as we said above: Criticism is growth! If they say things that make you feel down, ignore them and move on. Think carefully... Where to start? What is preventing your dream from coming true, and what is necessary for it to come true?! Work on yourself more. Use the 15 minute rule. But stay away from factors that harm your health.

Be humble, but never weak. Don't waste your precious time talking about yourself, especially your dreams, to people who never want to listen to you. Read interesting books instead. These will help you a lot to achieve your goal. The best formula is: Goal+Action=Result. So take action now. It's not too late to start!



Odina Suyunova Sobir qizi

Sometimes, we have experienced lack of confidence. We try to learn something but its attitude may be discouraging.

In the last, I read a lot of books and I joined different courses but one day, they upset me like do not bear fruit. I could not memorize informations of books but I was able to memorize core of opinion. It was not time to use knowledge which I learnt in my life. At those times I lost my desires.

I searched the answer for this question: "Why I was reading these books"

I decided to apply my documents for litsey and I started preparing for my exam. I did not nervous cause I used everything that I studied and I give confidence to myself. I passed the exam, I accepted the litsey. I felt that it was result of my studies, however, I felt lacking of something from my inner.

One of my coursemate asked advice from me. Initially, I thought about it a little and I traded to give answer. Suddenly, it seemed to me that all information come from every place of my body afterwards she said:

"I liked your opinion and I took necessary dates" and she appreciated me. I felt entirely power of my studies at that time. After that, my coursemates began asking advices, I helpt ex gratia for each ones and I took pleasure from this. I liked it. Then in order not to be blush, when someone asks something from me, I strived learning lots of things.

When I did not know things I told them "I do not know about it" and tomorrow I would find answer. From them both I felt happiness, peacefulness and I learnt myself.

After that, I made decision about learning all things for my children and every things for them that I am learning now.

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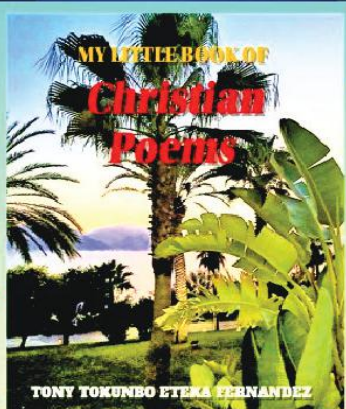
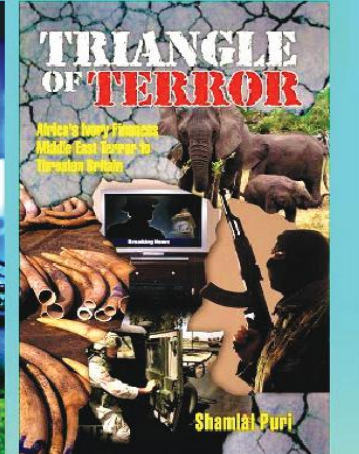
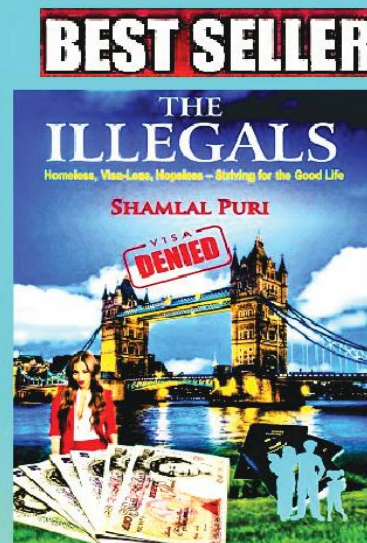
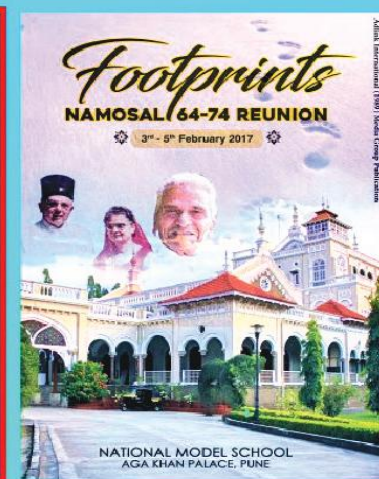
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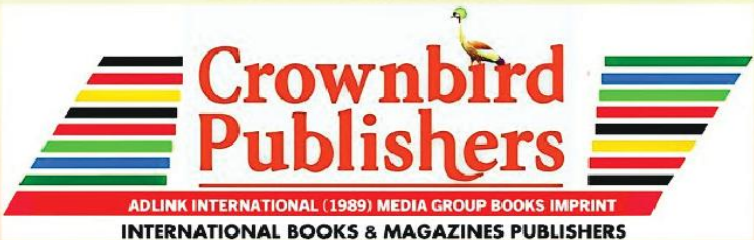
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Armed Thug In Detective Mayaka's Murder Shot Dead

By: The DCI

Detectives gunned down one of the thugs involved in the cold-blooded murder of detective David Mayaka in Kayole, two weeks ago.

The suspect John Kamau aka Farouk died in a hail of fire yesterday after he was cornered by DCI officers and defied orders to surrender, opting to shoot at the officers.

Armed with the CZ pistol that fired the fatal shots which took detective Mayaka's life, the bloodthirsty thug had emerged from his door at an apartment in Njiru Sub-County and shot at one of our men injuring him on his left thigh.

This prompted his colleagues to retaliate with speed and efficiency killing the miscreant on the spot in the dawn operation conducted on the second floor of flat B4-124, by an elite team of sleuths drawn from the Crime Research & Intelligence Bureau.

The CZ pistol loaded with 12 rounds



of 9mm calibre was recovered, in the operation that also involved a backup team of detectives from Soweto and Njiru.

Also recovered in a backpack were assorted mobile phones suspected to have been violently acquired from victims of crime in the city.

Preliminary investigations conducted by ballistic experts based at the DCI National Forensic Laboratory have linked the firearm to over five armed robberies staged in Nairobi and Kiam-

bu Counties in the last one year.

The robberies targeted MPESA outlets in the populous residential areas of Kayole, Buru Buru, Dandora and Dagoretti.

Detectives have since established that the recovered firearm had been violently robbed from an aide to a former Cabinet Secretary in a robbery incident reported on November 17, 2021 in Ngong, Kajiado County.

During the incident, the aide who was a licensed firearm holder was

driving into his compound at around 2am, when he was accosted by a four-man gang armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and crude weapons including metal bars and machetes.

After ransacking the man's house located at Kerarapon village, the thugs made away with his pistol and 55 rounds of 9mm calibre from the aide's safe.

Yesterday's incident follows the arrest of one key suspect in the murder, who was apprehended last week in

Kikuyu, Kiambu County. Alex Wanjiru, 23, who was the rider of the motorbike that was used by the thugs on the fateful night was flushed out of his hideout at his grandmother's compound in Ruthingiti village where he had gone into hiding.

The motorbike, a red Boxer registration number KMGJ 350V was also impounded.

A manhunt for the third suspect Henry Njihia, who is believed to be armed and dangerous is currently underway.

Detective Mayaka who was based at DCI Makadara was driving home in the company of his wife Kemunto Mayaka on August 8, at around 10pm when they were accosted by the three-man gang riding on a motorbike.

The officer had stopped his vehicle to change a flat tyre when the thugs struck, in a heart-wrenching scene that was captured by CCTV cameras mounted at an adjacent building.

Meanwhile, the injured sleuth is recuperating at a city hospital in stable condition.

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Water And Irrigation Ps Kipronoh Ronoh Meets MPs From Nyandarua County

By: Our Reporter

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The Principal Secretary State Department for Water and Sanitation yesterday held a meeting with Members of Parliament from Nyandarua County.

The MPs had visited the PS in his Maji office to discuss matters related to water and sanitation services in their respective constituencies.

Key projects under discussion included Kinangop Sewerage Project, Turasha dam project in Konoike, St. Lukes School as well as Malewa dam and Pesi dam respectively that have been advertised to commence construction soon.

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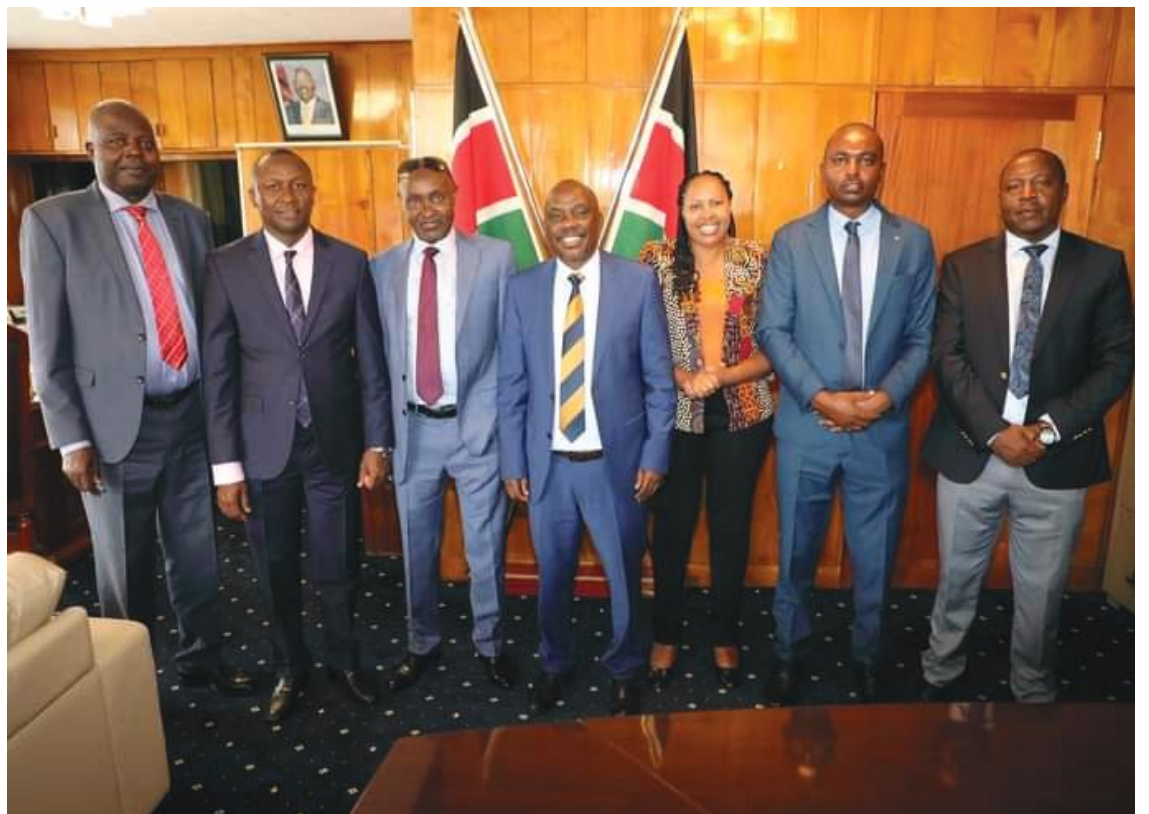
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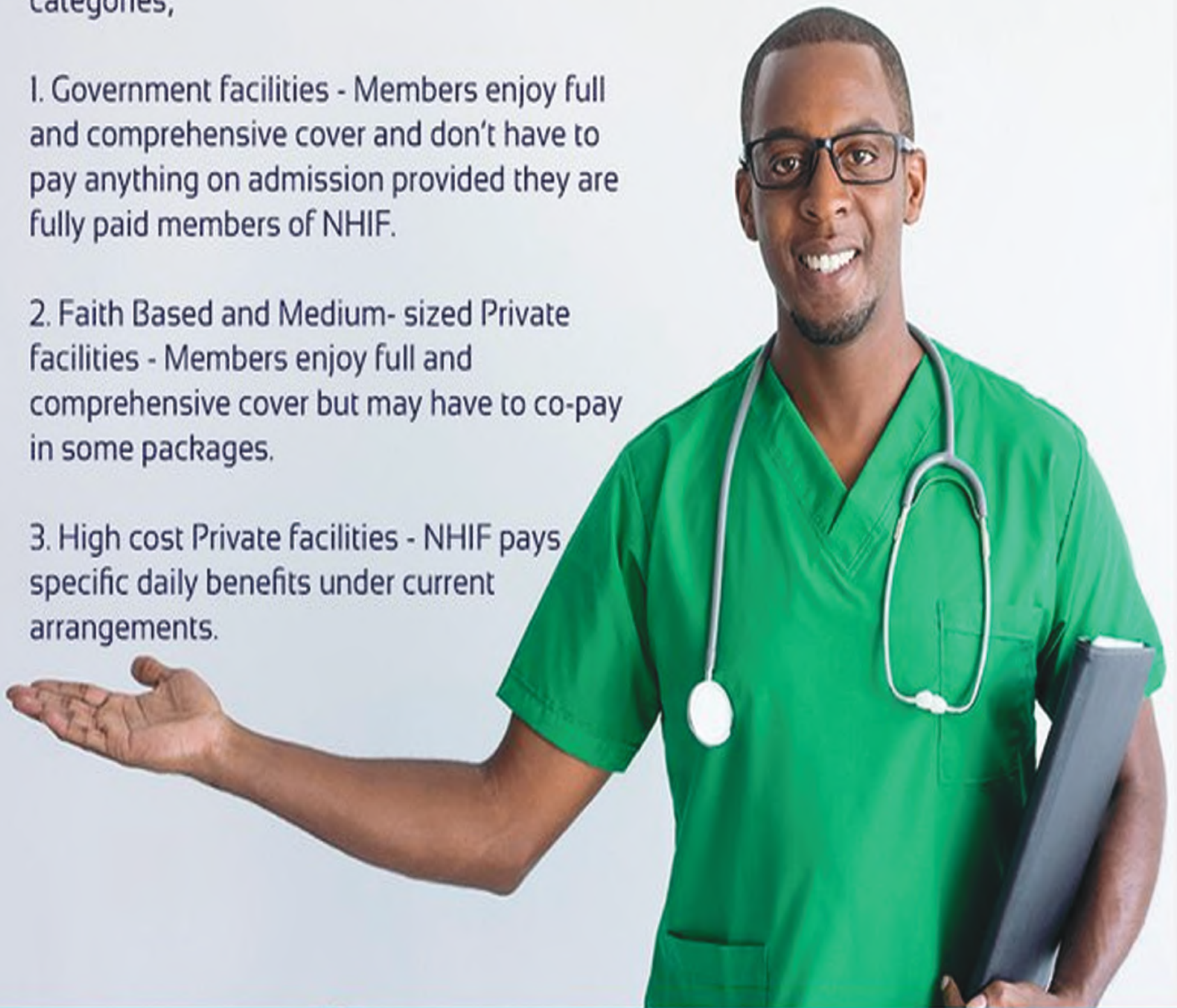
Principal Secretary Dr Paul Rono pose for a photo with Nyandarua County MPs after a consultative meeting in his office.



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Kenya Plastics Pact Commits To Combat Plastic Pollution

By: Bernadette Khaduli
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The Kenya Plastics Pact (KPP) has reiterated its commitment to work with like-minded partners to adopt strategies that contribute to a thriving Kenyan economy while reducing the negative impact of plastics on the environment and human health.

The Pact, a collaborative platform comprising critical stakeholders from the government, the private sector among them manufacturers and retailers, Extended Producer Responsibility Organizations (EPR), civil society, and the informal waste sector, has announced its commitment to combat plastic pollution through innovative solutions.

Plastic pollution has emerged as a global environmental crisis, with Kenya being no exception, an issue that has made the Kenya Plastics Pact to address the challenge by driving systemic change across the plastics value chain.

Program Manager at Sustainable Inclusive Business, the KPP Secre-

tariat Ebenezer Amadi said KPP is helping stakeholders in the plastics value chain to work together to re-design the plastics system, eliminate unnecessary and problematic plastic items, increase the recycling rate and reuse of plastics, and support a circular economy.

“We seek to inspire change in how plastic is produced, used, and disposed of in Kenya and to serve as a model for other countries in the region and beyond,” said Amadi.

The KPP Secretariat said Kenya Plastics Pact aims to eliminate unnecessary or problematic single-use plastic packaging items through re-design, innovation, and reuse delivery models, ensure 100 percent of plastic packaging is reusable or recyclable, ensure 40 percent of plastic packaging is effectively recycled, as well as increase the average recycled content to 15 percent across all plastic packaging.

In a press statement sent to newsrooms, Amadi noted that with result-oriented activities led by members and supporters, the Pact is focused on accelerating progress toward a sustainable future by es-

tablishing a shared vision, a collaborative action plan and ambitious targets towards creating a circular economy for plastics in Kenya.

The Pact has been engaging its members for consultative workshops to forge a consensus on the best strategy for implementing the activities outlined in the Pact’s roadmap to 2030.

Section 13 of the Act requires that all producers that introduce products to the Kenyan market bear mandatory responsibility for the post-consumer stage and their products’ lifecycles, from design and cleaner production, prioritize re-use, increase recycling rates for technical materials and safe disposal in an engineered landfill.

By holding producers accountable for the entire product lifecycle, EPR promotes circularity and reduces the negative environmental impact of plastic waste.

In her remarks, Faith Ngige, Co-ordinator, Climate Business Information Network- Kenya under the Kenya Private Sector Alliance, said the Pact plays a critical role by mobilizing private sector members and supporting the government and the



Stakeholders during a past function

PROs in education and awareness campaigns, especially regarding the producers’ obligations under the Act.

She noted that the commencement date for the Sustainable Waste Management Act was 26th July 2022, saying the law was fully operational.

NEMA has organized an info session for all producers in Kenya to elaborate on what is expected of them in demonstrating compliance with section 13 of the Sustainable Waste Management Act (2022).

The session will be held virtually

today.

The Pact will also support its members to comply with the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) provisions under the Sustainable Waste Management Act (2022), where one of the key objectives is alignment with the circular economy’s goals, including providing a framework for the responsible management of plastic waste.

The Need for TikTok Regulation over Ban In Kenya

By: Elijah Maingi
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In a digital age defined by social media and short-form content, TikTok has emerged as a global sensation, captivating audiences young and old. Recently, a petition to ban TikTok in Kenya has stirred up debates, highlighting concerns about its potential impact on the country’s youth. While some argue for an outright ban, a more balanced approach would be to advocate for stringent regulations that foster responsible usage without stifling creative expression.

Undoubtedly, TikTok has become a platform where trends are set, creativity thrives, and users find an outlet for self-expression. However, it is crucial to address the valid concerns raised by petitioners about the promotion of violence, hate speech, and explicit content. These issues should not be brushed aside; instead, they should serve as catalysts for robust regulatory measures.

The idea of banning TikTok is met

with resistance from those who recognize the platform’s role in providing livelihoods to countless young people. The majority leader’s stance is a reminder of the economic opportunities and entrepreneurship that the digital realm offers to the youth. Therefore, banning TikTok outright would not only stifle individual creativity but also impede the socio-economic progress of the country’s burgeoning digital economy.

Instead of resorting to an extreme solution, implementing a well-crafted set of regulations could strike a balance between safeguarding the well-being of users and supporting the digital aspirations of the youth. Here are some regulations that could be considered:

Age Restrictions: Implement stringent age verification processes to ensure that age-inappropriate content is not accessible to minors.

Content Moderation: Enforce strict guidelines for content moderation, prohibiting explicit content, hate speech, and violence-inciting material. Deploy advanced AI algorithms to detect and remove such content swiftly.

Reporting Mechanisms: Establish a user-friendly reporting mechanism that allows users to flag inappropriate content easily, empowering the community to maintain a safe environment.

Educational Initiatives: Collaborate with educational institutions and influencers to raise awareness about responsible content creation and consumption. Encourage digital literacy programs that teach users about online etiquette and the consequences of irresponsible behavior.

Digital Footprint Awareness: Promote understanding of the potential permanence of digital footprints among users, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a positive online presence.

Public-Private Partnerships: Foster collaboration between the government, civil society, and technology companies to ensure that the regulatory framework is comprehensive and effective.

Regular Audits: Conduct periodic audits of the platform’s adherence to regulations, with transparent reporting mechanisms to keep the public informed.



The call to ban TikTok in Kenya raises important concerns that should not be ignored. However, an outright ban would be counterproductive, as it would deprive the youth of opportunities and stifle innovation. Instead, a balanced approach of rigorous regulations can preserve the platform’s benefits while mitigating

potential harm. By focusing on education, moderation, and collaboration, Kenya can harness the potential of TikTok for the digital future while ensuring a safe and responsible online space for all.

3rd Term Project title: AI in our real life

By: Our Reporter
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Abstract

This paper provides an overview of the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on daily life and various industries, such as healthcare, business, gaming, and agriculture. The study aimed to explore the real-world uses and implications of AI in society, as well as the potential and limitations of the technology. Three school students with diverse computer science and AI backgrounds participated in the study and researched the topic of AI applications using articles found on the internet. The results indicate that AI has already been applied in various industries, providing numerous benefits such as improving efficiency, reducing costs, enhancing customer experiences, and creating new revenue streams. However, implementing AI requires careful consideration of ethical, legal, and regulatory issues.

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This dialogue discusses the healthcare industry and how it is changing with new technologies and AI. The conversation focuses explicitly on two companies: One Medical and Patina. Amazon recently acquired One Medical in an all-cash transaction valued at \$3.9 billion. It aims to make quality care more affordable, accessible, and enjoyable through a seamless combination of in-person, digital, and virtual care services. Patina is a newer company launched in October 2021 with \$57 million in funding from Andreessen Horowitz and GV. The company's mission is to improve the healthcare and aging experience for older adults. Jack Stoddard, the leader of Patina, explains that the company focuses on adults 65 and over, as the healthcare system is not currently meeting their unique clinical and psychosocial needs. Patina's approach is to provide primary care, leveraging technologies such as digital and virtual channels to create a personalized care experience for older adults in their own homes. In addition, the



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 This article discusses the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on various aspects of society, including governments, communities, companies, and individuals. It aims to investigate whether AI's present emergence is hype or can transform

the world. The paper covers a wide range of implications of AI and digs deeper into both the positive and negative impacts. It looks into AI's influential academic achievements and innovations and their impact on entrepreneurial activities and the global market. The paper also explores the factors responsible for the advancement of AI by considering two lists of the top 100 AI start-ups. The research aims to provide a better understanding of the innovations and impact of AI on businesses and society in general, as well as how AI can transform business operations and the global economy.
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a strong position in the creative industries and has been one of the fastest-growing parts of the economy and one of the fastest-growing sources of employment in recent years. Recent AI breakthroughs could significantly impact the creative industries, as digitization has enabled a high proportion of creative content to be created, distributed, and consumed digitally. The report uses data from the global scientific research paper repository arXiv, data on UK companies and academic collaborations, and data on international startup activity to study levels of activity combining creative activity and AI in research and commercial applications.

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Amref Launches Its Strategic Plan 2023-2030, Focusing On Equity And Inclusion

By: The KNA



AMREF and Health officials comparing the Strategic plan contents after its launch.

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Amref Health Africa has launched its strategic plan 2023-2030 that sets out to transform the health of communities through Primary Health Care mainly focusing on women and Youth.

The non-profit organization founded in 1957 has a footprint in all 47 counties in Kenya, through shared value, and partnership with civil society organizations, development agencies, and national and county governments the 2018-2022 strategic plan has impacted the lives of more than 30 million people across multiple areas on the country.

The ambitious plan will be built from the successes and lessons from the previous strategic plan, shaping the future of health care in Kenya.

The new plan provides a new perspective on people-centered health systems and social determinants of health including the effects of the climate crisis on population health, and stronger partnerships and alignment with others in the healthcare space.

Present at the event were Principal Secretary Health Mary Muthoni Muriuki, Council of Governors Health committee Vice Chair Gladys Wanga, Board Chair Amref Health Africa in Kenya, Mette Kinoti.

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"As I have gone through the strategy, it is clear that your organization is fully supportive of the government of the Kenya Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) that will give full attention to integrated preventive and promotive health that begins at the household," Nakhumicha said.

She added that the government has prioritized four pillars which include: commodity security that ensures the availability of quality health products and technologies at all levels of the health

system, human resources which seeks to leverage 100,000 health promoters to drive a preventive and promotive health care agenda, integrated Health Information Technology aims to develop electronic community health information system to achieve patient's data portability, and health financing as the final pillar that aims to implement social health insurance for all Kenyans.

The CS added that the Ministry will soon sign a cooperation agreement with Amref that defines key areas and desired results for technical assistance. Nakhumicha emphasized that there could never be an efficient and effective healthcare delivery system without the participation of people themselves.

Governor Wanga was impressed by the summary of the strategic plan noting that it is a people-centered health system, about the people, for the people, by the people.

"The strategic plan we are unveiling today will be a convergence of dedication, innovation, and vision to create a healthier more equitable future for all Kenyans. Amref Kenya has been an essential partner in our quest to enhance healthcare outcomes," Wanga said.

She commended Amref's commitment

to improving health systems. She further stated that the strategic plan underscores the organization's commitment to fostering collaboration among state holders, leveraging technology, and adapting to change and realities. A health Ecosystem that is responsive, inclusive, and comprehensive and reaffirms health equity, and gender equality aligning perfectly with our national priorities.

Wanga said that Amref lays a focus on primary healthcare noting that our success in healthcare relies on collaboration. Ms. Kinoti emphasized that through partnerships with various agencies and Governments, Kenya's health system has been strengthened.

While welcoming health development partners Ms. Kinoti expressed how proud she was of the strategic plan and invited everyone to join in transforming the health of communities across Africa.

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(PDF) Artificial Intelligence in agriculture - researchgate. Researchgate. Retrieved January 23, 2023, from https://www.researchgate.net/publication/347804523_Artificial_Intelligence_in_Agriculture

The paper discusses the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in agriculture and its potential benefits. The authors draw on case studies and examples to support their argument and provide a detailed analysis of the current state of AI in agriculture. This is a valuable resource for researchers and professionals interested in applying AI in agriculture. It is a tool that organizes readers' thoughts and sources, but it is not the final product.

Ethical issues in advanced artificial intelligence. Ethical Issues In Advanced Artificial Intelligence. (n.d.). Retrieved January 27, 2023, from <https://nickbostrom.com/ethics/ai>

This paper discusses the ethical issues related to the creation of machines with general intellectual capabilities far surpassing humans, referred to as superintelligence. The authors argue that superintelligence would not be just another technological development but explosive progress in all scientific and technological fields. The paper further explores issues related to accelerating or slowing down its development.

Introduction.

Imagine a world where machines can think, learn, and make decisions just like humans. This once far-fetched idea has now become a reality with the advancement of Artificial Intelligence.

Artificial Intelligence, or AI, is the branch of computer science that deals with the creation of machines that can perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence, such as understanding natural language, recognizing images, and making decisions. The field has its roots in the 1950s when researchers first began to explore the idea of building machines that could perform tasks that would normally require human intelligence.

Over the years, there have been many key developments and milestones in the field of Artificial Intelligence. Some of the most notable include the creation of the first AI program, the development of expert systems in the 1970s and 1980s, the rise of machine learning and deep learning algorithms in the 1990s and 2000s, and the recent breakthroughs

in areas such as natural language processing and computer vision.

Today, Artificial Intelligence is a rapidly growing field that is having a major impact on many areas of society, including healthcare, finance, education, and entertainment. As the field continues to advance, it is expected to play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of technology and society.

“What are the most significant real-world applications of Artificial Intelligence in today’s society and what impact are these applications having on various industries and fields?”

This research question fits within the larger context of the field by exploring the practical uses and implications of AI in society. As AI continues to advance, it is important to understand how it is being applied and the effects it is having on various industries and fields. By answering this research question, the study will contribute to a deeper understanding of the real-world uses and implications of Artificial Intelligence and will provide valuable insights into its potential and limitations.

This paper discusses the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on daily life and various industries. Once considered fiction, AI has become a reality and is used in various fields like healthcare, art, business, gaming, agriculture, and education. Furthermore, machine learning is helping in the betterment of AI systems and is playing a vital role in the field. Therefore, in today’s world AI has already been applied in various industries. However, although artificial intelligence can improve our lives, it can also have some risks. Therefore, some ethical issues must be observed.

Methods.

The study participants were three school students with diverse computer science and artificial intelligence backgrounds. Each participant was responsible for researching and writing about the real-world applications of AI in their respective fields. The total number of participants was three, and the selection criteria were based on their prior knowledge and potential in the relevant fields. All participants had a strong interest in the topic of Artificial Intelligence and its impact on society.

The materials used in the study included laptops and web browsers. The laptops were used to search for articles and other relevant information on the real-world uses of AI. Web browsers were used to access credible sources such as Google Scholar and Forbes. All the articles

used in the study were carefully selected based on their relevance to the topic and the credibility of their sources. The materials were chosen for their accessibility and reliability, allowing the participants to easily and accurately gather information on the real-world applications of AI.

The procedure used in the study involved researching the topic of the real-world uses of AI using only articles found on the internet. The steps involved in the procedure were as follows:

1. Search for articles on the real-world uses of AI using laptops and web browsers.
2. Carefully sort through the articles to select those that are most relevant to the study.
3. Read and analyze the selected articles, sorting the information contained in them into categories.

The study followed a systematic and organized approach to ensure that all relevant information was captured and analyzed accurately. No treatments, interventions, or manipulations were used in the study.

Results.

AI in healthcare: AI in healthcare is increasingly essential. AI can automate routine tasks and free resources to be focused on patient care. In addition, AI can provide predictive analytics and help make more informed decisions. In many cases, AI technology surpasses human experts' performance, reducing errors and improving diagnostic accuracy.

AI in business: The role of AI in business is becoming increasingly important as it provides numerous benefits, such as improving efficiency, reducing costs, automating repetitive tasks, making data-driven decisions, enhancing customer experiences, and creating new revenue streams. AI-powered tools and technologies can help businesses streamline operations, make better use of data, and gain a competitive advantage. However, implementing AI in business requires careful consideration of ethical, legal, and regulatory issues and a deep understanding of the specific business problems AI is being used to solve. Data analysis can be used to show that AI is not just hype and that its impact on businesses and society is real.

AI in gaming: Talking about Gaming World, the role of AI is becoming increasingly important, as the technology is being used for more than just generating NPCs (aka bots). For example, AI is often used to help create realistic and engaging virtual worlds, such as developing atmospheric elements like weather or providing procedural game events

(such as player-driven concocting stories). AI can also be used to provide more natural player versus environment encounters, creating complexities that require both skilled and strategic play. Additionally, game developers are increasingly using artificial intelligence to help quickly test prototypes before total production, allowing for an efficient development process. In summary, the role of AI in gaming is significant for creating immersive and engaging experiences that today’s players expect.

AI in agriculture: Agriculture is a major challenge for many countries, with an estimated 820 million people suffering from hunger today. With the world’s population expected to reach 9.1 billion by 2050, 70% more food must be produced to avoid hunger for an additional 370 million people. There is also a projected gap between growing water demand and available water supply. AI has been recognized as an essential factor in addressing these challenges in agriculture, with its first application in the field dating back to 1985.

AI in education: AI can play a vital role in education, as well. For example, AI-based tools such as learning management systems and automated grading software can help educators save time and resources while providing students with personalized learning experiences. AI can also enable more customized assessments, track student progress more accurately, and facilitate study groups with students worldwide. As a result, AI could improve student engagement and outcomes across any education sector.

Threads: This belief is based on the idea that human intelligence is not necessarily special in the realm of possibilities and that there is potential for creating artificial mechanisms that are significantly more intelligent than humans. Additionally, the development of AI has the potential to accelerate its growth further, leading to an exponential increase in the potential for artificial intelligence to pose a risk to humanity. As AI continues to advance, there is a growing need for responsible consideration of the potential consequences of artificial intelligence systems, particularly their potential impact on humanity. As such, there is an increasing focus on the ethical considerations of AI and the development of AI systems that prioritize human well-being and safety.

Ethics: The emergence of superintelligence may lead to further advancements, due to the ability to improve hardware and source code. AI can easily be copied, resulting

in the potentially rapid emergence of superintelligence (referred to as the singularity hypothesis). AI can be autonomous agents with unique motivations and psyches, which may differ considerably from human ones. It is important to approach AI development with caution, avoiding assumptions based on past technological advancements or human psychology.

Discussion.

The results of this study demonstrate the growing impact of AI in a range of fields, including healthcare, business, gaming, agriculture, and education. In healthcare, AI is seen as essential for automating routine tasks, improving decision-making, reducing errors, and improving diagnostic accuracy. Similarly, in business, AI is being used to streamline operations, make better use of data, and gain a competitive advantage. In gaming, AI is being used to create immersive and engaging virtual experiences, while in agriculture, it is being used to address the challenge of feeding a growing global population. In education, AI is used to personalize learning experiences and improve student engagement and outcomes.

The results also highlight the need for responsible consideration of the potential consequences of AI, particularly its impact on humanity. The belief that human intelligence is not necessarily special and that there is potential for creating artificial mechanisms that are significantly more intelligent than humans is supported by the exponential increase in the potential for artificial intelligence to pose a risk. This highlights the growing importance of ethical considerations in AI development and the need for AI systems that prioritize human well-being and safety.

The singularity hypothesis, the rapid emergence of superintelligence, is also a concern that must be approached with caution. AI can be autonomous agents with unique motivations and psyches, which may differ considerably from human ones. It is important to avoid assumptions based on past technological advancements or human psychology when developing AI systems.

In conclusion, the results of this study emphasize the growing impact of AI across a range of fields and the importance of considering the potential consequences of AI in its development. It is crucial to approach AI development with caution and to prioritize human well-being and safety in the design of AI systems.

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GOAT! – Faith Kipyegon owns the track and delivers Kenya’s first gold in Budapest



FAITH KIPYEGON REACTS AFTER WINNING HER THIRD WORLD TITLE. *photo/Athletics Weekly/Twitter*

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Kipyegon, the triple world record holder, controlled the tempo from start to finish, before deploying her devastating finishing kick to stop the clock in 3:54.87 for her third global gold. The 29-year old Kenyan has

been in brilliant shape this season, setting three world records; in her traditional 1500m race, the 5,000m and the less run mile. Her gold in Budapest was testament of her abilities and dominance.

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Kibiwott defies huge fall to clinch steeple bronze as Morocco's El Bakkali retains title



Abraham Kibiwott celebrates after winning the Commonwealth Games title in Birmingham. PHOTO/Kelly Ayodi

Commonwealth Games champion Abraham Kibiwott defied a massive thud at the backstraight in the final lap to clinch bronze, as Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali defended his steeplechase crown at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest.

Just as it was in Eugene last year, El Bakkali and Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma finished first and second for gold and silver, while it was a Kenyan who settled for bronze.

Kibiwott timed 8:11.98 at third, with El Bakkali defending his

crown in 8:03.53. Ethiopia's Girma clocked 8:05.44 for silver.

Meanwhile, Leonarrd Bett's attempt to pip compatriot Kibiwott for bronze was unsuccessful as she settled for fourth (8:12.26) while Simon Koech finished seventh (8:14.37).

Up until two laps to go, El Bakkali and Girma were lurking at the back of Bett who had chosen to be the early pacemaker, like lionesses waiting for the opportune time to pounce for prey.

Bett had decided to dictate pace early, but neither of the two

heavyweights; the world record holder and the Olympic and reigning world champion, were falling for it.

Momentarily, Bett switched places with Kibiwott with three laps to go, but the two leading lights would take charge with two laps to go.

At the bell, Girma set his eyes on picking up the tempo, and all this time, El Bakkali waited patiently. As they strode into the backstraight, the Moroccan, with an electric finishing kick, struck.

While they toiled for the gold and

El Bakkali moving past Girma, behind them, Kibiwott had taken a huge hit in the barrier and tumbled knee first, but managed to pick himself and wade off the challenge from his compatriot Bett.

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Tanzania's Peter Lugendo Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards

By: Our Reporter
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1. Who are you?

-I'm Peter Lugendo, a Radio and TV Presenter and Producer.

2. Where are you from?

-I'm from Tanzania. Working on Tanzania Broadcasting corporation (TBC).

3. How did you hear about these awards?

-I heard about the Awards through your social media (Instagram).

4. How do you feel about the nomination?

-I'm so excited with your nomination, because it's my first international Awards to be nominated.

5. Are you attending the Grande finale?

-Yes its my aim to attend the ceremony in south Africa

6. Who are you going with?

-I will be with my Aunt.

7. What do you anticipate?

-Nothing than winning, because I deserve.

8. Which category do you represent?

-I represented the best star Radio personally of the year.

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

-First thing to upcoming is that, trying and trying while you're making improvement is the best way to successful destination.

10. Do you have many followers, what can others do to grow and get more followers?

-The only way to get more follow-



Peter Lugendo .

ers on social media is to post content much as you can as well as choosing what is so interesting to that time.

11. What are your future aspirations?

-is to be the best and famous Radio and TV presenter who have directly impact to the international commu-

nity

12. What shall you do if you win, to help grow the Shinning star awards brand?

-Firstly is to publicize my Award as much as I can so as to inspire others.

-Secondly, I will be open to advise

others as well as training them.

13. Your last words?

- Nothing I think now than Shinning star Awards 2023.

Thank you so much Shinning star for the opportunity and exposure.

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