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# Bore Makes Case For More Kenyan Workers In Saudi Job Market

By: Eric Biegon

Saudi Arabia on Wednesday where they discussed labour migration issues between the two countries.

During the meeting, the CS asked the Saudi officials to consider extending more employment opportunities to Kenyan workers whom she described as the hardest working. “The Kenyan worker is among the

best workers the world has to offer – In line with my mandate to create job opportunities, I invited a delegation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, representatives from the

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# CS Soipan Uses The Maa Cultural Festival Forum To Condemn Retrogressive Culture

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Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Soipan Tuya

Worth Noting:

- Soipan who served ten years as the Narok County Woman Member of Parliament also condemned the cultural practice that encouraged women to defer to men at the dinner table such that women would only eat after the man had had enough of their fill.
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Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Soipan Tuya has condemned retrogressive culture that undermines women.

Speaking during the ongoing Maa Cultural Festival at Sekenani Gate- Maasai Mara National Reserve, Ms. Tuya asked the community to embrace the progressive culture that attracts development in the Maa-speaking counties.

She singled out Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and teenage marriages as some of the cultural practices that were retrogressive and needed to be wiped out urgently.

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The CS challenged the community to embrace education and religion saying a successful culture is one where people are educated and worship God.

“Today we have religious leaders and very educated people among us, as we

celebrate the Maa culture. This means a good culture is that which embraces development,” she reiterated, calling on girls to put more effort in school so that they can become professionals in various fields.

Her sentiments were echoed by Narok Governor’s wife Mrs Agnes Ntutu who said FGM, early marriages, and teenage pregnancies should be a thing of the past in the community.

She said Maa girls have an equal opportunity like the boys to influence society through education, vowing to support girls in the county to lead a decent life.

The ongoing Maa Cultural Festival has brought together Maa-speaking counties among them Samburu, Kajiado, Baringo,

Marsabit, and the host Narok County.

The festival, which will be run annually, aims at uniting the Maa people as they market their products both locally and internationally.

President Dr. William Ruto graced the event in the company of Governor Patrick Ntutu (Narok), Governor Jonathan Lelelit (Samburu), and Governor Joseph Ole Lenku (Kajiado).

Others attending the festival are Anglican Churches of Kenya Arch Bishop Jackson Ole Sapit, who hails from Narok County, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Peninah Malonza, and Narok County Commissioner Isaac Masinde.

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# Establishment Of A Cancer Fund Moves A Step Ahead

By: John Kariuki  
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A Member of Parliament has hatched an idea of addressing the cancer burden which has continued to overwhelm Kenyans everywhere.

Timothy Kipchumba Toroitich who is elected to represent Marakwet West Constituency in the National Assembly has a great vision which is to establish a National Cancer Prevention and Control Fund.

Official statistics indicate that Cancer is the third highest cause of morbidity in Kenya (7 per cent of deaths per year), after infectious diseases and cardiovascular diseases

In a Motion tabled in Parliament, the Very Hon Kipchumba wants the National Assembly to resolve that the Government through the National Treasury, establishes the fund to ease the burden of the disease on Kenyans.

To highlight the seriousness of the matter, The National Assembly on Wednesday 23rd August 2023, ad-

ressed the paramount issue of establishment of a National Cancer Prevention And Control Fund.

The Hon. Members approved a motion by Hon. Timothy Toroitich, that the Government through the National Treasury, establishes a National Cancer Prevention and Control Fund to promote prevention, control, and treatment of cancer in the country.

The Mover of the motion pointed out that Cancer Prevention and Control Act, 2012 seeks to promote access to quality and affordable diagnostic and treatment services for persons with cancer but said the fund would go a long way in addressing the problem.

Health is a Right  
 Article 42(1)(a) of the Constitution provides for the right of every person to access the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services.



Marakwet West MP Timothy Kipchumba Toroitich. He is the mover of the motion that seeks to establish a National Cancer Prevention and Control Fund

# I Can't Resign, The Grounds Are Insufficient: CS Namwamba

By: Capital News

Sports and Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary Ababu Namwamba has rubbished the push for him to resign over claims of mismanagement of his docket defending his performance as exemplary.

Namwamba who appeared before the floor of the National Assembly to answer to concerns of negligence in the Ministry defended his performance arguing the grounds tabled are not sufficient for his removal.

"I have no doubt that I have been performing well as the Cabinet Secretary of Sports, Arts and Youth Affairs. I believe there is absolutely no sufficient ground to cause my resignation because I believe I am performing exemplary well as CS responsible for this Ministry," he said.

Namwamba has been on the spot following details that the welfare of the Kenyan team that participated in



Sports and Youth Affairs Cabinet Secretary Ababu Namwamba.

the Special Olympics held in Berlin, Germany, in June 2023 was mismanaged.

MPs pointed an accusing finger at Namwamba over some members complained about the reception of

the 25 athletes when they jetted back to the country after the Special Olympics games held from 15 to 25 June.

Namwamba however defended himself saying he was not around the day the team jetted out of the country for

the international competitions.

The Sports and Youth Cabinet Secretary explained he was represented by top officials from the Ministry.

"This particular trip did not find me in town because I was performing

other duties elsewhere but the team was fully facilitated. I can confirm to this house that indeed I was not at the airport at the departure of this team but the officers of the Ministry accompanied this team to ensure that all the preparations required were done," he said.

Namwamba denied claims that Kenyan athletes have been using fake kits from Adidas, saying that they have a deal with Nike.

Deputy Speaker Gladys Boss Shollei had claimed that the athletes in the World Athletics Championships in Budapest were wearing fake Adidas which she said were bought at River Road.

"About the athlete's kits, the country has a contract with Nike and not Adidas as it is reported. We found the contract in place," he said.

"As for the team at Budapest, I have photos with the president of athletics Kenya. I can share the images, they were all fully in Nike uniforms and not Adidas," Namwamba added.

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# Governor Kang'ata Reshuffles Cabinet, Orders All Medical Superintendents To Step Aside

By: Wambui Mwangi

## Worth Noting:

- “The med sups will serve for a one-year term which is renewable. At the renewal stage, a client’s satisfactory survey will be conducted to determine the necessity of renewal” he added.
- The governor said there has been widespread outcry from the residents over poor service delivery at the health facilities saying the move will help bring the desired change.
- Further, the governor directed for the automation of systems in all the 157 health facilities in the county to help improve o service delivery.



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The medical superintendents at the Murang'a district hospital, Maragua hospital, Kirwara, Muriranja's and Kangema have until 7th September to relinquish their positions.

Kang'ata says the county will advertise the positions for interested candidates to apply for the job and the successful ones will be picked.

“The candidates shall be subjected to a suitability test conducted internally by the county and the successful candidates will get the job” he said.

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He said there are complains of lack of drugs despite the county ensuring there is adequate supply pointing out that there is a possibility of drugs being smuggled out of the facilities.

“I have given a one-month ultimatum to those in charge of the health sector to ensure the operations in all the facilities are automated failure to which they will face disciplinary action” he

remarked.

The governor however acknowledged there have been hitches in the digitization program appealing for patience from the public.

“We are working to have the system stabilize for efficiency and this complains will be things of the past” he added.

“I will also be able to monitor drug dispensation from all the facilities and track all the operations to ensure efficiency” said Kang'ata.

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# Nakuru County To Transit To Digitized Community Health Services

By: Anne Mwale  
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Digitized Community Health Services.

**Worth Noting:**

- The Electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS) is a national project that was launched a year ago by the Ministry of Health that comprises a SmartHealth Mobile Phone application, built on Medic's Community Health Toolkit (CHT) platform.
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Nakuru County has kicked off the transition to an electronic Community Health Information System (eCHIS) to boost community health promoters' (CHPs') work.

The CHPs will transition from analog to digital reporting, using electronic gadgets after gaining proficiency through technical training.

Chief Officer in charge of Public Health Ms. Alice Abuki indicated that over 2,000 CHPs will use the gadgets to aid household registration, patient screening, treatment, and referrals and help advocate primary health practices.

"We will train all Community Health Promoters following the successful distribution of tablets, which will facilitate the implementation of the digital system. The trainings will be conducted at the ward levels across different community units in all the 11 Sub-Counties," stated Ms Abuki.

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"The purpose of this training is to ensure CHPs are brought on board and understand their roles and responsibilities when it comes to community health promotion in their communities and also equip them with information and skills to navigate the eCHIS," said Ms. Abuki.

US Agency for International Development's (USAID) Country Health Information Systems and Data Use (CHISU) program supports Kenya's digital health transformation by building up and fortifying the technology, software, and information systems used by the Ministry of Health and everyone working in the health system to deliver more affordable, higher-quality care.

This includes training healthcare workers to collect, analyze, and use data through standardized, unified systems that help them make data-driven decisions about improving healthcare for patients

The officer added that the eCHIS training program will encompass a wide array of topics, ranging from data entry and patient registration to advanced analytics and reporting functionalities.

"By leveraging technology to its fullest potential, healthcare workers will be able to access real-time patient/ Community information, track health trends, and identify potential outbreaks promptly," she said

Ms. Abuki observed that the analog system was expensive for the county government, rendered data vulnerable and data could easily get lost. But with the digitized system, the official stated data entry is easy, data can be traced, and is credible.

CHPs have been moving around with bulky books to take note of the data, but with smartphones, it will be easy to load the information into the county health data system.

According to the official eCHIS is equipped with a mobile app that is interactive and has guidelines and questionnaires, where the CHVs fill in patients' information. The app also has procedures for various treatments.

She further cited that the system is set to transform the way patient data is collected, managed, and shared, ultimately enhancing healthcare outcomes and improving patient experi-

ences.

This comprehensive system not only streamlines administrative tasks, but also fosters seamless communication among Community Health Providers, resulting in more coordinated and personalized care for the community.

"Supervisors' work will be eased as they will be able to view what CHPs are doing and give tailored support, even remotely," said the Chief Officer.

The National Government intends to create a unified national electronic community health information system whose 100 percent adoption by the 47 counties will be done by 2025.

While presenting a justification for the project the Ministry of Health indicated that the paper-based old system was cumbersome and the community-based information tools were often out of stock. It also noted that there has been inefficient data collection, analysis, and reporting. The paper-based tools have also been costly, resulting in delays in timely data submission.

Through this system, the CHVs will register family members from their locality. These data and medical records would then be available at local health centres for use in case of any sicknesses.

In an executive summary of the National Community Health Digitization Strategy 2020-2025, the Acting Director General of Health, Dr. Patrick Amoth says the ministry was responding to the gaps identified in Community Health service delivery and data management.

In addition, he said the project was anchored on the National Strategy for Community health digitization, which seeks to strengthen health data management systems in the country.

An Administrator at CHISU Ms Purity Omondi noted that the initiative will help address the inefficiencies that have dogged the primary health care sector.

"You cannot successfully provide health care without real-time data and accurate information from patients. This project will eliminate the use of exercise books by patients seeking treatment in health facilities," said Ms Omondi, adding that, "Universal health care can only succeed with a data-driven sound health care system. Without data harvested through a sound health care system, it will be like climbing a tree from the top."

# CJ Koome Urges Kenyans To Embrace Alternative Justice Processes

By: Eric Biegon

Chief Justice Martha Koome on Tuesday rallied Kenyans to embrace Alternative Justice Systems saying oftentimes they have better justice outcomes than courts.

She observed the traditional adversarial system of justice, while critical, is not the sole mechanism for the resolution of disputes.

“I urge all of us to open our hearts and minds to embrace a multi-door approach to justice. This approach broadens our perception of justice, accommodating alternative forms of dispute resolution that can often be more effective, conciliatory, and efficient in delivering justice.” She said during a visit to Mandera county

Koome disclosed that she “considers adoption of Alternative Justice Systems beneficial because it is closer to the people, more afford-

able, easier to access, familiar, and less bureaucratic.

In her view, AJS also serves as a form of restorative justice. Due to its participatory nature, she said the alternative justice system ensures more social inclusion.

CJ further observed that they “prevent injustice and reduce harm suffered by people by focusing on root causes of injustice and on justice needs of entire communities and societies rather than just individuals.”

She said the benefits of these alternative approaches to justice cannot be overstated and invited Kenyans to use them to resolve their disputes.

“They save time and resources, reduce the burden on courts, and foster a sense of ownership and satisfaction among the disputing parties. They are based on dialogue, negotiation, reconciliation, and restorative justice, encouraging us to see justice not just as a punitive measure, but also as a constructive and healing process.” She said



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# Major Concern Over Number Of Young Men, Boys Abusing Drugs In Kenya

By: KBC Digital

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“In 2015, we had 45 people who were under medication to stop injecting drugs. By 2022, we had about 8,557 Kenyans in the programme,” Dr. Ruth Laibon CEO NSDCC

The trend has subsequently fueled HIV/AIDS infections as drug abusers tend to share needles. Statistics show that 18.3% of those who inject drugs end up contracting HIV/AIDS.

“Because most of them fear injecting themselves at home, they move to dens. While there a number of them share and use a single needle,” said Dr. Laibon

Most affected by this menace is the boychild, with most of them dropping out of school and engaging in crime. To remedy the situation, the National Syndemic Disease Control Council is calling for early intervention measures upon the realization of addiction symptoms.

“It takes 25 years to fully mature the brain. You can imagine if you are taking substances as early as 13 or 12, what are we doing to that developing brain? It has a more negative impact,” she said

According to NACADA, 18.4% of students are abusing drugs with boys accounting for 11.7% of this number.

The society, starting at the family unit has also been challenged to take up its mentorship role to nip the crisis in the bud.



Drug Abuse

# Destructive Power Of The Tongue



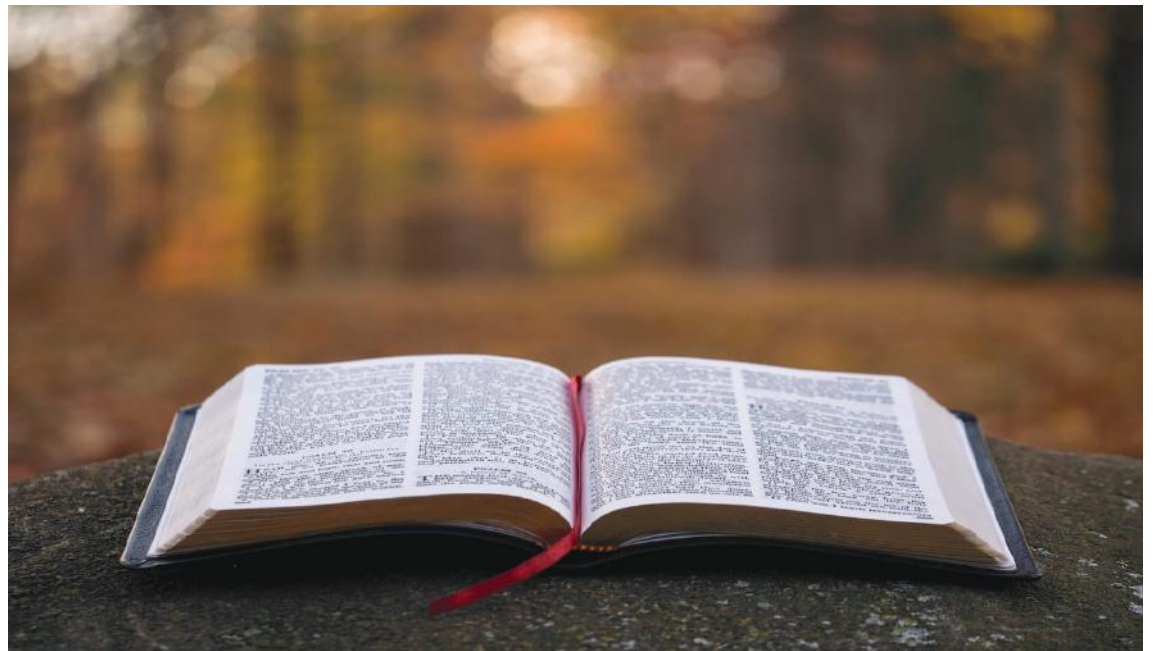
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James' principal concern is with the destructive power of the tongue, and this produces a most provocative statement: "Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell" (vv. 5, 6). The tongue has awesome potential for harm, as the forest fire analogy suggests. At 9:00 one Sunday evening, October 8, 1871, poor Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern as she was being milked, starting the great Chicago Fire. That disaster blackened three and one half miles of the city, destroying over 17,000 buildings before it was checked by gunpowder explosions on the south

line of the fire. The fire lasted two days and cost over 250 lives.

But ironically that was not the greatest inferno in the Midwest that year. Historians tell us that on the same day that dry autumn a spark ignited a raging fire in the North Woods of Wisconsin, a blaze which burned for an entire month, taking more lives than the Chicago Fire. A veritable firestorm destroyed billions of yards of precious timber — all from one spark! The tongue has that scope of inflammatory power in human relationships, and James is saying that those who misuse the tongue are guilty of spiritual arson. A mere spark from an ill-spoken word can produce a firestorm that annihilates everyone it touches.

Furthermore, because the tongue is a "world of evil," it contains and conveys all the world system's wickedness. It is party to every evil there is and actively intrudes its evil into our lives. What is the effect of the tongue's cosmic wickedness? "It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire" (v. 6). "[C]ourse of life" is literally "the wheel of our genesis," "genesis" referring to our



human life or existence.<sup>2</sup> What an apt description of human experience! About nine-tenths of the flames we experience in our lives come from the tongue.

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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

# Government To Offer Scholarships To Outstanding Performance Arts Teachers

**By: Prudence Wanza**

President William Ruto has said the Government will offer scholarships to teachers who excel in training learners in performance arts.

He said the Ministry of Education will work with the Kenya Music Festival adjudicators to identify eligible ones.

The move, he explained, seeks to incentivise teachers who go beyond the call of duty to model the country's young artists.

"We want to support them to go to places where their talents will be taken to the next level," he said.

He observed that the Government will also promote teachers who win awards in the festival.

He made the remarks yesterday during the 95th Kenya Music Festival Winners' State Concert at State House Nakuru.

The President asked teachers unions and the Teacher Service Commission to

speed up talks on collective bargaining agreement.

"We have provided for the promotion of 5,000 teachers directly and 36,000 teachers indirectly. We have provided Ksh1 billion that will go in that direction. We must look after our teachers and promote those who excel," said Ruto.

President Ruto said the Government has addressed issues raised by stakeholders in the implementation of Competence Based Curriculum to improve delivery of education to learners.

In addition, he noted that the Government has reorganised the funding model for higher learning and increased resources available to our learners to boost access to higher education.



President William Ruto poses for a photo with students during Kenya Music Festival State Concert..

# Why I Disagree With Ruto's Critics Over Pre-Election Pledges?



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga  
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## Worth Noting:

- We know he assumed the office at a time when the country was facing five main challenges: Drought and famine (it was rated as the worst in 40 years), dilapidated economy, huge foreign debts (exceeding Sh9 trillion), Russian-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovering from devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.
- Again, the critics would not want Kenyans to know this.
- I want to ask them this question. If your project that is Raila Odinga won the elections, what miracle could he have performed to mitigate the situation?
- He was a core principal of the 'Handshake' government which Kenyans believed was behind their woes.

I have lately been watching the video clips and comments posted and re-posted on social media by the well-known critics of President William Ruto.

They are all focussing on the promises that Dr Ruto made during the electioneering period.

The critics, who were known to be close allies of the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga and former President Uhuru Kenyatta, wanted Kenyans to believe that he took them for a big ride.

This is because 'he has not fulfilled them'. The critics would be economical with truth.

I'm sure many would agree with me that the President has made great strides in fulfilling the promises he had made.

The critics would not high lighten these achievements and successes.

Yes, I agree that for some he would not fulfill them within the timelines he had set out.

But this was because of the circumstances that were beyond his control.

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He was a core principal of the 'Handshake' government which Kenyans believed was behind their woes.

So they knew there is nothing he could have done. In fact, chances were higher that the situation would take a turn for the worse.

Apart resorting to imposing punitive taxes, he could have abandoned most of his pre-election promises.

It is worth to note this. The government does not have money of its own. It relies mainly on taxpayers' to raise funds for development projects and provision of the services.

During the tenure of President Uhuru Kenyatta led 'handshake' government, the prices of basic commodities had shoot up. This included maize flour (Unga), petroleum products electricity. The retail price of 2kg packet of unga stood at Sh230 when the tenure of this administration was coming to an end.

With this, there is no way Raila could have won the elections. Being a core principal, Kenyans had already made up their mind that he was part of the problem.

So, for me, Ruto's critics' bitterness emanated from the fact that he stopped them from eating.

In the run up to the elections, they had already positioned themselves as chief campaigners of Baba Raila.

So, they believed there is no way Baba



President William Ruto..

would have ignored them. This is while noting they also enjoyed a strong back up of the outgoing President.

They were poised to sit on the high table where national cake would be shared.

Given this scenerio, many Kenyans would conclude. This people (Ruto's critics) have nothing to do with our plight. They were out to fill their stomachs with our sweat.

We want tell them this will not happen. We have the votes and we will not vote for their project.

I want to give these critics unsolicited advise. Wanjiku (ordinary Kenyan) has come a long way. They know how to discern truth and lies.

As for the pre-election pledges, past experiences have shown that no president can fulfill all of them.

Former President Mwai Kibaki was the best head of state that Kenya had and he retired before fulfilling a number of the lofty promises he had made during the campaigns. He retired after concluding his two terms of 10 years.

President Ruto has been at the helm of

power for one year. It is therefore too early to judge him. He has so far made great strides. Let us give him time.

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# Ruto: Gov't To Rename Permanent Presidential Music Commission

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President William Ruto has revealed plans by the government to rename the Permanent Presidential Music Commission (PPMC).

Speaking on yesterday during the Kenya National Music Festival State Concert the President said PPMC will be renamed to Creative Commission of Kenya.

The Head of State said a bill is currently being drafted and should be presented in Parliament in the next two months to legalize the process.

"I have given Ababu Namwamba and team a maximum of two months to make sure that the bill finds its way to parliament so that we can build the right space to monetise talents," said Ruto.

Ruto said the bill will ensure that the creative commission will not only have professional studios in Nairobi but in every County in Kenya.

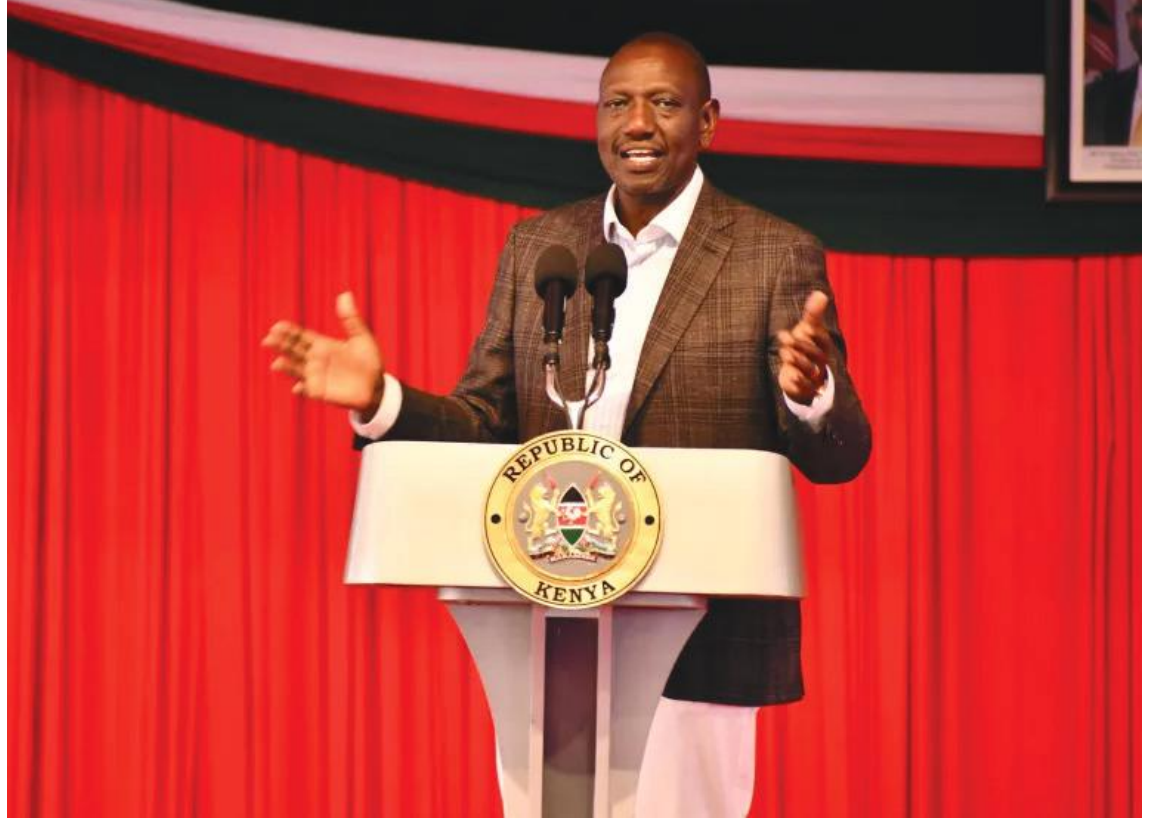
"We must give opportunity to ev-

ery artist to explore opportunities that are there to professionalise the art they have been gifted with," he stated

In addition, the President directed the Kenya Institute of Curriculum development (KICD) to upload the performances of this year's music festivals on its youtube channel within the next one month to help monetize the displayed talents.

The President said he will be holding talks with the Global CEO of TikTok amid calls to ban the use of the app in the country over explicit content.

"Tomorrow morning I will be speaking to the global CEO of TikTok so that we can agree on a mechanism to moderate content in their space to reduce the content that is negative and leverage on the monetization," he stated.



President William Ruto during the Kenya Music Festival Winners' State Concert at StateHouse Nakuru.

# Mass Drug Administration Launched To Combat Bilharzia And Intestinal Worms

By: Prudence Wanja

The Ministry of Health has launched a Mass Drug Administration (MDA) exercise aimed at tackling Bilharzia and Intestinal Worms.

The initiative comes after an assessment conducted in Lake, Coastal, and Western Regions identified multiple wards in need of preventive mass drug administration to interrupt the transmission of these Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).

Globally, the threat of Bilharzia looms over 800 million people, with 254 million already infected. In Kenya, the risk of Bilharzia affects over 10 million individuals.

Concurrently, 1.5 billion individuals worldwide suffer from intestinal worms, with 20 million at risk within our nation.

The Ministry is also collaborating

with World Health Organisation (WHO) to extend preventive deworming treatment to 18 million individuals in high-risk regions in 2023 to 2024.

The government has committed to deploy Community Health Promoters to educate communities on hygiene and sanitation practices, paving the way for the elimination of NTDs and other preventable illnesses.



Public health and Professional standards PS Mary Muthoni.

# Bore Makes Case For More Kenyan Workers In Saudi Job Market

By: Eric Biegon

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Saudi Arabia Coordination Council of Recruitment Companies for a meeting to discuss employment opportunities for Kenyans," she said in a statement after the meeting

Bore noted that the Saudi Arabia labour market is significantly large for foreign labour yet Kenyans only hold about 1.1% of the total jobs available. She expressed optimism that the meeting bore fruits given the undertaking by Saudi labour officials to act on Kenya's request.

She said the meeting was yet another milestone in the bilateral labour relations between two friendly nations on labour migration.

"The KSA team led by Abdallah Al Harbi, Director of Housing and supporting Department of House Workers, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, Saudi Arabia shared the various opportunities available in several sectors," she said

The CS informed the visiting delegation that the Government of Kenya is undertaking a wide-ranging set of reforms to streamline the sector and promote orderly, safe and productive labour migration.

"We are developing a Labour Migration Policy and a Labour Migration Management Bill to promote foreign employment and enhance the protection of Kenyan migrant workers. The policy has been approved by Cabinet and the Bill is awaiting approval by Parliament" she said

Bore was flanked by Geoffrey Kaituko, Principal Secretary State Department for Labour and Skills Development and Rose Njogu, Principal Secretary, of the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, Representatives of Recruitment Agencies, Officials of the Association of Skilled Migrant Agencies of Kenya (ASMAK) & Kenya Association of Private Employment Agencies (KAPEA), Representatives from Transformation Trainers Association of Kenya (TTAK) & Home-care Society of Kenya (HSK) during Wednesday's meeting.



Kenya's Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Florence Bore

# Young Parliamentarians Condemns Kirinyaga Woman Rep Attack

By: Eric Wanjala

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The Kenya young parliamentarian chair Gitonga Mukunji yesterday condemned Kirinyaga Saga where goons have injured Kirinyaga Woman Rep Njeri Maina while she was on a meet the people tour .

According to Mukunji he is condemning the move and calls for law enforcers to fast track investigations into the matter that will bring culprits to book.

" This won't stop here we are going to ensure that such acts are not allowed at all and everyone is free to conduct he/her mandate according to the constitution without fear or intimidation" Says Mukunji.

Njeri Maina speaking after the incident, Ms Maina has said that she was attacked by people known to her sent by her political enemies

"It's people I know. I have bled but I will defend the people of Kirinyaga County. I have been elected here in Kirinyaga and people must get their rights," she said.

Gloria Orwoba nominated Legislator for the 13th Parliament and a vocal leader on matters partaking gender violence has called for speedy investigations and called for Kenyans youths to distance themselves from divisive and violent politics.

"Today is Njeri tomorrow it will be you,If Someone who is elected is beaten by his or her voter now what is the fate of nominated legislators likes us ,I promise I shall rally all women in this parliament to rebuke such acts due to politics" Orwoba.



Kenya young parliamentarian led by their chair Gitonga Mukunji.

## Uzbekistan-My Motherland



By: Makhfiratkhon Abdurakhmonova

Once upon a time, in a small village nestled in the heart of Uzbekistan, lived a young girl named Aisha. Aisha had always been curious about the world beyond her village and dreamed of exploring far-off lands. She would often spend hours daydreaming about the adventures she could have and the people she could meet.

One sunny morning, as Aisha was tending to her family's sheep, she noticed a group of travelers passing through the village. They were foreigners, dressed in colorful garments and speaking a language she couldn't understand. Intrigued by their exotic appearance, Aisha approached them with wide eyes filled with curiosity. The travelers were warm and friendly, eager to learn about the locals and share tales of their own adventures.

They told stories of vast deserts, towering mountains, and bustling cities that sounded like something out of a fairy tale to young Aisha. As they spoke of their homeland, Uzbekistan, her heart filled with an indescribable longing. She knew deep inside that her destiny was tied to this distant land.

Driven by her newfound passion for discovering Uzbekistan, Aisha made a bold decision. She approached her parents that evening and shared her dream of traveling to this enchanting country. Initially taken aback by their daughter's ambition to leave their humble village behind, they eventually realized that suppressing her dreams would only lead to unhappiness.

With their blessings and support, Aisha embarked on an unforgettable journey across Uzbekistan. She traversed vast plains adorned with

cotton fields stretching endlessly into the horizon. She marveled at ancient cities like Samarkand and Bukhara – where historical landmarks stood as testaments to centuries-old civilizations.

Along the way, Aisha encountered people from diverse backgrounds who welcomed her with open arms. From nomadic tribes in Tashkent's outskirts to artisans crafting intricate ceramics in Khiva's bazaars – each encounter left an indelible mark on her soul. She learned about the rich history, culture, and traditions that had shaped Uzbekistan into the vibrant country it was today.

As Aisha continued her journey, she stumbled upon a hidden valley nestled between snow-capped mountains.

It was a place untouched by time, where a serene river flowed through lush green meadows. Mesmerized by its beauty, Aisha decided to settle in this picturesque valley and share her knowledge and experiences with those who were curious about the world outside.

Over time, Aisha's newfound home became a sanctuary for travelers from all corners of the globe. She built a small inn where weary adventurers could rest and listen to her tales of Uzbekistan. Through her stories, she painted vivid pictures of the country's natural wonders, architectural marvels, and warm-hearted people.

Word of Aisha's inn spread far and wide until it became a renowned destination for those seeking an authentic Uzbek experience. Visitors would arrive as strangers but leave as friends, forever touched by Aisha's passion for sharing the beauty and wonders of her beloved Uzbekistan.

And so, in that hidden valley surrounded by majestic mountains, Aisha found not only her dream but also a purpose that brought joy to countless others. The story of My Uzbekistan lived on through her words and the memories created within its borders – forever inspiring wanderlust in those who had the privilege to hear it.

Writer: Makhfiratkhon Abdurakhmonova, born in 2004 in Uzbekistan.

Translator, Volunteer, Ambassador, Writer, Poetess, Artist

## National Values In Uzbekistan



The Uzbek people have wonderful human qualities and rare traditions that the world has been recognizing. Not eating until all family members are gathered, waiting politely for the head of the family, standing up to greet parents, always showing them respect, respect for elders, kindness to children, great ancestors, not sparing help to neighbors, close relatives, neighbors, acquaintances, etc. are examples of this. Strictly follow the rules of etiquette in dealing with others, speak modestly and politely with those who are older than oneself, do not be obscene, respect etiquette, not giving back – all this is considered a real grace and kindness in our people and is highly respected. It is a traditional rule of the Uzbek people to respect and honor their elders, first of all, elderly grandfathers and fathers, enlightened mothers and grandmothers, and to spare no effort to help them. It is deeply absorbed into his blood and body. According to the traditions of our ancestors, when young people see people older than them, regardless of whether they know them or not, regardless of their nationality and gender, they should be the first to give way when they meet, and have a cordial relationship with them. They should not spare their compliments.

Not a single ceremony, wedding, party in Uzbek families takes place without the advice and participation of the elderly. The life experiences, knowledge and wealth of the elderly, their paths, guidance, advice, and lessons are the greatest wealth and inexhaustible treasure for young people.

It is possible to mention that there are many proverbs, legends and stories that say that there will be blessing in a house with an old person. One of the great values of the Uzbek people, which has continued from the most ancient times until now, and never loses its importance, is the high level of

respect, honor and respect for parents. There is no one in the world more kind, dear and respectable to a child than parents. Parents are a child's support, inexhaustible wealth. Without hesitation, it must be said that a parent spares nothing for a child. That is their nature-given greatness. According to the rules of etiquette of the Uzbek people, it is considered a sin to pass in front of the elderly and parents without greeting.

The main law-Constitution of the independent Republic of Uzbekistan defines the human duties and responsibilities of children towards society, family and parents, based on the main ideas and rules of our national values. Article 66 states that adult children capable of working are obliged to take care of their parents.

When thinking about national values, one more important issue should be highlighted. It is known that, according to our ancient tradition, in Uzbek families, especially in households with many children, young people are brought up in the lap of labor from childhood, trained in labor. Helping parents and working in the fields and at home, no child has yet been disabled. On the contrary, a child who works is trained, knows black and white, and has reached the value of his parents. Through hard work, he has learned to patiently overcome any obstacles and difficulties he may encounter on the path of a complicated life.

Ismailova Nigora Mirzoaliyevna was born on June 7, 2006 in Sariosia District, Surkhandarya Region. Currently, she is an 11th-grade student of general secondary school No. 12 in the district. She is very interested in English language and literature. She took the 3rd place in the essay contest "Pride of the Nation" held in the district. Her poems and stories were published in newspapers and magazines. Her interesting stories were published in the magazines "Guncha" and "Gul Khan". Now she is writing his "Wisdom educate" in English teaches language to children in her circle. Creative works have been published in the magazines of USA, Russia, Kenya, Spain and Germany. Member of the International organization "All India Council For Technical Skill Development" of India. Global Education Ambassador

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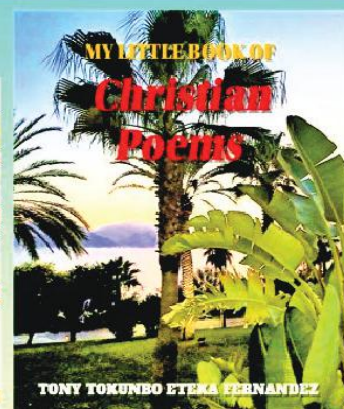
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# BUSINESS

## Ecobank And AMREF Flying Doctors Partner To Ease Emergency Air And Ground Evacuation Of Patients In Kenya And Across East Africa



Ecobank taps AMREF Flying Doctors for Emergency evacuations

### Worth Noting:

The Maisha Emergency Medical Evacuation plan offers members unlimited air and ground evacuations to Nairobi in case of medical emergencies

- Patients will have access to a 24-hour medical helpline for medical advice during evacuation

- Customers / patients will have access to a service provider with over 65 years of professional emergency medical transport experience

Pan African Bank Ecobank Kenya Limited has partnered with AMREF Flying Doctors to offer Maisha Membership; an air and ground ambulance scheme to the Bank's clientele. Under this partnership, Maisha membership will provide the Bank's customers with convenient access to fast, affordable, and quality air and ground evacuation services in the event of a medical emergency in East Africa.

Members of AMREF Flying Doctors' Maisha plan including customers will have access to unlimited evacuation flights per year for medical emergencies, unlimited ground ambulance transfers within Kenya, access to AMREF Flying Doctors' 24-hour control centre, staffed by qualified medical practitioners who provide invaluable medical advice. Maisha Membership eliminates the need for third-party intermediaries, allowing the Bank's clientele to access the services directly when in need.

At premium level of membership, clients will have access to air medical evacuations and up to US\$200,000 of post-evacuation hospitalization benefit in Nairobi or South Africa and return flights back home.

Speaking during the signing of the partnership at AMREF Flying Doctors' hangar, Wilson Airport, Ecobank Kenya Managing Director and Regional Executive CESA, Mrs. Josephine Anan-Ankomah said, "Access to medical emergency evacuations here in Kenya and across Africa remains a big challenge partly due to prohibitive costs, infrastructural challenges, and lack of skilled resources. We are greatly pleased to partner with AMREF Flying Doctors to help our customers and other Kenyans to easily access emergency ground and air evacuation services for proper medical treatment in Nairobi and elsewhere in the region."

Dr. Joseph Lelo, the Medical Director of AMREF Flying Doctors,

lauded the partnership, stating: "We are delighted to partner with Ecobank Kenya to ensure that their clients have the necessary coverage during medical emergencies. Healthcare emergencies continue to stress families emotionally and financially especially in our part of the world. Maisha Membership will provide peace of mind that the affected person will have timely and professional medical transport in an emergency. This is a commendable initiative by the bank, and we urge Ecobank's customers to enroll in our emergency medical evacuation plan, which provides low cost access to premium emergency transportation services."

Dr. Lelo further added, "For the last 65 years, AMREF Flying Doctors has provided rapid and high-quality air evacuation services with highly trained personnel and robust infrastructure. As we continue to grow and maintain dominance as a market leader in the emergency medical ser-

vices (EMS) industry in Africa, we are excited to partner with Ecobank."

The Maisha Emergency Medical Evacuation Plan is available in five packages - Maisha Bronze, Maisha Silver, Maisha Gold, Maisha Platinum and Diamond for as low as KES 3,100 and designed to cover evacuations within the Eastern Africa region. Countries covered under the deal include Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Members have an option to include other members of their family to enjoy the same benefit as per the prescribed tariffs in the package.

Customers can access the Maisha Medical Evacuation scheme by visiting

Http://Ecobank.flydoc.org or by contacting the bank's customer service centre.



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# BRICS Provides Platform To Deliberate On Issues Of Concern For Global South: PM Modi

By: AGENCIES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that BRICS has been actively engaged in fostering a robust collaboration agenda across diverse sectors, and serves as a platform to deliberate upon issues of significance for the entire Global South. PM Modi said that he looks forward to holding bilateral meetings with “some of the leaders present in Johannesburg”.

“BRICS has been pursuing a strong cooperation agenda across various sectors. We value that BRICS has become a platform for discussing and deliberating on issues of concern for the entire Global South, including development imperatives and reform of the multilateral system,” the PM said in a statement. PM Modi will leave for South Africa to participate in the 15th BRICS Summit at the invitation of the coun-



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

try’s president Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa.

BRICS is a grouping of the world economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The BRICS summit will be held from

August 22-24. This will be PM Modi’s third visit to South Africa and the trip marks the 30th anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between India and South Africa.

The PM in his departure statement

ahead of his visit said: “I am visiting the Republic of South Africa from August 22-24, 2023 at the invitation of Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa, to attend the 15th BRICS Summit being held in Johannesburg under the South African Chairmanship.” The PM further said: “During my stay in Johannesburg, I will also participate in BRICS–Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus Dialogue event that will be held as part of the BRICS Summit activities. I look forward to interacting with a number of guest countries that have been invited to participate in this event.”

This will be the first in-person BRICS Summit after three consecutive years of virtual meetings owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Russian President Vladimir Putin will join the 15th BRICS Summit virtually while the Russian delegation will be led by foreign minister Sergey Lavrov. He will also participate in a special event with the theme “Brics – Africa outreach and Brics plus dialogue”.

This is being organised after the BRICS Summit and will include dozens of countries, mostly from the African continent, invited by South Africa. From South Africa, the PM will travel to Athens, Greece on Friday at the invitation of Prime Minister of Greece Kyriakos Mitsotakis. “This will be my first visit to this ancient land. I have the honour to be the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Greece after 40 years,” the PM said, according to the release.

“Contacts between our two civilizations stretch back over two millennia. In modern times, our ties have been strengthened by shared values of democracy, the rule of law and pluralism. Cooperation in diverse sectors such as trade and investment, defence, and cultural and people-to-people contacts have been bringing our two countries closer,” the PM said on the civilizational ties between India and Greece. “I look forward to my visit to Greece opening a new chapter in our multifaceted relationship,” he said.

# Leila Janah Foundation Announces Winners of Sixth Annual Give Work Challenge

By: Our Reporter  
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**Worth Noting:**

- Based in Kenya, Mvuvi, named for the Swahili for fisherman, produces high-quality processed fish while reducing waste and environmental pollution in Lake Victoria by converting fish waste into animal feed, fertilizer and energy. Kono Farm is promoting sustainable snail agriculture as both an alternative protein source as well as an ingredient for skincare.
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(R-L) Previous winners of the Leila Janah Foundation’s annual Give Work Challenge, Jesse Simon and Eric Kademe, at Sama Offices in Nairobi. Each winner receives one year of mentorship and a grant of \$6,000 USD to continue building their businesses and impacting their communities..

*Challenge reflects Foundation’s mission to create equal opportunities for women and youth in low-income communities in East Africa*

The Leila Janah Foundation (LJF), a non-profit organization supporting entrepreneurs in East Africa, today announced the winners of its sixth annual Give Work Challenge (GWC) for existing businesses: Mvuvi (Kenya), Kono Farm (Kenya), Maweje Creations (Uganda) and The Reusable Sanitary Pad Project (Uganda). Each of the four companies will receive one year of mentorship and a grant of \$6,000 USD to continue building their businesses and impacting their communities. The GWC is the Foundation’s primary execution of its mission to alleviate poverty and create new opportunities for entrepreneurs in East Africa by creating new work opportunities.

“The Give Work Challenge is a movement that displays the powerful will of women and youth in East Africa to create decent work oppor-

tunities for their communities and play a role in global economic and gender empowerment. Through the GWC grant and mentorship, each of our winners will have a larger impact on their communities that will ripple out and positively impact many more individuals,” said Liliosa Mbirimi, Program Director at the Leila Janah Foundation. “We are proud to continue the mission of our namesake, Leila Janah, to alleviate global poverty by giving work, not handouts.”

The LJF is the primary shareholder of Sama, the leader in providing data annotation solutions that power the AI models of the future. Both entities take their mission from Leila Janah, who founded Sama in 2008 on the belief that talent is equally distributed, but opportunity is not. In its early inception, Sama received a major boost from a grant and since then has helped more than 65,000 people lift themselves out of poverty. The GWC aims to recreate that boost. Since its establishment in 2018, it has

awarded more than \$200,000 USD in grant money to 37 ventures, which have created 322 jobs for previously unemployed youth to enter the formal economy, supporting economic growth in Kenya and Uganda.

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In Uganda, Maweje Creations leverages both plant-based fibers and textile waste to create fashionable clothing and is providing young people in the community with the skills to become job creators, not seekers. Finally, The Reusable Sanitary Pad Project is a social enterprise aiming to keep girls in school and empower young mothers through jobs to make and distribute reusable sanitary pads and education on menstrual health.

“My joining GWC was compelled by the amplification of Leila Janah’s vision of creating opportunities for those who don’t have them through giving work, skills training and imparting wisdom to sustain their lives,” said Dimma Maweje, founder of Maweje Creations. “I am humbled and honored because I am part of the solution Leila thought of.”

Each GWC consists of a three-round competition, where entrepreneurs from Kenya and Uganda submit their business plans and information to a jury made up of Sama volunteers from East Africa and North America. Entrepreneurs who make it to the final round pitch live to a regional judging panel of volunteer seasoned entrepreneurs from Kenya and Uganda.

“Sama and the LJF’s shared mission has already helped thousands in East Africa, whether it’s by helping them establish or grow their own businesses, develop valuable work skills, materially improve their lives and positively affect their communities through formal employment or business ownership. Seeing what we have already accomplished reminds us that our mission is not complete, however. Our work to empower and support marginalized communities continues,” said Wendy Gonzalez, CEO of Sama and a member of the Board of Directors of the Leila Janah Foundation.

The LJF also runs a GWC for new businesses in ideation, stealth or operating for less than 12 months at the time of application. In February 2023, four businesses were each awarded \$4,000 USD in grant funding; a \$1,000 incubator membership and training and mentorship for one year.

# Gender Based Violence activist from Botswana Translates A Children’s Book Into Multiple Languages

By: Our Reporter  
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Dr. Paula O.M.Otukile has reached a milestone with her children’s book called “Thato wishes to be a butterfly!”

The book is being translated into Setswana language, Portuguese, Spanish language, Romanian language and recently she added the Xitsonga version.

Dr Otukile uses her books to promote the Gbv awareness campaigns. The book is about a child who is sexually abused by the gardener and the child’s mother being physically abused by the father too. This book is written in a language that children comprehend and it is an opener of abuse conversation amongst parents and children and educators.

So far the book has been donated to twelve schools in Botswana last year in partnership with the German embassy in Gaborone Botswana which sponsored the campaign from October 2022-December 2022.

The author said she thinks translating the book to Xitsonga, was a great move as she was sure that the Xitsonga speaking children were going to be included in their upcoming Gbv campaign.



Thato Wishes to be a butterfly book just finished to be translated to Xitsonga!

Dr Otukile said she wishes to stretch her campaigns all over the world but due to limited resources it is not easy however she is very optimistic about this.

The young author stated that she was grateful for the Global AfriCAN Honoree awards for recognition of her work as she won the award on children’s book category on July 2021, and still feel it was a very uplifting moment.

Dr Otukile is a motivational speaker of note, speaking to her about Gbv she said kids needs to be protected and the only way was to make them feel safe and more protected.

She further said that children in Africa do not find the opportunities of speaking to parents about sex education, abuse etc, and her GBV campaigns ensures that the kids rub off the mentality of sex education being dirty but to be free to talk of abuse,



Dr Paula O.M.Otukile-Author and Deputy Ambassador of European Union on a courtesy call about her Human rights campaigns on GBV

how to tackle it, whom to report to, what to do if abused too.

She said the rapport on abuse had been positive as more kids come out and report abuse and she refer them to relevant people.

She said she hopes the parents in South Africa shall be blessed to get a

copy of her book and she was grateful to Mr Enock Sambo who assisted on the translation of the Xitsonga version of the book.

# Trans-Nzoia County Hospital Renamed Wamalwa Kijana Memorial Hospital

By: Capital Correspondent

Trans Nzoia Governor George Nantambeya announces renaming of Trans-Nzoia County Teaching and Referral Hospital to Wamalwa Kijana Memorial Hospital in honor of Kenya’s eighth Vice-President.

Natambeya emphasizes that the 400-bed facility pays tribute to Wamalwa’s legacy and commitment to inclusive politics, leaving an indelible mark on Kenya’s history.

Wamalwa, passed away on August 23, 2003, while undergoing treatment at London’s Royal Free Hospital, following a battle with kidney disease.

Family of the late Vice-President,

led by former Defence Cabinet Secretary Eugene, plans a memorial service at Wamalwa’s Milimani residence in Kitale.

Speaker of National Assembly Moses Wetangula recounted how Wamalwa, who was also the Ford-Kenya Chairman underscored by his unwavering endeavors to forge a unified Luhya Nation under a coherent political umbrella.

Wamalwa Kijana Memorial Hospital



# Definition Of Homeland In The Poetry Of Erkin Vakhidov

By: Khusanova Dilnoza  
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**Annotation:** In the article, it describes the works of the hero of Uzbekistan, Erkin Vakhidov. Sincerity, charm, beauty, simplicity, and perfection are reflected. The description of the homeland is especially important.

**Key words:** artistic method, artistic interpretation, education, literature, national spirit, collection.

Erkin Vakhidov's poetic thinking is very broad, clear, skillful, and unique; in other words, the life of the people is colorful and unique. He is a talented poet who sings simply and clearly. To the poet's pen in the related poems, he writes about the events that are happening in life to see with a glance, to observe, and to understand their essence. A native of the Fergana Valley, the future poet was born into a family of teachers. His childhood years passed during the Second World War, and his youth was in the post-war years. All this left an indelible imprint on Erkin's worldview, forming a strong character. He learned to appreciate life, enjoy every minute of it, and find a reason for joy in every little thing that a common man in the street cannot grasp. He began his work in his youth, and already in the sixth grade, his first poem was published. Even then, it was clear that a new star had shone on the horizon of Uzbek literature. One of the main themes of Erkin Vakhidov's poetry is patriotism. In Uzbekistan, there are many thousand owners of this country, and a poet who wrote no poems, although he probably had a witty verse about his annual history, in Uzbek poetry, many poetic works have been dedicated to our motherland and our people. Among them is the "Uzbeqim" ode; no doubt, this is a bouquet of flowers. This poem is flawless and quiet. The sudden thunder that rumbled in the sky shocked in its true sense, this ode has become a folk song. This poem was dedicated to the poet's people and ancient history. His love seems to have passed to the reader's heart through the lines. The work encourages students to know our rich history and love our nation. Erkin Vakhidov's poems are written on various topics; however, the poems he wrote while singing the national anthem are separate from his work. He loves and appreciates the country more. His humanitarianism and patriotism make a special impression on a person. Nationalism and feelings of love for the people are characteristic of Erkin Vakhidov's work.

In fact, how much our country has become in the last thirty years through achievements, economic and social reforms that bore fruit, is giving Our athletes and educated youth are world-class; they are raising the flag of our country. That too, it should be mentioned that the concept of spirituality is among people in terms of status; it is imagined to be somewhat behind; it is no secret to any of us that it has become a concept. The writer, not only with his best works but also readers' hearts with his artistic journalistic articles, we must emphasize that he conquered, as well as serious performances of the writer on radio and televi-

sion, as well as published sharp journalistic articles one after another in the press.

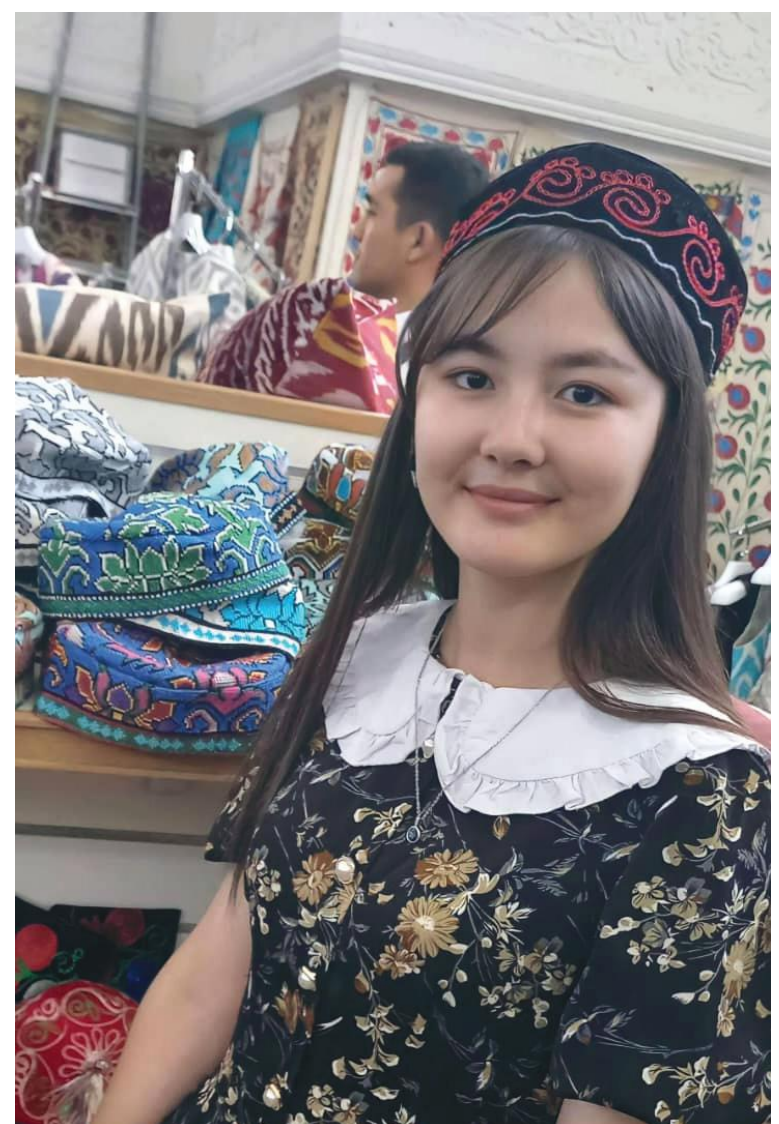
Erkin Vakhidov devotes a lot of space to the theme of the homeland in his poems. In his poems, the motherland is not an ordinary piece of land. Everyone First of all, the Motherland is the language created by the people living on it, history, with its culture, i.e., its spirit, which is made up of moral rules with the Motherland. He wrote poems about cotton cultivation in Uzbekistan. In this field, he praises the lives of working people in his works. To be able to do something in his poems, he explained with the skin of his forehead the importance of living, enthusiasm, success, opportunities for employment, remuneration of labor, and cotton cultivation. While observing the work of Erkin Vakhidov, the philosophical depth in it, the bright poetic image and fine arts, national thought, and folklore, we see aspects such as wisdom. It is not difficult to understand that all of these were realized only through the poet's skill in using high-level poetic image tools. The poet uses poetic image tools in his poetry, in particular poetic speech word choice in the construction and skill in the artistic text. It is used not only by literary critics but also by general readers, inviting the public to debate. The work of Erkin Vakhidov has long attracted the attention of the scientific community, where literary criticism comes from. Erkin Vakhidov's personality and creativity are appreciated by the entire Uzbek people; his works are appreciated and admired by all layers of the people, which does not require any proof to be loved; we all know it's true. In conclusion, it can be said that the poetry of Erkin Vakhidov, some aspects of which have been polished by young artists, is going Everything was created with the broad outlook of a talented poet. One work is a huge treasure, and the future of Uzbek literature is its defining foundation. The language of Erkin Vakhidov's works is his own, and in the use of language tools along with meaningfulness and beauty, it shows that he is the owner of great talent and skill. Book reader He is full of consciousness from his simple, popular work. As a poet, it is easy to understand what he wants to say in his poem. Poets of the future generation and, inspired by the rich creative heritage of E. Vakhidov, keeps discovering new poetic images.

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## Worth Noting:

- In fact, how much our country has become in the last thirty years through achievements, economic and social reforms that bore fruit, is giving Our athletes and educated youth are world-class; they are raising the flag of our country.
- That too, it should be mentioned that the concept of spirituality is among people in terms of status; it is imagined to be somewhat behind; it is no secret to any of us that it has become a concept.
- The writer, not only with his best works but also readers' hearts with his artistic journalistic articles, we must emphasize that he conquered, as well as serious performances of the writer on radio and television, as well as published sharp journalistic articles one after another in the press.

# Zambia's Anna-Maria Salubusa In Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards

By: Our Reporter  
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## 1. Who are you?

My name is Anna-Maria Salubusa

## 2. Where are you from?

Am from Lusaka, Zambia 🇿🇲

## 3. How did you hear about these awards?

I heard about the shining star Africa awards through social Media.

## 4. How do you feel about the nomination?

Thank you kindly for this acknowledgment and recognition of my work, I feel very encouraged by this recognition and I was extremely elated when I received that I am one of the nominees for the awards.

## 5. Will you attend the awards?

Yes am attending the grand finale

## 6. Whom are you going with to the awards?

I am going with my boyfriend

## 7. What do you anticipate at the awards?

To win the award, meet the people and to interact with all the nominees.

## 8. Which category did you get nominated in?

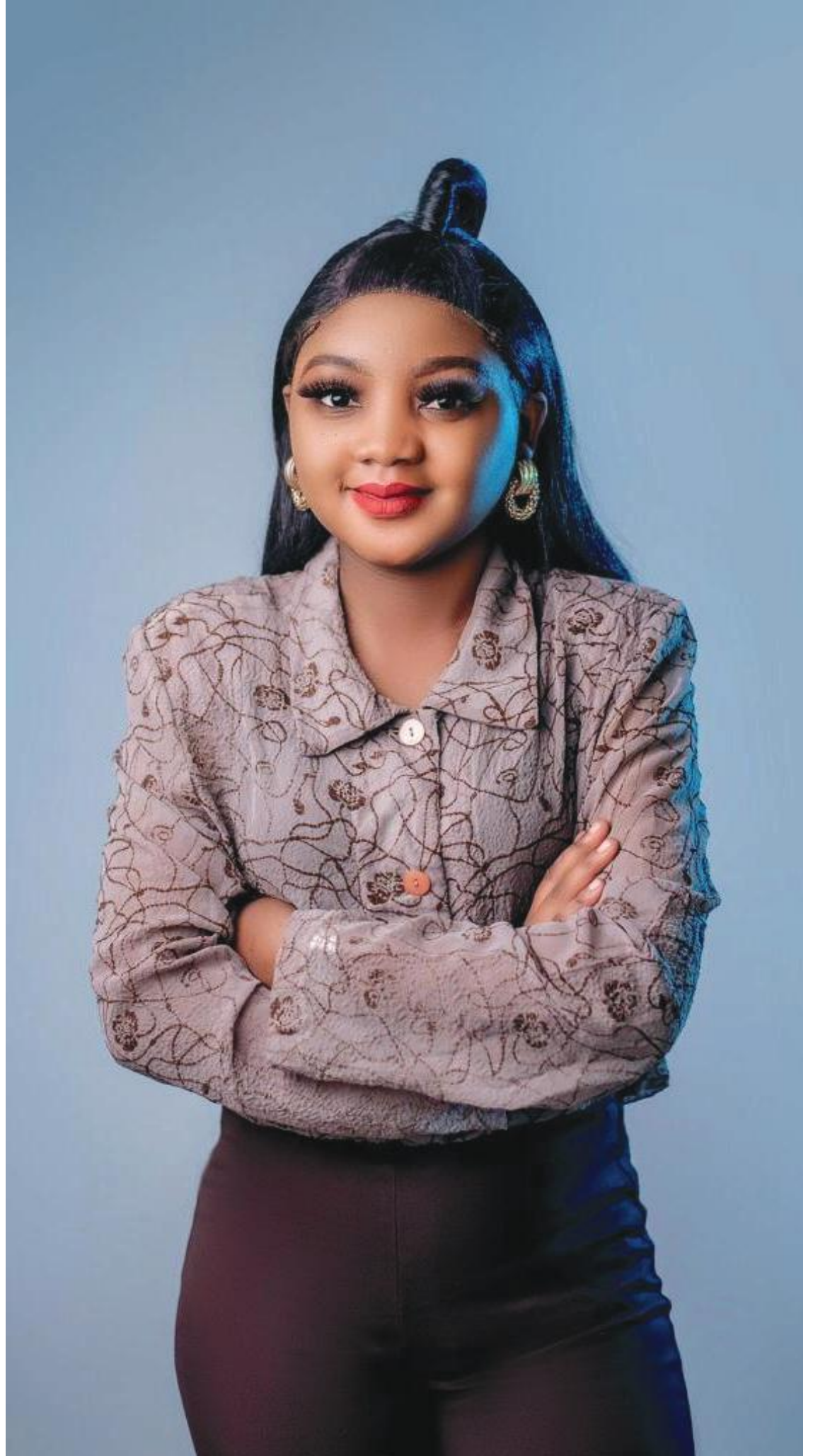
Best star Tv personality of the year

## 9. Your advice is?

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can, sometimes there are times in life that you hit the metaphorical wall or you are about to step out and do what you always dreamed of pursuing.

## 10. Your last words.

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## Cameroon no match for Kenya as Malkia march into Africa Women's Volleyball Champs final



Malkia Strikers celebrate at the Africa Volleyball Championships. PHOTO/COURTESY.

The national women's volleyball team strolled into the finals of the Africa Women's Volleyball Championships with a 3-1 win over defending champions Cameroon in Yaounde on Wednesday evening.

Malkia Strikers took one step closer to a tenth continental crown – and a place at next year's Paris Olympics – on the wrong footing when they lost 27-25 in a closely-contested first set.

The ladies struggled with their service and blocks in the first set,

which was a see-saw affair, before coming back in the second set a different animal.

The hosts struggled to cope with the rampaging queens and not even the rapturous home crowd could spur them on as Coach Luizomar de Moura's charges clinched the second set 25-14.

Malkia were now in the groove as they once again dominated the third set to win 25-11.

The West Africans did put up a fight in the third set, racing to a 9-6 lead before the Kenyans re-

covered to lead 18-13.

Cameroon briefly threatened a comeback to reduce the deficit to 18-16 but their longtime rivals were in no mood to let it all slip away at the tailend of the tie.

Kenya eventually ran out 25-18 in the decider set to confirm their place in Friday's final as well as another opportunity to grace the quadrennial games in the French capital.

They will face Egypt who beat Rwanda in their other semi-final tie.

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# Kipyegon's double dream alive as she leads Kenyan quartet into 5,000m final



Faith Kipyegon celebrates after winning the 1500m world title. PHOTO/World Athletics .

Faith Kipyegon's dream of a double at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, remained on course as she led the Kenyan quartet of Margaret Chelimo, Lilian Kasait and Beatrice Chebet into the 5,000m final.

Kipyegon, just less than 24 hours after clinching the 1500m world crown, showed a measured performance as she finished second in the second semi, slightly behind

Sifan Hassan.

The Dutch lady who picked bronze in the 1500m put in a surge on the line after being passed by Kipyegon 50m to the end, but it mattered little and the Kenyan superstar didn't care much as the only intention was qualification.

Hassan clocked 14:32.29, two hundredth of a second ahead of Kipyegon who timed 14:32.31.

Meanwhile, Lilian Kasait de-

fied a thud at the home stretch to come home fourth and secure a qualification to the final. The Kenyan tangled feet with Ethiopian Ejgayehu Taye, but managed to rise to sprint for fifth in 14:36.61.

In the first heat, Beatrice Chebet, silver medalist from last year in Oregon and the reigning Commonwealth Games champion comfortably won in a time of 14:57.70 with Margaret Chelimo

finishing third in 15:00.10.

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## Zambia's CK Chabu Emmanuel in Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards



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**1. Who are you?**

My name's are CK Chabu Emmanuel-CEO (Photographer and Videographer) at CK Media House and Production Manager at Crystal TV.

**2. Where are you from?**

I am from Lusaka the Capital city of Zambia

**3. How did you hear about these awards?**

My friend posted a post that we should vote for him on social media so that he can be nominated, I was interested then I found out on Shinning Star Award page that they is still time to submit my details. that's what I did although they told me you are too late we can't add you then I insisted. I was like, "include me 2 days is enough for me to be nominated before the deadline day." two weeks later I received a message that I have been nominated.

**4. How do you feel about the nomination?**

This is my very first nominee, so I am very excited, grateful and I feel blessed because I didn't give up, but if I did I wouldn't be here telling my story and it is good for the CK Media House and Crystal TV at least we are being recognized out there like our CK Media House motto," let's take it international."

**5. Are you attending the Grande finale?**

Yes, even though I don't know where I will get the funding for the trip but I have to because i want to experience this wonderful moment. I am blessed to be part of this Shinning Star Award and alongside talented people, I don't want to miss out, i need to learn 1 or two things from there.

**6. Who are you going with?**

Currently not really sure. but I would love to come with someone from the team.

**7. What do you anticipate?**

I'd love to actually Win this award so that people from where I come from can believe in there self's that they can also do it.

**8. Which category do you repre-**



CK Chabu Emmanuel

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

Put God first then Discover your talent, brand yourself in what you are doing, then follow your dreams and never give up.

**10. Do you have many followers,**

**what can others do to grow and get more followers?**

To have more followers you need to know people you want to target on social media, then post the best content according to the page name or what the page, account was created for. When I just started doing that I can't lie we are growing.

**11. What shall you do if you win, to help grow the Shining star**

**awards brand?**

I will promote them on all my social media pages ,and also I will go on TV, in my country and talk about the journey

**12. Your last words?**

Put God first then always follow your dreams its not easy but you can.

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