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# Polio Vaccination Drive Kicks Off In Kiambu County

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Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha and Kiambu County governor Kimani Wamatangi.

Worth Noting:

- “Polio is a debilitating disease that causes paralysis and fatalities and therefore poses a significant public health concern. Following the recent events in Garissa, we have deemed this an urgent health issue that needs to be addressed with immediate effect. We do not want a repeat of the past polio outbreak that occurred in 2013 which resulted in the death of two and paralysis in 14 others,” she said.
- The CS assured the public of the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines used in the campaign and issued a resounding call to action for parents, guardians, caregivers, and communities to actively participate in the crucial endeavor.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) launched a five-day polio vaccination campaign in Kiambu County that started on Thursday and will be ongoing in all public health facilities.

The Polio Vaccination Campaign was initiated after the Kenya Medical and Research Institute revealed that six polio virus cases had been detected among several children at Hagadera Refugee camp in Garissa County.

Speaking at Ruiru Level 4 Hospital in Ruiru Sub-County during the launch of the campaign, Cabinet Health Secretary Ms. Susan Nakhumicha said the government together with key stakeholders was making a united effort to eliminate the threat of polio and to ensure the well-being of children in Kenya.

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paralysis and fatalities and therefore poses a significant public health concern. Following the recent events in Garissa, we have deemed this an urgent health issue that needs to be addressed with immediate effect. We do not want a repeat of the past polio outbreak that occurred in 2013 which resulted in the death of two and paralysis in 14 others,” she said.

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Nakhumicha assured the public that there was no cause for alarm, as the government had made significant strides in the management of the virus. She emphasized the need for constant vigilance to

ensure that no further cases were given the opportunity to emerge.

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi who also graced the event said the County government with the help of the MOH and competent health professionals had ensured the implementation of the vaccination was organized to make it possible for every child to receive the vaccine regardless of their location or circumstances.

“I urge all parents and guardians who have children under the age of five years to take advantage of this opportunity and vaccinate their children before the designated vaccination days elapse. Polio is a virus that can be eliminated by straightforward vaccination measures. Let us ensure that we protect the next generation from the threat of this crippling disease,”

he said.

The vaccination campaign will take place in three rounds, with round one targeting the four high-risk counties starting with Garissa, Kiambu, Nairobi, and Kajiado counties. The first round aims to access over 1.8 million children under the age of five years. The five-day campaign will conclude on Monday.

Round two and three of the campaign will be carried out in September and October 2023 and will target over 5.6 million children in the four counties plus an additional six including Lamu, Tana River, Wajir, Mandera, Kitui, and Machakos.

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# NEMA Lobbies MPs For Increased Funding, Arguing Lack Of Adequate Funds Hinders Operations

By: PSCU

National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has lobbied for more budgetary allocation from the National Assembly Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining that is chaired by Nakuru East MP David Gikaria.

While appearing before the Committee for Budget Implementation Oversight meeting, NEMA's Director General, Omamo B. Omamo informed the members that lack of adequate funding to recruit staff has hindered its efficiency level in upholding the plastic ban that was put in place back in 2017.

In the session chaired by Kilifi MP Gertrude Mbeyu, Mr. Omamo admitted that indeed plastic bags are back in the market, stating that the challenge is caused by lack of environment enforcement officers at porous border to ensure that the banned plastic bags doesn't cross to the Kenya Markets from the neighboring countries like Uganda.

Mr. Omamo disclosed that NEMA has 423 staff against the 1500 personnel required thus translating to 30 per cent efficiency level.

"NEMA has 423 staff against the optimum number of 1500. It is therefore operating at 30 per cent efficiency level. Essentially, we have no environment officers at the porous border posts to prevent the movement of banned plastic bags into the country," he disclosed.

The DG further told the Committee that they did not have any enforcement officers at the sub county level despite environmental issues such as noise pollution being devolved environmental aspects.

After their presentation, the committee advised NEMA to change its way of doing public awareness, urging it to go down to the community level for effectiveness.

The mandate of NEMA as stipulated in EMCA includes coordinating environmental management activities being undertaken by the lead agencies. The Authority also regulates, monitors and assessing activities to ensure that the environment is not degraded.



Nakuru East MP David Gikaria with other legislators

# At Last Victims From 1998 Bombblast To Receive Compensation From America

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With only 2 Weeks remaining for the Kenya Senate Ad Hoc Committee to meet their fellow senators in America on the full compensation of Victims and survivors of 1998 US Embassy terror attack .

The Senate Committee led by Chairperson Agnes Kavindu has today met with cabinet Secretary for health Susan Nakumicha, a move that was welcomed by both the victims' and survivors of the bombings.

Speaking during the hearing CS Nakumicha told the committee together with the victims that she has formulated a multi sectoral team that would report to her ministry the current needs of the Survivors widows,orphans and victims.The CS also urged parliament to push the current bill that's on the floor of the house con-



Left CS Health Susan Nakumicha addressing the Senate Adhoc committee.

cerning social Health insurance.

"I am calling for members of parliament to push for the bill on social health insurance fund so that we can assist these victims whom some of them need quick and urgent medical attention," posed CS Nakumicha

According to the claims from the bomb blast victims and survivors they are accusing the United States government for compensation of the then residents from America and setting aside a budget that attended to infrastructure rehabilitation and

business compensation plus another small amount for the victims of the terror attack.

Mr Siandalo who was blinded by the blast and few other victims were present during the hearing session where most victims while narrating

their stories made everyone including the CS gushed into tears.

"I was working for the Co-operative bank of Kenya when in early 2000 millennium I received a termination letter reason stated that I was sick and unfit to perform my duties" Says one of the victim

After 25 years of lamenting and complains from widows, orphans and victims from the attack now all powers on compensation lies solely between the Senate Ad Hoc Committee led by Agnes Kavindu and American Senate ,a matter that Kavindu is requesting for President Ruto intervention to the fast tracking of payments as compensation.

"I humbly request you take this matter to the president since you have had from the survivors that they need urgent medical attention that requires money which most of this people don't have at the moment," Requested Kavindu

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# Govt Will No Longer Tolerate Violent Protests, DP Says

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said the government will not tolerate any violent demonstrations by the opposition saying property destruction was a no go zone.

Mr Gachagua said the recent demonstrations by the opposition had been violent and blatant looting insisting that such would not be tolerated going forward.

Speaking during the burial of Mau Mau fighter John Njigoya Kagwe also known as Brigadier Kiboko at Ngorika Secondary School in Ol Kalou, Nyanjira County that was also attended by Azimio leader Raila Odinga, the DP said the Constitution allowed peaceful protests but not destruction of people's property and looting.

"Our Constitution has express provisions on demonstration and picketing, that is why we allowed demonstrations. But what you did was just destroying people's property and stealing from Kenyans and fighting with the police. It was all about theft and looting. That cannot be allowed in this country. We will not allow that again," said Mr Gachagua.

The DP added that there was no harm with holding bi-partisan talks but said they will not entertain any handshake or dialogue on sharing government.

"The talks can proceed. We have sent National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah and you have sent Kalonzo Musyoka. The teams can talk. But there is no day we will allow destruction of property in the name of demonstrations. There will be no handshake," he said.

Mr Gachagua said their focus will be on developing the country and improving the lives of people through ongoing development programmes.

"The President and I will focus on development; constructing roads, electricity connection, building dams



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

because it is what our people expect from us," he said.

Mr Gachagua said the Handshake between former President Uhuru Kenyatta and Odinga had subjected the Mt Kenya region in hardships including lack of development.

He said the former President also lost touch with the people and became intolerant to advice from leaders from the region.

"We fear the handshake because of what happened in the last regime. After the handshake, we suffered a lot because the President couldn't listen to us," the DP said.

Mr Gachagua said the confusion brought by the handshake in governance will not be entertained.

"Once you win an election you govern, if you lose you become the opposition. The kind of mongrel created by the Handshake in 2018 is not tolerable again," he added.

The DP said since they took over they have put in place many economic recovery measures that have seen it improve the last one year.

"For the first time in years we have disbursed all the money belonging to the counties and the National Government Constituency Development

Fund. This is a great sign of an economy recovering after the destructive handshake regime," he said.

Mr Gachagua said the government had also reduced fertilizer prices immediately after taking over.

Because of a better economy, the DP said they are rolling out another phase of registration of farmers targeting those who missed out in the last one.

The government is also seeking to increase the number of beneficiaries of the elderly and vulnerable funds.

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# Mudavadi Urges KRA To Inspire Confidence Among Taxpayers

By: Capital Correspondent

## Worth Noting:

- “As the tax man you are expected to enforce tax compliance. But even as you engage in revenue collection and sealing leakages, you must also be respectful of the taxpayers. Understand the flow of their revenue streams and help them organise themselves to operate within the law. They are your valued patrons, not criminals,” cautioned Mudavadi.

- The one-time Finance Minister further cautioned that business fear of government officials and operations prevents them from maximizing their potential and denies the country the growth of revenue and overall uptake of the economy.

- He called upon KRA through its staff to help businesses comply with their tax obligations by simplifying processes and providing a steady and predictable business environment.



Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi at the recruits training college in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu.

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has been urged to inspire confidence among taxpayers, which is part of inculcating voluntary compliance.

Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi has said that the Government has introduced radical measures to transform tax administration to achieve the full potential in revenue mobilization.

He said KRA, which is governments' national revenue collection agency, should embrace professionalism and enhance efficiency and fairness.

He said the tax man must at all times ensure accountability and transparency for the government to meet its target in revenue collection.

“All nations depend on taxes to provide public services to citizens and sustain economic growth. Through taxes, we build and run hospitals, develop schools, pay teachers, deliver water, construct national transport networks, and provide national security, among other public necessities,” he stated.

Mudavadi was speaking at the recruits training college in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu where he represented President William Ruto in the graduation ceremony for KRA Revenue Service Assistants.

Through revenue mobilization, Mudavadi said that the country will be able to meet its national and international obligations.

He urged Kenyans to ignore dissenting voices purporting that the government is placing punitive taxation measures on Kenyans.

“Developing effective and efficient revenue mobilisation measures is a significant in gauging the performance of Government. In-turn, it is an obligation for every citizen to pay their share of taxes,” he said.

Mudavadi says time has come for Kenyans to change their mind set and realize that they hold the destiny of their country thus everyone is obliged to honour their tax obligations.

Recent statistics indicate that KRA has maintained an encouraging upward trajectory in revenue collection, after adopting business-friendly approaches.

It recorded a 6.7 per cent growth in the Financial Year 2022/2023 after collecting Ksh2.166 Trillion compared to Ksh2.031 Trillion in the 2021/2022 financial year.

“I want to commend KRA for its role in supporting the country's development agenda. I encourage them to continue working hard towards improving tax collection to enable this country become financially sovereign,” he said.

“As the tax man you are expected to enforce tax compliance. But even as you engage in revenue collection and sealing leakages, you must also be respectful of the taxpayers. Understand the flow of their revenue streams and

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“A business-friendly approach is what you are obligated to. Government has to collect revenue but we will not kill the goose that lays the golden egg. We have to be realistic on the targets we set so that we do not go to an extent of panicking and doing things that are not business friendly. Policies must reflect the outcome,” said Mudavadi.

While lauding the 1405 graduands who have completed a two months training course to become revenue service assistants, the Prime Cabinet Secretary said it is always a moment of joy when talents are nurtured for the benefit of the economic and sovereign growth of the country.

“This ceremony marks the end of training that has developed talents to protect and boost national tax revenues. This is commendable and

your entry should make tax collection laudable in the financial year 2023/2024,” he told the graduands.

Citing that one of the stringent measures KRA must implement is professionalism of tax officers, he stated that Training of tax administration officers is one way through which integrity in tax mobilization can be enforced.

“Tax institutions insist on the urgency of capacity building of tax administration officers in modern tax systems and strategies. Capacity building should therefore be seen in the prism of developing an effective contemporary tax system to fund development and create economic resilience,” he said.

The graduands were trained on tax education as well as paramilitary training to instil discipline in them. Further they were trained on technical skills in VAT, Excise tax and tax business systems; combined with the ethos of patriotism, integrity and national values.

In his remarks Mudavadi asserted that the Government acknowledges it has an obligation to keep the promises made to Kenyans in reducing the cost of living, providing affordable housing and eliminating poverty saying these can only be realized through having adequate finances.

# CJ Koome Establishes Three High Courts And One ELC

By: Muraya Kamunde

Chief Justice Martha Koome on Friday established three new High Court stations in Nyandarua, Thika and Kibera.

She has also established a new Environment and Land Court (ELC) in Nyandarua.

Nyandarua people have a reason to celebrate as there has been no High Court based in Nyandarua since independence. Litigants have been served by the High Court at Nyahururu or Naivasha.

The new Nyandarua High Court will be housed in the new Ol-Kalou Law Courts building set to be commissioned by the Chief Justice on August 31, 2023. It will have supervisory jurisdiction over Engineer Magistrate's Court and Ol-Kalou Magistrate's Court.

Further the Chief Justice has also created an Environment and Land Court at Nyandarua to be based at the Ol-Kalou Law Courts building with effect from August 25, 2023.

Thika High Court has also been established by the CJ with effect from

August 25, 2023. The High Court will have supervisory jurisdiction over Gatundu, Ruiru and Thika Magistrate's Courts.

The third High Court to be established by the Chief Justice is the Kibera High Court.

It will have supervisory jurisdiction over Kibera, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and Kahawa Magistrate's Courts. The effective date is September 15, 2023.

The High Court stations have been created pursuant to the powers conferred upon the Chief Justice by Section 12(1) of the High Court (Organization and Administration) Act, 2015) while the Environment and Land Court has been created pursuant to the Environment and Land Court Act No. 19 of 2011.

The High Court now has presence in 46 counties out of 47 either through a full-fledged High Court or Sub-Registry. The only outstanding County is Wajir where a Sub-Registry is diarized to be commissioned soon.

The Judiciary is prioritizing the establishment of a High Court in every county as envisaged in the Constitution 2010.



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# National Dialogue Committee To Sign Framework For Talks Next Wednesday

By: Prudence Wanza

The bipartisan talks aiming to resolve differences between the Kenya Kwanza Administration and the opposition have agreed to adopt a framework guide the dialogue.

The co-chairs Kalonzo Musyoka leading Azimio La Umoja Coalition and his Counterpart in Kenya Kwanza Alliance Cecily Mbarire said they will sign the framework next week on Wednesday once the senate ratifies the committee on Tuesday at its special sitting.

"We have agreed on the framework and the issues which have been framed by the technical teams and which have been approved by this meeting," said Mbarire.

However, the team is yet to agree on the agenda issues that have now been put in a single document for



Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

further refining.

The committee also dismissed politicians degrading the talks in the

public rallies saying they remain committed to the talks.

Their sentiments were backed by the Kenya Veterans For Peace, that

brings together retired Kenya Defence Forces Military officers who urged the committee to remain focused and avoid distraction by polit-

ical drumbeats.

In a statement issued on Friday, the retired military officers warned that contrary remarks from political leaders could lead to collapse of the talks and the entire peace process.

"We want to go on record warning political leaders to desist forthwith from transacting the matter before the bipartisan talks committee at public rallies or elsewhere so as to allow the two teams to deliver on the mandate of the National Dialogue Committee without undue coercion," the statement reads in part.

The Dialogue Committee is expected to meet again on Wednesday next week to sign the sixty-day framework if the Senate approves the talks on Tuesday.

Additional reporting by Giverson Maina.

# Government To Deploy 1,300 TVET Trainers In September

By: KNA

The Ministry of Education is set to deploy 1,300 trainers to Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) across the country in September this year following a successful recruitment exercise.

The Principal Secretary (PS) State Department for TVET, Dr. Esther Muoria said that the recruitment of trainers had been concluded and the ministry is awaiting a final report from the Public Service Commission (PSC) to begin posting them.

Dr. Muoria made the remarks on Friday when she officiated the closing ceremony of a week-long TVET principals training organized by the Kenya School of TVET (KSTVET) in Kisumu County.

She further confirmed that the State Department for TVET is also committed to ensuring the deployment of deputy principals as part of measures to address the gap experienced in TVET institutions.

PSC had advertised for the TVET teaching vacancies in March 2023

seeking applications from qualified Degree, Higher National Diploma or Diploma holders for Vocational and Technical Trainers positions in 220 institutions across the country.

At the same time, the PS stressed the significance of retraining TVET managers on financial management and governance which is critical in shaping the future of the institutions.

“Over the past year, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with KSTVET has so far trained 1,896 TVET faculty and staff, which is 60% of the target population. The pool of trainees was cross-cutting and well-balanced to include principals, deputy principals, registrars, heads of departments, finance officers, auditors, accountants, human resource officers and facility managers,” Dr., Muoria stated.

She defended the new higher education funding model rolled out by the government saying that it is poised to foster equity in access to TVET and University education.

“The Government commits to ensuring that all students are supported adequately in their education in the new funding model so that no one is left behind,” Dr. Muoria noted.



Dr. Esther Muoria addresses the press during the Kenya School of TVET principals capacity building held in Kisumu County on Friday (KNA)

She urged the principals to assist the fresh learners in getting admission during the September 2023 intake to enable them to access the state sponsorship.

“As we plan to receive the new trainees for the September intake, I direct that a support desk be made available for assisting trainees who are yet to access or complete their

applications for the Government scholarship and HELB,” she stated.

# Chiromo Hospital Group Embraces Quality Improvement Initiative

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Chiromo Hospital Group, the leading health facility exclusively handling mental health has entered into partnership with the Department of Health service Nairobi City County.

The Quality improvement initiative was inked by the Chief Executive Officer of Chiromo Hospital Group Dr. Vincent Hothengo and Dr. Lucina Koyio who is the director health services Nairobi County.

Dr. Vincent Hongo the group CEO noted,

“we are happy to be here today to register an extension of our partnership with Nairobi City County health department. The governor of Nairobi Johnson Sakaja is our mental health and wellness champion. We are ready for this partnership and it’s a quality improvement initiative that goes a long way in empowering the staff who are the custodians of the health standards delivery in this county.

For the county to think about the staff and reward them for the initiative is a very important step. As Chiromo Hospital Group we believe in evidence based health standards because we believe we are in the right direction.

We believe in partnerships that go through into the future in recognising the staff that work day in day out in promoting the mental health wellness in Nairobi County.”

On her part the Director of health services noted

“We are working with over 800 facilities in Nairobi county for the Quality standards awards and we are keen in monitoring what each and every health facility is doing in terms of health delivery.



Chief Executive Officer of Chiromo Hospital Group Dr. Vincent Hothengo and Dr. Lucina Koyio

# Bipartisan Talks: Azimio Calls On Ruto To Respond To Gachagua's Comments Were Misplaced



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga  
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## Worth Noting:

- As you recall, the Wiper leader was his running mate. He never informed him about these talks that heralded in birth of the 'handshake' government.
- Kalonzo learnt about it when the two leaders emerged from the Office of the President (OP) at Harambee House and announced that they have a deal. They said the deal is anchored on 9-point of shared objectives. The only benefit that Kenyans got is return of peace and normalcy.
- For DP, Kalonzo is a renowned and a respected man. He has a track record in matters of reconciliation, national healing and peace building. He has successfully led negotiations to restore peace and normalcy in our neighboring countries.



Members of the Dialogue Committee arriving at the Bomas of Kenya for the Kenya Kwanza-Azimio bipartisan talks.

The Azimio leaders have lately trained their guns on the Deputy President (DP) Rigathi Gachagua over the remarks he made during his recent tour in Ukambani region.

The DP poured cold water to the ongoing bipartisan talks between the Azimio coalition and the ruling Kenya Kwanza stating that the talks will achieve nothing.

As the Deputy President of Kenya, this is what I want to tell you. Those participating in these talks are just wasting their time. Nothing will come out of it.

Raila Odinga has got what he wanted. President Ruto, however, rejected most of his demands and his position remained clear. The Kenya Kwanza government will only give him a send-off package. Nothing else.

Gachagua added: The deal was sealed when the two leaders met in Mombasa in presence of former Nigeria President Olusegun Obasanjo.

As DP, I sympathize with your leader Kalonzo Musyoka because Raila tricked him to lead the Azimio team.

This is nothing but misusing him for his (Raila) personal and selfish interests. Unfortunately, we do not learn anything from history. This is because this is not the first that Raila is using this card.

For instance, in the aftermath of 2017 General Elections he held talks with President Uhuru Kenyatta behind Kalonzo's back.

As you recall, the Wiper leader was his running mate. He never informed him about these talks that heralded in birth

of the 'handshake' government.

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For DP, Kalonzo is a renowned and a respected man. He has a track record in matters of reconciliation, national healing and peace building. He has successfully led negotiations to restore peace and normalcy in our neighboring countries.

We hope he will be able to get a way out from Raila's trap. The talks were designed to dent his image and leave him with an egg.

It seems that Kalonzo has been weighing these matters. The first sign was witnessed a few days ago when he snubbed the meeting of the National Dialogue Committee (NDC).

This was the first meeting after the National Assembly approved a motion to establish the 19-member committee.

To me, the Azimio leaders' call on President William Ruto to set the record straight on whether he supported DP's comments or not were misplaced.

Dr Ruto has so far proved that he is a democrat and a statesman.

Therefore, you would not expect him to interfere with Gachagua's freedom of expression and speech. These freedoms are explicitly enshrined in our constitution.

The talk that the DP was out to scuttle

the dialogue is neither here nor there.

Where will he get this power?

The National Assembly has already passed a motion to establish this committee. This means it is anchored in law. It is also worth noting that Gachagua is not a member of this committee.

So the members will do their job and present the final resolutions to the national assembly.

As we know, most of the Azimio's demands were unrealistic because they flew in the face of the constitution and other laws.

The demands have since been dropped from the agenda items.

This has placed the Azimio leaders in a tight corner. We had lied and given our supporters false hopes. How do we get out of here?

I hope they will not use Gachagua as a scapegoat.

By asking President Ruto to respond, this would be interpreted as an act of frustration and desperation.

This is because the Azimio brigade knew the stand of Dr Ruto very well.

He had previously declined to respond to comments made by the state officials.

When the question is directed to him, he would politely tell his interviewer. Please ask that person if you meet him. Having uttered the words, he or she is in a better position to respond.

The President would however set the record straight if it is an issue that contradicts the policy of his government.

I remember the time when Gachagua made remarks that were considered to be highly controversial and as such

drew the wrath and sharp reactions from Azimio brigade.

To me, what he had said was not new. The history of independent Kenya is replete with precedents that would see the government that comes to power favoring certain communities and regions in jobs allocations.

A few weeks later, this question came up when the President hosted the editors from mainstream houses for an interview at State House Nairobi.

I have no answer. The DP is the one who uttered those words. He is in a better position to respond. You know where to get him.

But in the same breath, the President took that opportunity to set the record straight.

The ruling Kenya Kwanza is a government of all Kenyans. Those who elected me and those who did not.

I took the oath of office to serve all of them. Apart from ensuring that the national cake is shared equally, I look forward to create equal opportunities for all Kenyans.

The other day I appointed General Ogolla to be the Chief of Staff of Kenya Defense Forces (KDF).

He is not from my tribe. Besides, you recall he was in the team that wanted to overturn my victory at Bomas of Kenya. I'm ready to walk the talk.

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# Pastor Dorcas Takes Community Based Rehabilitation Campaign In Kiandutu Slums

By: Our Correspondent

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The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi continued with the Community Based Rehabilitation Campaign in Kiandutu Slum of Thika Constituency.

Speaking yesterday during a community forum Pastor Dorcas called on the society to embrace those in the reform process to help them in their reform journey.

“Community based rehabilitation has been proven to provide positive results world over.As a nation,Kenya and its development partners we cannot shy away from this line of argument towards community integrated process,” she said.

A similar initiative has been ongoing in Githunguri, Kiambu county where Pastor Dorcas said that the involvement of the community has been integral in the reform process for the young people.



The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi

Under the office of Pastor Dorcas more than 80 men are currently undergoing a one month rehabilitation camp at the Jamhuri ASK show-ground while another cohort of more

than 50 are on their second week for a three-month rehabilitation program in Limuru, Kiambu county.

The first cohort of the rehabilitation program is set to graduate from a

rehabilitation centre in Timau, Meru county.

“When you see somebody staggering under the influence of alcohol let us not judge them, let us not call

them names.We need to say it is time to call our children and change their lives,” Pastor Dorcas added.

NACADA Director Rev. Fredrick Ngugi said the community-based rehabilitation program has proven to be a better way towards a sober society.

Senior Assistant Chief John Gitau Karanja who has been part of the team doing the Kiandutu community-based rehabilitation noted that the community has been positive towards the program with the involvement of some of those who were previously involved in drugs and substance abuse within the community.

One of those helping in fighting the illicit brew in Kiandutu is mama Robi Akello aka Kadogo who after stopping selling chang’aa in the slum turned into selling chapatis.

# CS Bore Leads Semi-Autonomous Agencies In Signing Performance Contracts

By: KBC Digital

Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Florence Bore presided over the performance contracting signing exercise for Financial Year 2023/24 in her Ministry on Thursday.

The CS noted that the exercise was an opportunity to revisit and affirm responsibilities in implementing Government priorities in the delivery of services to Kenyans

She asked the Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs) in the Ministry to cascade the targets to each individual officer and purpose to continuously and keenly monitor progress since it will impact on their overall performance.

“The CS challenged them to innovate on resource mobilization through enhanced partnerships and

leveraging on technology,” said the Ministry in a statement

Bore, who was with PS Labour and Skills Development Geoffrey Kaituko and PS Social Protection and Senior Citizens Affairs, Joseph Motari, reiterated the need to adequately adhere to the implementation of corruption prevention policies, guidelines and circulars.

“Over the next five years, the Government is focused on tremendously enhancing overall performance management framework, by incorporating the actualization of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) geared towards Kenya’s economic turnaround which the CS asked the SAGA’s to align their priorities with,” added the Ministry in the statement.



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# A Multi-Sectoral Medical Team To Review The Medical Care Of The U.S. Embassy Terror Attack Victims – CS Nakhumicha

By: PSCU

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Susan Nakhumicha, has pledged to constitute a multi-sectoral medical team to review the medical records and needs of the 1998 U.S. Embassy Bombing survivors to see how they can be assisted by the government.

At the moment, the bombing attack victims are forced to dig deeper into their pockets to cater for their medical care despite not being at fault for their injuries.

While appearing before the Senate Ad Hoc committee that's pushing for compensation to the Kenyan victims of the 1998 U.S. Embassy Bombing attack earlier yesterday, the C S informed the Senators that her Ministry couldn't provide medical assistance to the survivors at the moment, since there's no formally constituted medical board to review their medical records.

"There's a need to understand the



Machakos Senator Agnes Kavindu (standing) having a word with Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha Friday.

current health needs of the survivors by reviewing their medical records and undertaking medical assessments. This can only be done by a medical board," Nakhumicha submitted.

She added that there's also a need to assess the vulnerability status of the survivors by the State Department of Social Protection to identify the vulnerable groups with limited ability to

pay for their health care so that they can be included in the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) subsidised health insurance under the National Scheme through counties.

The Health CS promised that her Ministry would explore areas of partnering with like minds to give the required assistance that shall improve the well-being of the victims.

The members of the Ad Hoc committee directed Nakhumicha to constitute the medical board in a week's time to ease the weight that the survivors have been shouldering for over two decades.

"The Ministry of Health plays a crucial role in shaping healthcare in our country. We need the entire health sector representatives to work with us to ensure that the injured victims receive the required healthcare support," Machakos Senator Agnes Kavindu, who is also the chairperson of the Ad Hoc committee, said.

Senators pledged to find ways in which they can set aside a special fund to pay for the annual premium for the survivors to access either a tailor-made or enhanced health benefits package at NHIF or the current National Scheme.

# South West Kenya Lawyers Threaten Closure of Kisii Law Courts Over Alleged Police Harassment and Poor Land Registry Services

By: Elizabeth Angira  
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Lawyers from the South West Kenya branch of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) have threatened to close the Kisii law courts due to alleged police harassment and poor services at the County's Land Registry.

This marks the fourth protest as the Registrar maintains efforts to reform the Registry for better service delivery.

Led by LSK's President, Eric Theuri, the lawyers protested against Land Registrar Charles Ayienda, vowing to continue until Registry services improve.

The President accused security officers of protecting the Registrar and preventing them from serving a petition.



Lawyers from the South West Kenya branch protested against Land Registrar Charles Ayienda.

"We were to serve the registrar a petition why are we being barred from accessing him," he said  
They plan to paralyze the criminal

registry on Monday and demand respect from security officers.  
The lawyers have accused Ayienda of demanding original documents,

affecting clients, and called for his retirement.

Theuri said the Lawyers will paralyze the criminal registry at Kisii law courts on Monday and challenged security officers to respect lawyers and treat them with dignity.

He noted members of the public and lawyers were suffering due to poor services at the Registry, adding, the lawyers had petitioned Lands Cabinet Secretary, Zacharia Mwangi to intervene.

South West Branch Chair Gideon Nyambati accused Ayienda of demanding original Kenya gazette Notices from lawyers and their clients before issuing Grants, terming it wrong and unacceptable.

Nyambati said it is difficult for their poor clients to travel to the Kenya Printers to get the gazette notice to enable them process their land documents.

"How can old grannies travel all the way from a remote place traveling to

Nairobi to access such documents," he said.

According to Nyambati lawyers provide copies of the gazette notices to the Land Registry on behalf of their clients, it is wrong for Ayienda to demand original documents from vulnerable members of the public.

Senior lawyer, Ombati Omwanza said corruption at the Registry was hurting the lawyers and members of the public, adding, they will not allow it.

He urged the government to retire the land Registrar and deploy a new Registrar to the county to enhance service delivery.

The lawyers vowed that they will continue to demonstrate till they get justice.

## Poverty to Riches



In the memory's gallery, we rewind,  
To days of old, when dreams were blind.  
A tale of hope, resilience, and might,  
From poverty's grip to wealth's sweet light.

In humble homes where struggles reside,  
They nurtured dreams, side by side.  
With hearts of courage, they took their  
flight,  
From rags to riches, in morning's light.

Through trials and storms, they pushed

ahead,  
With sweat and tears, their hunger fed.  
They sowed the seeds of dreams untold,  
In the soil of perseverance, they struck gold.

TBT to dusty roads they tread,  
To rise from ashes, where they once bled.  
Their story, a beacon in the darkest night,  
A testament to the human spirit's might.

From threadbare garments to suits of  
grace,  
They found their path, they set the pace.  
With every step, they climbed the height,  
From poverty's chains to a life so bright.

Their faces weathered, but eyes ablaze,  
With memories of those humble days.  
In the album of time, their journey's key,  
A TBT of triumph, for all to see.

So let us remember, with hearts aglow,  
The ones who rose, against the undertow.  
For in their journey, we find our way,  
From poverty to riches, come what may.

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## Antation



Life and creativity in our scientific article.  
What achievements have been achieved so far,  
and where they have worked and what area they have become great specialists, are vividly demonstrated. The masterpiece and Lions of our poet are no exception. Of course poems, works and play epics are also written about how they came about.

Keywords: plays, works, Lions, saga, opera libretto and international and state awards and translations.

Zulfiyakhanim—symbol of Fidelity and loyalty  
„Known as Zulfiya“ Zulfiya Israilova,, was active as a journalist“,„ translator“, „public figure“ and „poet“. Zulfiyakhanim was born on March 1, 1915 in the ancient DERGEZ neighborhood of Tashkent City.

Inadvertently flipping through my life book,  
I did not feel sorry for the past life.  
Laughing in the place of a smile,  
If you need to lean—I leaned madly.

Avvak studied at primary school and then at the women's knowledge land. And in 1935–1938 he studied at the Graduate School of language and literature insituti of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan. He also carried out work activism in various publishing houses.

The prestige of Zulfiya's poetry is in the truthful expression, originality of our lavish complex period, in the vivid image of the hearts and actions of our contemporaries. From 1935 to 1980 she was editor-in-chief of the women's magazine „Saodat, which was widely circulated in nearly 30 languages of our republic. Zulfiyakhanim is married to the famous poet Hamid Olimjan. Zulfiya's „I am the daughter of work“, was printed in the newspaper „the worker“ on July 17, 1931.

Zulfiya with his artistic-aesthetic meticulous poem-epics, Aydin, Muzaqqana Alaviya, Khosiya entered the ranks of the Tillakhanivas.

The poet, „ironboy“, „Lions“, „girls 'qoshi i“, immersed his poetic works in the life of the motherland and its field, growers working in the steppes, and tractor girls. At the time of the war, the publication of

töplams such as..... and“ Farhad der edilari“ was able to bring Zulfiya into the ranks of leading poets.

The Lions of Zulfiya „my homeland“ „a weapon in my hands, a shinel above me“ „wait for us“ were able to reflect the period of the war. Now let's go to their Lions. After the war,, a day in the field“ „„ tong qoshiji“ a series of kebi Lions may also refer to „Hulkar“, „I sing Dawn“, „a conversation with the virgins“, „close to my heart“, „my flowers“, „the JIL of life“, „my songs to you“ „„, lolakizg'aldoq“ „ visol“ etc.did.

The silk I wear, chitmi yo kimkhob,  
Parvo do not do from the wealth of the heart.

The life that afflicted me is a disaster,  
Every lesson in it requires a new song.

I did not feel sorry for the past life,  
Do not see in anyone like my life

Suydim,  
Erkalandi,  
Lost,

I burned,

What is glory—I knew.  
A living though the same.

His, interrogates the poet sherim“, „Aydin“, „sunny pen“ as well as ocherk and epics are dedicated to the memory of poets such as Hamza, Oqbek, Hamid Olimjon.

Zulfiya Hamid also created a play and opera liberatta based on the epics“ Olimjon „semerg“, „ zaynab and Oman“.

„ thoughts“ „„ shalola“ to sheriyan töplams who were awarded the Republican State Prize in 1970 bölgan.

Zulfiya „Javohirla L. Nehru“ International Award and, Nilufar“ award-winning bölgan. The poet is bölgan in countries such as India, Egypt, Burma, Austria. He attended the 1st conference of Asian and African writers held in Delhi in 1956, creating the famous, „Mushaira“.

And about 15 complexes were published in Russian.

His works have been translated into English, German, Chinese, Arabic, Persian, Tajik, Bulgarian, Korean, tatar and Turkmen. Poet Nekrosov, Lermontov, M. Dilboziy has translated the works of Amrita Pritam into özbek.

In 1999, the state Prize“ Zulfiya “ was introduced by the government of Uzbekistan,taking into account the great merits of the outstanding poet in the development of our culture.

The famous poet and owner of many other professions bölgan Zulfiyakhonim died in Tashkent in 1996

The daughter of Abdusattorova Gulshoda Avazbek, a student of 17 dimi in the town of Oqtosh, Turaqorgan district, Namangan region.

## The Attack: By Fatma Nadim, Mapimo Girls' Secondary School

Insignificantly it came  
I felt it, I ignored  
I lifted it up  
I saw it shaking

The heart beats fastened  
The bursting sound  
Caused dizziness in me  
Slowly the whole of it trembled

Couldn't tolerate it  
Began searching for the answer  
Realized I caused my own attack  
Or maybe they had a hand in it

Couldn't stop thinking of it  
Having no one to express to  
I hid it in my library  
I knew it was part of me

Went on to research,  
The word TRAUMA was the cause  
Weeping, I limped to myself  
I knew no treatment would heal

Decided to chase away all  
Their voices scared me  
Became the great loner  
Thinking that would heal

To-date it's present  
HopeFully it will heal  
No medication!  
I decided to live by it

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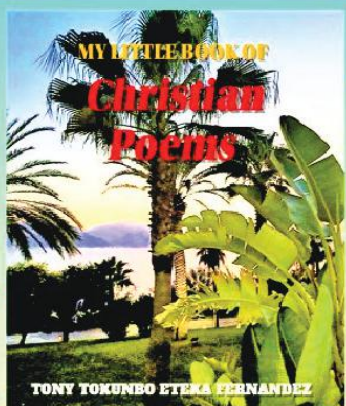
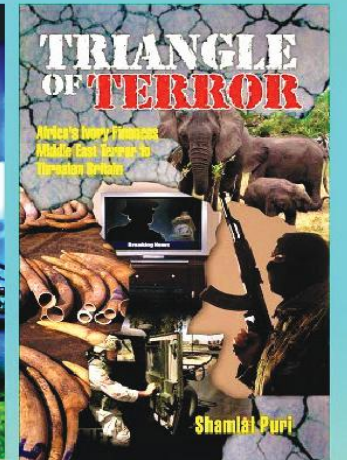
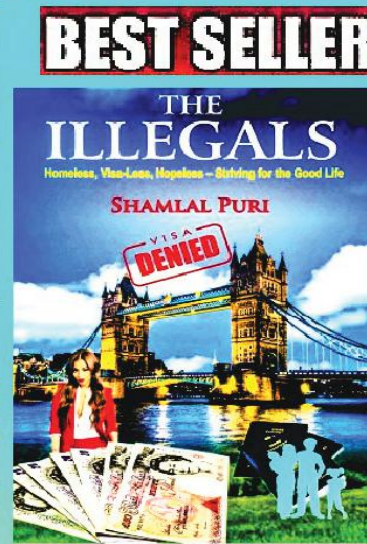
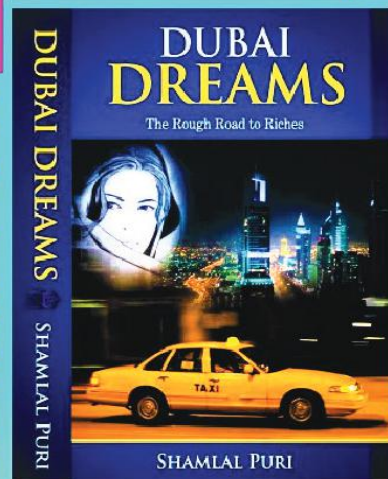
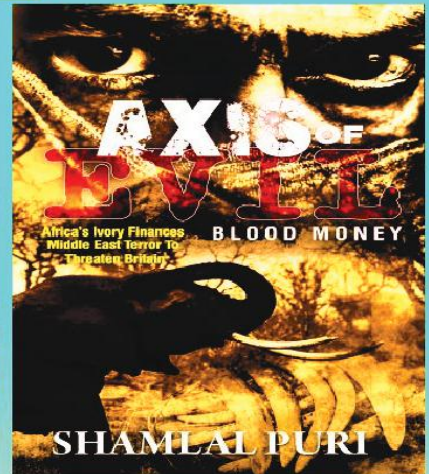
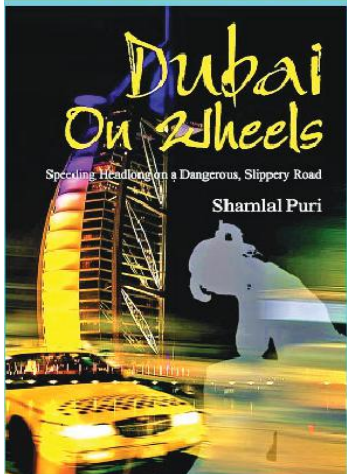
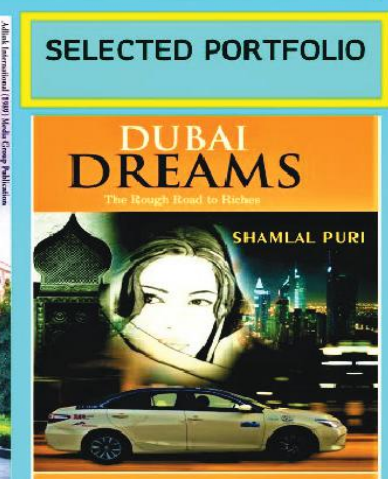
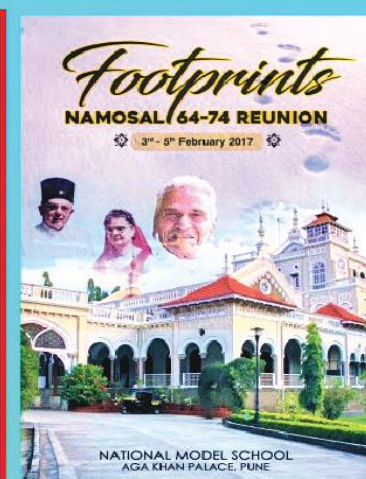
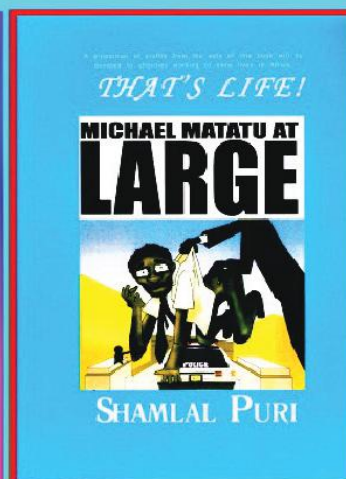
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## BUSINESS

## Marsabit Town Residents Set For Efficient Water Provision

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MARWASCO managing director Stephen Katelo showing stakeholders how the system works.

## Worth Noting:

- “These connections include institutions, community owned water kiosks and individuals that are now fully operational with reliable water supply,” he told the forum that was graced by the county secretary Hussein Tari and the CEC for water and environment Malicha Boru.

- The Managing Director added that revenue collection was on an upward trend, now standing at sh800, 000 per month as loopholes that led to loss of both water and charges had been sealed.

- The company, which has also invested heavily in the capacity building of its personnel now does correct billing and demand for payment to consumers online through use of mobile phones.

Marsabit water and sewerage company (MARWASCO) has instituted measures to enable delivery of efficient water services to residents of Marsabit town and its environs in line with the sustainable development goals (SDGs) demand.

The new management at the company has installed a water utility master system with 9 service delivery zones aimed at ensuring that the precious commodity, which has eluded the residents for a long time is readily available and affordable.

MARWASCO managing director Stephen Katelo told stakeholders during the launch of the system at Paradise Inn that automation of water and sewerage services was not only aimed at enhancing efficiency, but to also make the company accountable.

Katelo added that the new move had enabled the company to check on poor record keeping, which was being done manually leading to loss of productive man-hours and ineffectiveness.

The company has been able to grow its number of metered water connections from 100 at take over time less than a year ago to 500 connections.

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The company, which has also invested heavily in the capacity building of its personnel now does correct billing and demand for payment to consumers online through use of mobile phones.

Apart from the piped water to consumer premises and kiosks within their proximities, MARWASCO has also taken a step further as per the number six of the SDGs to purify water that residents draw from pans.

Mr Katelo said with the help from Opblue, the company intends to install water tanks that would be fitted with sawyer filtration systems to enable communities that depend on rain harvested water through pans and rooftops to purify the commodity and make it fit for consumption.

In his remarks, the county secretary said digitization of services was the way to go in order to serve members of the public with the expected efficiency.

Tari hailed the leadership of the company for their accountability approach in their management and asked them to step up efforts to avail wholesome

water available to Marsabit residents which he said remains the most elusive commodity in the region.

This, he said would help in keeping water borne diseases at bay adding that a population battling with infections can never prosper as resources would always be diverted to fight diseases.

The county secretary also pointed out that the county government was allocating a lot of resources to its various departments to deliver services to the residents and that no excuse would be entertained for non-performance.

He cautioned county executive committee members and their accounting officers that they would be expected at the end of the financial year to account for every penny allocated to their dockets.

“MARWASCO has set an example of good management of public affairs and I will not expect anything different from the other government departments,” he stated, while asking residents to always take an active role in the implementation of development projects in their areas.

An official with OpBlue, William Muchini said a sample test of water drawn from Alobota water pan in Jirme location was highly contaminated with cholera and typhoid causing germs and that the organization would support plans towards its pu-

rication.

He said that the organization will team up the MARWASCO and the county government in availing sawyer filtration systems that would help in the provision of safe and clean water to hundreds of residents in Jirme.

Muchini also pointed out that climate change was impacting negatively into the local fragile environment adding that urgent measures were required in order to save water catchments and remaining tree cover.

Despite the successful steps so far made, the company still faces a number of challenges that inhibits it from wholly achieving its goal.

Katelo disclosed that the company urgently needs Sh100 million to restore water distribution lines that were destroyed by road construction works during the tarmacking of the road network in the town.

The managing director believes that full restoration of water supply to the town, which was recently upgraded to a municipality would enable the company to rake in sh3 million in revenue per month.

Meanwhile, availability of water at the household level would also enable residents and institutions to grow some trees in their compounds, hence assisting in the fight against climate change.

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# Ruto: Industrial Parks Will Unlock Economic Potential Of Counties

By: Muraya Kamunde

The construction of County Aggregation and Industrial Parks will unlock the industrial potential of counties across the country.

President William Ruto said the roll out of the programme will broaden opportunities for Kenyans and boost economic growth.

The President was speaking on Friday during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Nyamira County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

“This project will create over 50,000 jobs and reduce poverty in this region,” he said.

“This facility will offer cold storage and value addition facilities for bananas, avocado, coffee and vegetables to help farmers maximise their earnings,” he said.

Earlier, at Nyansiongo, Nyamira County, President Ruto inspected

the construction of the Nyansiongo Modern Market.

“The expansion and upgrading of this Market will increase the number of traders conducting their businesses in a conducive and secure space.”

He noted the construction of the market was part of the Government’s plan to build new markets in Keroka, Esise, Kahawa, Kemera, Ikonge and Nyamira Town.

In Kisii, the President inspected the ongoing tarmacking of the 77-Kilometer Omingamu-Motonto, Parainye-Tabaka, Bonyancha-Nyabisiongororo, Iyabe-Nyansara, and Sengera-Nyakoiba roads.

“We have intensified our investments in infrastructure and maintenance to help expand business opportunities and boost household incomes,” he said.

The President commissioned the Mosambi-Ekerenyo Market that will enhance agricultural activities, improve market performance and enhance the delivery of services to



Project to create over 50,000 jobs.

wananchi.

The President was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries Moses Kuria

(Trade) and Ezekiel Machogu (Education), Governors Amos Nyaribo (Nyamira) and Simba Arati (Kisii),

MPs and MCAs led by National Assembly Chief Whip Silvanus Osoro.

# DP Gachagua Says Continuous Registration Of Elderly, Vulnerable Groups To Go On

By: DPPS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said the government is putting in place measures for continuous registration of the elderly and vulnerable groups as he asks governors to waive cess levy on subsidised fertiliser.

Speaking when he launched registration of elderly aged above 70 years, orphans and people living with severe disabilities under the Inua Jamii Programme alongside the second phase of enlisting farmers, at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi, the Deputy President said this will save the Government resources in periodic exercises.

“The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government is working on a template that will ensure a continuous registration exercise. We will let the chiefs continue updating the register with those who have attained 70 years or passed on,” he said.

This exercise of registration of vulnerable groups targets to enlist new beneficiaries, the Deputy President said. A digital database will be developed to ease updating by the Na-

tional Government Administration Officers (NGAOs), he added. A digital register will also enhance accountability.

“The NGAOs- will be expected to make monthly returns of those who have attained 70- years of passed on. They will also work with Nyumba Kumi elders to find out if the vulnerable members have benefited,” he said.

In April 2023, during the Kenya Social Protection Conference, President Ruto committed to extending the reach of the Inua Jamii Safety Net Programme from 1.23 million to 2.5 million beneficiaries.

“To start off, today we are launching the registration of 500,000 beneficiaries under the Inua Jamii Programme. The actual registration starts from September 1, 2023. This will expand the cash transfer programme, which has been in place since 2004 from the current 1.23 million to 1.73 beneficiaries across the country as we march towards our target of 2.5 million and beyond in phases,” the Deputy President said.

Mr Gachagua said the Government is fast-tracking the establishment of the Social Assistance Fund, which will create an avenue for more funding from different sources apart

from the Exchequer. The Fund will increase the safety net to support the expansion of the programme to cover more vulnerable beneficiaries, he added.

On the other hand, Mr Gachagua said the first phase of farmer registration, conducted by the NGAOs, was successful, adding that the new phase will help the government capture important data for better planning.

“The data we obtain will help us map and locate our farmers via GPS and understand their specific needs and priorities under the varied sub-sectors. This is how we will create lasting strategic support structures tailored to the various value chains from production to consumption,” the Deputy President said.

He asked the governors to waive cess that is levied transportation of fertiliser, which makes it more expensive, increasing the cost of production.

The Kenya kwanza Administration, he said, is keen on taking measures for a lasting solution to food security.

“We do not want to go back to begging for our people; we want to produce more to a surplus for export. This requires data for long-term



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

strategic planning. This is because short-term measures are not sustainable,” said.

He urged farmers and the vulnerable groups to register.

“I call upon our elderly members of the society to turn up and register. I also appeal to our farmers to register to enable us to plan better together.

He added: “I also invite the media, religious and political leaders to work with us in raising awareness

and mobilising farmers and vulnerable groups to turn up and register,” Mr Gachagua said.

He emphasized the importance of counties supporting the NGAOs in the registration.

“In this important exercise, this information will also assist the counties in planning and offering services as per their mandate,” he said.

# Infinite Happiness

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## Worth Noting:

- **Appreciating, respecting, and being ready to serve parents is both a duty and a duty for every child. When winter comes, a mother puts her child in a thick shirt and wears a thin one herself, she is a person who does not take time for herself. A strange feeling arises when we read stories and poems written to our mothers.**
- **Do we know?, Why are such works dedicated to our mothers exciting, because these works show before our eyes that when we were young, our mothers made the mornings for us by telling them that the night was not night. It is not an exaggeration to say that such works encourage us to value our mothers more. When we gather around the table, everyone eats after eating.**

Mother... when someone hears this word, a bitter cry will be stuck in their throat, and someone else will be overwhelmed with happiness and will not be able to find a place to put themselves. I am the embodiment of kindness and indescribable love!... This life will be more beautiful in our eyes as long as we have mothers. A mother can be a father, brother, and sister at the same time. Mother is the owner of all the good feelings in the world! She is the only one who never thinks about herself and does not keep quiet for her children.

A pen is weak and words are insufficient to describe a mother. Because the person we saw for the first time, the lover whose voice we heard for the first time is our mother. Be it a famous singer or a poet, of course, each of them writes a poem and sings a song dedicated to the mother. In each song and poem about mother, touching sentences are expressed. After hearing such words, everyone's body goes into shock.

We can say that our closest person and friend in the world is without a doubt our mother. He will not sell us, deceive us, and never leave us alone. We can continue these sentences a lot. Living in a world with a mother is different. Sometimes we feel pity when we see people whose mother has passed away.

Of course, this situation is appropriate. May everyone have parents who support them. When we are young, we are afraid of getting lost, and when we grow up, we are afraid of losing it. We should always appreciate our loved ones. The black eyes you see today will be buried under the soil tomorrow.

Appreciating, respecting, and being ready to serve parents is both a duty and a duty for every child. When winter comes, a mother puts her child in a thick shirt and wears a thin one herself, she is a person who does not take time for herself. A strange feeling arises when we read stories and poems written to our mothers.

Do we know?, Why are such works dedicated to our mothers exciting, because these works show before our eyes that when we were young, our mothers made the mornings for us by telling them that the night was not night. It is not an exaggeration to say that such works encourage us to value our mothers more. When we gather around the table, everyone eats after eating.

Sometimes we wonder what is the reason for this, of course, she waits for her children to be full, and when they are full, they eat the leftovers. If only nature had unlimited possibilities, and if it added our age to our mothers, there would be no more happiness.

According to the stories, a boy living in a distant village was ashamed that his mother was a janitor, although he liked to walk on the same street as his mother, but his mother was blind in one eye. The mother was worried about her child's future and education. As much as he could, he tried not to make his child inferior to anyone else.

Time has passed since then. The boy grew up, he was educated in prestigious schools as his mother wanted, but unfortunately, his mother had left this world at that time. One day a letter was found in the box. In this letter, it was written that the mother was a burden to her child throughout her life, and that she apologized to her child for hating her and that she gave her eye when she lost one eye due to an accident.

Ehhe, mother is speechless... Every person who says that he is not a poet, actually has at least one poem dedicated to his mother. True happiness is when our phone rings, when we look to see who it is, and see the text "Mom".

A mother is a person who can replace everyone, but no one can replace her. Sometimes we really want to go back to our youth. Not to play and laugh, not to have fun, not to do what we were told, but to see the wrinkle-free faces and hands of our mothers of that time. The older we get, the more often we want to be in childhood and in our mother's arms.

"Mother" is one word, 3 letters, but a sacred concept with an eternal meaning. Sometimes it seems very difficult for us to tell our mother that we love her, but if we can express our love to our mother even with a sweet word, they will undoubtedly consider themselves one of the luckiest people in the world.

How many people do not have a mother! How drunk they will be to say this word. Sometimes, it seems that our mothers prefer hot tea and sweet conversation to a bar with friends and relatives. If we look for the meaning of life, it is, of course, in our mother's smile.

We should always call our mother, hug her, tell her how much we love her, and please her, even if it is sometimes for no reason. It doesn't cost us anything, but it gives our mother an extra reason to live. The best cure for problems, depression, anxiety and suffering is mother's affection, kindness and understanding. Refinement, strength, beauty, tenderness, pride, grace, brightness, intelligence, great creation of God

- our mothers. "Mother" is the most beautiful word spoken by a person. "If the child is clay, the mother is the potter," our people say. In fact, just



Bobojonova Sevinchoy

as a potter polishes clay and gives it a beautiful shape, so our mothers cover their children more or less and raise the best.

Of course, this analogy is appropriate. Let's appreciate our mothers in time, let's always be there for them when they are sick, let's not forget that they sacrificed their youth and life for us. Let's be a child worthy of one sleepless night.

The greatest happiness for a mother is, in fact, seeing the growth of her child and hearing thanks through him. There is probably no one who has not read the short story "Works of the World" written by the sharp writer O'tkir Hashimov, dedicated to the mothers of the whole world. It is impossible not to have tears in the eyes of every reader who reads this work.

We would not be mistaken if we say that this work dedicated to mothers required a lot of talent from the artist. Also, the writer wrote stories about our mothers in his work. Looking at the story "Surat" in the play, we witness the sad state of the mother. In this story, a mother tells her child about taking pictures, and the child doesn't care.

As if she felt her death approaching, the mother says: "Take a picture

with me, my child, I will die soon." This sentence seems simple to a child, like saying that he will come to the neighbor's house. Mother really dies. The son who did not take a picture with his mother will live with a guilty conscience all his life.

Therefore, without forgetting the opportunity, let's appreciate the blessings of our mothers in time. Realizing that the presence of our mothers is an infinite happiness for us, let's appreciate our great parents! After all, I am a bright world with my mother!

*Mother, you are the light of the world, You are warm in the sun  
Your face is a flower-faced charmer  
I like every word you say.*

*Mother is great - mother is honorable!*

*Bobojonova Sevinchoy in Khorezm in 2004*

*She was born in Khiva district of the province. Now Urganch State Pedagogical Institute of Philology and Art Faculty of Uzbek language education 2nd stage student.*

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# Nigeria - Joy Ubeku - Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards



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### 2. Where are you from?

I'm from Nigeria

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

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

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

Hopefully yes

### 6. Who are you going with?

Can't say yet till then.

### 7. What do you anticipate?

To win in my category of-course lol

### 8. Which category do you represent?

Best star model of the year in West Africa

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

Keep pushing there's no limit.

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

Just have great content and people will follow you

### 11. What are your future aspirations?

To be one of the greatest designers in the world

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

I'll keep promoting them like I am now.

### 13. Your last words?

Thank you for having me and thank you SSAA



Joy Ubeku.

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## Yego Has Options Open Despite Early Exit In Budapest World Champs



Kenya's Julius Yego in action at the 2023 Budapest World Championships in Hungary. He was eliminated in the first round. Photo/ERICK BARASA.

After exiting the World Championships in the first round, Kenyan javelin star Julius Yego has admitted he couldn't match the high-level competition in Budapest displayed by athletes who have been active this season.

Yego, the 2015 World Champion, was competing at the global arena for the first time since last year in Oregon, and was happy for his throws, though it was not enough to meet the 83m automatic qualification mark or be among the first 12 best.

Prodded to explain his next course of action after the Budapest Worlds, Yego responded that his conclusions required a great deal of soul-searching.

"The competition was good, but the result was not pleasing. I have to accept it. I'm happy I left the competition injury free and healthy. That's the way it is in javelin. I didn't make it to the final because my throws were a little bit too low, but now it's a matter of focusing on new things," expounded Yego.

The YouTube man nevertheless was sorry to his fans for his failures in the Hungarian capital where he posted 78.42m to bow out of competition.

"My fans might be disappointed by my performance, but to me I'm happy I have competed and left the scene healthy. It's a boost when you remain focused. I wish

to apologize to my fans for the performance."

In Budapest, Yego reveals he was not really focusing on who to beat but aiming for a distance that could make qualification to the final, of which he didn't manage.

Yego is nevertheless undecided on his next course of action though he has his fingers crossed.

"When I head back home, I have to decide what to do but I'm healthy now and I still can compete but then again, I will wait to see what the manager says. If it's having a rest again and focusing on next season, I would really be ready for that as well, but for me I think I'm focused and still en-

thusiastic to compete."

Yego reckons that competition keeps changing time and time again with the emergence of young competitions.

"Of course, in javelin we have new emerging talents coming up every year. The sport was for some time a preserve of Europe but now many emerging competitors are coming up really well. I love the sport. It's really growing in leaps and bounds." Yego said in finality.

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# Wanyoni Happy To Save Kenya The Blushes In Budapest World Champs



Kenya's Emmanuel Wanyoni at the mixed zone after advancing in the men's 800m final at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Photo/ALEX ISABOKE.

While Kenya's Emmanuel Wanyoni concedes that his opponents in Saturday's final are a "tough nut to crack", he's backing himself to clinch the all-important gold.

Seeing two of his compatriots fall by the wayside was quite frustrating for Wanyoni who had hoped for a three-man Kenyan affair. But for Wanyoni, that's water under the bridge. As far as he's concerned, it's further fueled his desire to edge his opponents on Saturday.

"I don't want to dwell on this matter—it's all water under the bridge now," he quipped.

"There's no doubt my opponents are very good," Wanyoni told Capital FM Sport in Budapest, Hungary, adding: "but there's also no doubt I can rise to the occasion on Saturday."

Since graduating to seniors, Wanyoni is yet to lay his hands on a World Championship medal but reiterates It's not an easy task.

"Not only are they very fast, they're very, very clever and looking at their personal best, they have run wonderful races. But I thank God I was able to reach the finals. I feel good going into Saturday's showdown and I'm hoping to give my Kenyan fans a surprise," Wanyoni, who finished fourth at the 2022 World Championships in Oregon, said.

"It was my prayer that we all qualify for the final as Kenyans, but God had other plans. When I realized that all my compatriots are out, I decided to take the initiative upon myself and save Kenyans the blushes," the World Under-20 champion outlined.

Wanyoni remarked that it would have been quite a shame for Kenyans to not qualify even one athlete in the final -being the defending champions after holder Emmanuel Wanyoni, who is also the Olympic champion bowed out in the first round.

But flying solo in the final, Wanyoni is happy that he has shown occasional flashes of brilliance in the heats.

"I believe I now have requisite speed -so I hope and pray that lady luck smiles on me in this Saturday final."

Korir and Olympic 800m silver medalist Ferguson Rotich exited in the preliminaries contrary to all expectations.

Wanyoni hit the bell in 51.39, but dropped back for Frenchman Gabriel Tual to take the lead brief-

ly before the Kenyan chalked up victory in the first heat in 1:44.92.

Running in Heat Three of the semis, it was a battle royale between the trailblazing youngster and Spain's Adrian Ben.

Nevertheless, Wanyoni crossed the finish line to win in 1:43.83. In the final, Wanyoni will fight for gold against Team GB's Ben Pattison, Tshepiso Masalela of Botswana, USA's Bryce Hoppel, Algerian Slimane Moula, Canadian Marco Arop another Algerian Djamel Sedjati and Spain's Adrián BEN.

**EMMANUEL WANYONYI**  
**NATIONALITY:** Kenyan  
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## Botswana - Dolly Masilomangwe - Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards



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**2 Where are you from?**  
 I'm from Molepolole , Botswana

**3 How did you hear about these awards?**  
 I heard about them through social media, and I was directly nominated by the Shinning Stars Africa Awards.

**4 How do you feel about the nomination?**  
 I feel so grateful and excited. I am proud of myself for making it this far

**5 Are you attending the Grand Finale?**  
 Yes, I will definitely attend the grand finale.

**6 Who are you going with?**  
 I am going with my makeup artist

**7 What do you anticipate?**  
 I anticipate to win the award, connecting and uniting with different talents across Africa business-wise, and expanding my network.

**8 Which category do you represent?**  
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**9 What do you have to tell the upcoming artists or those aspiring to do what you do?**  
 Always aim higher and never to give up

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 A big thank you to shinning star Africa award for the opportunity



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