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Concern Over Rising HIV Infection Rates Among Youth

By: Sadik Hassan
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Worth Noting:

- “We lose more men and boys to HIV because they don’t come to the hospital early. We only get them in the TB clinic and sometimes when they are sick or they have been sent to hospitals because of pneumonia and other diseases,” she explained.
- The NSDCC is advocating for early diagnosis in men and boys to prevent HIV-related deaths.
- “It’s a fact in itself that HIV is beginning to manifest as an epidemic that is primarily for young adults and adolescents. The age of 10 to the age of 35 is where our challenge lies, especially as far as transmission and drug use are concerned,” said Dr. Ruth.

Experts have raised alarm over rising cases of HIV/AIDS in counties that traditionally had few cases.

Stakeholders are converging in Mombasa for three days in a conference dubbed the Maisha Conference to review lessons from HIV/AIDS responses.

Dr. Ruth Laibon, CEO of the National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (NSDCC), revealed in a pre-conference media briefing the challenge of emerging pockets of epidemics in counties that did not traditionally have HIV, although progress has been made in counties like Homabay.

Dr. Laibon said they have observed a spike in cases in counties like Samburu, Mandera, and Garissa.

“While the cases are few, we are concerned that if nothing happens in those few cases, if they remain unchecked and people don’t access treatment, then we would be a challenge,” she said.

Dr. Laibon said men’s and boys’ adherence rates to anti-retroviral drugs are quite low compared to women’s and girls, though HIV is more prevalent in women and girls.

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Parents and caregivers were urged to have sex education with their children to give them all available options “so that when they are making an emotional decision, they are cognizant of the lifelong



Dr Ruth Laibon with other stakeholders.

impact they carry out of sexual activity.”

Although the country has made progress in the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, Dr. Laibon noted that in 2022, almost 4000 children acquired HIV from their mothers, yet science and medication are available.

She calls for cooperation between HIV/AIDS expectant mothers, doctors, and the community to prevent them from suffering from stigma and discrimination that prevent them from accessing medication.

Men and women expecting to have a baby were urged to get a diagnosis first for HIV and syphilis to prevent severe consequences for the unborn child.

Adolescents’ mothers, since they have not developed to the level of making appropriate decisions for themselves, are also vulnerable to HIV.

“If they don’t get HIV at the time of sexual exposure, they then become vulnerable and engage in transactional sex because the challenges they are living with have increased,” said Dr. Laibon.

Drug users who inject drugs at the coast are at high risk of HIV and hepatitis.

“Currently, we have about 8800 clients to whom we give a drug every morning to ensure that they stop injecting heroin. Here at the coast, that is the biggest challenge,” said Dr. Laibon, adding that the coast has a high number of people who inject drugs.

Dr. Laibon noted that the triple threat campaign is trying to seek commitment from all the stakeholders to end the cycle of poverty, which has the likelihood of reinforcing the challenges that girls face

and also creating another vulnerability to HIV.

Dorothy Onyango, diagnosed in 1990 with HIV, said the country has made strides in the fight against HIV. Through her organisation, Women Fighting HIV in Kenya, she is creating awareness in the communities.

“There is a lot of stigma in the communities, and one of our main objectives was to see how we destigmatize HIV. We were trying to give HIV a human face,” she said.

On her part, Prof. Ruth Nduati, an epidemiologist and paediatrician, gave a historical perspective on how it was difficult to access antiretroviral (ARV) drugs when HIV emerged.

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Car And General Delivers Three Cummins Generators To MTRH

By: Our Reporter
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Cummins Car and General delivered three giant Cummins generators, 220 KVA, 350 KVA and 450 KVA to the Ministry of Health, which will be installed at the Mathari National Teaching and Referral Hospital to provide electricity for the hospital and the administration offices during power failure moments.

The generators were handed over by Immaculate Murugi, the company's Business Development Manager, Government Liason and Eric Sangoro the General Manager to Margaret Nduku Kyatu, a Medical Engineering Technologist from the Hospital and Engineer Joel Nadebu, a Senior Electrical Engineer from the Ministry of public works andAnthony Maina the Contractor.

Murugi said, "Frequent power supply interruptions have resulted in requests by our customers in the East African region for Cummins diesel

generators which are suitable for hospitals, factories, offices, homes, and shops. The after sale service we provide has made the product popular in the region".

Sangoro said, "Car and General is the master distributor for Cummins generators, engines and parts in Kenya, Burundi, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda."

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Cummins Car and General Business Development Manager Government Liason Immaculate Murugi (left), the General Manager Erick Sangoro (second left), Mathari National and Referral Hospital Medical Engineering Technologist Margaret Nduku Kyatu (center), Anthony Maina (second right) , Contractor and Joel Nadebu (right), a Senior Electrical Engineer from the Ministry of Public Works during the inspection and delivery of three Cummins diesel generators purchased by the Ministry of Health for the Hospital.

Housing Committee Quesries State Department's Decision To Adjust Githurai Market's Construction Cost

By: PSCU

A National Assembly Committee has expressed reservations regarding a decision made by the State Department of Housing and Urban Development to adjust the construction cost of the new Githurai Market in Kiambu by close to Kshs.200 million.

The Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning, and Public Works Chaired by Hon. Johana Ngeno (Emurua Dikirr), had an engagement with Housing and Urban Development PS Charles Hinga today, where they sought an explanation on the reasons behind the alteration of the project cost from the initial Kshs.827.170 million to Kshs.1.026 billion.

"The variation in terms of costs is very huge. You recently advertised the construction of 60 markets, and



Committee members during yesterday's session .

we are concerned that their costs may also be inflated. What justified the review of the costs?" posed Hon Ngeno.

PS Hinga told the committee members that the increase in the construction cost of the five-storied ultra modern market was due to changes in the scope of work and modifications to the design during the project's implementation.

"As the project progressed, there

were adjustments to the scope of work and design changes that necessitated a cost review, leading to the contract sum of Kshs.1.026 billion," he explained.

According to PS Hinga, these changes were crucial to enhancing the functionality, structural integrity, and visual appeal of the project, which commenced in October 2019.

The market was officially inaugurated by President William Ruto on



Housing and Urban Development PS Charles Hinga in a House Committee .

August 5.

MPs Hon. Innocent Obiri (Bobasi) and Hon. Daniel Manduku (Nyaribari Masaba), both trained architects, swiftly reacted to the PS's explanation, raising concerns about the awarding of the contract without adhering to established professional procedures.

"The project site was a market with nearly 11,000 traders. Our officers encountered challenges in conducting site visits as expected of them

due to the hostile environment," PS Hinga revealed, highlighting that the project was initiated based on a directive from former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The Chairperson of the Committee directed the State Department to furnish the House team with the Original Bill of Quantities, Drawings, Designs, and other pertinent documents related to the project.

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KUCCPS Opens Application Portal For Placement To Kenya's Open University

By: IRENE MWANGI

Worth Noting:

- The Open University of Kenya (OUK) was chartered on 3rd August, 2023 by President William Ruto to benefit Kenyans who missed early opportunities or faced barriers such as formal grades, age, capacity to pay, gender or geographical location to access university education.
- The university's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Elijah Omwenga, has requested the placement body to list five degree programmes and two postgraduate diploma courses on the student placement application portal.



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The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has opened applications for admission to the Open University of Kenya accredited on August 3.

KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer Agnes Mercy Wahome said the applications will be free of charge and without any deadline.

"This is due to the uniqueness of the Open University's mode of learning and flexible modular programme design that will allow students to study at their own pace and convenience," said Wahome.

For the first time in Kenya's history, work experience, short courses or recognition of prior learning will be considered in admitting learners to pursue degree programmes, according to admission requirements released by the university.

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The minimum admission requirements for the undergraduate courses include evidence of KCSE certificate or equivalent and a portfolio for recognition of prior learning.

The university will offer undergraduate programmes including Bachelor of Data Science, Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security and Digital Forensics, Bachelor of Technology Education, Bachelor of Business and Entrepreneurship and Bachelor of Economics and Statistics.

The postgraduate programmes will include flagship Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Accountability and Postgraduate Diploma in Learning Design and Technology.

Self-paced learning

The degree and postgraduate diploma programmes have between 12 and 14 course units per academic year.

Learning will take one year for postgraduate programmes while the bachelor's degree programmes will take four years to complete.

However, for open and self-paced learning, a student may decide to take a course unit at a time on the alternative flexible mode and may plan to take longer periods.

This option applies to both the bachelor's degree and postgraduate diploma programmes.

For all the programmes or course units, students outside East Africa will pay 10 per cent more.

The minimum entry requirements for Bachelor's degree programmes are as follows:

1. A mean grade of C+ and above at KCSE where applicable or its equivalent using criteria that the university senate may determine OR

2. Diplomas or professional qualifications from recognized institutions

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3. KCSE certificate or equivalent and a certificate of foundation or bridging courses from recognized institutions

4. Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education with a minimum of 1 principal and subsidiary passes

5. A bachelor's degree from an institution recognized by Senate,

6. Evidence of KCSE certificate or equivalent and a portfolio for the purpose of recognition of prior learning determination with respect to:

a) Workplace training of 2 years OR
b) Work experience in a relevant field of 2 years OR

c) Two short courses lasting at least 3 months each in relevant fields

7. Any other qualifications that may be determined by senate recognizing prior learning leading to equivalents of the identified criteria, experience and skills of learners.

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Why Diversification Is Key To Ensuring Food Security - Nakuru County Minister

By: Anne Mwale
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Worth Noting:

- The CECM further noted that crop diversification was one of the cheapest ways of dealing with several crop diseases, including the fall army worms in the region.
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- Besides going for the best maize seed varieties suitable for the soils in the area, the farmers present were encouraged to invest in early-maturing crops during the short rain seasons.



Stakeholders during the Naivasha event.

The County Government of Nakuru has rolled out a campaign to promote diversification of foods as a way of mitigating the effects of climate change, boosting sources of livelihoods, and improving living standards.

The devolved unit is encouraging farmers to exploit the region’s favourable weather patterns and arable soils and increase their sources of income through crop diversification as a robust risk management strategy to increase production and food security.

County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, and Cooperatives, Mr. Leonard Bor observed that Kenya’s agricultural production is dominated by a narrow range of commodities, which include maize and wheat, as well as cash crops like tea, coffee, and flowers.

He added that their cultivation contributes to the livelihoods of 70 per cent of rural families, causing a concerning overreliance on just a few crops.

Speaking during a farmer’s field day jointly organised by the county government and the Kenya Dairy

Board (KDB) at Kipkonyo Secondary School within Maiella Ward in Naivasha Sub County, Mr. Bor observed that climate change continues to hinder efforts to increase agricultural productivity and food and nutrition security in many developing countries.

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Mr. Bor identified sunflowers, Irish potatoes, sorghum, millet, carrots, groundnuts, African leafy vegetables, and soya beans as some of the best early-maturing crops, with most of

them classified as drought-resistant besides their nutritional value.

He stated that diversifying production towards non-traditional varieties could help improve agricultural productivity, stabilise output, enhance food security, and mitigate the risk of climate change.

“Diversification not only expands the number of potential crop types for markets but also contributes significantly to household nutrition needs. And while it is neither a one-size-fits-all strategy nor a substitute for specialisation, especially where specific crops are thriving with a market portfolio to match, diversification is the most robust option towards creating resilient agricultural systems that can contribute significantly to household and, subsequently, national food security,” said Mr. Bor.

The CECM indicated that although maize is the country’s biggest and most important crop, by trying different well-suited crops in different regions, farmers in all 11 sub-counties will be able to address their nutritional needs more adequately and cope better with production and marketing fluctuations.

He noted that the national govern-

ment highlights policy items touching on diversification and value addition in its Vision 2030 economic blueprint, including catalysing enhanced agricultural productivity, food security, and income growth.

The CEC further noted that small-holder farmers are the understated drivers of crop diversification, demanding more productive, resilient, and family-friendly crops when they realise a decreased benefit from staple crops.

Mr. Bor said that there was a need to expand what the devolved unit produces to encourage greater diversification and affordability in diets.

He said other advantages of crop diversification were the facilitation of several employment alternatives for farmers as well as foreign earnings through exportation.

Farming in most parts of Nakuru is mainly rain-fed, which sometimes causes frustration, mainly during the dry season when crops fail.

The county executive said if farmers take up high-value crops and those that can withstand drought, then they will be food secure and still have more to sell for their livelihoods.

Reprieve For Teachers As TSC Increases Salaries

By: Muraya Kamunde

Teachers are set to receive a salary increment of between 7-10pc after successful talks between representatives of Teachers Unions.

Yesterday, the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET), Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT), Kenya Union of Special Needs Education Teachers (KUSNET) and the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) held talks aimed at revising the Presidential salary increment of between 7pc and 10pc.

The meeting sought to solve the Salary review impasse that has seen the unions at odds with the Nancy Macharia-led commission.

TSC had proposed a salary of between 2.4 to 9.5pc, with the lowest-earning teacher getting the highest percentage and the highest-earning teacher getting the lowest percentage.

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2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement be amended and implemented in two tranches for the next two years.

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KUPPET pledged to continue negotiating for harmonization of house allowances as is the case with commuter allowances.

50,000 teachers will also be promoted as part of the deal.

The teachers' unions have also vowed to ensure their employer honours the remaining 50% payment to cushion teachers from the high cost of living.

The development comes after the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) earlier this month announced a 7-10pc salary rise for civil servants, backdated to July 1.

The increment is set to cost taxpayers Ksh 21.7 billion more for the financial year 2023/2024, with teachers getting the lion's share of Ksh 9.5 billion.



TSC CEO Nancy Macharia. PHOTO/Courtesy.

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Ndii Says Sufficient Dollar Stock In Place To Settle Maturing Fuel Debt

By: Capital Correspondent

President William Ruto's Chief Economic Advisor, David Ndii, has dismissed reports of a looming forex crisis as Kenya prepared to settle dollar payments for fuel imported on credit.

Responding to a publication by a local newspaper on Monday, Ndii noted the country re-exports 40 per cent of the oil imported securing much of dollars recurred to settle the dollar-denominated bill.

"We re-export 40pc, that's \$200m flowing into the country escrowed. Jet is also paid in \$. Six months of these \$ flows is \$1.5b plus what we've been buying quietly," he said.

Ndii said the country had sufficient dollar stock to cover its needs through January, sufficient to settle payments maturing under the oil

deal with producers in the Middle East.

"There is no time the g-g will pressure the forex market. Ever."

Kenya signed a government-to-government deal with three firms in the Gulf under which the country would receive its stock on a 180-day credit cycle in a move aimed at easing the scramble for the dollar.

Under the deal, local oil marketers pay for fuel stock in shillings with a banking partner working to stockpile enough dollars to cover the funds collected from retailers.



David Ndii chairs President Ruto's Council of Economic Advisors/FILE

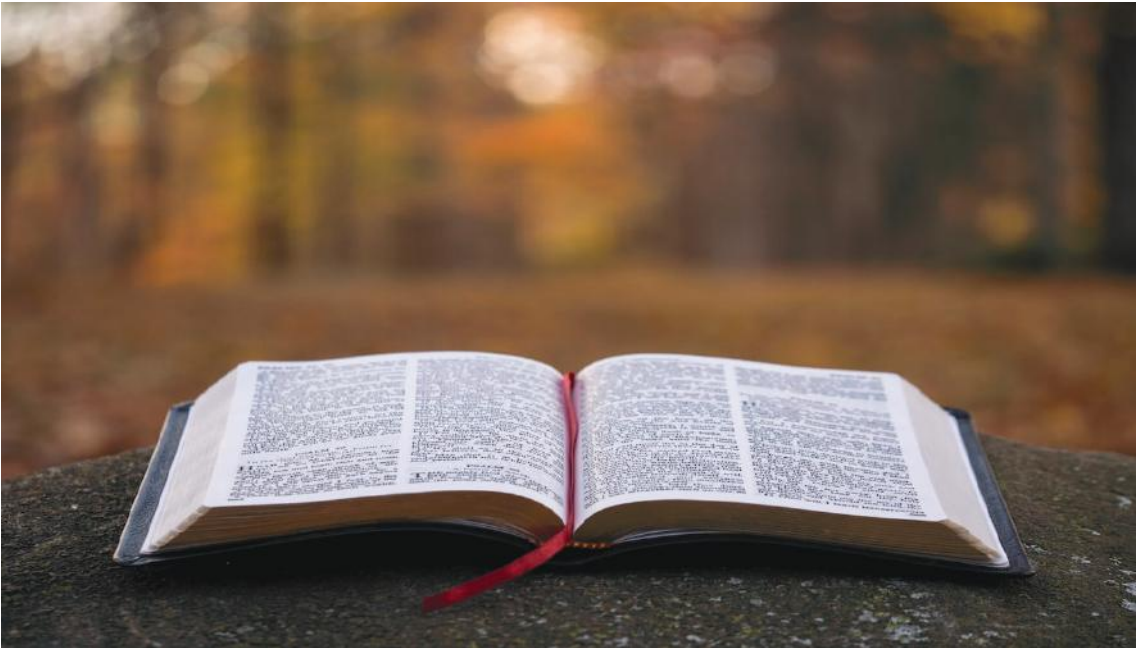
Destructive Power Of The Tongue Pt 2



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In the book of James, his 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.² What an apt description of human experience! About nine-tenths of the flames we experience in our lives come from the tongue. HALELUJAH. WE ARE ABLE, BECAUSE OUR ALMIGHTY PERFECT FATHER IS ABLE. SELAH! References:

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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

Marsabit Sports Academy To Tap Talent In The County

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A plan to start a volleyball sports academy in Marsabit County in an effort to tap talent and enhance physical fitness among the youth has been finalized. Kenya Volleyball Federation, Marsabit branch chairman Joseph Katelo has said he would be sponsoring opening of the academy to nurture talent, which abound among the youth in the area. Speaking during the final match of a three-day Sora-Katelo inter-location volleyball tournament held at the Marsabit Moi Girls High School playground, Katelo noted that the academy would be able to engage many youths including students during holidays who idle around and fall into temptations to indulge in drug and substance abuse. He added that the tapping of talent which abounds in local youth would also help in addressing the problem of lack of employment, with those gifted being

assisted to pursue career and occupation in the sport. Katelo said the effort is also aimed at assisting in shielding girls from being subjected to female genital mutilation (FGM) that occurs during the holidays, adding that the formation of volleyball clubs within the sub-county will be ideal to cater for youths that are out of school. “Compared to other sports, volleyball not been accorded good attention and that is why we want to support in the tapping of the ability that abounds in our male and female youth” he said, adding that Sora Katelo Foundation and Strengthening Pastoralists Actions for Change and Empowerment (SPACE) organizations would be instrumental in the establishment of the much desired academy. The crowd-arousing finals saw Qacha Senior beat Police Lines team 3-0 to win the Soral Katelo inter-location volleyball tournament for Marsabit Central sub-county organized by the local volleyball federation branch. The winners got away with ‘gold’ medals for every player, a trophy, and a Sh15,000 gift.



Police lines managed ‘silver’ medals for each player, a trophy and Sh10,000. Karare team was the runners-up and was given Sh5,000, a trophy, and

‘bronze’ medals. The tournament attracted 12 teams which benefited from a volleyball net and a mikasa ball each from the Sora

Katelo Foundation.

Ichungwah's Response To Raila's Threat To Resume Demonstrations Was Well Understood



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Worth Noting:

- He wanted to take advantage of these talks to blackmail, intimidate and arm-twist President William Ruto to share the government with him. That is why he was pushing for 'inclusivity' as one of his main demands.
- This is not the first time that Raila would play this game. He read the same script in the aftermath of 2007 and 2017 presidential elections respectively.
- At the time he had his way. In the former, he forced President Mwai Kibaki to share the government with him on 50-50 basis. He became the Prime Minister and Kibaki's co-principal.
- In the latter, he arm twisted and cornered President Uhuru to shake hand with him. This birthed the handshake government.



National Assembly Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah and Azimio La Umoja leader Raila Odinga..

National Assembly Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah is the team leader of the ruling Kenya Kwanza Government in the 10-member National Dialogue Committee.

He has been in the forefront of urging thier opponents in Azimio La Umoja One Kenya coalition to stop politicizing and creating toxic environment within which the talks were being held.

We have heard Raila Odinga, the leader of the Azimio coalition, and some members of his brigade making comments that were meant to scuttle the bipartisan talks.

This must stop. We want to engage in the talks that are genuine and which will move our country forward. Peace and unity of our people is paramount and this is what we are seeking to achieve in shortest time possible.

On our side of Kenya Kwanza, we are embracing the same spirit.

But a few days later Ichungwah was unable to restrain himself.

This is after Raila continued to defy the call by reiterating. We in Azimio are gearing to resume the street protests if these talks fail to bear fruit.

He would make these comments before the dialogue have started. What does this mean? He has had a pre-determined position.

If I don't have my way, I will not hesitate to call my team to walk out. The endgame is to scuttle the process.

Therefore, this means he was taking Kenyans for a ride.

For those who understand politics, I'm sure many would agree with me on this.

Raila's main agenda is to pursue selfish and personal interest.

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To succeed in this, he would always allege that he had been rigged out. He would use this card to incite his supporters to engage in violent protests.

One can therefore understand where Ichungwah was coming from.

Before the National Dialogue Committee was unveiled, he was in forefront of telling Raila Odinga to forget 'Nusu Mkate'.

We know you have been using the strategy of blackmail and intimidation.

This time, forget it. You lost the elections and the whole knows. Your job is very clear. You are an opposition leader. Stick to your lane.

Dr William Ruto is the one who was declared the winner by the IEBC which is constitutionally mandated to conduct

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

Your decision to move to the Supreme Court to challenge the results did not come as a surprise.

You had so far lost five presidential elections and in all, you would use the same card.

For the fifth time, Raila suffered yet another setback. His petition was dismissed due to lack of evidence. He was unable to prove any of the prayers he sought.

Consequently, the seven judges of the apex court, who this time made an unanimous decision, upheld Dr Ruto's victory.

The judges reiterated that Dr Ruto is the duly president-elect. This cleared the way for the Committee of the assumption of the office of the president to start preparations for his swearing in. In his latest response, Ichungwah has dared Raila to resume demos if he so wished.

We told you we are not going to succumb to your machinations of blackmail and intimidation.

The talks have not started and this clearly shows you have a pre-determined position.

This undermines the letter and spirit of the negotiations.

The spirit of give and take has to prevail for the talks to bear fruits.

The majority leader have also been reiterating. We want to tell Raila and his brigade that the Kenya Kwanza team will only engage on issues that are with-

in the constitution and law.

We will never entertain or be party to talks that are extra-legal, extra judicial and extra-parliamentary.

These are the instructions that we have. As you know, President William Ruto is a strong believer in the rule of law and the constitution.

Besides inclusivity, Azimio leader has been pushing for the inclusions of two other demands- the audit of 2022 presidential elections results and the skyrocketing cost of living.

For the latter two, there is no known legal framework to discuss them.

For the lowering of the cost of living, the government is duty bound to deal with the matter. This is by coming up with various policy interventions.

As for the election servers, the IEBC public portal was open for scrutiny by all Kenyans.

The Supreme Court also dealt with this matter. Azimio lawyers had applied for the recount of the votes in some polling stations that they disputed. They wanted results to be compared with those in the IEBC portal.

The court granted the order. After the recounts, there was no any anomalies that was detected.

With this, Azimio lost in the First Round. Raila was left with an egg.

Joseph Mutua Ndonga is a writer and political analyst based in Nairobi

Police Recover Marijuana Consignment From A Hearse

By: The DCI

A consignment of 12 sacks of marijuana was intercepted by police, as it was being transported to the port city of Kisumu in an hearse.

In the bizarre incident that stunned police officers manning a roadblock at Suo area in Busia County, the product had been neatly arranged in the vehicle that is ordinarily used in the conveyance of the dead to the grave.

According to the officers, they had flagged down a white Nissan van branded Rafiki Funeral Services - Othaya, for routine check up at around 7pm.

The heavily tinted vehicle whose stereo was playing sombre tunes associated with escorting the departed, pulled over.

As the vehicles' driver hesitantly lowered his window and muttered some words after responding to the officer's greetings, the policeman detected some smell from inside the

vehicle that was not related to human remains.

His fears were confirmed moments later when, after conducting a search inside the vehicle together with his colleagues, they discovered 12 sacks of cannabis sativa arranged on the seats and floor of the van.

The driver of the hearse Hussein Oti-ta, was arrested and the motor vehicle registration number KCV 402Y impounded.

In a related incident, officers based at Korondile Police Station in Wajir, recovered 58 kilograms of marijuana being transported to Wajir town on a motorcycle.

In the incident reported last night, two suspects Osman Boru, 25 and Halkno Guchu, 24 were arrested and detained at Korondile police station pending arraignment.

Detectives from the Anti Narcotics Unit have since taken over investigations into the two cases.

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Hearse carrying bhang.

CS Tuya Calls For Concerted Efforts In Environmental Protection

By: Gladys Mungai

Environment Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya has challenged institutions of learning to incorporate climate change, adaptation and mitigation courses in school curricula to boost government efforts in environmental conservation and protection.

Speaking during the launch of Professor Wangari Mathai Institute of Peace and Environmental Studies which aims at creating awareness and shifting attitudes towards environmental conservation the CS further called for concerted efforts towards the conservation of the environment in the country.

Ahead of the Africa climate summit next week in Nairobi, CS Tuya said time was of the essence in positioning the country to where late pro-

fessor Mathai a conversation Nobel winner left it.

Tuya further revealed that the government plans to plant 15 million seedlings between September and December this year.

While acknowledging that Threats to the environment are still on the rise the CS claimed the government has adopted technological methods to address encroachment threats.

The African Development Bank and well as the African Union representatives present pledged to play a pivotal role in coming up with solutions to climate emergencies.



CS Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Soipan Tuya. Photo/Courtesy.

Senate To Debate Adoption Of National Dialogue Committee

By: Jacob Kioria

The Senate will Tuesday convene for a special sitting expected to adopt the National Dialogue committee.

Having been approved by their National Assembly counterparts last week, the nod by the Senate will effectively give the Kalonzo Musyoka-Kimani Ichungwa-led committee the legal backing in the execution of its mandate.

Speaker Amason Jeffa Kingi in his notice last week, notified Senators that among other issues lined up for consideration, the approval of the National Dialogue Committee will be top of the agenda.

With the committee led by Majority Leader Kimani Ichung’wa and Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka appearing to build consensus on the nature of talks and the agenda thereof, the committee is expected to recommend appropriate legal and policy reforms on issues affecting Kenyans in line with

the constitution.

The committee on getting the legal backing will submit a report to both houses within 60 days.

The sitting expected to begin at 9.30 am Tuesday morning will also deliberate on President William Ruto’s message on the nomination of Andrew Mukite Musangi as chairperson of the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya, consider the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023 transmitted from the National Assembly and deliberate on the Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2023 also transmitted from the National Assembly.



The Senate

MPs Personal Assistants Awarded Certificates

By: PSCU

Personal Assistants to Members of the National Assembly were awarded certificates following a successful induction program conducted earlier this year.

The training conducted by the Assembly’s Directorate of Legislative and Procedural Services was meant to equip and strengthen their capacity to facilitate legislators in achieving their constitutional mandate of legislation, representation and oversight.

The capacity development program was also intended to accord them a valuable opportunity to enhance their parliamentary knowledge and expertise.

Speaking on behalf of other personal assistants, Jackson Mutavi,

Personal Assistant to Robert Basil from Yatta constituency, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the management of the National Assembly for according them an opportunity to undertake the program.

The Clerk of the National Assembly was represented at the function by Dishon Nyagah, Director for Liaison and Auxiliary Services, and Principal Clerk Assistants Noah Too and Mr. Samuel Kalama.



Jackson Mutavi addressing his colleagues during the event.

My Loving And Affectionate Mother



She has always put on old clothes,
So that we buy garments which are better,
And she didn't stop working to feed us,
She is my loving and affectionate mother.

You may see early wrinkles on her face,
And disappointment covered her eyes,
Life folded her dignity because of us,
She is my loving and affectionate mother.

When I was sick, she did not sleep all night,
And asked God to heal my health disorder,
She has never showed her sorrow to anyone,
She is my loving and affectionate mother.

She endured the shortage as she can,
Inside of her heart is full of pain,
I know she cried at night like rain,
She is my loving and affectionate mother.

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Innovative Technologies In Primary Education



By: Xaydarova Yulduz Fakhridin

One of the important tasks of today is to actively use advanced pedagogical technologies in the educational process, increase the effectiveness of education, analyze and put it into practice. Since primary education is the main link of general education schools, it is necessary to pay more attention to the perfect development of the student's personality in this process. Primary school teachers have unlimited responsibilities. They accustom the students who have just stepped on the threshold of the school to the school life and pave the way for them to receive modern education. It is during this period that children's attitudes towards learning and their intellectual potential are formed. This also shows that the task of primary school teachers is responsible.

Lessons organized on the basis of pedagogical technologies should meet the needs of the student according to organizational methods and

delivery methods. Because such lessons are closer to the child's psyche. Achieving the goal on the basis of arousing students' interest, desire and desire to learn learning materials is motivation, which is the internal rapprochement of the teacher and students.

The innovative education system is a rapidly developing educational knowledge system that has attracted the attention of experts in all aspects of the education field. Therefore, pedagogues, realizing its educational importance, organize experiential education from advanced innovations in traditional education. Today, production is the main characteristic of this form of education, which is the new prevailing theory of the entire educational system, which is reorganized and established on the basis of innovation. Innovations, ideas, tools (new methods) can be taken as ideas of innovation.

In short, in the lesson where innovative technologies have been experienced, students can demonstrate to themselves and them, learn to work in a team, and respect the opinions of others. This increases the level of the lesson and serves to guarantee the quality of education.

Active use of innovative technologies in the educational process, education and implementation is one of today's important tools.

I am Xaydarova Yulduz Fakhridin qizi , was born on May 3, 1995 in Kashkadarya region. Currently, I am teaching primary classes in school number 53 of Qamashi district.

A Mother's Love



Her words of wisdom, her gentle touch,
Guide us through life, we love her so much.

In her arms, we find comfort and peace,
Her love for us will never cease.
She is our hero, our guiding star,
A mother's love is who we are.

So let us cherish and honor our mothers,
For their love is like no other.
They are the ones who give us life,
Their love will forever shine so bright.

Mukhlisa Bakhodirova is a highly motivated and accomplished individual, currently studying at Fergana State University. Mukhlisa's dedication to mastering the English language led her to obtain both the IELTS and CeFr certificates, showcasing her proficiency in English.

In addition to her language skills, Mukhlisa has also proven herself in the field of technology. She has earned a badge from IBM, demonstrating her expertise in the ever-evolving world of technology.

Furthermore, Mukhlisa's academic journey has been marked by excellence. She successfully completed her school education with a gold medal, a testament to her exceptional academic performance and dedication to her studies.

A mother's love is like no other,
She is our guiding light, our protector.
Her arms are warm, her embrace so tight,
She is there for us, day and night.

Through sleepless nights and endless cries,
She soothes our fears, wipes our tear-filled eyes.

Her love is selfless, her heart so pure,
She is the one we can always be sure.

She sacrifices her own needs and desires,
To fulfill ours, she never tires.
Her love is unconditional, unwavering,
She is our rock, always caring.

She teaches us right from wrong,
And helps us grow to be strong.

On The Way To The Goal



By: Umida Abdullaeva

There is no person in this world who does not have a goal and a dream. The feeling of "dream" is present in everyone. But only dreaming is not enough for this world. However, the desired goal is achieved by hard work and sweat. You will have a little trouble, but you should not be defeated. Because giving up is a coward's job. The most important thing is to take the first step. The important thing is to start. And after that, whether we want it or not, everything will begin: both luck and failure... Maybe you will fail?! What happened?! Get up and try again. In such a

situation, you should not be discouraged, on the contrary, you should be able to find the strength to get up without anyone's help. Those around you cannot help you in any way. They just support you. Everything else is up to you. People around you will never act for you. They can kill you. But they never drag. It's true that some are not just spectators, but also criticize. But let me tell you, it is necessary to listen to criticism. Because where there is criticism, there is also growth. Try to listen a little to what people around you say about you. If they are criticizing you in your absence, then be happy. Because, as we said above: Criticism is growth! If they say things that make you feel down, ignore them and move on. Think carefully... Where to start? What is preventing your dream from coming true, and what is necessary for it to come true?!

Work on yourself more. Use the 15 minute rule. But stay away from factors that harm your health. Be humble, but never weak. Don't waste your precious time talking about yourself, especially your dreams, to people who never want to listen to you. Read interesting books instead. These will help you a lot to achieve your goal. The best formula is: Goal+Action=Result. So take action now. It's not too late to start!

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Kirinyaga County Residents Urged To Maintain Environmental Cleanliness

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Worth Noting:

- “One way of growing the economy is by promoting a healthy community and seeing to it that we create a clean environment for our staff and the people working within our surroundings. We don’t want a scenario where medication is the order of the day in situations we can control and prevent,” she said.
- Warui lauded the local county government for its efforts in consistently keeping the local towns clean and collecting trash on time. She added that the county’s good work in achieving a clean environment challenged them to join the course and become participants in the impressive job.



Elizabeth Warui, the acting Chief Executive Officer of Bingwa Sacco leads her staff in the cleaning exercise.

Kirinyaga residents have been urged to embrace high standards of cleanliness within their homes, businesses and surroundings in a bid to achieve a healthy community.

Elizabeth Warui, the acting Chief Executive Officer of Bingwa Sacco, said a clean environment helps to keep at bay bouts of diseases that emanate from a filthy and neglected

environment.

Speaking when she led the company’s staff in a day-long communal clean-up project in Kerugoya town and its outskirts, Warui said that exposure to unclean environments often hampers individual progression and consequently a struggling economy, as everyone is a vibrant contributor to a growing economy.

The Sacco employees who partnered with Kirinyaga County staff from the environment department, cleaned Kerugoya town market, Kerugoya streets, and the nearby residential areas of Miringa-iri, Kimuri, Saiti, and Mukinduri.

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“Our participation was one way of appreciating their work and encouraging them to continue with the impressive work of keeping our environment clean. We are elated and satisfied with the thoroughness with which they do their work, and this says a lot that the county indeed prioritises the health of our people,” she added.

Joseph Murimi, the Sacco’s Head of Operations, echoed her sentiment, saying their involvement was one of the ways of recognising and motivating the county workers.

“I arrive in town at seven, and I find the town sparkling clean. This says that the relevant county workers take their job seriously and are up to the task. So in the spirit of appreciating their work, we decided to join in to show our support,” he added.

Murimi said the company also partners with other stakeholders in various activities, such as helping the less fortunate in society and people living with various forms of disability, among other projects, as part of their corporate social responsibilities.

He acknowledged that the market’s users, both sellers and buyers, are part of their customer base and require a clean environment for their daily activities.

Kerugoya locals lauded the company’s move, saying proper environmental management is a collective responsibility and not a preserve of the government’s role.

“We need to be disciplined while disposing of trash so as to continue keeping the environment clean. Let us not dispose of the dirt anywhere but instead use the provided dustbins so as to enable ease in its collection,” one of the locals said.





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Govt To Fund Overhaul Of Obsolete Equipment At Nzoia Sugar: Ruto

By: PCS

Worth Noting:

- The President said the Government will change the management of the company to a professional and private management.
- “We are going to have a new management model that is going to serve the interests of the public and farmers,” he said.
- He spoke at Nzoia Sugar Company in Bungoma County in the company of Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang’ula, Bungoma Governor Ken Lusaka and MPs.
- The President said the Government has constructed and equipped more than 150 technical and vocational institutes across the country.
- President Ruto said this was part of the Government’s commitment to equipping the youth with market-ready competence.



President Ruto addresses members of the public at Nzoia Sugar Company in Bungoma County/PCS.

The Government will support Nzoia Sugar Company revival programmes. President William Ruto has said the Government will fund the company to overhaul its obsolete equipment.

The President said the Government will also provide funds to boost the cultivation of its Nucleus Estate.

He said the move seeks to increase the company’s sugar cane production and milling capacity for it to operate optimally.

“We want to ensure this factory flourishes, spurs economic growth and expands employment opportunities for the people of Nzoia and its environs,” he said.

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He noted that the move was aimed at eradicating unemployment in the country.

The President explained that the Government is deliberately implementing programmes that will absorb students from tertiary colleges, citing County Aggregation and Industrial Parks and the Affordable Housing Projects.

“Our goal is to equip youth with practical skills so that we can employ them upon completion,” he said.

Adding: “For the first time we have a compressive plan for creating jobs for the youth using deliberate government programmes.”

At Nabing’eng’e in Bungoma County, he officially opened the Bungoma North Technical and Vocational College.

Smart agriculture

Earlier, in Kopsiro, he inspected the ongoing construction of the Chep-

kurkur Technical Training Institute whose primary subject of focus will be smart agriculture.

“The practical knowledge gained particularly on agriculture will add value and help us explore fully the region’s huge farming potential,” he said.

He said the Government is establishing ICT hubs in every ward across the country to ensure youth benefit from digital job opportunities.

In Sang’alo, Kanduyi, Bungoma County, he launched the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

The President said the Government is establishing county aggregation and Industrial parks in every county to enhance counties’ value addition capacity and create jobs.

“This intentional investment will spur higher value-added production, create more employment and boost our exports that will spur inclusive and sustainable growth in the country,” he said.

The President said the Government has opened the second phase of farmers registration to ensure every farmer has adequate fertiliser.

He said the Government will bring subsidized fertilizer distribution cen-

ters closer to the farmers to ease the process.

“Take advantage of this opportunity to register and tell us how many bags of fertilizer you need.”

He said the Government is keen on supporting farmers to increase the production of food and ultimately reduce the cost of living.

The President said the Government will construct 20,000 houses under the affordable housing programme that will create 40,000 jobs opportunities.

Gachagua said provincial administrators have been instructed to register vulnerable citizens over 70 years under the cash transfer programme.

The Deputy President lauded residents of Mt Elgon for utilizing the Government’s Subsidised Fertiliser programme to increase food production.

“While flyover Mt Elgon region we have seen the maize plantations are doing very well,” he said.

Mudavadi called on Kenyans to support President Ruto’s climate change mitigation efforts by planting trees.

Koskei Meets Heads Of Procurement, Urges Vigilance To Stem Graft

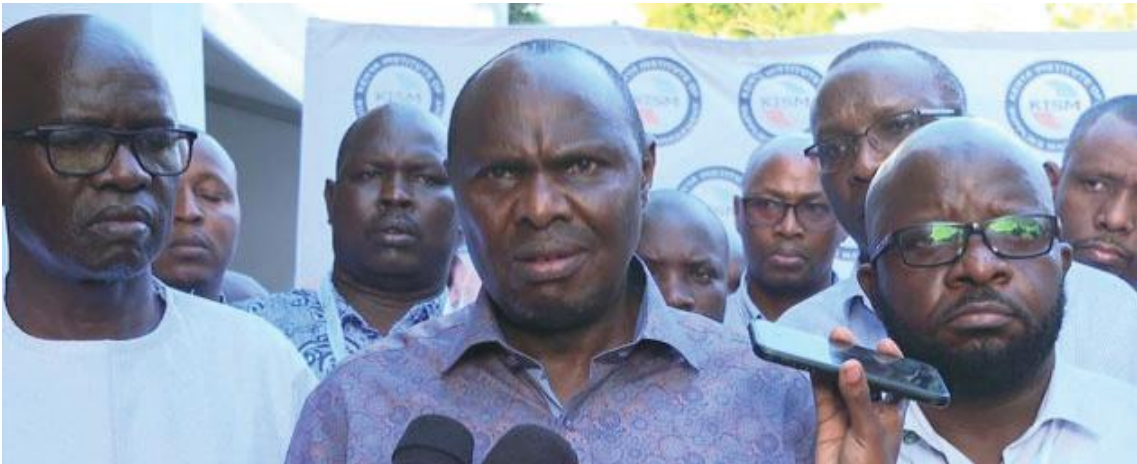
By:KNA

Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has directed Heads of Procurement Sections in all government departments to resist and fight corrupt practices bedeviling their offices at all costs.

He observed that procurement sections in the public offices had dented the reputation of the government for abetting graft by taking bribes and handouts in exchange for services or favours, casting doubt about the integrity of civil servants before the eyes of the public.

“Their actions have dented the government’s reputation, casting doubt on the integrity, fidelity, and propriety of any procurement outcome,” he said, adding that there are a number of corruption risks across the pre-tendering, tendering, and post-award stages.

The Chief of Staff made the observation during the Heads of Procurement Forum in Mombasa City that was organised by the National Treasury and the Kenya Institute of Supplies Management for procurement practitioners from the National and County Government Ministries,



Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei/KNA.

Departments, and Agencies.

Koskei expressed fears that dishonest elements had infiltrated the public procurement sector, citing the expose’ on the COVID scandal and irregularities highlighted by the Auditor General and Parliament on the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA), which hit headlines with uncomfortable reading.

“The scale and nature of the procurement irregularities paint a sad picture. There is limited transparency, a breach of prescribed regulations, poor or ineffective due diligence, and an obvious contractor-driven supply logic,” he regretted.

Koskei said that despite Kenya’s robust legislative framework and institutional architecture in place to regulate procurement in the country, the cartels were perpetuating their evil scheme with impunity.

“It can only be the “mali ya umma” attitude of our procurement and user department officials, or worse still, their active connivance in perpetuating it in pursuit of ill-gotten gains,” he said.

Risk mitigation

The Chief of Staff underscored the need for a holistic approach to risk mitigation and corruption preven-

tion, including the disclosure of administrative compliance measures in the bidding phase to discourage favouritism in the awarding of tenders.

To advance positive governance in the procurement departments, the Chief of Staff urged procurement officers to maintain high ethical standards as professionals.

He said the concept of self-regulation, including enforcing requirements relating to conflicts of interest, is essential to the restoration of the profession and its standing in society.

“It is integral that procurement practitioners champion and advance ethical standards and moral

values of honesty, professionalism, and righteousness as the anchors of the profession, both in word and in deed,” he elucidated.

The heads of procurement were urged to embrace integrity training programmes, raise awareness about integrity risks, and develop knowledge on ways to counter the threats and enhance internal controls, compliance measures, and anticorruption programmes for suppliers, including appropriate monitoring.

“Public procurement contracts should contain “no corruption” warranties, and measures should be implemented to verify the truthfulness of suppliers’ warranties that they have not and will not engage in corruption in connection with the contract and/or any such sub-contractual arrangements,” directed Koskei.

The procurement chiefs were told to prioritise the use of competitive tendering and limit the use of exceptions and single-source procurement as a means of driving efficiencies, fighting corruption, obtaining fair and reasonable pricing, and ensuring competitive outcomes.

In exceptional circumstances, they should justify limitations on competitive tendering and the use of single-source procurement.

UK resolves Air Traffic Crisis Triggered By Flight Planning System Outage

By: Capital Correspondent

United Kingdom’s National Air Traffic Service (NATS) has announced the restoration of its flight planning system which suffered a technical glitch on Monday impeding its Air Traffic Control capabilities.

NATS announced a decision to limit traffic flow earlier in the day after an outage forced it to revert to manual processing of flight plans.

“We have identified and remedied the technical issue affecting our flight planning system this morning,” the agency said in an update adding that its engineers were “carefully monitoring the system’s

performance as we return to normal operations.”

NATS said it was working in concert with airlines to clear a backlog triggered by Monday’s outage.

“We are now working closely with airlines and airports to manage the flights affected as efficiently as possible.”

The agency explained that with the technical hitch, system’s ability to automatically process flight plans was impeded, “meaning that flight plans had to be processed manually which cannot be done at the same volume, hence the requirement for traffic flow restrictions.”



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Worth Noting:

- I’m a legal practitioner, development consultant and entrepreneur with interest in politics.
- I see myself owning depots in the downstream Oil and Gas sector with numerous retail outlets across Africa.
- I’m inspired greatly by the fact that I could die at any moment. I keep pushing myself to make rational decisions and never to give up in life’s thorns and pines because I could be dead at any moment. - Kullu nafsın zaikatul mawt
- Take that first step no matter how hard it is. You’d surely get there sooner than you expect.



Nigeria’s Titilope Anifowoshe

Who are you? I’m a legal practitioner, development consultant and entrepreneur with interest in politics.	Africans with my own story.	What are your inspirations? I’m inspired greatly by the fact that I could die at any moment. I keep pushing myself to make rational decisions and never to give up in life’s thorns and pines cos I could be dead at any moment. - Kullu nafsın zaikatul mawt	Your word of advice for upcoming writers Take that first step no matter how hard it is. You’d surely get there sooner than you expect.
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Kane Scores Twice In Home Debut With New Club Bayern



Harry Kane celebrates his goal for Bayern. PHOTO/Bayern/Twitter.

England captain Harry Kane scored twice on his home Bundesliga debut for Bayern Munich as the champions continued their winning start to the league season.

Kane became the first English player to score in his first two Bundesliga games when he clipped a penalty down the middle just before half-time.

The ex-Tottenham forward wrapped up the 3-1 win after the break with a lovely finish with the outside of his foot.

Thomas Tuchel's side dominated possession throughout.

"Great game today," said Kane in a video on social media afterwards. "To score two goals in front of you fans was a special feeling."

"Lots of improvement still to come but to start the season with two wins is a really great start, so thanks for the support as always. "You know [I] appreciate every single one of you there in the stadium singing my name, so look forward to next week now, recover well and let's keep it going."

After a sluggish start, Bayern got into their stride and opened

the scoring when Leroy Sane's shot hit the post and went in off defender Felix Uduokhai.

Referee Sascha Stegemann then awarded a penalty for Niklas Dorsch's handball after being called to check his monitor by the Video Assistant Referee, with Kane converting the spot-kick with ease.

After the break Bayern looked far brighter, Sane curling a fine shot against the post, before Alphonso Davies found Kane on-side and free in the middle to loft a calm finish into the net.

Substitute Dion Beljo wriggled

free to poke in a late consolation for the visitors, while Kane wasted a chance to complete his hat-trick when he headed wide.

However, he has now scored in his last seven league appearances, stretching back to his time in the Premier League at Spurs.

By BBC Sport

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Mancini Appointed As Saudi Arabia’s New Head Coach



Roberto Mancini resigned as Italy coach

Roberto Mancini has been appointed as the head coach of the Saudi Arabian national football team, the Saudi Arabia Football Federation confirmed on yesterday, days after the Italian resigned from the Azzurri. It is reported that the 58-year-old has signed a four-year contract which is worth 25 million euros per year.

“I am excited to announce that I am joining the Saudi Arabia Football Federation as Head Coach of the National Team,” wrote Mancini on social media. “I am delighted and honored to have been selected for such a prestigious role, as a sign of appreciation and recognition for all the work done during these years. I wish to thank the President Yasser

Al Mishehal,” he added. Having coached Lazio, Inter Milan, Manchester City and many other clubs, Mancini took over the Azzurri in 2018 and helped them win the Euro 2020 championship. But Italy failed to qualify for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Mancini will make his debut in September and lead Saudi Arabia to participate in the 2026 World

Cup qualifiers and the Qatar Asian Cup.
-By Xinhua

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Hemant Punjabi Shinning Stars Africa 2023 Awards



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Worth Noting:

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I have won 2 awards last year one from ZAA (Zikomo Africa Awards) 2nd edition under the category of Best Artist of the Year West Africa and another one from BSA (Benin Showbiz Awards) 5th edition for Best Collaboration of the Year 2022 for Cheri Main Teri ft Toofan & Zey-

nab.

2. Where are you from?

- I am an Indian born in Lagos, Nigeria and currently i reside in the Republic of Bénin, West Africa.

3. How did you hear about these awards?

- All my common colleagues and from social media also I got information about the award show.

4. How do you feel about the nomination?

- It really feels very great and very inspiring to represent a country on international platforms is a really heart touching and inspiring thing for me and my fans as well.

5. Are you attending the Grande finale?

- Yes I have to be there as I am representing my Country and its people

so I have to be present on the Grand finale.

6. Who are you going with?

- I am going with the hopes and faiths of all the fans and my country people. Physically not sure but might be my family.

7. What do you anticipate?

- I don't actually anticipate anything. The truth is God is above all and he is the one that guides us. I expect to win for sure and that shall bring a good name for my country as well from West Africa. I just want to win and make my family proud.

8. Which category do you represent?

- The categories i am representing are, Best star song and Best star upcoming artist of the year

9. What do you get to tell the up-

coming artists or those aspiring to do what you do?

- Well follow your passion and your dreams. Well everyone has their fears away and take one step forward. Try and fail as much as you want but only one thing you should always remember and that is you should never ever give up. Our great leaders and our great history was never made and said in one day. It took years and decades to form such great inspiring people for others see them as great in history.

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

- One thing I have noticed is that followers need something new in the market. They want to see everyday something new something inspiring, something great with content and creativity. So the more you stand out can give you more chances to gain lots of followers but never forget to keep them first.

11. What are your future aspirations?

- Nothing special just a good carrier in the music industry and represent and make my family, my love, my fans, my friends all happy and proud by becoming one of the greatest artists of all time with a set of records to be broken.

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

- Well 1st of all I will make a promotion within my country to help it grow in the west as well. I would use my social media platforms and make everything perfectly possible to post and make people aware of the award show in Johannesburg South Africa know as Shinning Star Awards.

13. Your last words?

- God bless everyone and give everyone the success they deserve and help everyone grow in all aspects of life. I would love to keep on inspiring people from all over the world as I would love to be an influential person for developing the community we live in. Namaste.