



Meru Journalists Protest Attack On Colleagues

Journalists in Meru County have expressed their displeasure following an incident where their colleagues were attacked and their equipment destroyed while covering a function presided over by the area Governor Kawira Mwangaza.

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Principal Secretary of Education, Ministry of Education Belio Kipsang

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KUTRRH Board Welcomes Attorney General's Advisory, Defends CEO appointment

By: Our Reporter

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Worth Noting:

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Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital.

The Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) Board has welcomed Attorney General Justin Muturi's parliamentary confirmation that the level six medical facility is legally established as a State Corporation.

In a recent appearance before the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, the AG confirmed that he had early this year issued a legal opinion to the Ministry of Education, demonstrating that from a legal standpoint, the Legal Notice No. 4 of 2019, in placing KUTRRH under the Ministry of Health, is properly based on the provisions of the Health Act, 2017.

Speaking in Mombasa, KUTRRH chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda described the Attorney General's legal opinion as a step in the right direction and welcomed ongoing efforts to enhance the working relationship between the national hospi-

tal and Kenyatta University.

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“It is important to remember that KUTRRH is an equal opportunity em-

ployer and operates strictly within the confines of the Constitution and related legal provisions. Several rulings have been rendered by various courts confirming that qualified candidates cannot be blocked from serving in such leadership positions based on subsidiary legal schedules,” Prof Mugenda said.

She added, “Mr Dagane is a qualified and experienced Clinical Professional with a background in Nursing and holds post-graduate Master in Business Administration Qualifications.

He was competitively recruited and continues to serve well within his appointment and performance terms.”

KUTRRH, a National Referral Hospital with a 650-bed capacity, is equipped to offer specialised Oncology, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Renal, Accident and Emergency services, recently received regulatory approval from the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Coun-

cil (KMPDC), allowing the facility to act as an accredited teaching hospital for Kenyatta University School of Medicine.

The regulatory accreditation will be valid for a renewable three-year period, allowing the School of Medicine students from Kenyatta University access the level 6 facility.

KUTRRH management also confirmed that it is looking forward to receiving the first cohort of 100 KU School of Medicine students once the university is ready as per its academic calendar requirements.

With the accreditation, the students from KU are set to join others from other institutions like JKUAT, University of Nairobi, USIU-A, AMREF University, Egerton University, Moi University, Mount Kenya University, National Defense University, Nairobi Women's College, and Mama Ngina University to further their skills at KUTRRH.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Isiolo County Commissioner, Geoffrey Omoding, has confirmed that 640 goats and sheep were recovered from a theft at the Yaqbarsadi grazing area in Kinna Ward of Isiolo County. The National Police Reservists swiftly responded, resulting in the recovery of the livestock belonging to three families; unfortunately, a herder was shot and died during the raid. The bandits, believed to be from Samburu East Sub County, escaped with injuries. Omoding urged chiefs to provide information on suspects to help conduct a comprehensive investigation. The government has established a permanent Anti-Stock Theft Unit in the Mlango area.



Kakamega County has established a laboratory to test food samples for safety, focusing on aflatoxin, fumonisins, and moisture content. The county government will charge a flat fee of Sh1000 for each test, including grading of samples, and will transport samples from Nairobi.



Police in Iten have arrested two people, including a New Zealander, and recovered an AK 47 and ammunition from a house they were staying in. The suspects, along with others, had hosted a birthday party but one of the guests was forced to engage in sexual activities. The house was under police surveillance until when officers from the Directorate of Criminal Investigation entered.



Kenya Red Cross Elgeyo Marakwet county coordinator Abraham Cheruiyot warns 3,083 families in escarpment and Kerio Valley of landslides and post-harvest losses due to expected above-normal rains. He urges wananchi in landslide-prone areas to move to safer grounds and calls for matured crops.



Residents of Kakwanyang in Turkana Central Sub-County have pledged to donate up to 200 acres of land for an industrial park. The project aims to strengthen value addition and improve living standards. The consultation meeting was led by County Executives Member for Lands, Peter Akono and Elizabeth Looe of Trade. The park is expected to transform surrounding areas, providing employment opportunities and improving power connectivity, water supply, and access roads.



US President Joe Biden has hailed President William Ruto’s willingness for Kenya to serve as the lead nation for the UN-backed security support mission in Haiti. Speaking at the UN General Assembly meeting in New York, Biden described President Ruto’s leadership in the matter as out standing and urged the United Nations Security Council to authorize the mission. “The United Nations must continue to preserve peace, prevent conflict and alleviate human suffering and we embrace nations stepping up to lead on new ways.”

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Kenya Hosts Africa's STEM Education Congress In Naivasha

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Some of the delegates

Worth Noting:

- While emphasising the importance of technology in imparting this education, Nsengiyumva hailed Kenya for the reforms she has implemented in the education sector, saying they were worth emulating with situational analysis on the status of play-based STEM education in primary schools, showing that it will reduce dependency on import consumption.

- Nsengiyumva was speaking in Naivasha during the ongoing meeting of the Secretariat for the Association for Development of Education in Africa's Inter-Country Quality Node on Mathematics and Science Education (ADEA-ICQN-MSE).

Some 17 African countries are converging in Naivasha for a weeklong strategic planning meeting on how to implement science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at the country level as well as advocate for continental performance monitoring and evaluation framework.

The indicators of performance will be aligned with country-level outcomes in STEM education.

The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Albert Nsengiyumva from Ivory Coast, said the aim of the conference was to see how the member countries can develop curriculums that are market-specific in the face of increasing joblessness for many African youths who come out of school.

"Africa now needs an education system that is responsive to emerging needs in the job market and equips the youth with skills that can make them job creators instead of waiting or being employed," Nsengiyumva said.

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tion, Nsengiyumva hailed Kenya for the reforms she has implemented in the education sector, saying they were worth emulating with situational analysis on the status of play-based STEM education in primary schools, showing that it will reduce dependency on import consumption.

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This pan-African conference is aimed at fostering unilateral development in the member countries. It's hosted by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTE).

ADEA seeks to empower African countries to develop responsive education systems for sustainable development. The organisation achieves these aspirations through thematic-based inter-country quality nodes (ICQNs), such as the one on mathematics and science education (ICQN-MSE).

The ICQN-MSE conducted some studies on the status of STEM education, which included a situational analysis of the status of play-based STEM education in primary schools in Africa (2022-2023) and the status of STEM education at the secondary school level in Africa (2020-2021).

Through these studies, the ICQN-MSE has developed several tools to guide countries in designing interventions that enhance the development of STEM education at the national level: A draft strategic framework to guide country-based activities in developing STEM education at the basic learning level and a draft STEM toolkit to advance knowledge on the integration of STEM education, play, and technology in Africa.

This conference or congress is therefore intended to bring together delegates from countries that participated in the two studies to review the study reports, develop the strategic framework for the ICQN-MSE and discuss the STEM toolkit aimed at achieving a shared vision for developing STEM education in Africa. Encourage coun-

tries to design policies that deliberately govern the development of STEM education and advance strategic steps to implement STEM education at the country level.

It's also intended to advocate for continental performance monitoring and evaluation framework with indicators that are aligned to country-level outcomes in STEM education.

The workshop participants include senior Ministry of Education officials from either the headquarters or regional levels, heads of either primary or secondary schools, teacher trainers, teachers of STEM subjects, national curriculum development officers, national examination officers, commissions for science and technology, and quality assurance officers.

The participating countries that also took part in two aforementioned studies include Botswana, Rwanda (primary study), South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Uganda, Angola and Morocco (secondary study). Other participants are Eswatini, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, The Gambia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Senegal and Malawi.

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Budget Committee Engages Controller Of Budget On Efficiency In Budget Implementation

By: Our Reporter
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The National Assembly Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations yesterday held an interactive session with the Controller of Budget, Dr. Margaret Nyakang'o on the Budget Implementation for the current financial year.

Led by the chairperson, Ndindi Nyoro, the members of the Budget committee tasked Dr. Nyakang'o to explain why there are low exchequer releases despite the public debt being high, low absorption in sectors, and highlight the revenue allocation strategies that promote economic growth and sustainability for the Counties among other concerns.

She was further asked to share her views on Recurrent versus Development Expenditure.

While addressing the committee, the Controller of Budget highlighted challenges experienced during budget implementation at both National

and County Government levels and shared her recommendations on the same.

Dr. Nyakang'o cited a decline in development expenditures, pending Bills, late submission of financial reports by MDAs, delay in uploading Budgets and Annual Procurement plans into IFMIS, Public Debt Management and delays in the release of the equitable share by the National Treasury.

She further recommended the usage of borrowed funds on development expenditure rather than recurrent expenditure, consideration on inclusion of crucial institutions in Public Finance Management in pending Bills verification committee to enhance its effectiveness, enhanced efficiency in tax administration to eliminate tax evasion and widen tax base and a control of domestic and foreign travel by reducing the number of trips, frequency and size of delegations.

On Budget implementation, the committee chairman asserted that his team endeavors to be very prudent and as realistic as possible during the budget process.



The National Assembly Budget committee team led by chairman Ndindi Nyoro with Controller of Budget Dr Margaret Nyakang'o.

Nyoro recommended that a benchmark on budget implementation should be pegged on the exchequer releases for the previous financial year and not the budget itself.

In his address, he disclosed that the

country is expecting a bumper harvest because of the fertilizer subsidy and assured Kenyans that the country is on the right trajectory despite the increased cost of fuel.

"Kenya is not in a bad situation. We

are trying to stabilize the Macros and our hope is that our country grows economically and all areas favorable to Kenyans,"said Nyoro.

Nakuru County's Six Lakes Key Resource For Blue Economy

By: Anne Sabuni
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Nakuru County lakes are a key resource for inland blue economy and should be utilised for the county to reach its own source of revenue potential.

Commission on Revenue Allocation Commissioner Hadija Juma has challenged the devolved unit to exploit opportunities around Lakes Naivasha, Nakuru, Solai, Elementaita, Oloiden and Crater to boost its local revenue kitty.

Speaking when she led a delegation to Governor Susan Kihika's office, Commissioner Juma noted that initiating projects and activities around the lakes would go a long way in reducing overreliance on the national government for funding.

Governor Kihika, while proposing to have an inland blue economy as an inclusion in the revenue sharing formula, regretted that the county



Commission on Revenue Allocation Commissioner Hadija Juma, speaks during a courtesy call at Governor Susan Kihika Nakuru office..

did not benefit from revenue accrued from the Nakuru National Park and the geothermal energy generated in Olkaria and Menengai in Nakuru.

Kihika called for the gazette

ment of Lake Solai to allow for exploitation of opportunities around it as the county increased its capacity for more revenue streams.

The calls come a week before the



Part of Lake Nakuru

county commemorates the World's Tourism Day, slated for September 27, 2023, at Lake Elementaita.

The blue economy, which encompasses tourism, accounts for 8.8 per cent of Kenya's GDP, with counties banking on it for increased employment and revenue collection.

In 2019, the county administration conducted a feasibility study to in-

form projects and economic activities around Lake Solai, which is 26 km from Nakuru city.

Lake Solai, just like the other lakes, has the potential to boost Nakuru's local revenue, as analysts decry missed opportunities amounting to Sh. 2 billion.

PS Kipsang: Tough Measures Put In Place To Curb Exam Leaks

By: Muraya Kamunde

The Principal Secretary for Basic Education, Dr Belio Kipsang has asked educators to reclaim the trust of the society by managing this year's national examinations in an honest manner.

He said that teachers should ideally pick examination scripts from the collection centres, administer the examinations and return answer sheets without fears that they will temper with the administration of the examinations.

"We must deal with the trust deficits society has developed in the teaching profession in the handling of national examinations," Dr. Kipsang noted, saying they should be in a position to conduct national examinations the way doctors manage their patients without the presence of security officials in the wards or theatres.

The Principal Secretary made the remarks during a meeting with field education officials together with their National Government Administration officers' counterparts in



Principal Secretary of Education, Ministry of Education Belio Kipsang .

the Coast Region at Shimo La Tewa Secondary school in Mombasa on Tuesday this week.

Present during the occasion included an official from the Coast Regional Coordinator, Mr. Mbogo Mathioya, Director General, Dr Elyas Abdi, the Coast Region Director of Education, Mr.Lucas Chebet, Coun-

ty and subcounty County Directors from the whole Coast region.

Dr Kipsang said the ministry will put measures in place to ensure that examinations in this country will remain credible.

"As officers deployed to oversee the administration of national examinations, we must therefore ensure that

teaching, saying remedial teaching was illegal.

"We cannot explain why we need extra hours in the name of remedial teaching," Dr Kipsang noted.

He said the hours the Ministry of education has prescribed for teaching was sufficient for skills, competencies and knowledge to apply in tackling examinations.

He pointed out that remedial teaching and the levies associated with it was a burden to parents.

"Extra levies had made us acquire a bad name under the name of remedial teaching," Dr. Kipsang said.

He expressed concern at the resurgence of student indiscipline in school, saying students causing trouble in schools were compromising their futures.

He said the government will be firm with students causing trouble and destruction of property in schools. He, however, asked school management to broaden the scope of their engagement with students to avert some of the unavoidable factors that lead to student unrest and destruction of property.

Ruto Calls UDA NGC Ahead Of December Grassroots Elections

By: Capital Correspondent

President William Ruto has called a National Governing Council (NGC) meeting of the ruling United Democratic Alliance (UDA) to plan for upcoming local elections.

The meeting slated for September 29 will be held at the Bomas of Kenya in Nairobi, UDA Secretary General Cleophas Malala announced on Tuesday.

"Pursuant to and in accordance with article 7,8.1(vi) (ix) and 24.5 (ii) of the United Democratic Alliance Constitution, the secretary general upon request and concurrence of the party leader, H.E William Ruto now and hereby convenes the National Governing Council to be held on 29th September 2023 at 9.00 AM at Bomas of Kenya," he stated.

Malala said the NGC will also focus

on the future plans of the party.

It will be attended by National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah, his Senate counterpart Aaron Cheruiyot, House Majority Whip Silvanus Osoro and Senate's Bonny Khalwale, Governors, Senators, Members of Parliament, and Members of County Assemblies.

Malala said all elected and nominated leaders of the ruling party UDA will be required to fully regularize their subscriptions to the party.

March 15, 2022 | UDA Party Leader William Ruto displays a signed oath of affirmation after accepting nomination to run as President on the party's ticket in the August 9 General Election/DPPS.



Enthusiasm And Wholeheartedness In Working



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A second, and parallel, aspect of the Christian work ethic is enthusiasm. "Whatever you do," Paul told the Colossians, "work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). To the Romans Paul admonished, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). It is natural — actually quite easy — to be enthusiastic if your work is prominent, but less natural the more hidden it is.

As the conductor of a great symphony orchestra once revealed when asked which was the most difficult instrument to play. "Second violin," he answered. "We can get plenty of

first violinists. But to get someone who will play second violin with enthusiasm — that is a problem!" And so it is. But actually, doing one's work with enthusiasm, even if hidden, plays for an audience far greater than that of the most famous symphony orchestras or world champion sports teams! If we could but really see this, our enthusiasm would never flag.

A third aspect of the Christian work ethic, very close to energy and enthusiasm, but nevertheless bearing a distinctive and important nuance, is wholeheartedness: Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. (Ephesians 6:5-8).



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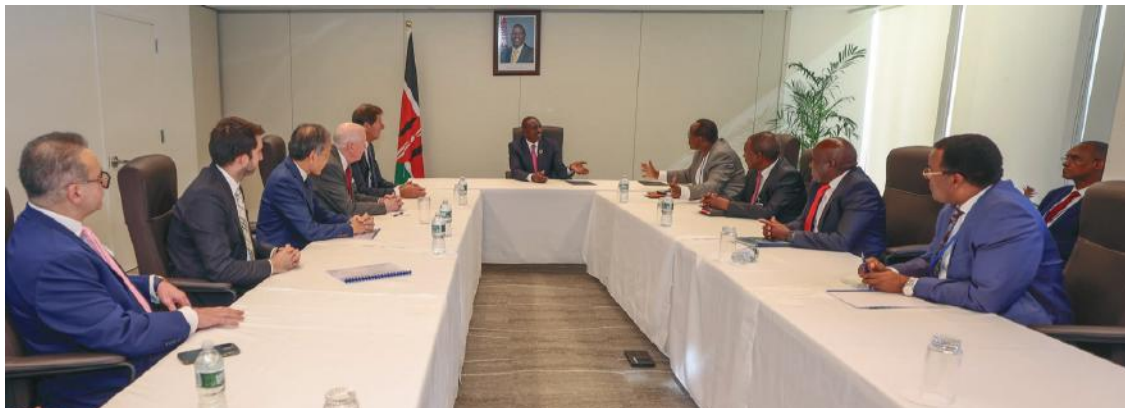
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Kenya Continues To Reap Big From Ruto's Ongoing Working Tour in US



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President William Ruto Meeting the management of the Franklin Templeton in USA.

Worth Noting:

- President Ruto has brought the dream of rolling out Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) to a reality. This dream had been delayed for a long time. I remember it was first conceived by former President Mwai Kibaki. President Uhuru Kenyatta's efforts to revive this project also failed to bear the fruits.
- Majority of Kenyans, who use public transport every day to travel to and from their places of work, will become the biggest beneficiaries. This is because the electricity is cheap. So, the bus fares will drastically come down.
- Again, buses are comfortable and health friendly. They will not emit greenhouse gases which is harmful to human health

President William Ruto is currently in the United States of America.

Since his arrival, he has met and held talks with chief executives of leading American based companies, industries as well as top businesspeople.

The talks have borne the fruits as he had managed to woo them to come and invest in Kenya.

In the latest agreement, he witnessed the signing of a grant amounting to Sh8.7 billion.

This support was offered by Mellennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), an independent US government foreign aid agency. MCC focuses on undertaking programmes meant to alleviate poverty.

These funds will be spent in assembling and rolling out of the electric buses in the city of Nairobi.

This placed President Ruto in that vintage position where he would kill two birds with one.

First, this would help to mitigate the effects of the climate change in a big way.

The use of fossil fuels which are biggest polluters of climate and environment would drop drastically.

President Ruto has carved a niche of being a global leader rallying the world behind this noble course.

His visit to US comes just a few days after convening Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi.

The adaptation was one of the key agenda items.

On this, the delegates passed a resolution outlining the strategies to move way from non-renewable energy to renewable energy.

They agreed this will be done gradually.

In Kenya, this has started in earnest. President Ruto is pioneering this process meant to save humanity from extinction.

Raom Center, the assembling company of 51-seater electric buses will based here in Nairobi.

Once charged, the bus will cover a distance of 200 Kilometers. The recharge will take two hours.

Some of these electric buses will be plying intercity.

There will be no cause for alarm. The charging stations will be established around the country.

Let me now go to the second point.

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President had earlier visited Silicon Valley in Fransisco. We saw him being warmly received and welcomed by the Presidents and Chief Executives of the giant tech companies, including Google, Microsoft, Intel and Apple.

Reducing the cost of their services and sharing their experiences with Kenyan techies and innovators topped the list.

Dr Ruto's diplomatic and oratory skills would once again shine as he managed to convince each company to buy his ideas and plan.

He had witnessed members of his delegation sign a number of lucrative deals tailored to promote and elevate Kenya as a technological hub in the region, Africa and globe.

Noting that the rollout of digital technology stood out as one of the key pillars of Kenya Kwanza's Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda during the campaigns, this left no doubt that the President was walking the talk.

For starters, I politely call on them to bear this in mind. The world had become a global village courtesy of technology a key enabler of the economic growth and prosperity.

Therefore, countries with advanced technology were the leading economies and richest.

President Ruto was also aware about the important role of the internet in these endeavours.

Therefore, he would not leave the Silicon Valley without meeting the President of the world leading internet provider.

The high cost is one of the issues that

Dr Ruto would bring to light. This paved the way for signing of the agreements to reduce the cost.

Sometimes Kenyans face the challenge of the Internet failures. The President of this company assured Dr Ruto that they will address the matter.

The President is expected to wrap up his tour on Thursday after delivering a keynote address to United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

The host, US President Joe Biden, opened the meeting.

This is the second time that the Kenyan head of state have gotten an opportunity to address the Assembly.

He first addressed the gathering at the same venue just a few weeks after being sworn in. Then, he made a very powerful presentation which dwelt on a raft of global challenges and lined up concrete interventions.

It was rare to see African leaders being given this opportunity.

So, this demonstrated the world leaders held him at high esteem. His leadership resonated very well.

This recognition is majorly hinged in his style of governance of his country Kenya.

Since he assumed power, Dr Ruto has carved a niche of being a democrat and a strong believer of the Kenyan constitution and rule of law.

The global leaders would also give this opportunity to an African leader who understands and is well conversant with world's geopolitics.

Well, the critics would resort to politicizing the matter.

The Americans were out to pursue their interests in Kenya and Africa and business was their main focus.

They knew that Kenya is a gateway to Africa. So, this is the reason why the US government is reaching out and luring President Ruto.

I disagree. Azimio leader Raila Odinga, his brigade and their sympathisers have been making these allegations simply because the US refused to sanitize their white lies and raw propaganda.

This is in relation to outcome of 2022 presidential elections.

Raila had alleged he had been rigged out but would not prove any of his claims when he filed a petition at the Supreme Court of Kenya.

While dismissing his petition, the seven-judge bench of the apex court ruled that none of his prayers contained an iota of truth. This was hogwash.

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

The polling exercise met the requirements of electoral laws.

So, they noted in separate reports. We fully concurred with the decision of the IEBC chairman to declare Dr Ruto as the President-elect.

Your democracy is anchored on universal suffrage.

So, this was based on who got the majority of votes.

Therefore, the turnaround of the Azimio leaders reeked of hypocrisy and insincerity.

We recall that Raila was a key player during the clamor for multiparty democracy in Kenya. Some members of his inner circle also participated in this struggle.

I want to remind him that they fully supported the American government during that period.

Then US ambassador Smith Hempstone was their key ally and strategic partner.

Some of them used to join him to eat nyama choma in the slums.

Fast forward to 2007, Raila showered the US with praises because they supported his claims that he had been rigged out.

At the time, Raila declined to pursue this matter through judicial processes.

He instead called and rallied his supporters behind the bloody, chaotic and destructive mass action.

More than 1000 Kenyans lost their lives; 650,000 families were displaced. Properties worth billions of shillings were also destroyed.

In 2013, despite losing this election, Raila toned down the rhetoric. This is because at the time the Americans were sympathizing with him.

Remember the comments by one of the top US Diplomat during the campaigns. "Choices have consequences".

He had fore warned Kenyans against electing Jubilee flag bearers-Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto. Kenyans defied him and overwhelmingly voted for UhuRuto presidency.

It is worth noting that Raila has so far lost five presidential elections.

For him, it seems the elections can only be free and fair if he is one declared the winner.

This explains why he is today fighting the US.

President Ruto is on right course. In this latest trip to US, he has managed to woo big companies in US to come and invest in our country. We will also do business with them and Kenyans stand to reap enormous benefits.

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Parenting And Attachment



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Attachment is a particular conceptualization of the influence of parents on their children's development in the context of parent-child relationships. Attachment refers to an affective bond between parents and children. The notion is that children form affective bonds with parents that have continuity over time, and that parents form reciprocal relationships with their children. Moreover, relations between attachment and children's and adults' functioning have been repeatedly reported. It follows that attachment is seminal to the study of parenting. Relatedly, a practical question of some importance for many parents has become: How can we grow a securely attached child? The theory posits that close relationships between individuals, in particular between parents and their children, are about more than transient variations in interaction patterns over time. That is, attachments have a substance and continuity that transcend the specifics of day-to-day interactions. Moreover, attachments are held to be formed in Western cultures except under the most unfortunate circumstances of early environment, like the extreme lack of parental care that characterizes conditions of "maternal deprivation" Thus, it is expected that the great majority of children living in normal circumstances of Western cultures form attachments to the parents. Accordingly, research on attachment as an investigation into parenting has been primarily concerned with qualitative aspects of interactions between parents and their children rather than

with whether or not children form attachments. With regard to qualities of attachment, the security of attachment has been the particular focus of theory and research. Thus, attachment is a particular perspective on parenting: a relational perspective on affective ties between children and their parents and the implications of these relationships for a child's development. Moreover, attachments are posited to be pertinent to an individual's functioning across the lifespan. For example, while the focus of research was initially on infant-parent attachments, evidence has now accumulated for the significance of attachment to parents for older children, adolescents, and adults. Moreover, attachments typify other close relationships, including romantic and marital relationships, with implications for the individual's functioning. Furthermore, although much thoughtful discussion has been published with regard to the limitations of attachment research, support for this perspective on close relationships is impressive, including frequent publication and citation in selective and prestigious journals. Accordingly, a researcher commented, "Attachment theory has become the dominant approach to understanding early socio-emotional and personality development during the past quarter century of research." Attachment research and other directions in the study of parenting have common concerns with the effects of parenting on children's development over time. Attachment is posited to be

a function of the experiential histories between parents and children. Research has been especially concerned with the implications for attachment security of the emotional availability and accessibility of parents to their children. Moreover, if continuity of attachment is normally expected, the security of attachment is hypothesized to be subject to change if parenting or ecological contexts of parenting alter substantially over time to challenge the children's existing sense of emotional security. For example, if marital dissolution or dramatic reductions in socioeconomic status significantly reduce the emotional availability or accessibility of parents to their children, attachments may change from secure to insecure. Thus, findings of continuity or "lawful discontinuity," that is, changes in attachment status that predictably follow from changes in children's experiences, are both consistent with attachment theory. The present chapter begins by examining the history of the notion that an affective bond forms between infants and parents that has implications for children's development. After outlining central issues for the study of attachment as parenting, assumptions and principles of attachment theory are reviewed. Next, selected themes in classical and modern research on attachment and parenting are examined, including:

- parenting and attachment
- cross-cultural perspectives on attachment,
- fathers and attachment

- attachment from a family-wide perspective
- processes mediating the effects of attachment
- pathways of development.

Finally, we conclude by considering future directions and offering take-home messages for the parents that serves as a foundation for the "field". Attachment refers to an affective tie between parent and child, not, by definition, to any specific parenting behaviors, practices, or styles (Ainsworth, 1969; Sroufe and Waters, 1977). Moreover, attachment is a relational construct, so that one must appreciate the mutual interaction of child and parent in particular contexts in order to evaluate attachment security. For example, a child with an emotionally warm parent will not necessarily be securely attached, especially if the parent's expressions of warmth are intrusive or insensitive to children's signals, for example, kissing a child that does not want to be kissed. Parental warmth does not constitute a secure attachment. Nonetheless, parental warmth may increase the probability of the occurrence of secure attachment if it increases the child's confidence in the availability of the parent as a secure base. The conceptualization of attachment as a relational construct pertinent to parenting thus merits particular attention. Although attachment, by definition, is not a parenting style or practice, classical and modern directions in attachment research are fundamentally about parenting.

How Nyeri Marked World Cleanup Day

By: Our Correspondent
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This year’s World Clean-Up day was marked in style in Nyeri town, the county headquarters.

The World Clean-Up Day harnesses the power of people around the world to cooperate and collaborate to clean the environment.

It unites community groups, schools, business communities and the local governments to carry out activities that address local environmental issues.

In Nyeri, the Department of Lands, Housing and Urban Development through the Nyeri Municipal Board joined hands with the Directorate of Solid Waste Management, National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Nyeri traders and the Nyeri town residents in the cleanup exercise to mark the day.

The exercise which involved unclogging drainage in parts of the Nyeri town was also being done ahead of



The team that took part in the Nyeri town Clean-Up exercise

the anticipated El Nino rains.

This year’s theme is ‘Don’t trash it.’

Nyeri Municipal Manager Perister Kigwa said they used the opportunity to sensitize members of the public on the benefits of a clean environment and how to manage various kinds of wastes.

Solid Waste Management Chief Of-

ficer Violet Koigi thanked the team for their good work in keeping the town clean.

Nyeri NEMA County Director Samuel Nyaga urged wananchi to ensure there is management and sustainable way of waste disposal. This is, he noted, should be done through segregating the refuse properly.

Muthurwa Market chairman Joseph Maina thanked the team for the good work of unclogging the drainage ahead of the El Nino rains.

The team which also involved Public Health Officers and who were armed with gloves, wheelbarrows, gumboots, fork jembes, pangas, spades and dust coats cleaned up several stopovers in town for the better part of the day.

Tragic House Fire Claims Lives Of Mother And Three Children In Kisii

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A devastating house fire has left a mother and her three children dead, with a baby boy being the sole survivor, currently in critical condition in in Nyakungu village, Bonyando sub location, Kisii County.

According to a police report, the tragic event unfolded when Juma Onderi’s home was engulfed in flames shortly after the family had retired for the night.

The fire is believed to have originated in one of the rooms, resulting in the unfortunate demise of two young boys.

In an adjacent room, three other family members, including the mother, Caroline Marumbo, a 9-year-old girl, and a 1-year-old boy, suffocated.

They were rushed to a nearby Nyan-gena hospital for immediate medical attention.

Sadly, only the 1-year-old baby has survived but is currently facing a precarious battle for recovery, while the others were pronounced dead.

The victims who perished in the blaze included two minors aged between 10 and 12 years, who tragically lost their lives within the confines of their home. Their mother, Caroline Marumbo, succumbed to her injuries at Nyangena hospital while receiving emergency care.

Another minor who managed to escape the inferno sustained severe injuries and is currently fighting for their life at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Confirming the incident Kisii county commander Charles Kases said that, the cause of the fire remains unknown at this time, and investigations are ongoing, the fire despite efforts to extinguish it consumed the



Neighbours flock the place of fire incidence.

family’s home.

Fortunately, the father of the family was rescued through a window and

is reported to be in stable condition.

Bodies of the deceased have been taken to Kisii Teaching and Referral hospital awaiting autopsy to ascertain the exact cause of their tragic deaths.

Mothers Are The Fountain Of Love That Makes The World Vibrate



Mother! Everyone's body must tremble when they hear this word. A whole world of meaning is revealed in the core of these three words, which are composed of letters like diamond. But our vocabulary is not enough to understand this beautiful word and to explain it to someone. We cannot describe or describe in words how much meaning lies in this simple word consisting of three letters. No matter how much we praise our mothers, it is not enough. A thousand obeisance are few for this beautiful blessing that God has given with trust, for this beautiful creation.

Mothers have such a beautiful ring that only mothers have this ring; it is given only to mothers. Our mothers are our lights that light our way at night. If we are depressed, she is the person who encourages and supports her child. She is a person who overcomes all trials with his patience, endures all difficulties, and forgives everyone without any doubts, regardless of what we do wrong. She is the only person who prays to God for the happiness of her children at night without sleep.

They forgive all our mistakes and shortcomings, they always care about us, only about their children.

Tell me, what kind of mother is indifferent when her child is sick, or can endure if something happens to the liver that she gave birth to?! Let me tell you... and your answer is: "They can't stand it!" How can she bear it, how can a poor mother who wears clothes without wearing herself, feeds without eating, drinks without drinking, and provides everything for her child?! She will do everything for her child. Even if she doesn't have it, even if she doesn't have

the opportunity, she spends her whole life to give her best for her/his child, for the whole world, and if she doesn't have it, she works only for her/his child, only for her/his child, even if the whole world opposes him, she tries and can withstand difficulties. It is very difficult for us to understand and understand them.

We can understand only when we ourselves are mothers, how many difficulties and pains they bring their child into this world with their whole body. When we complain, when our hopes and faith fade, when life seems narrow in our eyes, when we can see nothing but darkness, darkness: "You are strong, you are brave, my child. You can do it. Don't back down, never give up on your hopes. Don't let them fade away. Just move forward towards your dreams, your goals, don't look back, just move forward. I believe in you, you can do it. You will never fail. You are the luckiest, my child. God will certainly help you and reward you. You will still see, when you achieve your dreams and goals: "Thank you, the joy of my eyes, my mother! "I love you very much!", - encouraging us not to retreat, we realize late that they are our beloved ones who illuminate our path and body with a huge light. As long as we have mothers, we are there. As long as they are there, we don't lose heart. We don't face depression because our mother is with us. We only look forward to a bright future in order not to be defeated. Because we are in the prayers of the Reverend Parents. Our mothers are only our mothers, rich in golden blessings, every it is our prayers that cause our work to be successful, and taking care of them is one of the most important and important tasks of us children.

In short, our mothers are our greatest trust, our most beautiful gift from God.

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Muumba
Hima zote tunaunda, mwenye nguvu

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Ninamsifia Musa, mwana wake wetu
mama

Mwana wake wetu mama, shuleni
amehitimu

Uhandisi amesoma, hili mkaliFahamu
Na bado kweli waama, anasoma akadumu
Ninamsifia Musa, hapajawa kama yeye

Hapajawa kama yeye, ameileta furaha
Na kwa tabia wambiye, ameondoa karaha
Kukikwama yeye ndiye, anatumia raha
Ninamsifia Musa, yeye kwangu ni shujaa

Yeye kwangu ni shujaa, ninamsifia Musa
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Bado tunamshangaa, na wake huu usasa
Ninamsifia Musa, nitamsifu daima

Nitamsifu daima, kote akatambulike
Mziwanda wake mama, hima akafahamike
Na ijulikane hima, kwa umoja tukafike
Ninamsifia Musa, mziwanda wake mama

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Don't Put Off Today's Work For Tomorrow



in the morning. Do not forget that no one will do anything for you. Think about the last time you worked up early. Each time you slept a little and slept a little more, and fell a sleep again. But my dears, you need to act for yourself. If you are lazy, don't forget that laziness kills your dreams and goals. How about watching the sunrise every morning and breathing fresh air in the morning? Do not postpone your plan even for a moment. If you have planned, do it now. Work harder than others and achieve your dreams. Start now.

Ruzmetova Zuhra

I am Ruzmetova Zuhra was born on November 30, 2006 in Urgench Khorezm region. I am currently a 11 th grade school Urgench city no. 14 Khorezm region. I write fairy tales in the story of the poem. In the future, my poems will translate my stories in different languages. I have a lot of dream goals.

Close your eyes every night when you go to sleep. Have a little imagination and ask yourself a question. What did I do yesterday and today this year? Which of my plans for a year or a month did I complete? Did he try even a little to achieve my dream? Try waking up early

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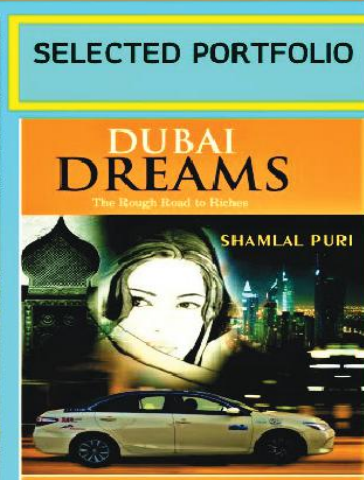
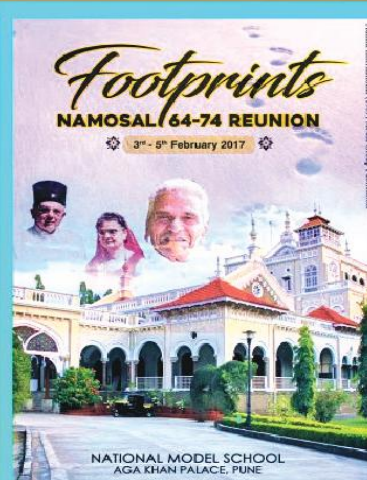
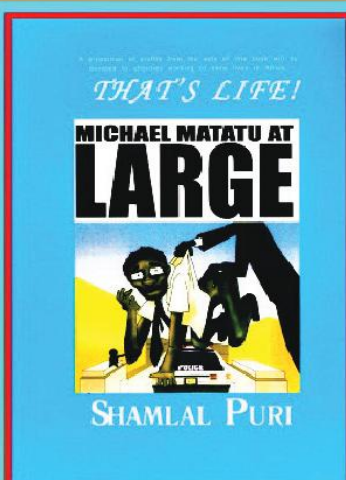
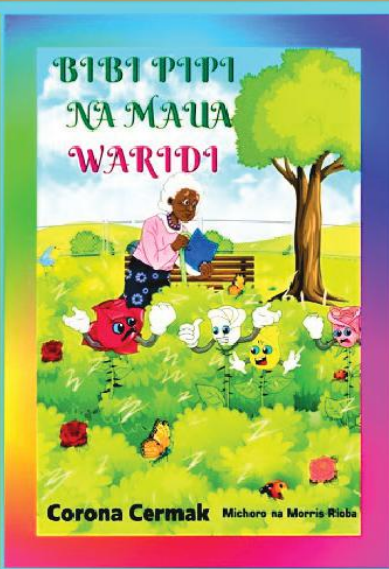
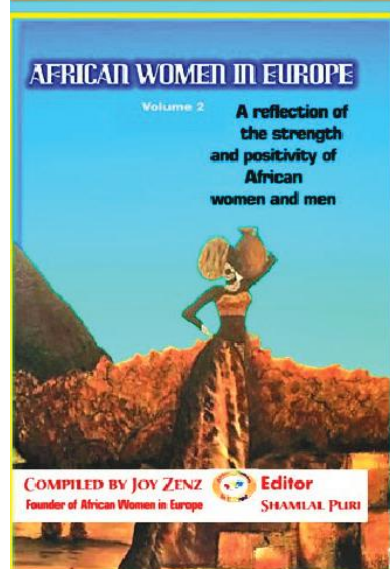
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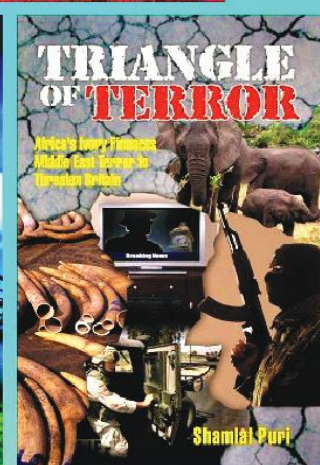
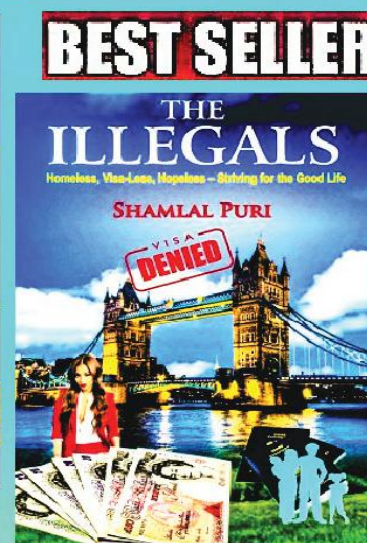
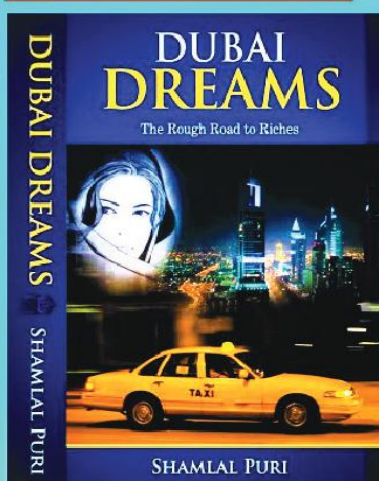
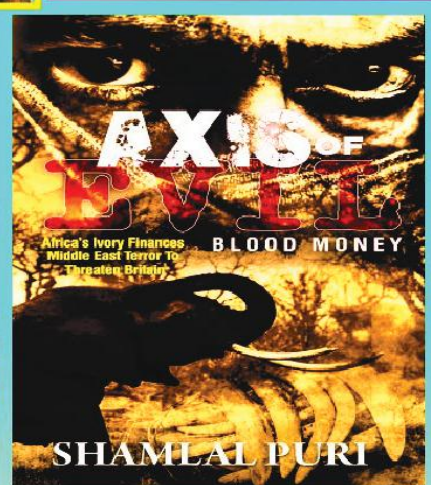
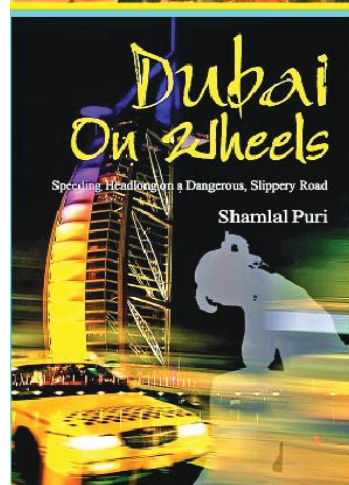
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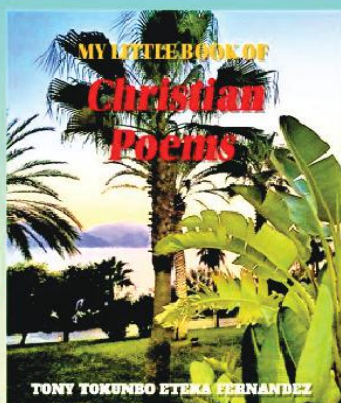
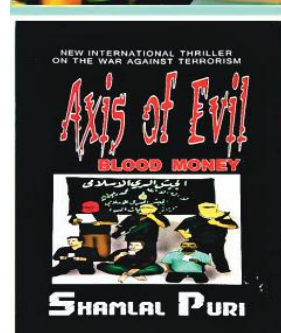
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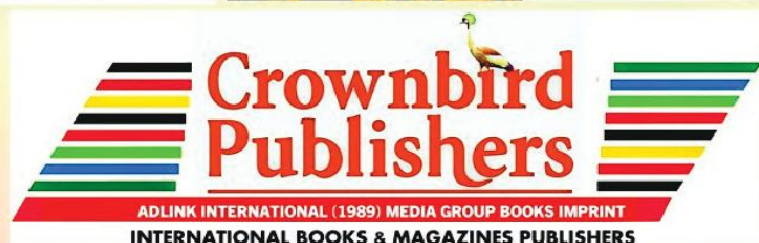


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More Funding To Unilever Affiliates Companies

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Worth Noting:

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Rebecca Marmot, Unilever's chief sustainability officer, Photo: Sustainability Magazine..

Over one million people in East Africa have been impacted by TRANSFORM which is one of the affiliate companies of UNILEVER that seeks to accelerate its impact to 15 million people by 2025, having positively impacted over one million.

TRANSFORM, an impact accelerator that unites corporates, donors, investors, and academics to support visionary enterprises, has announced to support businesses in Kenya to scale new solutions and overcome global challenges. Led by Unilever, the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), and EY, TRANSFORM advances the development of innovative business models through a combination of grant funding, business insight, and research to help solve global challenges.

TRANSFORM is now focused on accelerating its impact, with the ambitious goal of reaching an additional five million lives across the next two years. In addition to the support given to the existing projects by en-

trepreneurs and researchers, it has today announced support for fifteen new projects since January, with each receiving a tailor-made combination of funding and business support. One of the new enterprises in East Africa will test the use of refill technology with Unilever products in low-income communities in Kenya.

TRANSFORM also supports researchers and is working with Brink to explore the future of work for the informal economy in Kenya. Research shows it has positively impacted over one million people in East Africa out of the 10 million people across Africa and Asia. Since its launch in Kenya in 2015, TRANSFORM is working with revolutionary businesses including supporting:

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TRANSFORM has supported over 100 projects in 17 countries. Rebecca Marmot, Unilever's Chief Sustainability Officer, said: "We're thrilled to have reached such an important milestone at TRANSFORM. Some of the best new ideas and groundbreaking solutions are coming from entrepreneurs and start-ups. By blending local innovation with the resources of large organizations, TRANSFORM is unlocking these opportunities, helping to scale workable solutions and drive progress. It's also helping us to expand our own networks.

We look forward to supporting more enterprises in the future and being

part of this dynamic eco-system." Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Chief Scientific Adviser Professor Charlotte Watts, said: "This is a major milestone for this innovative project, which is offering targeted support to ambitious entrepreneurs and innovators across sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. As this cutting-edge initiative enters the next phase, the UK will continue to work in partnership with business and civil society to tackle the world's biggest social, environmental, and economic challenges."

Richard Taylor, EY's UK&I Consumer Sector Leader, said: "TRANSFORM further demonstrates our shared belief that impact entrepreneurs will be critical in driving progress towards the UN SDGs. "We hope that more organizations will feel inspired to join the TRANSFORM initiative and help us transform more lives."



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Meru Journalists Protest Attack On Colleagues

By: Dickson Mwiti
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Journalists in Meru County have expressed their displeasure following an incident where their colleagues were attacked and their equipment destroyed while covering a function presided over by the area Governor Kawira Mwangaza.

The event, which is commonly known as ‘Okolea Program’, and held in Maua town was reportedly organised by Baite Family Fellowship Church, where the governor is the Bishop.

Led by Meru Press Club chairman Mr. David Muchui, the members of the fourth estate said it was a surprise to them since their expectations were that any event held by a church should be a peaceful one.

“Journalists had attended the event for coverage as usual and when they arrived, there was an order from some of the organisers that the event should only be covered by Baite TV,



Meru County Press Club chairman David Muchui addressing his colleagues.

which is linked to the Governor. The rest were ordered to leave the area immediately,” said Muchui.

It was after the order that the said journalists were roughed up with their cameras confiscated, only to be returned later, with some of them destroyed and others having no memory cards.

Muchui condemned the unfortunate turn of events, adding that this was not okay because a governor is a state officer and a public figure and despite the fact that she is a bishop,

jwa area in Imenti South.

“It is unfortunate that no action has ever been taken against those who were behind the attacks, including a county employee who was positively identified by the journalists who were attacked,” said Muchui.

He added that it was not possible to separate the Okolea programme from a county government function considering that in both, county government officers were engaged.

“We want to categorically say that we will not be intimidated and we will continue to highlight what the governor is doing within the county,” said Muchui.

He called on the Media Council of Kenya, Police, and other investigating agencies to carry out thorough investigations and apprehend those who were involved in the unfortunate action.

He said if the governor or the organisers of the event had any complaints against the media or specific journalists, there was a set procedure to raise them with the relevant authorities.

Othaya and Mukurwe-ini MPs Visit Site For a Mega Dam

By: Our Correspondent
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Members of Parliament representing Othaya and Mukurwe-ini constituencies yesterday visited a site where a proposed mega dam will be constructed.

The two legislators; Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya) and John Kaguchia (Mukurwe-ini) walked for kilometres to Kiandongoro Station inside Aberdare Ranges where the dam, named Gura will be established.

The two alongside other stakeholders were taken to the site by officials from Tana Water Works Development Agency who will be overseeing the project, once it starts.

Before making the tour, the Tana Agency engineers took them through what it will take to have the mega dam in place.

They were informed of the whole process which included areas where pipes will be put to ensure the water harvested will put to serve residents of the two constituencies plus the neighbouring Tetu.

On their part, the leaders gave out their insights and needs which they said they would like incorporated.

The MPs said with completion of the dam, the area will be food secure since farmers will have enough water for irrigation.

Yesterday, the Agency chairman Wanyaga Gathaka revealed that plans were underway to construct dams, water pans and drill boreholes in various parts of the mountain region where they have jurisdiction.



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina (left), his Mukurwe-ini counterpart John Kaguchia (2nd right) with other stakeholders inside Aberdare Ranges yesterday.

State Pledges To Support Refugee-Hosting Communities

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- Sub-Saharan Africa bears the brunt of the refugee problem. It is estimated that more than 26 per cent of the world's refugee population is found in this part of the world. This is attributable to the incessant socio-political conflicts in countries such as Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia.
- Settlement of refugees in the country causes the host communities to share their resources, from water, pasture, and land to simple things like a firewood.
- According to the UNHCR report (December 2022), Kenya hosts about 574,000 registered refugees. The majority of the refugees are accommodated at Kakuma (248,929) and Dadaab (233,661) refugee camps.



ASAL and Regional Development Principal Secretary Idris Dokota addressing the media

ASAL and Regional Development Principal Secretary Idris Dokota has said that the government is committed to ensuring that the livelihood of the people in communities hosting refugees is not negatively affected by the influx of refugees, which causes competition for resources. Over the years, conflicts, terrorist attacks, and natural calamities such as recurring droughts and floods have caused thousands of Somalians to move to Kenya to seek asylum. At the same time, as a result of the conflicts and civil war in Sudan, thousands of people have also moved to the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana County. Vulnerable groups, including people who flee from homes and countries faced with conflicts and violence to other safer countries and communities, put pressure on the social and economic infrastructure among the host communities. Sub-Saharan Africa bears the brunt of the refugee problem. It is estimated that more than 26 per cent of the world's refugee population is found in this part of the world. This is attributable to the incessant socio-political

conflicts in countries such as Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia. Settlement of refugees in the country causes the host communities to share their resources, from water, pasture, and land to simple things like a firewood. According to the UNHCR report (December 2022), Kenya hosts about 574,000 registered refugees. The majority of the refugees are accommodated at Kakuma (248,929) and Dadaab (233,661) refugee camps. To control the situation, the government, with funding from the World Bank in 2017, came up with the Kenya Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (KDRDIP), aimed at helping the host communities compensate for what they had to share with the refugees. Speaking after touring several projects under the KDRDIP in Dadaab constituency, the PS said that the objective of the project is to improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities, and

enhance environmental management in the refugee hosting communities. Dokota said that KDRDIP contributes to the country's key development priorities of reducing poverty and inequality. He also noted that it is part of the government's initiative to deliver social services to vulnerable groups and marginalised communities as envisaged in the Constitution. "Resources are always scarce here, so the project came to neutralise that because we have an influx of refugees here, so we have an issue to do with suppressed resources. This will help in bringing equality when they have income-generating activities to grow the economy," Dokota said. "Because of the continuous effects of droughts, we have engaged the communities in nontraditional livelihoods such as income-generating activities so that they can improve their economic condition and act as a stimulus in this particular area," he added. Members of the county assembly present, Aden Hassan (Dertu), Hajir Mohamed Dahiye (Abakaile),

and Mohamed Sheikh Abdi (Labasigale), called on the government and the World Bank to find a way of extending the project for five more years, saying that it had brought tremendous benefits to the common citizens. A total of 4,577 community groups across the five sub-counties have received grants under the project's Livelihood Programme. Each of these groups received Sh. 500,000 as a grant. Out of this number, 988 were women groups, comprising 21 per cent, youth groups comprising 19 per cent of the beneficiaries, and two per cent belonged to People Living with Disabilities. KDRDIP is a five-year project funded through a loan of Sh. 10 billion from WB and a grant of USD 11.58 million from the Danish government. The project provides support to communities hosting the refugees in Garissa, Wajir, and Turkana counties. The funds were shared based on the percentage of the host population and geographical area for each of the sub-counties.

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THURSDAY 21ST SEPT

AL ITTIHAD VS AL FATEH
9:00PM



FRIDAY 22ND SEPT

AL NASSR VS AL AHLY
9:00PM



SATURDAY 23RD SEPT

BORUSSIA MÖNCHEGLADBACH VS RB LEIPZIG
4:30PM



SATURDAY 23RD SEPT

BORUSSIA DORTMUND VS VFL WOLFSBURG
4:30PM



SUNDAY 24TH SEPT

ARSENAL VS TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
4:00PM



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Sports >> *Bruno Fernandes has voiced his support for Manchester United team-mate Andre Onana, urging the goalkeeper to stop blaming himself for the Bayern Munich defeat.

Bruno Fernandes: Andre Onana Is Not Responsible For The Bayern Munich Defeat

By: TEAMtalk Media

Bruno Fernandes has voiced his support for Manchester United team-mate Andre Onana, urging the goalkeeper to stop blaming himself for the Bayern Munich defeat.

Having been beaten in three of their first five matches for the first time in the Premier League era, the Red Devils' return to European football's top table ended in a 4-3 loss on Wednesday night.

Erik ten Hag's men started the Group A opener surprisingly well at the Allianz Arena, only for summer signing Onana to somehow let a low Leroy Sane shot squirm home.

The 27-year-old buried his head in the turf and was consoled by team-mates, later saying he "let the team down" and that United "didn't win today, it's because of me".

"It's not about Andre," United skipper Fernandes said. "Andre is a great goalkeeper.

"He will keep giving us a lot of points, a lot of saves. He hasn't to take any blame for nothing.

"We have to take the blame as a team, that we're going to go through this moment together because we are strong as a team."

Onana's gaffe was swiftly followed by a Serge Gnabry strike, with Harry Kane then scoring a penalty straight after Rasmus Hojlund had pulled one back early in the second half.

The match came to a hectic conclusion, with Casemiro scoring either side of Mathys Tel's stoppage-time strike as United showed spirit but ultimately lost for a fourth time in five matches.

"I think what everyone has to do is to do their own job and look at themselves first," Fernandes said in the bowels of the Allianz Arena.

"That's what I do as a player, not as a captain – as a person and first point.



2RWP1D0 Manchester United goalkeeper Andre Onana appears dejected after they concede the opening goal during the UEFA Champions League Group A match at the Allianz Arena, Munich, Germany. Picture date: Wednesday September 20, 2023.

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"I think everyone does that and I think today it wasn't the case that not everyone was doing the best for the team or trying to fight for getting the result. I think everyone did that.

"It's just the momentum and against big teams, as I said, when you give a lot of chances to them, they're going to hurt you.

"Even then they give us some chances and we scored three goals, so I think no-one would expect us to come into Bayern and score three goals.

"I don't think anyone outside of us would expect us to fight for the result in trying to get something from the game.

"But I think the team did. Obviously it wasn't enough but we're not playing against some bad team.

"We were playing one of the best teams in the world, with

great players, with great qualities.

"Obviously it's not the best moment for us but we will get through this and we will get the results back."

United stayed in Germany following the Group A opener and are training before flying back as preparations step up for Saturday evening's key trip to Burnley.

Ten Hag will be hoping to have more options to choose from at Turf Moor, having headed to Bayern without nine injured players.

"Obviously, we want to have everyone back because we know that as many players we have available, the team will be stronger," Fernandes said. "And obviously more options for the manager to do his choices and whatever his tactics, the first 11 or whatever he picks.

"But obviously, still, we have the players and we have enough experience and enough talent in the team to get through this moment even with all the players.

"Obviously now I think some of them probably will come back earlier and will lift the team because we have quality players injured.

"But it's about the ones that are now playing, giving something to get the result and that's it.

"We can't rely now on the injuries and everything.

"We know it's tough and you need to get through that because you can't control (it).

"But I think the team has players (good) enough to get a response."

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >>> *Football fans worldwide are counting down the hours to what promises to be an electrifying clash between Al Nassr and Al Ahli tonight at 9PM.

Ronaldo and Mane Gear Up for Epic Showdown against Mahrez and Firmino



Ronaldo and Mane during a past football event.

By Our Correspondent

Football fans worldwide are counting down the hours to what promises to be an electrifying clash between Al Nassr and Al Ahli tonight at 9PM. Leading the charge for Al Nassr are ex-European stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Sadio Mane, both of whom have left an indelible mark on the Premier League during their stints with Manchester United and Liverpool, respectively. Their reunion in Saudi Arabia adds a layer of intrigue to this already eagerly anticipated encounter. Al Ahli, boast an equally formidable duo in the form of Riyad Mahrez and Roberto Firmino.

Mahrez, known for his dribbling skills and clinical finishing, adds a touch of magic to the midfield, while Firmino’s creativity and playmaking abilities have earned him accolades throughout his career. Ronaldo, a living legend in the sport, continues to defy the age with his remarkable goal-scoring prowess, while Mane’s dynamic playing style and ability to conjure moments of brilliance make him one of the most exciting forwards in the game. Their partnership is the cornerstone of Al Nassr’s aspirations. Last night, Al Ittihad vs Al Fateh (StarTimes Sports Premium ch.246/252) offered another spectacle, with Karim Benzema aim-

ing to add to his league goal tally. N’Golo Kanté and Fabinho will marshal Al Ittihad’s midfield as they seek victory on home turf. Turning to tomorrow, football aficionados are in for a treat as two blockbuster clashes converge on the pitch. Borussia Dortmund faces VfL Wolfsburg in a battle where Dortmund aims to maintain their impressive form, while Wolfsburg enters the match buoyed by a recent victory over Union Berlin. The advantage lies with Wolfsburg, having enjoyed a week of rest and strategizing, whereas Dortmund grapples with fatigue following their Champions League clash with PSG. Next Saturday fixture between

RB Leipzig vs Borussia Monchengladbach at 4.30PM (also available on StarTimes Sports Life ch.243/253), RB Leipzig embarks on a challenging away encounter against Borussia Mönchengladbach. Mönchengladbach, despite their struggles, managed a hard-fought 3-3 draw against Darmstadt in their previous outing. Leipzig, fresh from their Champions League expedition to Switzerland, faces the daunting task of maintaining their momentum in the league.

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Dark Humour Author B Shaps



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Worth Noting:

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- At this point in time I have been awarded 3 certificates after featuring on anthologies that were being compiled by Blue Star publications through one of their great poets Ms Abigirl Phiri
- The major problem I have faced is finding opportunities to showcase my work on recognizable platforms.



B Shaps.

Writing a book and publishing it is no small feat. That said, B Shaps is one of Zimbabwe's most talented poets whose way of writing is on its level of its own as attested by his fresh from the publishers book 'Dark Humour.' Furthermore, B Shaps tackles topical issues that are giving people headaches such as broken hearts, first time lovers and love triangles. Also, once in a while he does the audio versions of his poems with his deep and rich baritone voice. Definitely his future is bright in the poetry world because one needs to be versatile. In addition, poetry needs dedicated soldiers like B Shaps who won't forsake it no matter what because they are aware of its healing power in good and bad times. Undoubtedly, poetry is always the solution and food for the soul.

Please tell us your name and how your journey started in poetry.

My name is Brighton Shapita, and

my pen name is B Shaps, I started writing poetry in early 2022 around February. Before then I was more into storytelling and motivational speaking. My journey as a poet came about as a result of various painful experiences that were now becoming very hard to deal with alone. I decided to use poetry to express my pain and emotions and it has been a very interesting journey.

Have you won any major accolades for yourself in poetry? Are you a published poet?

At this point in time I have been awarded 3 certificates after featuring on anthologies that were being compiled by Blue Star publications through one of their great poets Ms Abigirl Phiri, also I have recently published my first poetry book/anthology titled *Dark Humour* which is currently available on various International book selling platforms.

Who is your inspiration?

I am greatly inspired by Steve Harvey, though he may not be a poet, his work as a writer and an inspirational figure truly taught me a lot and gave me the confidence to be where I am now.

Where do you see yourself in the near future?

I see myself growing more and more as a poet and being able to publish my poetry on international platforms worldwide.

What problems have you faced as a poet?

The major problem I have faced is finding opportunities to showcase my work on recognizable platforms. The other challenge has been having to balance time between my studies and my art since I am still a student.

Share with us one of your best poetry pieces.

Surrender

You showed me true love
I gave you pain
You supported and cared for me
What did you get
Pain and torture became your reward
Tears became your gift of thanks
I never deserved your kindness

The more I tried
The more you cried
I tried to be better I turned out to be worse.
I tried to make you happy
I gave you scars that barely healed
I never deserved your love

I look back and I see
How greatly you suffered because of me
With tears you still came back to me
A big heart you carry
A smile you still put on your face for me
Am I not a monster

Loving you I always have
Showing it to you I have failed.
What more can I do
If not hurt you even further
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The further away I push you
Maybe I'm just too toxic for love

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Any words of advice to other individuals who would want to venture into poetry

Never be afraid to show the world what you are good at, whether they cheer or boo, it is your passion and hard work that makes you great. Each reaction from the listeners and readers is a benefit to you whether it's good or bad.

Thanks