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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing congregation at Kagere PCEA church in Othaya

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Kenya, US To Sign Defence Cooperation Agreement On Today

By: BRUHAN MAKONG

Worth Noting:

- Kenya is a key US ally in the region, particularly in the joint efforts to combat terrorism, including the fight against Al-Shabaab, a Somalia-based Al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorist group.
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Defence CS Aden Duale and the US Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin III, will sign a Defence Cooperation Agreement at the DoD on Monday/CFM.

Kenya and the United States will sign a Defence Cooperation Agreement on today aimed at strengthening counter-terrorism effort in furtherance of regional security interests.

The move is part of the efforts to further strengthen cooperation in defense and security amid escalating threats across the globe.

Kenya's Ministry of Defence confirmed the signing ceremony will take place at the Defence Headquarters in Nairobi, where Defence Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale will host his American counterpart Lloyd J. Austin III.

"The CS Defence (Kenya), Hon. Aden Duale and the US Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin III, will sign a Defence Cooperation Agreement and thereafter hold a joint press conference," MOD said on Saturday.

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The visit aims to strengthen the partnership between the US and Kenya in addressing regional security challenges.

While in Djibouti, Austin will meet with senior Djiboutian officials to deliberate on the existing military cooperation between the two nations.

The discussions will encompass regional security dynamics and the exploration of opportunities for deeper collaboration in the future.

The leg of the journey taking place in Luanda, Angola, will prioritize the development of stronger defense relations and the identification of avenues for increased military-to-military cooperation between the United States and Angola.

Secretary Austin's itinerary also includes visits to U.S. military personnel stationed in Djibouti and Kenya.

The DoD said the interactions will serve as a testament to the Department's appreciation for the dedication and service of these personnel in promoting peace and security within the region.

Austin's visit to Kenya follows the U.S.-Kenya Bilateral Strategic Dialogue held in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 2023.

The U.S.-Kenya Strategic Partnership is grounded in mutual cooperation, respect, and a common vision for sustainable development.

The U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Alfred Mutua discussed strengthening the bilateral relationship across all five pillars of the Strategic Partnership and advancing peace and prosperity in Kenya, Africa, and beyond.

During the April event, the U.S. Department of State highlighted the commitment to implement instruments signed

during the 2022 Bilateral Defense Forum, including a five-year security cooperation plan to enhance Kenya's capabilities in countering violent extremist organizations and advancing regional security.

It also encompassed strengthening maritime surveillance, and bolstering Kenyan military academic institutions.

"The United States commended Kenya for its role in enhancing stability in Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The United States will – in support of these peace efforts – seek to increase military aviation capabilities of the Kenya Defence Forces," read the statement released US Department of State Office of the Spokesperson.

The two governments committed to increase Kenya's capabilities at the Kenyan Military Airfield in Manda Bay to counter Al-Shabaab and support the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia.

The US committed to completing the \$5 million Counter Insurgency, Terrorism, and Stability Operations Center.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) are working to implement Mombasa Port's reforms to improve competitiveness. President Dr. William Ruto has directed all government agencies at the port to operate 24/7, enhance efficiency, and boost revenue collection. The two authorities have held an inaugural joint board meeting at the port, resolving bureaucracy issues related to bunkering, ensuring regular surveillance, and implementing modern ICT systems. They will also revamp communication departments, implement a framework for pre-arrival clearance of cargo, and develop a regulatory framework for Container Freight Stations. The board of directors has directed regular meetings to address mutual interests and escalate issues that have been unable to be resolved.



Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru has launched the Governor Minji Minji Cup, a mega football tournament aimed at nurturing talent for livelihood. The two-month tournament, which will run from October 1st to December 10th, will see 200 clubs compete for Sh1 million in cash rewards. The tournament, titled "Nurturing Talent for Livelihood," will involve 5,000 youth from wards up to the county level. The winning team will receive Sh1 million, while the second, third, fourth, and fifth teams will receive Sh750,000, Sh500,000, Sh350,000, and Sh200,000, respectively. The tournament will also feature scouting for the best players, who will represent Kirinyaga in competitions like the Kenya Youth Inter-County Sports Association (KYISA) games.



The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is set to hold a Ministerial Meeting on Wednesday to adopt the IGAD Youth Policy. The meeting will precede a two-day technical expert meeting today and tomorrow. Key participants include ministers in charge of Youth Affairs from various countries, technical youth experts from IGAD Member States, National Youth Councils, youth-led civil society organisations, and development partners. The IGAD Youth Policy is crucial for promoting youth rights in the IGAD Region and aims to guide policies, laws, and programmes empowering youth and ensuring their meaningful participation in political processes. The meeting will be held in Nairobi and streamed live on social media platforms.



Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki, accompanied by Tiaty MP William Kamket, poses for a photo with residents when he officially opened the Akwichatis GSU Camp at Akwichatis location, Silale ward, Tiaty West sub-county. The government has secured four additional camps and three divisions to swiftly address security issues, with Tiaty MP William Kamket requesting more NPRs and roads for business growth.



Nyanza women are being encouraged to utilise government funds, including the Women Enterprise Fund, Hustler's Fund, and Africa Challenge Funds, to uplift their living standards. Information, Communications, and The Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo has urged women to join cooperative societies and formal groups to access government funds. The government blueprint for County-Based Economic Chapters aims to address challenges in the rice and sugar sectors, aiming to elevate farmers in the Nyanza region.



Kenya's agriculture sector earned over Sh140 billion in 2022, with flowers alone contributing over Sh100 billion. Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi attributed this success to government policies and subsidies, which attracted many players to the sector. The government will continue to offer incentives to farmers, such as extension services and subsidies, to ensure increased production. The horticulture sub-sector, which includes vegetables, flowers, fruits, and medicinal aromatic plants, is a key sector contributing to foreign exchange, household incomes, and food and nutrition security. The sector employs about 6.5 million Kenyans and directly impacts the livelihoods of over two million Kenyans. The government will continue to work with agro-chemical industries and regulators to ensure the safety of chemicals used on Kenyan farms. The government will also offer subsidised semen to livestock farmers to boost the breeding of heifers and register farmers for fertiliser subsidies.

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Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development Cabinet Secretary Mr. Zachariah Mwangi Njeru (left) and Nakuru County Governor Susan Kihika (right) after a press briefing at the county headquarters. Kihika called for a speedy resolution of the boundary dispute between the Nakuru and Narok boundaries to end the perennial conflicts that have been witnessed at the border.

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Party Associated To Senate Speaker Dismisses Call To Merge With UDA



Pamoja Africa Alliance Secretary General Lucas Maitha

By: Muraya Kamunde

Pamoja Africa Alliance (PAA), an affiliate party of Kenya Kwanza has said it will not fold as suggested by UDA Secretary General (SG) Cleophas Malala.

"We are in Kenya Kwanza according to the agreement and we will continue to be members but we will not fold our party PAA because our goals are beyond Kenya Kwanza," said PAA SG Lucas Maitha during a party engagement meeting in Likoni constituency.

Maitha slammed those who want parties to form a monolithic party only for the purpose of the next general election.

He urged members to register in numbers and to elect PAA candidates for the party associated with Senate Speaker Amason Kingi to have influence in the formation of government.

"In the next general election if we succeed in getting more than 15 elective seats we will be able to sit on the succession table. Whoever will take over from Ruto we will talk with him directly. If we fold our party we will not sit on the table," said Maitha.

Maitha called for zoning of

parties according to regions when fielding candidates for elective positions to consolidate numbers instead of competing against each other.

Gender parity, he said, will be observed in national and county positions during party elections to choose officials.

On her part, Maimuna Mwidau echoed Maitha's sentiments on the registration of party members for the party which only got a paltry Ksh 11 million from the Political Parties Fund to get a lion's share.

The party has three elected Members of Parliament and 16 members of County Assemblies from Kwale, Kilifi and Taita Taveta counties.

Governor Wavinya Woos Investors To Machakos



Machakos Governor Wavinya Ndeti

By: Muraya Kamunde

Machakos Governor Wavinya Ndeti has urged more investors to consider Machakos, saying the county has all what it takes to support growth of commercial enterprises.

Speaking during the reopen-

ing of Coloho Mall in Athi River Sub-County, Wavinya pointed out that Machakos sits in a strategic position for mega investments, owing to its proximity to the capital city, Nairobi.

"I am excited that Machakos County is at a strategic place for the establishment of a wide range of investment outlets, ranging from housing which makes it "Nairobi's Bedroom",

manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as well as Education among others," she said.

The Governor said her administration was keen on exploiting the available opportunities to attract investors and boost their confidence.

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Nominated Senator Veronica Maina: A Modern-Day Saint

Veronica

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Worth Noting:

- In the contemporary world, the spirit of Veronica lives on in Senator Veronica Maina, a rare gem and a God-fearing woman whose actions profoundly resonate with the legacy of Saint Veronica. Much like her ancient counterpart, Senator Maina has embarked on a mission to change lives, touch hearts, and inspire hope within her community, even without the allocation of a budget for implementation.
- In just a span of one month, Senator Veronica Maina has proven to be an “Honest/True Image” to her community. Her track record speaks volumes about her commitment to positive change. Through her Food Donation Program, encompassing both phases (I) and (II), she has touched the lives of over 7600+ elderly and less fortunate individuals. This remarkable feat is a testament to her unwavering dedication to making a difference.



A captivating photo of Senator Veronica Maina pausing with Women in MSE’s “Mama Mboga” during the conferment of Certificate of Digital Skill Training.

In the annals of history, some names become synonymous with virtue, compassion, and unwavering faith. One such name is Veronica, a name steeped in history and beloved in Christianity, with a spiritual meaning of the “Honest/True Image.” It is a name that resonates with the story of a woman from Jerusalem in the 1st AD, whose profound act of love left an indelible mark on the pages of time.

Saint Veronica’s tale is one of selflessness and devotion. As Jesus carried his heavy cross on the agonizing path to crucifixion, Veronica stepped forward, offering her veil to wipe his brow. In return, her act of love was met with a miraculous imprint of the true image of Jesus on her heart. Her name became synonymous with compassion, her deed an epitome of love.

Saint Veronica, as she is now known, continued to perform touching and life-changing miracles. One of the most remarkable was her multiplication of eggs, cheese, oil, and fruits, leaving witnesses stupefied. She not only provided sustenance but also healed physical infirmities and ailments. Moreover, Veronica was gifted by Jesus with the extraordinary ability to read the hearts of people within the span of just one month.

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Furthermore, Senator Maina’s involvement as a chief guest at various prize-giving ceremonies has gone beyond mere appearances. She has identified deserving students and taken it upon herself to fully sponsor their education. Her contributions extend to infrastructure development as well. Senator Maina personally financed the construction of two modern classroom blocks worth 5 million, inaugurating another two at Turuturu Secondary School on the 27th of August 2021.

Beyond education, Senator Maina’s commitment to empowering her community is evident in her offering of free digital training to hundreds of women in Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and youths oriented in sports. Her sponsorship of a Friendly-Match tournament for youths further demonstrates her dedication to fostering growth and self-actualization.

Senator Veronica Maina’s leadership is guided by the principles of stimulating and propelling healthier and happier communities. She places people at the center of her efforts and continually inspires human growth and self-actualization. In the words of Pablo Picasso, “Action is the foundational key to all success,” and Senator Maina embodies this philosophy.

In a world often filled with empty promises, Senator Veronica Maina stands as a shining example of a leader who takes action. She exemplifies a leadership that we all yearn for—a



A Rare Captivating Photo of Senator Veronica Maina in Mission of Inspiring hope.
Photo by Eutyclus Ngechu Kimemia.



Senator Veronica Maina during kick off of Friendly-Tournament Match..



A photo Senator Veronica Maina exemplifying a Momentous Moment during mission Touching and changing lives of community.

leadership characterized by compassion, dedication, and a genuine desire to make the world a better place. In a time when the world needs more happiness, hope, and selfless acts, Senator Veronica Maina rises as a modern-day Saint Veronica, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and

lives of those she serves. Keep it up, Senator Veronica Maina—you are the true embodiment of leadership that the world sorely needs.

DP Gachagua Calls For Patience In Coffee Reforms

.....the Deputy President said there are no differences in the leadership of the Mt Kenya region in Kenya Kwanza

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua being received by Nyeri County leaders led by Governor Mutahi Kahiga, Wanyaga Gathaka, Alex Wachira, Wakili Maina and Duncan Maina Mathenge. Photos/PAUL MWANGI WANJIRU

Worth Noting:

- Mr Gachagua added that the cartels are engineering an artificial crisis in the subsector as method to fight back the reforms.
- “They (cartels) have united and are trying to create an artificial crisis and propaganda that because of the reforms, the Kenyan coffee has been boycotted, which is a lie. They are moving across various offices. I urge the farmers to be patient because it is not an easy or simple fight. It is not for the faint hearted battle that is not simple and not for the faint hearted. It is rough. They are boycotting the coffee to sabotage the reforms,” he explained.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday said reforms in the coffee subsector are on course and asked farmers to be patient as the Government works on policies to push out cartels that have been profiting from their hard work and sweat.

Speaking at Kagere PCEA church in Othaya, Nyeri County, Gachagua said the Government will not relent on the reforms, indicating a key cartel composed of four individuals is deeply entrenched in the subsector and that it is even attempting to sabotage the Government’s plan by creating an artificial crisis in the coffee industry.

The Deputy President added that proposed amendments to various laws that regulate coffee business will be tabled in Parliament soon.

“The cartels are entrenched and they are few. They buy coffee at throw away prices and sell in foreign countries at exorbitant prices. The changes are on course. Amendment of the law will be tabled in Parliament soon. It proposes, among others, that if you are a coffee miller, you cannot be a marketer or a seller. It is one man, one job,” said the Deputy President.

He asked Members of Parliament to support the amendment in order to uplift farmers.

One of the reforms being fought by the cartel, he said, is the revival of the New KPCU and the Coffee Board of Kenya.

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back the reforms.

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On tea, the Deputy President assured the farmers that the subsector was not badly off since the annual final payments (bonus) to smallholder farmers has increased this year.

Various tea factories across that are managed by Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) are this week expected to declare higher bonus payments compared to previous years with the farmers being expected to receive the money during the first week of next month.

Regarding milk, Mr Gachagua said the Government is working on measures that will increase the farm-gate price of the commodity to Sh60 per litre.

“The reforms that I was tasked to push by President William Ruto in coffee, tea and milk, have started to bear fruit. We got a high bonus this year, which has not been witnessed earlier. We are doing well. For milk, we are not badly off as well. The Government will push the farm gate price to a minimum of Sh60 per litre,” he said.

On politics, the Deputy President said there are no differences in the leadership of the Mt Kenya region in Kenya Kwanza.

He told critics to stop creating falsehoods on relationship of the leaders and imaginery cracks.

“We have no structural cracks or differences as a community. The driving force of the Mt Kenya region is unity and hard work. The region will remain united behind President William Ruto,” said Mr Gachagua.

He continued: We decided to support President Ruto voluntarily. We made a conscious and informed decision. We have responsibility as a region to support the President so that he can deliver on what he promised.

Regarding the country’s economic status, the Deputy President said the economy is recovering and that the measures instituted by the President are bearing fruit.

“There are challenges but the President is doing well so far. We inherited a bad economy but due to his pragmatic leadership, economy is showing signs of recovery. The first sign was disbursement of money to county governments on time this year. Initially there were debts owed to counties. Let us pray for him and support him,” said Mr Gachagua.

He urged the residents to continue supporting the government.

He was accompanied by a host of leaders including Governors Mutahi Kahiga (Nyeri) and Susan Kihika (Nakuru), Senators Wahome Wamatinga (Nyeri) and Veronica Maina

(Nominated), Nyeri Woman Representative Mukami Wachira, area MP Wambugu Wainaina, Nyeri county assembly speaker Gichuhi Mwangi and Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira.

Also present was a host of MPs including Taita Taveta Woman Representative Lydia Haika, Njoroge Wainaina (Kieni), Eric Wamumbi (Mathira), Maina Mathenge (Nyeri Town), Geoffrey Wandeto (Tetu), Shadrack Mwiti (South Imenti), Oesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North), Martha Wangari (Gilgil), Nimrod Mbai (Kitui East), Mathias Robi (Kuria West), Kamande Mwafrika (Roysambu) and Jackson Kosgei (Nominated).

Also present were The New Democrats (TND) party national chairman Dr Thuo Mathenge and his Democratic Party of Kenya counterpart Essau Kioni.

Tana Water Works Development Agency chairman Wanyaga Gathaka, businessman Anthony Mithanga, Tetu politician Francis Gachigi and Iriani Tea Factory chairman Patrick Kamau Ngatia were also present.

The leaders praised the Deputy President’s leadership and his decision to eradicate alcoholism and drug abuse.

“You are the Mt Kenya kingpin and we have declared so. Fight against alcoholism is ongoing and we are behind you. As a region we must walk with President Ruto through Mr Gachagua,” said Nyeri Governor, Mutahi Kahiga.

Nyeri Woman Representative, Mukami Wachira, asked the government to support coffee cooperatives that are financially strained.

“We urge that the same way government is dedicating support towards revival of sugar factories, it should also consider offering financial support to coffee cooperatives,” said Ms Wachira.

Area MP who later hosted the team at his residence for a luncheon led his colleagues in pledging to fully support all government programmes and projects for the benefit of Kenyans.

During the handing of donations, in aid of the church, Dr Mathenge who is also a local businessman and politician who emerged second during last year’s Nyeri gubernatorial contest presented a Sh100,000 donation from Trade Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria who he told the DP that he had “repented”.

The DP made his personal donation as well as some from President William Ruto.

Meru MCAs Plan To Impeach Governor Mwangaza

By: Jeff Mwangi

A section of Meru County MCAs have resolved to start a fresh impeachment motion against Governor Kawira Mwangaza barely a year after they initiated a similar process.

Speaking in Meru town after a three-hour indoor meeting, Majority Leader Evans Mawira said they are in the process of drafting and tabling a motion to impeach the Meru Governor.

The UDA Party MCAs said they intend to bring on board their counterparts from other political parties to support them in passing the impeachment motion.

The MCAs said they had given the Governor enough time to address the issues of Meru County but that time has not borne any fruits as there is not any development being witnessed in the county.

They said they will also table a bill to have Ward Development Funds to become an Act in the Meru county

government so that no any Governor will deny a certain ward development funds.

Though the UDA party MCAs never revealed the grounds of the intended impeachment motion, they said they had facts and enough evidence to table on the floor of the Meru County Assembly to impeach the governor.

Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza .





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Ruto's Proposal On Creation Of Office Of The Opposition Leader Gaining Traction



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Opposition Leader Raila Odinga and President William Ruto.

Worth Noting:

- Constitutionally speaking, parliament is a law making body. So, if they had their way, this could have undermined and betrayed the role of the members of parliament.
- In trying to justify their move, Azimio leader wanted Kenyans to believe that these MPs were fighting for their stomachs.
- He would mainly target those who belonged to his Coalition who changed the tune by opting to work closely with President William Ruto.
- The position of these MPs would be clear. We are doing this for sake of the people who elected us. They have been telling us the time of politics is over. They want us to roll out the development projects we promised them during the campaigns.

A few days ago, I read an opinion poll released by the Trends and Insights for Africa (Tifa).

The survey showed that majority of Kenyans supported the proposal by President William Ruto on creation of Office of the Leader of opposition.

This would once again reaffirm their believe that the President is a true democrat and statesman.

The poll was released one week after Dr Ruto made a passionate appeal to National Dialogue Committee co-chaired by Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka and Majority Leader Kimani Ichungwah to give this matter a priority. He spoke in Meru after attending an Interdenominational church service.

He noted that many Kenyans supported the creation of the Office of the Opposition Leader.

Our democracy is rooted in listening to the views of the people.

So we expect this to be one of the key recommendations when the Bipartisan team writes their final report.

It is worth noting that National Assembly and Senate debated and approved the motion to create the National Dialogue Committee.

One of the clauses in the agreement stated that the final recommendations shall be submitted to the two houses for further scrutiny and debate.

This means the two houses will have the power to amend, alter or reject some of the recommendations.

This time, Azimio leader Raila Odinga and his brigade were given correct advice on this matter. That is why they did not raise an alarm.

Initially they wanted Parliament to play a symbolic role of adopting all the recommendations without any alterations.

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In our context, the government of the day plays a leading role when it comes to sharing of the public resources.

The President is the CEO of this great Nation. So you can only ignore him at your own peril.

This however should not be misconstrued to mean that the President had compromised and silenced us.

As people's representatives, we have a duty to articulate the interests of the electorates without fear. One of our assignment is to take on and correct the President and his administration when they go wrong. We are committed to this course.

Besides, Raila's turnaround would amount to self indicting and incriminating.

As we know, he had played a key role in clearing these people to run for thier respective parliamentary seats and other elective position on Azimio tickets.

So, does it mean you gave the people the wrong choices? If you say Yes, then it means you are an enemy number one of the people. You never believed in the course that you wanted them to believe in.

Well, I have been having a chat with a section of Kenyans and they would tell me that this was a just a political card.

If you won the elections, you could have done the same thing. This is by reaching out and rallying members of Dr Ruto's United Democratic Alliance to support your development agenda inside and outside parliament.

In Meru, President Ruto reiterated that the opposition's role is critical in terms of providing checks and balances on the government of the day.

We know some of the issues they raise were in good faith. So we will not hesitate to do the right thing.

It is worth noting Dr Ruto started rooting for a system of governance anchored on tenets of democracy and constitutionalism long before he become the President.

This is the first time in Kenya's history that the sitting head of state is rooting for the creation of the Office of Opposition Leader.

The previous administrations feared and were opposed to formation of a strong and vibrant opposition.

At a time, the government resorted to

using crude and cruel means to counter and weaken the outfits.

President Ruto is rooting for the opposition that engages the government in a structured constructive and honest dialogue.

I remember a powerful speech he made at Chatham House in the United Kingdom (UK) in the countdown to the 2022 General Election.

He told his attentive audience who comprised political leaders, diplomats, scholars and professionals drawn from all parts of the world that he totally detested the system that was being embraced back home in Kenya.

As you are aware, the 'handshake' government of President Uhuru Kenyatta and his partner Raila Odinga was at the helm of power.

He described it as a mongrel kind of thing. This system lacked consistent, direction and focus. It is an animal that one cannot understand.

This system has caused a lot confusion and stagnated the progress and wellbeing of our people.

In a functioning democracy, the government and opposition are supposed to operate as distinct entities.

If I win the elections and become the President, I want to assure Kenyans that I will prioritize on addressing this matter.

We know that some of the leaders of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition have been using all tricks in the book to throw the spanners in President Ruto's work.

One of their key strategies was to hold countrywide demonstrations and ensure they turned bloody, destructive and resulted in deaths of innocent Kenyans.

This card which was designed to blackmail and intimidate the President has since hit a dead end.

In this game, Raila was out to pursue his selfish and personal goals.

The endgame was to force President Ruto to share the rulling Kenya Kwanza government with him.

Raila had previously used the same card and had his way.

In the aftermath of 2007 polls, he forced President Mwai Kibaki to sing his song. This culminated to the birth of the Grand Coalition government.

Raila become the Executive Prime Minister and the two leaders shared power equally.

The same case applied to the aftermath

of 2017 polls. President Uhuru Kenyatta easily succumbed to his political machinations.

This led to the formation of the handshake government, a system that Dr Ruto referred as mongrel during his speech at Chatham House.

Dr Ruto has remained true to his word. He has been telling Raila. I defeated you at the ballot. Accept the bitter truth that you lost and move on.

For now, your role is very clear. As an opposition leader, you job is to criticize my government.

If created, Raila will automatically occupy the office of opposition. This is because he trailed Dr Ruto and bagged the second highest number of votes.

Many Kenyans believe Raila was yet to accept the outcome of 2022 presidential election results because of one main reason.

He never thought he can lose because for the first time the outgoing President, the deep state and system was fully backing his candidature.

He however forgot this. Dr Ruto, his main competitor was on the other hand enjoying God's favor and support of the majority of Kenyans.

Raila's association with the outgoing President had been identified as his Achilles heel.

We know that Kenyatta's victories in both 2013 and 2017 were attributed to the popular support he had received from his strongholds of the Mount Kenya and Rift Valley regions.

He had already lost the two blocs and the voters were now rallying behind Ruto.

Dr Ruto had also raided and penetrated Raila Odinga's strongholds and he had managed to sway a huge chunk of votes to his side.

With this, where did Raila expect to get votes?

It is time he should accept the people's verdict.

There is always another day and chance. Try your luck in 2027. Put God first in all this.

The Good Lord is the one who blesses and anoints leaders.

Seek comfort in the Verses that saw David being anointed as a King of Israel.

This happened before his mother carried him in her womb.

David had been abandoned and despised by his siblings and his father.

Dr Ruto suffered the same fate. He had been abandoned by the outgoing President and his top state officials.

Raila, you were the root cause of this.

This is listed as another reason why you lost. If you dig a hole, the person you are targeting will not fall in it. It is you who will fall in it.

I have also heard that your father and doyen of opposition politics Jaramogi Oginga Odinga had cursed you that you will never be the President of Kenya.

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

Mudavadi: Let Us Not Preach Hopelessness As Leaders

By: Muraya Kamunde



Worth Noting:

- “When I joined hands with my brother Wetangula we tilted the political land scape of Kenya. The Earth quake was a game change and therefore in the Kenya Kwanza government we stand to be counted every day.” he said.
- “We decided to put the interest of the people ahead of our self-interests. You do not need rocket science to prove that this was the unity of purpose we have been looking for and in Kenya Kwanza it is a new dawn.” he added.
- Citing that. A country cannot move when its people are divided, Mudavadi he urged the people of Western Kenya to endeavour having a formidable formation that will help them pull together towards a prosperous future.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has affirmed that President William Ruto means well for the future of Kenya.

Mudavadi says despite the harsh economic times being witnessed in the country currently, there lies hope through unity of purpose.

He has called on Kenyans to be determined and work together by being consistent and remaining carefully focused.

“We as leaders must listen to the people and be determined to work for the citizens. As we listen to their issues, we urge Kenyans also to listen to their leaders, most important leaders who have a vision of transforming the fortunes of Kenyans.” he said.

“We should rise above politics of deceit and blackmail. Times have changed and we need to reconcile with the reality that William Ruto is our President, Moses Wetangula is our National Assembly speaker and I am the Prime Cabinet Secretary. This is the reality and we are not competing amongst ourselves, so those peddling such rumours to our people must stop.” he added.

Mudavadi spoke at Ishikulu Primary School in Shunyalu Constituency of Kakamega County where he led other

leaders at a fundraising ceremony in aid of 25 churches in the constituency.

He said the unity of this nation and more-so the unity of Western Kenya region must count for it matters a lot for the economic progress of the region and Kenya at large.

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He said there is hope and the current high cost of living should not distract Kenyans from the ultimate price where all efforts should be directed towards building a Kenya that

everybody will feel accommodated and respected.

“it is a fact that President Ruto inherited a bleeding economy and as the saying goes there is no gain without pain, thus the need for all Kenyans to reflect on where we want our country to be in the near future.” he said.

“President Ruto is steadily fulfilling the promises he made for Kenyans, although it might take some time but eventually the country will be on the right trajectory. The President is committed to his work and even tomorrow once he jets back, he will preside over the swearing in of the Director for Public Prosecutions a son from Mulembe nation Renson Igonga. This is a clear message that Ruto has the interests of our people at heart.” said Mudavadi.

He said that the current taxation regime is not aimed at punishing Kenyans economically but it is a means towards ensuring that the public debt is settled for Kenya to focus on her economic growth and changing the livelihoods of her people.

“We have people who wanted to vandalize ANC and FORD K parties in the run-up to the 2022 general elections when they realized that we had a plan to liberate our people. We

stood firm and the same people are now being vandalized by the steady growth of Kenya Kwanza.” he added. “The journey might look so long but eventually it will get us into the brighter future we are all aspiring to have.” said Mudavadi.

The leaders present in a one voice affirmed that they are fully behind Mudavadi and Wetangula as the key leaders from the region and urged the duo to show the people a direction that will ensure more resources are directed to Western Kenya region.

The leaders led by the Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetangula said it is time they sit down and reason together with the government that is in power, affirming that they have full confidence in President Ruto’s leadership.

They said any person purporting to speak on behalf of the Western Kenya without the blessing of Mudavadi and Wetangula are in for a rude shock.

They urged Mudavadi and Wetangula to prioritise the revival of the sugar companies in the region as one of the key agenda when negotiating on behalf of the Western Kenya region.

Budget Committee Visits The Proposed Site For The Office Of The Auditor General In Mombasa

By: PSCU

The House Committee on Budget & Appropriations led by the Vice-Chairperson Mary Emaase (Teso South) has today inspected the designated site for the construction of the Mombasa Regional for Office of the Auditor-General (OAG) as part of their oversight role.

During the inspection tour, the budget committee was concerned with the status of the project and the ability to absorb the funding allocated during Financial Year 2023/24.

The Deputy Auditor- General, CPA Edwin Kamar, who represented the AG during the meeting, took the Committee through the roadmap for actualizing the proposed Regional office construction.

Mr. Kamar pointed out that the sub-division of land and issuance of title deeds was a challenge that they had experienced delaying the implementation of activities.

He told the committee that the de-

signs and development of bill of quantities process had been completed and the ground breaking is expected to start during the 3rd quarter of this FY 2023/24 after going through a competitive tendering process.

He indicated that the Office was looking forward to the completion of the project within 2 to 3 financial years subject to availability of funds.

Citing budget constraints, the Deputy AG told the members of Budget Committee that other projects were put aside for instance construction of the Nairobi head office so as to concentrate on the Mombasa Regional office.

The proposed Coastal regional office is a six (6) floor building and will serve Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Lamu, Tana River and Taita Taveta Counties.

The Deputy AG assured the legislators that the office will realize value for money and that any extra space would be rented out to generate revenue to supplement the maintenance budget of the building.

In her remarks, Emaase appreciated the work done by the Office and urged the Auditor General to focus on fewer projects to completion at a time.



Mary Emaase, MP Teso South.

Gathoni Paints A Bright Picture From Grass To Grace

By: John Kariuki
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Githunguri Member Of Parliament Gathoni Wa Muchomba delivered an earthshaking, motivational and inspiring speech during the inaugural launch of Queen Banking by Family Bank.

Gathoni started off by painting a humorous picture of how she worked at Family Bank for just three days simply because she couldn't be confined to a quiet space whilst her background is that of continuity announcer.

Gathoni who is pursuing her PhD in the University of Nairobi is not just a politician but a brilliant gifted scholar with tennets of law making skills. She in her first term proposed two bills one of which is the Geriatric bill 2019 which is now at last stage to provide dignity to elderly persons of Kenya .

Motivatingly, Gathoni narrated, "I owned two properties as a student at the University of Nairobi courtesy of empowerment of Family Bank. This bank has made me who

I am today.

I happen to come from very far. I came from a family where I couldn't afford my school fees. I learnt through well-wishers. Sometimes God can put you through those waves to make you who you are.

So whenever you see some of us fighting the way we do, kindly understand where we come from.

Fiends are like stars. They shine to you during your darkest moments. I thank Family Bank for what I am today. Family Bank has been one of my brightest stars and I'm still at home.

Family Bank is my Home.

Gathoni is an independent thinker, principled and stands her ground observing tenets of integrity, transparency, steadfastness and unrivaled character.

She left tongues wagging when she stood her ground in defence of the poor mwananchi christened "Wanjiku" from oppressive taxes and levies.

Gathoni, donned with impenetrable armour didn't mince her words when she rose on the floor of the House opposing the oppression.



Githunguri Member Of Parliament Gathoni Wa Muchomba

Human Beings Were Created For Knowledge



A poor creature in this world,
The perfect person in everything.
That's it, okay buddy
Take each step knowingly.

Don't stop reading, understand life,
The state is also necessary for living.
But know: both worlds,
In the head, your knowledge is a support,
a pillar.

Human was created for knowledge,
Perfection belongs to you and me.
What can I do, some people
Animal quality is created by nature.

Malika Kaxarova was born on July 10, 2001 in Uzbekistan, Navoi. She graduated school №2. Malika is a fourth-year student of Kimyo International University in Tashkent.

I understand that I have a small heart,
I understand, let the dwarf groan.
If this heart of mine is the universe
I understand that I am a planet.

The human race is so perfect,
A person does not know everything.
You should use your mind more.
Disappointing still can't do it.

Damage To The Phone



In recent years, the use of smartphones has become the daily life of most people. They are low-power radio devices that receive and transmit microwave radiation.

Because the phone is held close to the head during use, it has been hypothesized to cause cancer, especially brain tumors.

Published by WHO. According to the article, no correlation was found between the use of mobile phones and an increased incidence of cancer. Among the short-term effects of interaction, only tissue heating from electromagnetic fields stands out. Because some of the energy from using phones is absorbed by the skin

and other surface tissues, it causes a slight rise in temperature in the brain and other body organs. Research into the link between brain tumors and smartphone use continues, as some cancers can appear decades after the triggering event. Phones have only been widely used since the 1990s, and now only cancer patients who feel themselves for a short time can be studied. The relationship between such tumors and radiofrequency radiation has not yet been established.

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15 years old

10th grader of Namangan District
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Winner of the "Pride of Education" badge
Awardee of the "For Achievements in Education" badge
He is interested in Geography and History
Geography Olympiad

The Fountain Of Mercy Is The River Of Mercy, Mothers



Different people have different relationships, but there is one person who does not change his attitude towards you in any situation.

Mother... This phrase is one of the most precious phrases for all of us, it contains a meaning that we feel deep in our hearts. even if you throw it away, they can skillfully get out of it. When you speak, they listen to the end without any objections, and then try to make a correct conclusion.

Other people, your friend, your sister, the person you consider the closest to you, are not as patient as your mother. They can hear you, but for a certain period of time, she will not be able to devote time to you. they move away from you.

Even at that time, if you go to your mother, she will accept you again without any interest, she will listen to her heart, her body, her liver again, she will try to show her the right way, to tell her about useful actions. Even if you don't speak, she will know what you are thinking and feeling inside. Thinking about his calmness when you speak, she feels that you are lying, she understands, she feels you with all her heart.

Carry your mother's approval and her blessings, because the parents' prayers are the best means of protection. A scientist always looks happy, always succeeds in everything she does, and is always lucky. She used to say that she reached this level thanks to the prayers of my father.

God will protect us even more for the sake of our parents' peace of mind. I will

never forget my mother's loving look, her sweet words, and the words she told me when I made a mistake. I am also trying to justify the exemplary education they gave me. Now pay attention and look around, have you seen the newborn babies?

He can't speak, he can't do anything on his own, but his mother immediately senses what he is saying, what he needs, whether he is hungry or not feeling well. Because our mothers are angels on earth sent to us by God. None of us should forget the process that we went through until we reached the point where we can express our desires and wear our clothes independently. we have to make them happy with some work

In conclusion, we must say that our mothers are the suns of our love. It is our duty to respect them as children.

Mohichehra Rustamova, daughter of Azamat. 4th grade student of Urganch State University. In 2022, she was awarded the medal "For her services in the field of science" and the badge, in 2023 she actively participated in the international festival and became the owner of the badge "Scientific researcher". In 2023 The owner of the "Mayor's scholarship", the champion of the "Zomin seminar-2022" republican stage of the republic's artists, an official member of many international organizations, her articles and creative works have been published in international magazines and newspapers.

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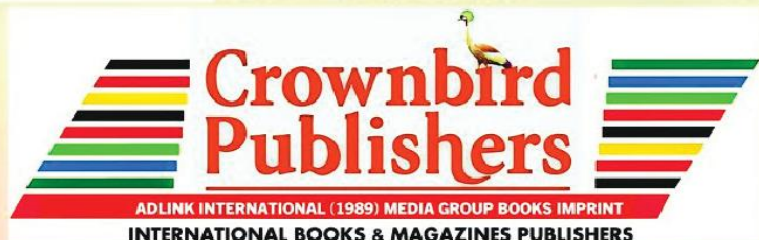
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USAID Engages Boda Riders To Reduce GBV, Teenage Pregnancies

By: KNA NEWS

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Boresha Jamii program has partnered with Bodaboda Medical Ventures to engage bodaboda riders as agents of change in fight against the triple threat.

The chairman of Bodaboda Medical Ventures Steve Mwalati urged all members of the society to also partner in reducing cases of HIV infections, Gender and Sexual Violence cases and Teenage pregnancies.

He said during an outreach program in Kakamega that through support from USAID they have engaged and capacity build over 2500 bodaboda riders from Kakamega, Vihiga, and

Trans Nzoia counties.

Mwalati noted that they are aiming to reach out to as many bodaboda riders as possible and especially those in rural areas who lack information.

He noted that most bodaboda riders are normally blamed for contributing to increasing cases of teenage pregnancies, noting that engaging them will help in addressing those cases.

This comes as Kakamega Governor's spouse Prof. Janet Kasili Barasa intensifies fight against the triple threat through her campaign by distributing sanitary towels and condemning the vice.

According to statistics, the prevalence of teenage pregnancies in Kakamega is at 25%. The County recorded 12,057 teenage pregnancies in 2022.



Kikuyu Council Of Elders Distance Itself With Mungiki Sect

By: KBC Correspondent

Kikuyu Council of Elders, Kiama Kiama, have distanced itself from the outlawed Mungiki sect saying theirs is a legal entity upholding the culture and promoting community unity.

During a mega ceremony held in Kitengela to crown Kago Kiango as the new Kiama Kiama Kajiado county patron the council leaders slammed individuals who had attempted to stop the ceremony by spreading false hood.

On Thursday, the recently ousted Kiama Kiama leadership is said to have associated the ceremony with the outlawed Mungiki sect prompting the Maasai Council of elders to issue a statement stopping the event.

A crisis security meeting led by Kajiado County commissioner Jude Wesonga was held and the ceremony

was allowed to take place.

In a colourful ceremony attended by hundreds of elders drawn from Kiambu, Kajiado, Nyandarua Counties dressed in traditional regalia a patron was crowned.

He was bestowed with the responsibility to preserve and guide the Kikuyu community as well as to promote the intercommunity co-existence.

The council National Patron Kung'u Muigai said there was no bad blood between the kikuyu and Maasai communities saying they have co existed and intermarried for years. He castigated elders who had tried to sow seeds of discord.

Elders took the que from Mr Kung'u urging the recently ousted leaders forming a splinter group to see leadership and concede defeat.

Kajiado Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho underscored the importance of culture preservation among the communities living in Kajiado County.



Members of the Kikuyu Council of Elders at a past event.



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Butere-Based Medical City To Expand To Ghana

By: Capital Correspondent

Mwale Medical and Technology City (MMTC) is set to spread to Ghana as it expands its wings across the African continent.

The new development was announced after the MMTC team met with President Nana Akufo-Addo during United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

“We discussed expanding MMTC to Ghana with President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana,” MMTC said in a statement on Friday.

MMTC also participated in many events on the sidelines of UNGA and held talks with business, civil society and government leaders including with seven Heads of State.

“Many of the other events attended by our teams included the Africa business forum, global Africa business initiative, invest Africa, Milken Institute, Forbes 400 philanthropy, United Bank of Africa and many others where MMTC’s team made a significant impact and struck many



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partnerships for investment and social impact programs,” MMTC added.

Founded by US-based Kenyan tycoon Julius Mwale, MMTC is a community owned sustainable metropolis located in Butere Sub County of Kakamega County.

It is anchored around Hamptons hospital which opened in 2019 and treats Kenyans and medical tourists.

Ghana is the latest destination for MMTC which plans to have 18 cities in 12 African countries by 2050.

The cities will be built around healthcare, agrotech and renewable

energy.

In April, the MMTC Founder announced expansion of Hamptons Hospital to Botswana after a meeting with President Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi.

During the talks, Masisi mentioned medical tourism as among possible

areas of cooperation with MMTC.

Mwale was in the country to attend Forbes Under 30 Summit which began on April 23 and is set to conclude on April 26, 2023.

“Julius Mwale was feted at the event as one of the keynote speakers, and as a successful global African leader having transformed a village into a sustainable metropolis,” MMTC said.

Mwale also secured a deal in July to expand to the Republic of Congo where the new Mwale City in the Brazzaville-Kinshasa metro area will be anchored by Hamptons Hospital and is expected to enhance universal healthcare and medical tourism in Central Africa.

During his interview at the Forbes Summit, Mwale stated that his net worth is determined by how many people he has transformed from poverty.

Mwale is currently the Principal of MMTC which is based in Western Kenya.

As the lead investor of MMTC, Mwale invested and mobilized over US \$2 billion to build the new city anchored on 100 per cent green concept.

City Hall To Generate Sh19.9bn From Own-Source Revenue In 2023/2024 Financial Year

By: Capital Correspondent

Nairobi City County Chief Officer Revenue Administration, Wilson Gakuya has highlighted the importance and benefits of the Finance Bill 2023/2024, which is set to undergo Public Participation from tomorrow until Wednesday in all the 17 sub counties in Nairobi.

Gakuya was accompanied by Shaban Asman, Head of Revenue and Nickson Otieno, Assistant Director, Revenue Administration.

The budget for the Nairobi City County Government FY 23/24 is Kshs. 42.3 billion, comprising Kshs. 28.3B for recurrent and Kshs. 14B for development expenditures.

19.9B will be financed from NCCG Own Source Revenue.

The Revenue raising measures are enshrined in the Finance Bill.



Nairobi City County Chief Officer Revenue Administration, Wilson Gakuya

“The Finance Bill aims to improve oversight and governance of the Nairobi City County Revenue Authority, introduce new fees, adjust exist-

ing ones, reduce charges for public service vehicles, implement new business classification parameters which will enhance fairness and equity, implement the Integrated Revenue Management system known as Nairobi Pay, use the Valuation Roll 2019 to calculate land rates and provide a digital unified single business permit,” he stated.

The Nairobi City County Government aims to generate Kshs 19.9B from own-source revenue for operations and development in FY 23/24.

“To ease congestion, parking fees in important business areas will be raised. Renovations to County rental houses will be funded by increased rent. Market facilities will be improved with the rise in market charges. To prevent excessive payments, interest rates on land rates will have a cap. Unauthorized developments can be made compliant with regulations through regularization.”

Said Head of Revenue Administration.”Shaban Asman.

The Finance Bill will now cover fees and charges at County Hospitals and training institutions.

The Alcoholic Drinks Control and Licensing Board will be required to submit annual reports under the new legislation.

The licensing process will be streamlined by introducing the Unified Business Permit.

The government will generate additional revenue through betting and gaming, medical waste disposal, and utilizing public spaces.

“An environment levy on properties will also be implemented to fund improvements to sewer and drainage systems. Changes have been made to parking fees, loading/offloading charges, and vehicle licensing.”

DCI Arrests Sacco Officials In Sh160mn Fraud Investigation Backed By NIS

By: DCI

Detectives drawn from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) have arrested nine suspects in a Sh160 million fraud investigation. The suspects, mostly employees of Njiwa Sacco, were apprehended on Friday in a multi-agency operation aided by the National Intelligence Service (NIS). “The employees of Njiwa Sacco, belonging to staff of the NIS were rounded up following comprehensive joint investigations, conducted by detectives and officials from the spy agency,” DCI stated on Saturday. Detained employees include Amos Kipchumba, who was the internal auditor, loan manager Violet Wali, Accountant Caren Langat and system analysts Hamisi Zaunga and Miriam Nthenya. Tony Wabomba, a former employee of the SACCO, as well as Nico-demus Osiemo and Eric Rono from

Sure-step Systems, an IT firm, were arrested for collusion. DCI also apprehended Moses Ntoinya, an NIS officer, belied to have worked with the masterminds of the fraud. The suspects are facing nine counts of conspiracy to commit a felony, stealing by the employees, false accounting, negligence, computer fraud forgery, uttering a false document, access with intent to commit an offence and other offences. The DCI said that the suspects will be arraigned in court on Monday with agents intensifying a search for another three suspects reported to have gone into hiding. “The agencies involved in the investigation of this high level fraud shall continue to investigate and expose corrupt individual and networks, while taking concrete steps to ensure transparency and accountability in the management of public entities,” the DCI stated.



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Committee On Communication, Information And Innovation Tours Marine Fibre Optic Cables Landing Station In Mombasa

By: John Kariuki
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The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation undertook an inspection visit of The East African Marine Systems landing Station in Mombasa. The delegation of Legislators, led by the Committee’s chairperson Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South), sought to understand how the fibre optic marine cable systems work, as well as have a discussion with the managing team on possible challenges and areas of improvement that needed the MP’s intervention. From the meeting, the Committee understood that there are now 6 submarine cables landing in Kenya, managed by Telkom Kenya, which is the largest shareholder in most. TEAMS is an initiative spearheaded

by the government of Kenya since 2009 to link the country to the rest of the world through a submarine fibre optic cable. The TEAMS cable is connected to the Kenya national fiber backbone network and other major backhaul providers, thus extending the gigabit submarine capacity to the rest of the East African countries: Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania through cross-border connectivity arrangements.



Baringo Woman Representative Jematiah Sergon exchanges notes with Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie.

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Heroes Creating The Future

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Worth Noting:

- Saodat Muhammedova, my teacher, was looking for me from the moment they entered the class, they always asked me to bring out the blackboard, write the rules and explain them. Because of his work and efforts for me, I am currently studying at the institute. “My father caused me to fall from the blue to the earth, and my teacher is the cause of my rising from the earth to the blue,” he said about his teacher.
- So, without teachers, we cannot rise to the sky, we cannot reach the heights of science. Any child who receives education and knowledge from a teacher will grow into a perfect person in the future.

When we are in the dark, a support that each of us can help to escape from that darkness, a light that shows the right path, a friend that gives advice, a loving person that lifts all our whims and masculinities. Our child needs a mother. This support, light, friend and loving mother all consist of only five letters - I am embodied in the word Master.

When we first get to know our mind, when we learn to write and read, even when we recite our first poem out of fear, the feelings that awaken in our hearts are all because of the so-called teacher.

My first teacher, Marhabo Hamidova, who gently held my hand for the first time and taught me the alphabet, whose childlike innocence I compared only to an angel. I am blessed with knowledgeable teachers and students whose eyes shine on the path of learning. The first teacher I met at school 30, which is my 2nd home, is also that angel.

My hero who waited for us next to our class with open arms like his own child, called us all the good things in his life, gave us tender love like a mother, and taught us the secret of the world of letters. When they forgave us for all the fun we did at school, It is no exaggeration to say that we were all amazed by their patience when they taught us repeatedly when we could not read. Although my master’s hair is gray, his eyes are full of love.

Ready in any situation to teach knowledge and enlightenment. Due to a series of wrinkles that fell on Manglai, he directed the people to the right path for the future. In our school, there were many angels like my teacher sharing goodness. My teachers, Marhabo Khaliqova and Saodat Muhammedova, who made me interested in literature, also worked tirelessly for science.

Because of them, I recognized my identity and my mother tongue. Marhabo Kholikova, my teacher used to say: “Always believe in yourself, don’t be lazy, never go back from the goal you set.” Even though my teacher is not with us now, I still remember every word he said, they are in our hearts.

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So, without teachers, we cannot rise to the sky, we cannot reach the heights of science. Any child who receives education and knowledge from a teacher will grow into a perfect person in the future. In this world, there is no teacher, gardener of the garden of science, passionate person who selflessly approaches his work, and the future cannot be imagined without them. Teachers are the only heroes who are building the future.

The more we love the Father, we should also love the teacher as much

and always obey them. It is not for nothing that our people said, “You are as great as your teacher-father”.

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The original thinking starts with you

Munis teachers, thank you!

Therefore, I am proud to have chosen the profession of my teachers, who brought grace and wisdom to the classroom, who are the owners of the most honorable profession. I liken teachers to air. The more people protect and keep nature clean, the air will be nicer. If it is the other way around, the air will also deteriorate and people will suffer from various negative consequences.

The more we treat our teachers with kindness, the more they will give us their love. On the contrary, if we do not fulfill their duties on time, if we talk back and shout disrespectfully, their love and trust towards us will fade away. Of course, no young generation should be such an incompetent student. In O’tkir Hashimov’s book “Inscriptions on the Border of the Notebook” he compares the teacher to a piece of paper and the student to water. Charxpalak lifts the water up through its fins.

Water that goes up does not go back. Charkhpalak is not offended by this, he continues to raise another water. Indeed, masters never resent any of their students, even if they do not make them disappear.

In conclusion, if you want to reach higher heights in the future, start by respecting and honoring your mentor.

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Sports >> *Double Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge has Sunday afternoon won the 2023 Berlin Marathon.

Indefatigable Kipchoge Wins Record 5th Berlin Marathon Title



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge crosses the finish line to win the men's race of the Berlin Marathon on September 24, 2023 in Berlin, Germany. (Photo by Tobias SCHWARZ / AFP).

By Gilbert Kiprotich

Double Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge has Sunday afternoon won the 2023 Berlin Marathon.

The world record holder clocked 2:02:42 to retain his title, extending his Berlin Marathon wins to a record five, surpassing legendary Haile Gebrselassie's record of four titles at the Berlin capital.

Debutant Vincent Kipkemboi came in second in 2:03:13 as Ethiopian Tadesse Takele, another debutant settled for third in 2:03:24

Making his sixth appearance on the streets of Berlin, Kipchoge made his intentions of winning the race clear when he surged forward from the onset.

Kipchoge passed the halfway mark in a remarkable one hour and 22 minutes which was still inside his own world record mark of 2:01:09 he set in last year's race.

The 38-year old had an unfamiliar company in Derseh Kindie of Ethiopia who finally ran out of gas in the 30km mark leaving Kipchoge to compete against time in the last 12km.

"I was expecting to break the world record but it didn't go as planned and that is sport. For me every race is a lesson," Kipchoge said.

Having openly revealed his intentions of defending his Olympic crown in next year's Games in Paris, Kipchoge is still chasing more history.

"I want to really concentrate and put all the experience on the Olympics and try to be on the podium or try to win for the third time and write more history," he said.

Ethiopia's Tigist Assefa smashed the women's marathon record, winning in 2:11:53, more than two minutes ahead of the previous mark set by Kenya's Brigid Kosgei at the 2019 Chicago Marathon.

Kenya's Sheila Chepkirui who was making her third appearance over the 42km race came home second in 2:17:49 as Magdalena Shauri of Tanzania clocked 2:18:41 to finish third.

**Leading results
Men**

1. Eliud Kipchoge- 2:02:42
2. Vincent Kipkemboi - 2:03:13
3. Tadesse Takele- 2:03:24
4. Ronald Korir- 2:04:22
5. Haftu Teklu- 2:04:42
6. Andualem Belay Shiferaw- 2:04:44
7. Amos Kipruto - 2:04:49
8. Philemon Kiplimo- 2:04:56

Women

1. Tigist Assefa -2:11:53
2. Sheila Chepkirui -2:17:49
3. Magdalena Shauri -2:18:41
4. Zeineba Yimer 2:19:07
5. Senbere Teferi -2:19:21
6. Dera Dida - 2:19:24
7. Workenesh Edesa- 2:19:40
8. Helen Bekele- 2:19:44

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >>> *Son Heung-Min's double earned Tottenham a point from a pulsating 2-2 draw against Arsenal, as Liverpool moved into second in the Premier League with a 3-1 win over West Ham yesterday.

Son Double Holds Arsenal, Liverpool Cut Man City's Premier League Lead



Tottenham Hotspur's Italian defender Destiny Udogie (L) vies with Arsenal's English midfielder Bukayo Saka (C) during the English Premier League football match between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur at the Emirates Stadium in London on September 24, 2023. (Photo by HENRY NICHOLLS / AFP).

By AFP

Son Heung-Min's double earned Tottenham a point from a pulsating 2-2 draw against Arsenal, as Liverpool moved into second in the Premier League with a 3-1 win over West Ham yesterday.

Brighton climb up to third after beating Bournemouth 3-1, but Chelsea still cannot buy a goal as Mauricio Pochettino's men lost 1-0 at home to Aston Villa.

Spurs have still won just once in their last 31 away league meetings with Arsenal, but the optimism garnered under Ange Postecoglou's early weeks in charge was not punctured at the Emirates despite twice falling behind in the north London derby.

Arsenal's bright start was rewarded when Bukayo Saka's strike was deflected into his own net by Cristian Romero.

But for the fifth time in seven games under Postecoglou, Tottenham fought back from a goal down.

David Raya has displaced Aaron Ramsdale as Arsenal's number one goalkeeper as he was selected for the third consecutive game by Mikel Arteta.

The Spaniard justified that decision with a stunning save to deny Brennan Johnson his first Tottenham goal.

However, the visitors were not denied for long as James Maddison's cross was swept home by Son at the near post three minutes before half-time.

Romero's afternoon went from bad to worse when he was harshly penalised for handball and Saka stroked home the resulting penalty to restore Arsenal's lead.

But the Gunners lost record signing Declan Rice at half-time to injury and that proved costly as an error from his replacement Jorginho gifted Tottenham an equaliser just a minute later.

Maddison was again the creator as he robbed the Italian midfielder and teed up Son for a cool finish into the far corner.

Liverpool's fearsome firepower

Liverpool cut Manchester City's lead at the top to two points as Jurgen Klopp's men showed more promising signs of getting back to their best.

The Reds sank to fifth last season, but have the firepower that could make them the biggest threat to City's throne as champions.

Mohamed Salah opened the scoring from the penalty spot after he was upended in the box by Nayef Aguerd.

West Ham's only previous defeat this season came at home to City last weekend and they bounced back to fully merit their equaliser before half-time when Jarrod Bowen's diving header found the far corner.

However, the Hammers were undone by a moment of magic when Alexis Mac Allister's inch-perfect chip picked out Darwin Nunez, who volleyed into the far corner.

Diogo Jota then came off the

bench to make it 3-1 five minutes from time.

Mitoma's instant impact

Brighton took advantage of dropped points for both north London sides to move up to third after coming from behind to beat Bournemouth 3-1.

Roberto De Zerbi made nine changes from the side that started the Seagulls' first ever European game in a 3-2 defeat by AEK Athens and paid the price in a slow start.

Dominic Solanke fired Bournemouth in front after a glaring error from Brighton 'keeper Bart Verbruggen.

Milos Kerkez's own goal brought Brighton level in first-half stoppage time, but that did not stop De Zerbi sending on Kaoru Mitoma at the break.

The Japanese winger took just 16 seconds to put Brighton in front with a precise finish and Mitoma made sure of the points when he headed home Pervis Estupinan's cross 14 minutes from time.

Chelsea's disastrous start to Pochettino's reign goes on as the toothless Blues failed to score for a third consecutive game.

Malo Gusto's straight red card for a lunge on Lucas Digne on the hour mark gave the home side a mountain to climb at Stamford Bridge.

Villa made their man advantage count when Ollie Watkins' powerful strike beat Robert Sanchez from a narrow angle.

Despite spending more than any other Premier League club in the summer transfer window, Chelsea have taken just five points from Pochettino's first six league games in charge.

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Prospects Of Using Geothermal Energy Sources In Uzbekistan

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Worth Noting:

- TPP stands for Thermal Power Plant. In thermal power plants, thermal energy is converted into electrical energy and transmitted to us through power transformers. And this borad will suffer many losses until it reaches our home. In particular, this happens in a large unit at the station itself.

- Thermal power plants operate mainly by burning coal, natural gas and fuel oil. These fuels are sources of energy that are running out. One of the harmful aspects of thermal power plants is large energy losses, and another is a very negative impact on the environment. The toxic gases emitted from it go up into the sky and poison our ecology, harming the natural air, and there is also the problem of disposal of the waste from it.

Annotation: This article talks about the importance of using geothermal energy sources in the conditions of Uzbekistan. Information is given about the basis of the widespread use of alternative energy sources, not traditional energy sources, their current state, and the reforms and news that are being carried out in this regard in our country.

Key words: traditional energy, heat power stations, renewable energy, geothermal energy, electricity, energy efficiency, energy saving, energy source, turbine, geothermal waters.

Today, we are living in a time where modern new age generations and innovative and digital technologies that require almost no manual labor are progressing and growing. It can be seen from this that the machines that make our heavy work light, our complex work easy and even our long journey closer now require energy.

They now run on electricity instead of gasoline. First of all, one thing should be emphasized: "We cannot imagine our life without electricity."

Today, no matter what the field is, electricity is needed. Due to the many actions being carried out now, our development is developing day by day, and the lifestyle of our people is improving more and more.

It is worth noting that the adoption of the strategy of supplying the country with electricity until 2030 in our Republic is of great importance for further development, efficient use of alternative energy sources and development of technologies. According to the strategy, it is planned to increase the production capacity of electricity from 5900MW to 29200MW by 2030 and to reduce the consumption of natural gas and reduce the losses in electricity transmission as much as possible.

According to the concept, the consumption of natural gas in the production of electricity will be reduced from 16.5 billion cubic meters to 12.1 billion cubic meters. This plan includes reduction of losses in electricity transmission by 2.35% and in distribution by 6.5%.

Now we will talk about where and how we get electricity. We know that we receive electricity in a traditional way, that is, through TPPs.

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However, its advantage is that it is much cheaper than other types of energy production, which is why we have electricity at the expense of TPPs. However, by now, traditional methods are being abandoned in the developed countries of the world. Therefore, the use of renewable energy sources remains very effective.

The use of alternative energy sources can be a little expensive, but it is not harmful. That is, it can be obtained without harming the environment. In this regard, many innovations and reforms are being carried out in this regard in our country. In particular, the verdict of our honorable president Shavkat Mirmonovich Mirziyoyev "On measures to accelerate the introduction of renewable energy sources and energy-saving technologies in 2023"

can be cited.

The effect of the words said in the verdict can be seen in the example of Bukhara region.

In accordance with the verdict, the first turbine with a height of 100 meters and a blade length of 84 meters was erected in Bukhara region this year as part of the construction of a wind power plant. There are 157 more installations from this device. The first capacities of the stations are expected to be put into operation in 2024.

Now, let's talk about geothermal energy. This type of energy is an alternative and renewable energy. Geothermal energy is heat energy in the earth's crust, which comes from the earth's crust and radioactive decay.

That is, simply put, artesian water or hot spring. We know that from somewhere in the mountainous regions of our republic, when water comes out, it turns into a sanatorium and it is said that there is a hot spring. So, how promising is the use of geothermal energy sources in our country?

Of course, it is promising, because Uzbekistan is a country with huge reserves of water, which is a source of geothermal energy. It has been determined that there are geothermal waters in every part of its regions. Scientific research shows that the average gradient of geothermal waters in our country is 40C/km.

The heat vapor flow is equal to 0.06 W/m2. Compared to annual indicators, the gross potential of geothermal waters in our country is estimated at 160.8 thousand tons

of oil energy. Of course, we cannot get electricity directly through this energy, but it is being done in other countries, why can't we do it now?

Our exact location may not be rich in active volcanic zones, but that doesn't mean it's just accessible. After all, it is possible to find a solution if you do as much research as possible. If water at a certain depth, i.e. 300 or more depth, is brought to the surface of the earth and heated through specially insulated turbines, it will certainly be possible to obtain electricity from it, and this will certainly become one of the major changes in the field of green energy in our country. Of course, environmentally safe and most importantly clean renewable energy.

In conclusion, it can be said that in the current developing period, I think we should not get tired of working on new scientific researches and new discoveries. Because no matter what we do, we find easy ways and implement them in order to satisfy our needs and our own comfortable life and safety, and all this is only for ourselves, for the comfortable and healthy lifestyle of the new generation. Therefore, we should not stop searching.

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