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# Check Your Credit Status, Kenyans Urged

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## Worth Noting:

- CRB's companies are charged with the responsibility of collecting credit information on borrowers, either businesses or individuals. Lenders submit details of borrowers to CRB's in order to enable other lenders to access the borrowing history of a specific borrower to help determine their credit worthiness.
- A CRB listing is very different from a negative listing, which basically refers to a situation, where a borrower has been reported for having a history of defaulting or failing to meet their credit obligations



Credit Reference Bureaus (CRB) have appealed to both business people and individuals to come forward and check status of their credit information.

Speaking during a public awareness forum in Thika town, Metropol CRB Credit Manager Newton Karaba noted that not all Kenyans are conversant with how the CRB reporting system works, while discussion on what is described as 'blacklisting' has always been marred by misinformation.

"Being negatively listed on a credit reference bureau can be upsetting for most people. Most Kenyans especially the youth have expressed major concern at the slightest mention of the name CRB and it has long been assumed that those who have been negatively listed will be unable to obtain credit going into the future, which is false.

That's why we have chosen to come out here and educate the masses on the importance of often checking their CRB listing, with a view to demystify the mis-

information circulating about CRB's," he said.

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A CRB listing is very different from a negative listing, which basically refers to a situation, where a borrower has been reported for having a history of defaulting or failing to meet their credit obligations "If your loan is negatively listed on CRB that would mean that it has been consistently been classified as non-performing for an extended period of time, where the borrower did not attempt to make any partial payments, while the loan was still active.

Consequently, it is unwise for borrowers to allow themselves to be negatively listed keeping in mind that the CRB shares

their information with other lenders. Chances are that even when they clear the defaulted loans, next time they borrow, it may result in the defaulters being subjected to a stricter lending terms or being denied the loan all together," said Karaba.

The Metropol credit manager said the ongoing campaign was an awareness initiative to sensitise not only borrowers, but all people on the importance of regular checking of their CRB listings as it gives a borrower an idea of what creditors see, when they apply for credit and it also helps individuals identify and remove potentially damaging personal and financial data caused by identity theft, errors or out of date entries.

A resident of Ngoingwa in Thika, Veronica Chege said she was happy to have finally understood what blacklisting actually means, while encouraging other residents to come out and check their listing status.

"Infact, I have now discovered I owe a

certain lending institution money that I forgot to pay and since I don't want to negatively affect my credit score, I have been instructed on how to clear the debt and ultimately clear my name from the CRB, which I intend to do as soon as possible," she said.

Meanwhile, CRBs are regulated by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), which has the statutory power to issue on institutions that can submit credit reports.

According to Metropol CRB, a total of 19 million Kenyans have been listed in the Credit Reference Bureau database, which is about 66 percent of the adult population in Kenya.

The Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) reporting system has been the subject of a national conversation over the past one year, after President William Ruto's administration announced plans to reform the CRB system to unlock access to credit for a larger group of Kenyans, as part of the bottom up economic agenda (BETA).



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Marsabit town and its surrounding areas have experienced a total power blackout due to generator breakdowns at the Kenya Power and Lighting Company power station. Demonstrations by residents, offices, and businesses have escalated, with peaceful protesters appealing to President William Ruto for personal intervention.



The tourism industry in Uganda is on track for full recovery after a two-year slump caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Acting CEO David Gitonga reported a 73% recovery towards 2019 numbers by the end of 2022, with projections suggesting the industry should reach 2019 figures by the end of the year.



Chiefs and assistant chiefs are urged to maintain accuracy in capturing person details during registration for effective service delivery. Christine Obwaku, West Pokot County National Registration Bureau Officer, highlighted the challenges faced by citizens with contradictory documents.



Migori Governor Ochilo Ayacko plans to enhance revenue collection mechanisms to enhance service delivery, focusing on closing corruption loopholes, reducing wastage, and fully automating processes. The county aims to collect Sh600 million in 2023-2024 for county projects.



Vihiga Governor Dr. Wilber Ottichilo praised the national government for conducting a data collection exercise on farmers, stating that accurate information would guide planning and decision-making. He urged capturing all farmers to benefit from government fertilizer subsidy programs and other assistance.



A young girls' soccer team from Isiolo County is seeking recognition and support from political leaders to participate in regional and national tournaments. The team, consisting of school leavers and day-scholars, has been successful in competing but lacks adequate resources. They are calling for help from Governor Ibrahim Guyo, Senator Fatuma Dullo, Women Rep Mumina Bonaya, and Isiolo North and South MPs Joseph Samal and Mohamed Tupi.

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# Kenya's Global Diplomatic Engagement Bearing Fruits - CS Mutua

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## Worth Noting:

• According to the CS, the president's international travels have strategically sought economic opportunities for Kenya. Notably, the country signed the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Agreement with the USA, securing a KSh9 Billion grant to improve public transport in Nairobi, easing traffic congestion.

• Most importantly, Dr. Mutua noted that bilateral meetings and agreements have expanded across sectors such as sports, environment, finance, and more, all with the aim of benefiting the Kenyan people.

The government has released a report highlighting her progress since the Kenya Kwanza government took office last year.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua said diplomatic engagements since the new administration took office have led to economic growth, securing international partnerships, and championing the rights of Kenyan diasporas. Transformation.

In a comprehensive overview of Kenya's foreign policy accomplishments, Dr. Mutua while addressing the press emphasized on the significant strides made in diplomacy, economic cooperation, and humanitarian efforts.

Addressing the Global Diplomatic Engagements, Mutua said, "Kenya has successfully concluded her participation at the High-level Week of the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York."

He added that the president's address to the General Assembly marked a historic moment for Kenya's foreign policy.

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Dr. Mutua clarified Kenya's foreign policy stance, stating, "Many have asked whether our policy is east or west-leaning. Our policy is World Leaning for the benefit of our people."

He explained that as a result, the



Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Dr. Alfred Mutua (C).

high-level outbound and inbound visits, along with the resolution of Non-Tariff Barriers, have significantly increased trade, bolstering market access for Kenyan goods and services.

The CS lauded the agreements on Visa-free travel to countries like South Africa, DRC, Senegal, Eritrea, and Congo, Brazzaville as he acknowledged that it has opened doors for business opportunities and professional jobs, leading to a surge in diaspora remittances.

On Economic Advancements, the CS said Kenya's economic diplomacy has resulted in Moderna's commitment to establish a KSh75 Billion million pharmaceutical and vaccine manufacturing plant in Tatu City, creating jobs and bolstering forex reserves.

He explained that the Ministry has facilitated vital business forums, including the Kenya-European Union Business Forum and the Kenya-United Kingdom Economic Partnership Agreement, which secured substantial funding for sustainable investments.

Dr. Mutua revealed that engagements with Asian nations led to MOUs in areas such as Carbon Credits, ICT, trade, investments, labor mobility, and Skills Development.

Touching on diaspora impact, the CS expressed that Kenya's commitment to the welfare of the Kenyan diaspora has been evident through strategic engagements across the globe, sensitization webinars, and service delivery.

Dr. Mutua emphasized that Mobile Consular Services (MCS) have been extended to thousands of Kenyans abroad, with plans for further expansion and digitalization of government services.

The CS explained that remittances from the diaspora have been a crucial support for Kenya's economy, totaling close to Sh.500 billion in the past 12 months.

Dr. Mutua said that the Ministry prioritized the welfare of distressed Kenyans, evacuating citizens from various crisis-stricken regions and initiating bilateral labor agreements to secure

jobs globally.

The CS cautioned Kenyans to follow proper procedures when seeking employment abroad, emphasizing the need for recognized immigration agents and appropriate visa classes.

"Kenya's role in environmental diplomacy was highlighted by hosting the Africa Climate Summit, advocating for climate change action, and unifying Africa's voice on climate issues," said the CS.

Dr. Mutua said the ministry rejuvenated its Peace Diplomacy Pillar, recognizing that regional peace is essential for economic growth.

The CS noted that Kenya has showcased its commitment to international peace by pledging support for Haiti's recovery.

He disclosed that plans are in motion for Kenya to lead a Police Mission to stabilize Haiti, with support from several other nations.

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# Historic Moment As KUTRRH Undertakes The First CyberKnife Treatment In Sub-Saharan Africa

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## Worth Noting:

- “The commissioning of the CyberKnife system today is a major milestone for oncology management in Kenya. As part of the strategic plan, for the last few years, we have harboured the need to move into high precision treatment, and thanks to the Government’s support, KUTRRH finally managed to acquire the CyberKnife machine, which is a bold but best decision for Kenya in the effort to decrease outbound medical tourism and increase inbound medical tourism,” Prof Mugenda said.
- The commencement of CyberKnife treatment services comes after an intense and much-awaited completion of the commissioning process after the launch of the CyberKnife Centre by President William Ruto last May.



Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) Board chairperson Prof. Oliver Mugenda addressing the media yesterday

History has been made at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) following the commissioning of the facility’s CyberKnife radiotherapy services.

Following the launch of the CyberKnife System, the first and only fully robotic radiotherapy device for cancer treatment last May, the first patient underwent treatment yesterday, in a trailblazing move geared at expanding access to advanced Cancer care in the country.

Through KUTRRH, Kenya became the first country in sub-Sahara Africa to acquire the CyberKnife, making it possible for local patients to obtain access to the extremely precise stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) treatments the system delivers.

Speaking after witnessing the first patient treatment, KUTRRH chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda said the journey to acquire the CyberKnife started last year as part of the Level Six facility’s corporate vision to create a Centre of Excellence in oncology by providing end-to-end diagnosis and treatment options for cancer patients.

On the diagnostic side, the hospital acquired the much-needed Positron emission tomography-computed

tomography (PET-CT) and Single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT-CT) services to complement existing linear particle accelerator (LINAC) and brachytherapy machines for treating cancerous tumours.

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The commissioning has been a tedious and delicate process jointly undertaken by medical physicists from Accuray, the equipment manufacturer, and KUTRRH Medical Physicists, Doctors, Radiotherapists, and Oncologists.

Added Prof Mugenda, “This process, which took five months after the

launch by the President, included a dry run and the collection of very delicate data to ensure that the machine processes were accurate and ready to deliver precise and successful treatment to our patients. The commencement of the treatment also marks a key milestone for Kenya, the region and Africa in general. The services are now available without travelling outside Kenya for Kenyans or outside Africa for the regional patients.”

The experts who were involved in yesterday’s CyberKnife treatment included: Abdil Jabbari -Application specialist and Medical physicist from Accuray USA, Ruth Wambui - A radiation Therapist and the KUTRRH CyberKnife Centre Manager with many years of experience with CyberKnife operations in the UK and Peter Loreh- A medical physicist and Radiotherapy Head of Department at KUTRRH.

Others were Dr Tracy Irura- A trained Radiation Oncologist at KUTRRH and the lead oncologist in CyberKnife and Dr. Shridhar - A radiation oncologist at HCG INDIA with many years’ experience in CyberKnife and has delivered over 4000 CyberKnife treatments.

The patients set to undergo the CyberKnife system treatment regimen have been carefully selected to ensure that they meet the specified criteria by

the experts.

They have been well briefed about the treatment and what to expect and are psychologically ready for this unique precision treatment.

## About the CyberKnife

CyberKnife treatment is an essential advancement in radiation therapy, offering precise and effective treatment options for a wide range of medical conditions, especially cancer, while minimizing side effects and improving the overall patient experience.

CyberKnife uses a combination of advanced imaging and robotics to deliver highly precise and targeted radiation therapy. It can track the movement of tumours in real time, adjusting the radiation beams accordingly. This precision is crucial in treating tumours near critical structures or delicate body areas.

Unlike traditional surgery, CyberKnife is a non-invasive treatment option. It does not require incisions or anaesthesia, which leads to quicker recovery times and fewer complications for patients.

The precise targeting of radiation with CyberKnife helps minimize damage to surrounding healthy tissues. This reduced collateral damage leads to fewer side effects, enhancing the patient’s overall quality of life during and after treatment.

The CyberKnife treatment is delivered in 3 to 6 outpatient sessions compared to traditional radiation therapy, which requires 20 to 30 sessions to complete treatment.

CyberKnife can treat tumours considered inoperable due to their location or the patient’s health. This provides new treatment options for patients who may not have had other viable choices.

The precision and accuracy of CyberKnife treatment can lead to better treatment outcomes, including higher rates of tumour control and increased survival rates for some cancers.

CyberKnife treatment is recommended for various conditions, including cancerous and non-cancerous tumours.

Its precise tumour treatment capacity is to sub-millimetre accuracy.

# CS Mudavadi: Absence Of Properly Constituted Electoral Commission Poses Risk In Democracy

By: OPCS



Worth Noting:

- “Conversation in this conference should complement any other processes in place, including the national dialogue by the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO), and the process for recruitment of new commissioners. You should provide concrete recommendations,” the PCS stated.
- Similarly, he stated that lack of significant changes to Electoral Laws in the 2017-2022 election cycle should also be addressed, saying though recommendations were made, only late changes through the Political Parties (Amendment) Act were more political than transformative were effected to the Electoral Law.
- “The last comprehensive review of our Electoral Law was in 2016 by the joint Committee led by Governor James Orengo and former Governor Kiraitu Murungi while serving in the Senate. The changes directly impacted the 2017 election and largely influenced the Supreme Court’s decision in the incidental Presidential Election Petition,” he said.

Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi has said the absence of a properly constituted electoral commission poses a huge risk to the country’s democracy.

Mudavadi said on yesterday the country requires a constitutional transformation that will promote a seamless electoral management process.

Given the dynamic nature of Kenya’s political and socio-economic landscape, he said it is necessary that discussion on electoral law reforms begins immediately and that enactment of necessary electoral laws be done at least 12 months before the 2027 General Elections.

“The immediate worry is that the Commission will lag behind in preparing for the 2027 elections. Cumulatively, delay will slow progress in the constitutionally mandatory boundaries delimitation, preparation for mass voter registration process therefore a new Voter Register considering the delimitation and general preparedness for the 2027 election,” said Mudavadi.

He made the remarks in Nakuru during the Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA) consultative workshop on post-election electoral law reform agenda.

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He also said discussions should be made on the differed electoral legislation.

Due to inability to enact relevant legislation in the 2017-2022 election cycle, Mudavadi said priority legislative proposals were neither considered by Parliament nor enacted.

These proposals included enact-



Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi .

ment of a separate Referendum Bill to have referendums governed differently from ordinary elections prescribed for under the Elections Act; the Amendment of the Election Campaign Financing Act to facilitate its implementation and grant the IEBC independence it requires to fulfill its mandate as prescribed in the Act and amendment to IEBC Act to facilitate Boundaries Delimitation exercise, constitutionally expected to have been completed March 2014.

He said the boundaries delimitation law lapsed with the first delimitation exercise conducted in 2012.

“We are therefore living a dangerous lapse of judgement. My Office considers these as priority legislations for reintroduction in Parliament for enactment. They are quick wins to create momentum for necessary electoral law reform,” Mudavadi said.

At the same time, the PCS said it is about time to decisively deal with the cyclic violence that afflicts the country during and after elections.

According to Mudavadi, the solution lies in Kenyans’ duty to abide by the Constitution, which provides adequate safeguards for free and fair elections.

He said elections may be a make-or-break moment, but they should never be a do-or-die moment that destroys the country.

“If full consolidation of constitutional transformation is to be realized, we must be honest there are

real challenges that need addressing to make subsequent election circles trouble-free ones,” said Mudavadi.

For this to happen, he stated that the country requires good-will and commitment of all stakeholders involved in the electoral process.

He affirmed that the Government is aware of its constitutional obligation to collaborate with all stakeholders in any Constitutional journey that will benefit all Kenyans.

“In electoral contests, consolidation of constitutional transformation will require that the legal framework, institutions and administrative and operational processes stimulate the necessary efficiency and transparency to inspire public confidence,” he said.

Mudavadi explained that in the last three elections, the country has tested the legal and institutional framework, and affirmed that the agenda for constitutional transformation is on course.

The Independent and Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC) he said, has put its best foot forward in delivering on its mandate to Kenyans despite the perilous nature of elections in the country.

Similarly, the Judiciary has exercised its independence and Constitutional authority in elections in providing fundamental landmarks to the growth of electoral law jurisprudence, which has given valuable lessons.

On election management, he said Parliament has made significant progress establishing the legislative

framework contemplated by the 2010 Constitution and establishment of relevant institutions to fulfill the constitutional objects on elections.

On implementation of the two-thirds gender principle, he explained that the Constitution provides for the enactment of Legislation towards realization of the two-thirds gender principle within five years of promulgation.

This is despite several court decisions directing Parliament to fulfill this mandate, and the Chief Justice’s advice to the former President to dissolve Parliament for failure to do so.

For 13 years, he stated that the country has struggled to understand the necessity or indeed the relevance of the two-thirds gender principle constitutional Amendments that have been proposed on this matter.

Though some of the recommendations have had reasonable formula for actualization of gender rule imperative, Mudavadi regretted that others have notoriously been at the expense of preserving the structure and composition of the Legislature as prescribed by the Constitution.

“We intend to have a crack at it again. Through progressive dialogue, we should find reasonable solutions to this Constitutional conundrum,” he said.

Report by OPCS Press Service

# Overcoming Besetting Sins



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In Hebrews 12: The sin that we are especially commanded to throw off is described as “the sin that so easily entangles” us — that is, the specific sin(s) unique to us as individuals and to which we so easily fall — “be-setting sin” as the older translations have it. There are certain sins that easily beset us and then envelop us, though they may not entice others. There are some sins that have no trouble wiggling in through our eyes, ears, touch, taste, and thought — simply because of who we are.

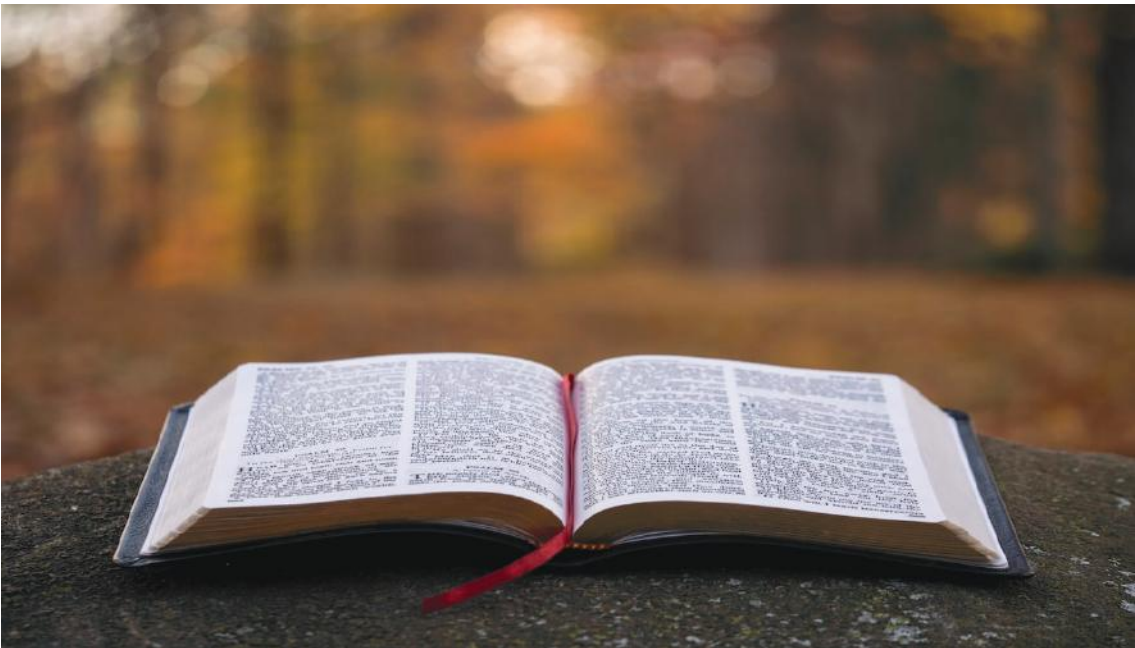
Likewise, there are sins that have little appeal to us but irresistibly engulf others. Sensuality may be the Achilles heel for many men, but not all. Another man who has gained victory over such sins might be beset by jealousy. Among the most clinging of the besetting sins are:

- Jealousy — a soul that actually

aches when another does well.

- Pessimism — a despairing negativity that perpetually sours everything.
- Lust — for others, for more things, for position.
- Pride — the self-absorbed sin that plants you in the center of all things.
- Anger — a Vulcan heart that belches fire.
- Lying — a sin that tinges your most intimate relationships with deceit.

Besetting sins are the sins that attract and hold us with the promise of pleasure, including even some “pleasures” that bring no happiness or enjoyment but only disappointment and more despair. Their terrifying pathology has been seen in nature billions of times over. A fly lights on a leaf to taste the sweetness that grows there. Instantly three crimson-tipped, fingerlike hairs bend over and touch the fly’s wings, holding it firm in a sticky grasp. The fly struggles mightily to get free, but the more it struggles, the more hopelessly it is coated with adhesive. Soon the fly relaxes, but to its fly-mind “things could be worse,” because it extends its tongue and feasts on the sweetness while it is held even more firmly by still more



sticky tentacles — just as happens when we swill our besetting sins. When the captive is entirely at the plant’s mercy, the edges of the leaf fold inward, forming a closed fist. Two hours later the fly is an empty sucked skin, and the hungry fist unfolds its delectable mouth for another easy entanglement. That is a truly terrifying allegory.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, DO HELP US IN EVERY WAY AND DE-

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# Senate Committee Investigates Tullow Oil’s Operations And Community Engagement

By: PSCU

on Energy, led by Senator Wahome Wamatinga, embarked on a fact-finding mission.

The mission aimed to explain why Tullow Oil had halted its operations in the region.

The Senate’s decision to convene in Turkana County Assembly, due to Senate Mashinane, provided a convenient opportunity for the committee to visit the oil company.

During the committee’s visit, Tullow Oil’s External Affairs Manager, Frankline Juma, explained the reasons behind the operational halt. Juma highlighted that the COVID-19 pandemic had significantly affected their operations, prompting them to cease activity temporarily.

However, during this hiatus, Tullow Oil had undertaken care and maintenance measures to ensure the site’s viability.

“Covid-19 slowed down our operations and gave us an opportunity to redesign this project to make it more resilient



Members of the Senator.

and adopt a phased approach to ensure profitability,” Juma stated. He also emphasized the company’s need for government support in enhancing security, creating a conducive business environment, expediting the review of the Field

Development Plan, and improving relations between the West Pokot and Turkana communities.

One pressing issue raised by committee members was the absence of payment to the County Government of Turkana

and the local community from the sale of two cargos. Tullow Oil clarified that they had not yet reached the commercial phase, and the two cargos were solely for testing purposes, with the proceeds used to cover drilling costs.

A longstanding challenge faced by Tullow Oil has been its failure to actively engage with the local community in its operations.

This lack of involvement has bred grievances and dissatisfaction among the local population, who often feel excluded from the potential benefits of oil exploration and production.

“Why were we not involved in the sale of our oil?” questioned James Lomenen, Turkana County Senator. Senator Lomenen stressed the significance of community engagement in fostering positive relationships and ensuring sustainable development.

In a significant development, multinational oil and gas firm Tullow Oil has gained complete control over the Project Oil Kenya initiative in Turkana County. This change followed the departure of Africa Oil Corp and Total Energies from the project, citing “strategic interests.”

Senator Wamatinga led a delegation of committee members on this visit, which included Vice Chair Senator William Kisang and Senators Danson Mungatana, Mohamed Abass, Oburu Odinga, Dr. Boni Khalwale, and James Lomenen. Senator Eddy Oketch also joined as a friend of the committee.

# Let Us Keep Politics Out Of Ruto's Pledge To Send 1000 Police Officers To Haiti



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## Worth Noting:

- One of the firm agreed to support Kenya become the pioneer in rolling out of the clean energy powered electric buses in Africa. This is in recognition of your pivotal role in rallying Africa behind the agenda of tackling the deadly and negative effects of climate change globally.
- The other day you convened the inaugural Africa Climate Summit. The meeting was a big success.
- After 3-day deliberations, the African heads of state and government led the delegates in passing a Nairobi declaration, the key highlights being to speak in one voice on climate matter.
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President William Ruto At the Jamhuri Park Showground, Nairobi County.

A few days ago, President William Ruto wrapped up his working visit in the United States of America.

Kenya once again reaped big from the trip.

Dr Ruto met and held talks with the Presidents and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the world's leading tech and e-mobility firms.

He also met the heads of the independent organizations involved in empowering the lives of the down trodden.

Thereafter, he signed and witnessed the signing of lucrative agreements and deals by members of his delegation and their hosts.

One of the firm agreed to support Kenya become the pioneer in rolling out of the clean energy powered electric buses in Africa. This is in recognition of your pivotal role in rallying Africa behind the agenda of tackling the deadly and negative effects of climate change globally.

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This will help us to speed this work so that you can meet your timelines for introduction of the buses on Kenyan roads.

Besides, the cost of making these buses will be cheaper.

While noting that he was catapulted to the seat of power by the millions of the hustlers, President Ruto took this

opportunity to secure goodies for them. After the discussions with the top leadership of Mellenium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the US government foreign aid agency agreed to support Kenya with Sh140 billion.

The 'hustlers' will be the biggest beneficiaries. The monies to be managed by the Kenyan firms will boost thier micro, small and medium enterprises in a big way.

The farmers also have a cause to smile as Agricultural sector would also receive a huge chunk.

While still in US, President Ruto for the second time since he assumed office got an opportunity to address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

This again was a rare opportunity which would only be given to an African leader who had earned an international recognition because of championing the course of democracy and rule of law back home.

This opportunity would also be given to a leader who was known to be a true pan-Africanist and believing in the concept of building the bridges of partnership and harmony with the community of nations.

In his opening speech, US President Joe Biden, the host, recognized and thanked President Ruto.

He noted that the President of Kenya has agreed to join the United Nations Mission in Haiti. This is a good gesture. We are expecting other nations in Africa and other parts of the world, which have not yet made their commitments, to follow the suit.

As we know, the people of Haiti are in big trouble. The vicious criminal gangs have forcibly taken over and overrun

their country

For the starters, I want to share with them some of the atrocities that were being committed there.

The gangs were raping women and chopping the heads of their fellow citizens. The children were not spared.

The hospitals and schools had been closed and the main roads blocked.

The staff of humanitarian and charitable organizations was being targeted. They were blocked from accessing the camps where hundreds of thousands of Haitians had sought refuge to offer them food and medications.

This is the reason why Haitian leaders, who were on the run and some besieged, had pleaded with UN to intervene.

If you ask historians, this is what they would tell you about Haiti. This was the first country to emancipate itself from the colonial slavery. The people living in this caerebean nation are Africans.

President Ruto remembered this while explaining why his administration had agreed to support the UN mission.

The people of Haiti are human beings just like us. Taking cognizant that Kenya is a member of the community of nations, it is wrong to sit and watch when they are suffering.

Well, I have been reading some of the social media posts. A number of the people would not agree with the position of the president.

To me, this is just politics and it was being peddled by messengers of well-known critics of President William Ruto.

Forgive me for calling this politics cheap and raw because I'm going to explain why.

First, this is not the first time that the

government of Kenya is sending security personnel to join the Africa Union or United Nations peace keeping missions.

The history of the previous Kenyan administrations is replete with this.

It is worth noting that this would happen at a time when Kenya had fallen far short of meeting the UN requirement of the ratio of 1: 450. This means one police officer taking care of 450 citizens.

I have heard the critics of Ruto raising this as another concern.

How come they never raised it during the reigns of the previous governments? So, thier comments reeked more of hypocrisy and insincerity.

I also totally disagree that President Ruto was doing this in order to earn international recognition, mostly from the white people.

The President had already curved a niche of a renowned leader because of his style of leadership at home.

The world leaders particularly liked him because of strongly believing in tenets of democracy, constitution and rule of law.

Besides, he was walking the talk. This is in terms of fulfilling the pledges he made to Kenyans during the campaigns.

Contrary to impression created, Dr Ruto enjoys the support of African leaders because of being candid in pushing the agenda of Pan-Africanism. This has thrust him into the international stage where he has been championing the course of our people.

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# Vincent O Oluoch Is No Joke; A CEO Of Eden's Care



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## Worth Noting:

- Our mission is based on three main principles: 1) Proactive engagement and education, 2) Empowerment through positive behavioral change, 3) Evidence-based interventions that are scalable in order to serve more people. We believe that every individual deserves opportunities for success and we have dedicated our time over the past 2 years so that we can prevent recidivism.
- A typical day for me as the CEO of Eden's care organization deals with ex-inmates reentry and reduction of recidivism involves some light staff to management meetings, communicating about issues or changes in management or procedures. Also a review of our financials as well as any regulatory changes and updates.

My name is Vincent onyango. Am the CEO and Co-founder of Eden's care organization that deals with ex-inmates re-entry and reduction of recidivism. We have created a community that has helped over 100 ex-offenders get on to successful paths by assisting them with housing, employment, and education.

I was arrested and incarcerated in the year 2018 and I became a remandee for 3years there after I was released in the year 2020 Dec, the number of people getting out of prison and coming back intrigued my mind with a simple question. "Can we help those with criminal records re-enter society and maintain long-term success?" My answer was yes, and so I started Eden's care, the first organization that provides the services ex-offenders need to be successful once again.

Eden's care is a premier provider of post-incarceration reentry and community-based services. Eden's Care integrates two distinct yet complimentary services to effectively address the risk factors that contribute to recidivism, thus improving the overall effectiveness of criminal justice programs. The first is a national network of expert rehabilitation professionals who specialize in providing services to ex-prisoners, parolees and community members involved with the juvenile justice system. The second aspect of our services is locally based community organizations working in low income neighborhoods with high crime rates. At Eden's Care, we aim to offer individuals who have served time in the justice system with a full suite of support services designed to reduce recidivism and facilitate re-entry into society. In doing so, we are committed to creating positive change by providing individuals with the education, services, resources and opportunities they need to become part of their communities again.

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review of our financials as well as any regulatory changes and updates. I will occasionally meet with one member to discuss their personal issues and their needs, this can be during our free time or on an emergency basis. I would also attend community outreach events, where I speak to the public about Eden's care organization. I also conduct one-on-one interviews with ex-offenders for their resumes and employment applications. And finally, keep up with project updates through emailing lists and social media platforms. I find success in identifying learning opportunities, planning for the future, and looking at specific challenges that must be overcome in order to move forward, such as challenges with staff turnover, challenges with training and understanding new hires, challenges in retaining quality employees, challenges with operational standards, challenges with financial issues etc. One of my responsibilities is to oversee budgeting, which includes the hiring process, benefits packages, training and all payroll for our employees. I also serve as liaison to state and local correctional officials to guarantee that we are complying with their respective guidelines and requirements.

Entrepreneurship is an amazing vehicle to succeed in the business world. As an entrepreneur, I have found that I can make a difference in other people's lives. There are many challenges but I know that I am up for the challenges and if not, there are so many other entrepreneurs out there who can help me solve all my problems. The greatest aspect of being an entrepreneur is the freedom to follow your passion. One can never receive enough praise because they know there are other people out there who will benefit from their efforts.

As the CEO of Eden's Care, I love to lead our organization in meeting the needs of clients while serving as role models of healthy living. My favorite thing about entrepreneurship is the freedom it brings, which allows me to work on issues that matter to me, while also pursuing my passion for music and creativity. Being an entrepreneur is a great joy but being a leader and mentor is probably the toughest thing to do.

I find it hard because you have to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves and make sure they are successful in their new businesses.

I wish i could have prevented some of the mistakes I made. In all fairness, human beings are not perfect



Vincent onyango.

and we always make mistakes. The main one is hiring people who don't fit the profile of a potential employee. Hiring the wrong person can be costly if you hire someone who has a criminal background only to find out that they are not able to work or it's our fault for having made the hiring decision! Another mistake I have had is rushing into action when a situation arises and then doing nothing about it for too long because you're scared to make any changes in case you make them wrong. This could result in a lot of money being wasted if your business continues operating like this for too long.

We foster creative ideas through our partnerships with community and government agencies, within which we engage in a range of initiatives to provide vital services. These include housing, healthcare, employment support and training, substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling. We believe that essential element to fostering creative ideas is a collaborative environment. Collaboration is built on trust and respect, a foundation that is critical to developing creative solutions. This can be fostered in several ways such as having employees attend workshops or programs offered by their manager, for example: new employee orientation and training, or professional development.

Social media has become an invaluable tool for recruiting readers interested in learning more about our company's mission and pro-

grams. We attract visitors through various social media channels such as Facebook (William Gerenge), Instagram, LinkedIn and email williamgerenge9@gmail.com. We also use website visits as another source of traffic. I use social media to communicate with the department heads of our organization and the inmates currently in rehabilitation programs. It is important to be active on social media as it gives us a direct connection to each other which enables us to know if there has been any improvements in each of their lives both off and on the job.

The best advice I can give to an entrepreneur is to do your research and know what you are getting into. Entrepreneurship can be a rewarding experience, but it is also very risky as well. One of the most important decisions you will make is on whom to accept as a client. At Eden's, we believe that everyone can be a part of our organization and success depends on having a diverse workforce, who reflect the communities that we serve. Great talent does not just come to us, it is created in the neighborhoods we work in and live in. Therefore, all of our recruits are carefully screened and placed into various positions throughout our organization.

# Audit Committee Faults KEMSA For Holding Contractors’ Payment Without Clear Explanation

By: PSCU

The Acting Chief executive officer of the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) Dr. Andrew Mulwa was at pains yesterday to explain why the Authority is still holding contractors’ and suppliers’ money for contracts that were honoured back in the year 2013.

He was appearing before the National Assembly’s Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture for the second day consecutively, to respond to audit queries emanating from the Auditor-General’s Report for the year ending 2018/2019.

Dr. Mulwa and a team of his departmental heads including the Finance Manager, Mr. Waiganjo Karanja told the Emanuel Wangwe-led committee that the reasons the over KSh16 million has not been paid to the service providers was be-

cause the Public Works Department had not issued KEMSA with completion certificates indicating that the works they were contracted for had been completed .

He also told the legislators that the owners have also not appeared to claim dues owed to them.

Fardinand Wanyonyi (Kwanza) sought to know why KEMSA had not declared the same to the Unclaimed Assets Authority or even made attempts to reach out to the contractors and suppliers to whom the money is owed by KEMSA for more that 5 years.

Weighing in on the same, Mary Wamaua (Maragua) sought to know if indeed the projects had been undertaken, and if KEMSA had made any efforts to find out about their status. She further asked Dr. Mulwa to tell the committee where the money had been deposited and if it was earning any interest.

In his response, the Finance Manager assured the committee of the availability of the funds.

“Chair, the money is kept in KEM-



Members of the committee Wambugu Wainaina of Othaya (left), Geoffrey Wandeto of Tetu (right) with their colleagues during yesterday's session.

SA operations account. It earns interest that is usually declared, and it supplements running of our operations,” Mr. Waiganjo added.

He however promised that together with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, they would consider reaching out to Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority incase they fail to trace the people to whom the money is owed.

He however disclosed to the Committee that KEMSA had not reached out the Public Works Department to find out if the works had been completed.

Dr. Mulwa further informed the committee that KEMSA was experiencing challenges in terms of officers to follow up with the concerned contractors and suppliers.

He promised to take it up and ensure contractors and suppliers are paid within the stipulated period.

# Wamuchomba Formulates Obstetric Violence Bill

By: John Kariuki  
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Kenya is looking at a very bright future for obstetric health if an approach by Githunguri Member of Parliament Gathoni Wamuchomba sees the light of day.

Wamuchomba has hatched a brilliant idea calling for ending in totality all forms of Obstetric Violence.

In a Forum in Nairobi, in which various players converged, it was evident that women in Kenya still undergo untold forms of Obstetric Violence which include physical, verbal, psychological and even economical abuse.

Some women are even abused based on their physical or mental incapacity.

The Gathoni Wamuchomba alluded that she has drafted a very good bill which will be tabled in parliament any time soon.

“My people in Githungu-



Githunguri MP Gathoni Wamuchomba addresses the press at Boma hotel during the launch of Stop Obstetric Violence Campaign

ri voted me in because they understood my confidence in fighting for their rights. In a recent visit to South Africa it dawned to me that there’s need for our country Kenya to enact legislation to end all forms of Obstetric Violence.

Obstetric Violence is defined as any form of degrading, inhuman treatment, harassment or assault that women undergo before birth, during childbirth or even after birth as a result of postpartum depression.

Several members of Parliament stood in Solidarity with Gathoni Wamuchomba and just to mention a few they included, Beatrice Adagala (Vihiga) Rosa Buyu, Prof. Phyllis Bartoo (Moiben) Ruth Odinga, Jessica Mbalu among others.

# KEWOPA on Frontline to Fight OBV



Leah Sankaire

By: John Kariuki  
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Under her unwavering commitment support and care, KEWOPA (Kenya Women Parliamentarians) has underscored and demonstrated commitment to fight in totality all forms of Obstetric Violence.

Obstetric violence is the broad definition of all forms of harassment is it verbal and physical that women undergo during childbirth.

The able, talented, forthright, charismatic and golden hearted Leah Sankaire called for concerted efforts by all stakeholders to end abuse against women.

Sankaire said as KEWOPA they are fully committed to see to it that the legal framework encompasses an Article calling for criminalisation of obstetric violence.

“Never again shall our women be put to shame during childbirth. Some birth attendants make women feel guilty when doing an Honorable thing of bringing life to the world.

Women must be given dignity and respect when giving birth

## People Talk



Waves when strong  
Rivers are bubbling,  
Sometimes I go crazy  
People talk.

Looking for fault  
A fountain without a heart  
Bribe the heart of Etishar  
People talk.

If they find a mistake  
They close the door without opening it  
They run away if I have a problem  
People talk.

If you sneeze, he says harshly  
If you ask, he will tell a lie  
If you feel sorry, he says it's fake  
People talk.

If you love, they call you crazy  
If you burn, they call you crazy  
They say anyway  
People talk.

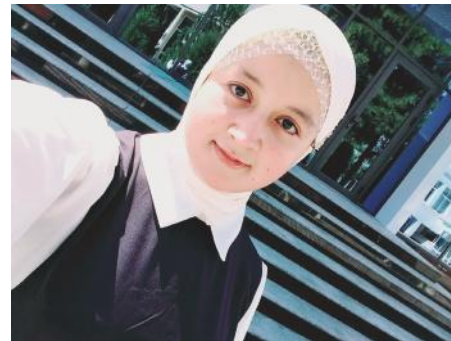
Don't even bother them  
Do not do stupid things  
Do not even walk around in pain  
People talk.

They saw life  
They have tested it  
What have we seen?  
People talk.

Sometimes right, sometimes wrong  
Let's live together  
Without words, this is the ear  
People talk.

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## Homeland



The pox that bloomed in the motherland,  
It's worth it if you spill it.  
The cradle made by the fatherland,  
It gives life to your chest and is a great goal.

Homeland will be the sky or a pair of wings,  
When you're ready for a trip, you'll catch the bridge,

Homeland is loyalty, great nature,  
He will wait for you even if you are gone for seventy years.

The country sings, my poet,  
If you sing, the words will flow from your tongue.  
Your spirit, your appearance in the flight to the homeland,

If you are fly, it is spring for you...

Ismailova Nigora Mirzoaliyevna was born on June 7, 2006 in Sariosia district of Surkhondaryo region. Currently, she is a student of the 11th grade of the 12th general secondary school in the district. Now he teaches English to the children of her circle in her educational center called "Wisdom educate". Creative works were published in USA, Russia, Kenya, Spain, Germany, Moldova, India magazines.

Member of India's international organization "All India Council for Foreign Development" and ambassador to several world organizations. other: "SPSC-(Sustainable Developers and Organizers).

Global Education Ambassador.

Active member of "JUNTOS POR LAS LETRAS" Songwriters and Artists Working Group.

Young volunteer of "OLTIN KANOT" organization Creatively published in Kazakh, Argentinian and Uzbek anthologies.

Owner of the "Altin Kiran" badge.

Owner of the badge "Innovative Promoter".

## Awareness Is The Need Of The Hour!

### Get Ready, I'm On My Way



Get ready, I'm on my way,  
The long roads and rough hills.  
Spring sent its ambassador,  
I sew a carpet from tulips.

A soft dew wakes me up in the morning,  
Snow-drops lie down in a wide pasture.  
Gently and kindly caressing the grass,  
I make a bouquet from a flower.

Spring sent its ambassadors,  
I'm on my way, give me a hug.  
Swallows are over the moon,

They are singing a joyful song.

It overflows from the rains,  
A river that is bored all winter.  
Sunlight became friends with spring,  
The temperature is rising every day.

Spring sent its ambassadors,  
It's almost here, it's on the way.  
Taking flowers from the chest,  
Nature has started to beautify.

Buds on plants became friends,  
Wells are like a mirror in this season.  
Having wanted to contribute to the beauty

Finally opened the nice dandelion.

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Life is an unrepeatable miracle in which many people are born. As long as a person breathes this air in this world, it means that he is a part of this nature of this world. Man lives in agony without any body part. Therefore, God first creates a person. A person is not born good or bad, on the contrary, he is brought up by the family environment and the upbringing of society. There are people who are the singers of goodness, on the contrary, it can be said with a thousand regrets that there are no people who promote evil in this world, just like the other side of the coin.

We are now living in the era of 21st century technology-technology "Globalization", this modern technology is good, developed because many technologies lighten the burden of man. But there are those who promote them wrongly, because of this evil evils such as "Terrorism", "Extremism", "Religious fanaticism", "Human trafficking" are spreading in the society. So what should we do at such a time? This is how we answer this question, let's be careful, friends. Let's take a look at the past. In that case, if a

war broke out between one country, it could have been prevented, because the enemy was known, nowadays it is difficult to understand people with bad habits and negative ideas at the same time. Those who do not return, who are subject to lust, their only goal is to earn money, they are those who do not understand the beauty of life, do not find it, do not enjoy it, and do not know how to live in life.

Therefore, the demand of today's era is awareness, vigilance. Let's not forget that everything in this world is done according to the will of man. Money earned in an easy and illegal way will not bring you benefit, on the contrary, it will make you miserable, illegal money will destroy a person. The fruit of honesty is always sweet. Life is beautiful only if you want it to be. Be careful friends!

Sitorakhon Buriyeva

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# Looming Sugar Crisis As Shortage Hits COMESA Market

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Sugar prices are expected to rise further in the coming months due to an acute shortage of the commodity in the COMESA market.

This comes amidst a ban on sugarcane milling in Western Kenya and the Nyando Sugar belt with fears that the prices could jump further amidst high demand.

Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Chairman Cronelly Serem said the closure of mills in the affected regions was occasioned by a shortage of sugarcane.

The ban which ends on December 1, 2023, he said targets to ensure the millers have enough cane to crush to help the country bridge the shortage of the sweetener.

Serem attributed the shortage to a prolonged dry spell early in the year and lack of proper cane development programmes by millers.

The drought, he added, has also affected production within the COMESA

market leading to the gaps in supply of the commodity in the country.

Companies which were licensed to import sugar to address the shortage, he said were experiencing difficulties due to the shortage of the commodity in the COMESA market.

Kenya relies heavily on imports mainly from the COMESA region to bridge the local sugar deficit.

Serem said the country imports 282,000 metric tonnes of sugar annually from the COMESA region but since January, the companies licensed to import have only managed 85,000 metric tonnes.

"We will continue to experience a shortage of the commodity on the shelves since there is no sugar in the COMESA region," he said.

Speaking in Kisumu during a meeting with millers to assess the situation of sugarcane in the country, Serem said the ban on Milling in Western Kenya and Nyando region was still in force.

"No miller shall be allowed to crush cane in this region because the sugarcane is immature and has low sucrose level which will not be beneficial to the millers and the farmers,"



he said.

Even though three companies from the area have applied to Afa to be allowed to crush, he said a technical team shall be dispatched to assess the cane as requested by the firms before giving the greenlight to crush.

He expressed optimism that by December all the millers in the affected region would have enough cane to crush.

"When we open in December we

expect them to start crushing gradually until June when they can go full scale," he said.

The shortage of raw materials, he said was occasioned by lack of proper cane development programmes and regulations adding that all the millers have been directed to invest in sugarcane production to ensure steady supply.

Kenya Sugarcane Millers Association Chairman Jayanti Patel said the

millers were in agreement with the ban and directive to invest in cane development.

"We confirm that there is no sugarcane in the western part of Kenya. The investment we have in the sector is massive, that is why we have agreed to collaborate so that we get back to business," he said.

## CS Davis Chirchir Addresses Senate Concerns On Power Disconnect

By: PSCU

In an extraordinary confluence of events, the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, Mr. Davis Chirchir made a remarkable appearance before the Senate during a session of Question Time. This occasion coincided with a week-long sitting in Turkana County Assembly, dubbed 'Senate Mashinani.'

The focus of this session revolved around the predicament of communities residing in areas where power generation thrives, yet they remain disconnected from the national power grid.

The paradox of these regions producing significant energy while being deprived of its benefits raised serious concerns among senators.

Senator James Lomenen, representing Turkana County, eloquently voiced the collective sentiment, asking, "Why do places like Lodwar and Loima experience frequent



Cabinet Secretary Davies Chirchir addressing the Senate yesterday

blackouts, despite being power generation hubs? It's a paradox. The Turkwel Hydroelectric Power Station and Lake Turkana Wind Power stand nearby, yet other parts of the country enjoy power sourced from here. We, on the other hand, remain in darkness." Senator Lomenen's

concern resonated with many.

In response, CS Chirchir candidly acknowledged that the problem stemmed from one of the generators experiencing a malfunction, rendering it incapable of meeting the power demands of the region. He admitted to the procurement of a replacement

but lamented the prolonged and cumbersome tendering process.

"We had anticipated the installation of the new generator before the commencement of Senate Mashinani, but procedural hurdles have slowed the process. We must adhere to established rules," explained the CS

before the attentive senators.

However, amid these challenges, a ray of hope emerged in Chirchir's response. "We have, nevertheless, reevaluated our plans. Going forward, we will prioritize areas with substantial power production alongside those with high power market demand," he affirmed, hinting at a strategic shift in the allocation of electricity resources.

Furthermore, Chirchir disclosed an ongoing initiative to address the issues faced by regions still unconnected to the national grid, despite their crucial role in power production. The plan involves adjusting power to appropriate voltage levels to facilitate supply to these underserved areas.

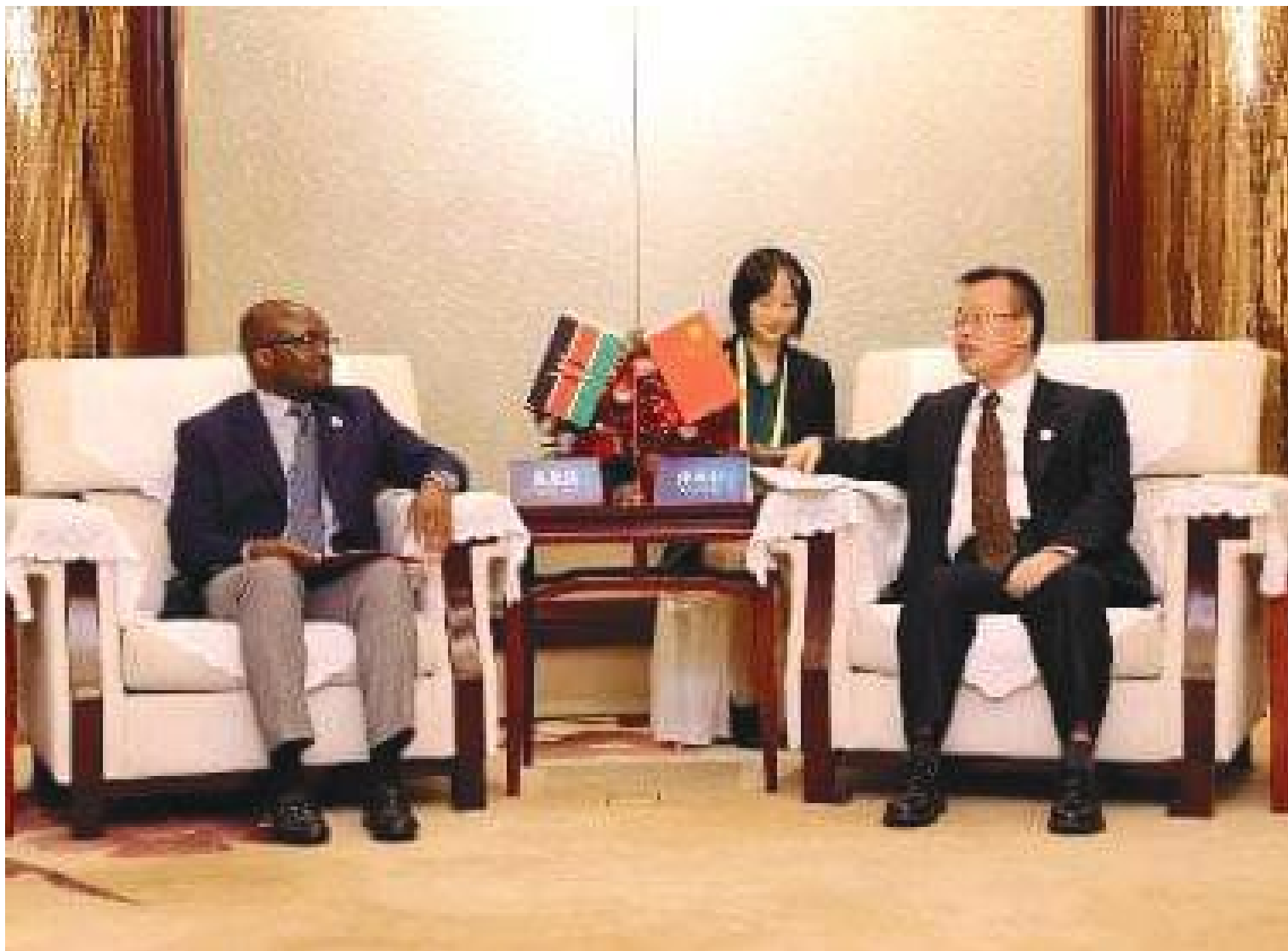
In particular, he highlighted the 220KV line in Loyangalani, Marsabit, and Isiolo as focal points for imminent reticulation. These regions, along with their local communities, will soon enjoy the benefits of reliable power supply.

# Kenya, China Forge Closer Security Cooperation To Tackle Global Challenges

By: Michael Omondi  
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## Worth Noting:

- The PS spoke when he issued Kenya's inaugural speech at the Ministerial Roundtable at the Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang, China, themed 'One World, Common Security'.
- He noted that the forum sets a platform for Kenya and China to engage in candid conversations and to firm up strategic issues that bind the two countries in the pursuit of sustainable peace, security and development cooperation.
- "In the face of these shared risks, we must also create global resilience," urged Omollo, noting that Kenya and China regard each other as equal partners with unique contributions to the realisation of mutual interests.



Dr. Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary, Internal Security and National Administration (left) with the Deputy Minister of Public Security for the People's Republic of China during signing.

Kenya is seeking to strengthen cooperation with China, particularly in terms of intelligence sharing, joint security operations and security management in a strategic move to bolster its security capabilities in the wake of escalating global threats.

Dr. Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary of Internal Security and National Administration, said the move will play a critical role in boosting Kenya's capacity to tackle emerging security threats.

He emphasised that the rapidly evolving global security landscape necessitates a unified approach to preserving peace.

Omollo singled out terrorism, cyberattacks, transnational crime, regional conflicts and climate change as the major challenges posing a threat to global peace.

"Given current trends and the interconnectivity of our world through globalization, no nation remains impervious to these threats. However, these new challenges also offer us opportunities for strategic reevaluation and collaboration," stated Omollo.

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Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang, China, themed 'One World, Common Security'.

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"In the face of these shared risks, we must also create global resilience," urged Omollo, noting that Kenya and China regard each other as equal partners with unique contributions to the realisation of mutual interests.

He added that Kenya is looking to engage in more bilateral and multilateral security agreements with China and other partners.

In his address, the PS further pointed out that Kenya's police officers have been receiving technical training on the security and management of large-scale infrastructure from China and stressed the need for expansion of the training programme to include other topical issues such as transnational crime and maritime security so as to incorporate more law enforcement agencies.

Further, Omollo expressed optimism that the ongoing collaborations with China will expedite the Police Equip-

ment Modernization Programme, aimed at equipping security officers deployed in high-risk areas and contributing to mobility and modern communication systems.

"The government has allocated resources for modern weaponry, advanced machinery, and reliable personal protective gear for security agents," he added.

The PS further revealed that the state is currently enhancing its command, control, and communication capacity to boost the operational efficiency of the National Police Service through the deployment of new hardware and state-of-the-art technology.

Turning attention to border security, he noted that Kenya is actively working towards securing its borders with neighbouring countries through integrated border management.

Additionally, Omollo asserted that Kenya is seeking technical assistance, training, and capacity building for its border personnel and law enforcement agencies, including the Kenya Coast Guard Service, to bolster border and maritime security.

"It is our hope that through international cooperation, we will acquire more state-of-the-art surveillance equipment and enhance our situational awareness

and border control," he remarked.

PS Omollo also voiced concerns about the escalating impact of climate change, identifying prolonged drought and climate-induced migration as major threats to the nation's stability.

He stressed that the region's violent conflicts have resulted from competing for limited natural resources.

Regarding the influx of migrants, the PS cautioned that it could strain diplomatic relations and potentially provoke social tensions, citing instances in some refugee camps.

Nevertheless, he maintained that Kenya has adopted a cross-border cooperation approach to address these challenges in the best interests of its citizens.

"We hope that more partners can join us in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, and we look forward to the implementation of the recommendations captured during this Global Public Security Forum," Omollo reiterated.

He affirmed Kenya's unwavering commitment to strengthening bilateral relations with China and all international partners.

# Still Borns and Still Mums: The Plight of Homes Languishing in Infertility

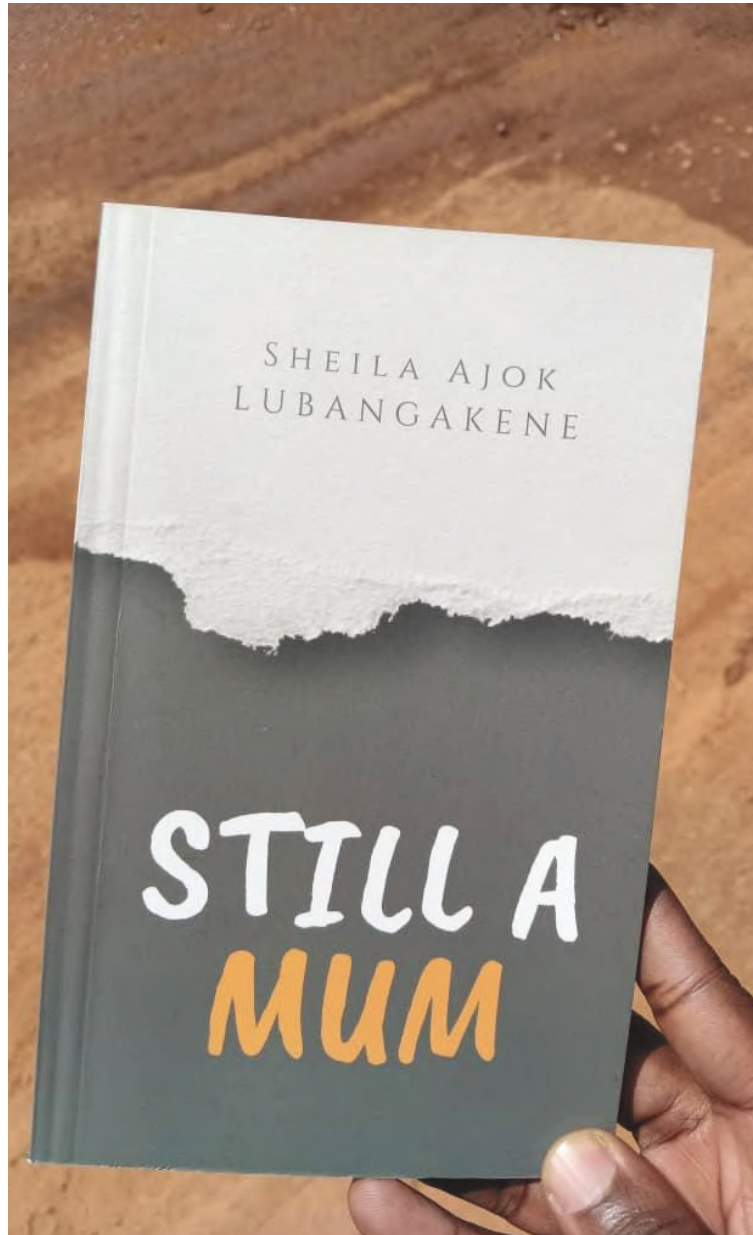


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Sheila Ajok Lubangakene's short book will make one understand more about mental health, marriage and the exclusive details of troubles some marriages encountered in finding a child; the turbulent winds that stir and rule the daily cosmetic smiles of couples locked in wedlock. Sheila's story is a brief awareness tale that defines true marriage – without mask.

What is a marriage without children? Whenever a couple struggles to have a child, our African communities often dictate that it is the woman's fault! Of course, this is out

of pure ignorance of the small matter of low sperm count among other issues that have, over the years, made men fail to impregnate women. The double entendre in the title "Still a Mum" denotes the narrators insistent and persistent assertion that she is definitely a mother even after losing many chances of siring children; or the fact that she is barren and unable to have children but she is endowed with unwavering love for children. Would society consider one a mother when she has had the traumatizing experience of stillbirth? Such are the questions one ponders upon while coursing through this book which wears the robe of a couple of meanings. It is, however, incumbent upon the reader to decipher the meaning for themselves and draw their own conclusions – this is an independent analysis that can be rebutted.

Being a population scientist major, Zziwa understands that marriage is one of the proximate factors leading to reproduction, according to John Bongaarts, one of the finest brains in the field of population. John stresses

the concerns of infertility hindering marriage or as a factor of less population in the world. However, the infertility cases are almost negligible as there are 5 infertile women in every 1000. The plight Sheila raises in *'Still a Mum'* is a pertinent carcinoma that has killed many a family some of whom are unable to meet the gigantic costs of fertility clinics. The concerns she raises will ring vividly in many readers' hearts for they have certainly witnessed many families shredded into pieces due to their inability to have a child. Some have gone an extra mile of visiting ancestral shrines seeking the counsel from 'Lubaale', the native gods. But even Lubaale quite often is deafened by their despair and so, he remains voiceless when the medium seeks the gold in-between the thighs of the women who seek reprieve in their shrines! The medium proclaim possession of a divine magical stick that is bound to make "things" happen. Absurdity!

Many women have spend tireless and sleepless nights in overnight prayers in churches, offering tithe and 'seeding' unto the 'prophets', pastors and 'men of God' waiting for a miracle to happen. But then even the tongues-speaking men-of-God don't answer the women's precious and special supplications. Phenomenological exclusive teachings of people's life experiences reveal the in-depth details of pain embedded in despair of a "woman's search for a child" as well as the depleted happiness in their homes. All this is well presented by Sheila in her quick and action-packed novelette.

The beginning of the story is set in the shackles of civil wars in Uganda which lead to the separation of Akeyo's parents. The wars run the country asunder. However, out of love and the mantra of their kindred spirits, Akeyo's parents reunite leading to Akeyo's birth. The story then delves into how Akeyo sees the world for the first time, grows, studies and graduates. Her growth is filled with love, support and caution about boys. Her purpose and future are encased to her and she never deviated from the course of her target until Mark makes her lose her mind. Mark is a man Akeyo calls her soul mate – the phrase "soul mate" is well elucidated in "Only Love is Real" by Brian Weiss in which he navigates his regressing therapy to two young people separately whose journeys are intertwined in their past lives. Sheila, too, narrates a punch of two struggling people – a couple who struggle and burn all calories of agony until vic-

tory comes their way. If it were any other ordinary couple in Kampala, the man soon be gone, but Mark sticks by his wife until they are triumphant. Such is the story of the two childless lover birds, Akeyo and Mark, that tweet into the moaning nights of agony with the ever present burning zeal and desire to be parents.

The reader is compelled to reflect upon 'mothers' that dump their children in pit-latrines or at rubbish pits. Should one question the philosophy of "corgito ergo sum", "I think therefore I am"? How complex it gets trying to understand the need (demand) and carelessness (negligence) all at once! These are mutually exclusive things. How burdensome it gets to be God! On one hand, someone has created a war room in her home faithfully praying and believing God answers her prayers and give her a baby, whilst another has neglected a baby. Such is the argument that runs throughout the book from the first page to the last. The reader questions this philosophy again and again and like Descartes believes, one can't doubt their existence if they think about it – you can't claim you don't exist when you have an entity of thought. So, throughout the entire novelette, Akeyo and her husband never doubt the existence of a child in their marriage. All they ever do is try again and again and again. Even in the valley of anguish, they stay steadfast and never lose hope until finally Jacob comes into their lives. A new hope and a sign that theirs is not a stale marriage but a marriage sanguine of I THINK THEREFORE I AM.

In our locales, we all have registered cases of families broken down by infertility. Some have been attributed to witchcraft whilst some husbands shift the blame on to their wives and fail to understand that infertility is not a one way traffic – it can affect both parties. Therefore, it needs to be addressed with clarity and deep reflection to avoid pointing fingers.

This book is a must read for anyone intending to enter matrimony, or one who has lost hope of ever bearing children. It should be a "holy writ" for it gathers all the dusty and fresh air encased in marriages. A simple emotional book!

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# The Greatness Of Women Is In Motherhood

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Worth Noting:

- Woman! The world is embodied in this word. The more you rate it, the more your heart will be happy. Ne-ne wrote poems by singing the hymn of poets. His tariff is presented with the most precious words in the hearts of great scholars. We see and feel the beauty of this world, the philosophy of life, and the wisdom of man, first of all, in the woman's self-sacrificing heart, loyalty, and devotion.
- Woman! What a great breed. He is the only one who stayed up all night for his child, ran for the child's perfection, was ready to do anything for the peaceful life of his family, and gave unconditional love to those around him.



Mirzaodilova Nigorakhan Avazjon .

Woman! Mother, Mother's love, Mother's love. When we think of a woman, first of all, in the mind of every person, the image of a kind, tolerant, dignified mother who gives milk to adults appears. Mother is the spring of humanity, the continuation of generations, and the end of generations. She is so pure, holy, passionate, and kind to her loved ones. A mother's love is so strong that no one in the world can have a child as happy and sad as the one she sings, even if all the beautiful songs and songs in the world are combined. Our mothers carefully raise their little darlings from a piece of meat. If he gets sick, he takes a thousand and resurrects a thousand. He cries and wakes up at night and does not sleep. If a thorn gets in the leg of a child, they are ready to take it with their eyelashes and sacrifice their lives for it. How dear and valuable our mothers are to us. Therefore, let's take care of them, raise them, and fulfill our filial duty, it is both a duty and a debt for us!

The place of women in our society is incomparable. They are active and passionate in every step, in every field. We have witnessed the creation of wide-ranging conditions for them in our country. They say that in any country where a woman is appreciated and honored, that country will be prosperous and eternal.

The peaceful, stable, calmness of every family, healthy and well-rounded children, a healthy

atmosphere in the family, and the existence of a healthy way of life are all the responsibilities of a person. This is a woman who takes on such a responsible and honorable task with pride, finds strength in the difficulties of life, and helps those around her, that is, a noble mother.

Woman! Her greatness increases even more when she becomes a mother.

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Woman! He is a passionate and kind person who gives life lessons. A coach who can always help young and old, always show the right path. A kind mother who finds a way to please everyone in the family. A beloved wife who supports a dear person while raising children who are worthy of the country. Even if she is a mother, she is a person who is always ready to serve her parents, not

forgetting that she is a child even for a minute. Perhaps that is her greatness, and that is why we all always bow before her. Because, mother, woman is the superior of the world.

When we are children when we start to recognize our memories, we are often asked: "Do you love your mother or do you love your father?" And, of course, many people answer that it's my mother. This does not mean that I hate my father. On the contrary, our fathers also understand that this is a high symbol of love for the mother, a priceless expression of sincerity towards the mother. Our love, honor, and respect for our mothers will never burden our fathers. Because our fathers also have mothers. We believe that they will appreciate and respect their mothers as much as we do.

In fact, by saying or hearing this blessed word, infinite love will spontaneously arise in our hearts. And every time, the beautiful and kind image of mother begins to be reflected in our body. Sincerity and goodness flow like a river in our veins. By saying "mother", both our tongues and our tongues yearn for incomparable human love and goodness. The greatness of women is in motherhood.

Honoring the mother, putting her dignity in her place, and wearing it like a crown is our heritage from our ancestors.

As one great person said: If you ask who is the greatest in this world, I will always say my mother without a doubt.

Along with being a great being, a mother is a person rich in secrets, who embodies amazing miracles. For example, Godak is screaming and crying. No matter how hard those around him try, they can't calm him down. The child will not fall for deception or stain. His mother, who was busy with chores, immediately held him in her arms. Godak calms down as soon as he takes his mother's heat. Another case: the child is sick, has a high temperature, and is lying in a condition. The doctor's medicine is not helping him much. Then the mother lovingly puts her warm palm on the forehead of her crying child. After a while, the child begins to relax. There are many such amazing examples related to the mother.

A mother is so great that she embraces not only her children and loved ones, but the entire humanity with her great invisible power and love, and takes a child who is sick.

A mother is the possessor of a unique power that always finds an incomparable strength in herself. We know well from the pages of history that even in the most difficult and difficult times, even in the years of repression and famine, mothers were strong-willed and kind, brave and sincere, brave and hardworking, and above all, they never hesitated to sacrifice their lives to protect their

dearest children and the Motherland.

It is our human duty to bow before the memory of such great mothers and always pray for their souls.

A human child is lucky to see this bright world because of his mother. It is because of the mother that one enjoys all the pleasures of life. Thanks to the mother, he enjoys the pleasures and joys of the world. He will be happy because of his mother. Thanks to his mother, he mobilizes his life for good deeds, virtues, and selfless deeds. Thanks to his mother, he decorates his life with good and noble deeds.

Every child, whether he is a boy or a girl, should first of all try to please his mother.

Mother's happiness is children's happiness, family's happiness, society's happiness. A mother will not take away this priceless happiness from anyone or anything.

It has as many mothers as there are nations in the world. It is impossible for a child of any nationality not to love, appreciate, and respect his or her mother. A mother is a mother in Africa, America, and India, as well as in Asia, Europe, and Antarctica. As a great and priceless being, the mother is incomparably honored everywhere, in every country and nation. Regardless of color, tradition, and lifestyle, the mother remains a noble breed. Including us Uzbeks. Our mother, our mother, our shining sun, our golden moon, our shining star. He is our savior. The fact that Uzbeks are always at the forefront of loving, appreciating, and honoring mothers among the nations of the world and setting an example for other nations gives one a sense of pride and pride. This is a wonderful and invaluable quality that we should be proud of. Few nations like ours raise the mother to their head and respect the greatness like the mother.

The period of independence completely changed not only the relationship with the Motherland, people, but also our love and sincere relationship with our mothers. It is no exaggeration to say that Uzbek mothers gained high value due to independence. Mothers have become the social force of society. In the words of the late honorable first President Islam Karimov: We need to seriously increase the prestige of mothers, and properly evaluate their work, and their service in raising a physically healthy, spiritually rich, and morally pure young generation. It is the sacred duty of our state to take care of the mother and her child.

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# A Voice From Heaven

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**Worth Noting:**

- At this point, I would like to tell about my own mother’s actions for a child as an example of my mother. After many years, today I am writing an article about mother. Who would have thought that one day I would write an article... It is a great honor for me to write my first article about our mothers.
- Here I would like to give an example of my mother. I was born in an ordinary family, in this testing life, each of us is tested, and here I take strength in gratitude that all reality is a test of God, and with the love of my mother, I am currently studying Philology in the field of Foreign Language and Literature at Samarkand State University.



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Mother is the greatest in the world. Words cannot describe it. There is no artist or poet who has not written a poem about mother.

Mom, you are alone in the world.

I want to tell you my heart,  
My eyes always shine when I see you.  
I am grateful to God,  
Mother, you are alone in the world.

Your heart is as wide as the sky,  
Giving love to every child..  
Call me the angel of our house,  
Mother, you are alone in the world.  
I am thankful that there is you in the world.  
I would not feel in need of any word,  
Living happy and grateful.  
Mother, you are alone in the world.

In fact, our mothers are the only ones, we can’t always tell our inner thoughts to our respected mothers, we can only understand them in some kind of perception and some feelings. When we look at our mothers, we can see that our sparkling eyes are holding back tears of joy, and that our gratitude and love for them is reflected in our voices, trembling, sparkling eyes. A mother is the only one who loves her children equally, no matter how many they have. We are thankful for our parents, Mother can be compared to an angel and a miracle.

As for why, it should be noted that mother is an angelic figure created by God as a living ring. A mother is ready to give her life for her child, a support

for her family, a confidant, a shoulder, a supportive spouse, an honest, beloved husband, a loving daughter-in-law, a member of society. At the same time, Uzbek mothers are distinguished by their modesty, modesty, kindness, love, and charm. At this point, it should also be noted that the peace and stability of every family, the health and well-being of children, the existence of a healthy way of life, and free thinking are the responsibility of a person in every respect. This is our mothers, who patiently take on such a responsible task, find strength in life’s difficulties, and are supportive and kind to all family members! Mother, this word has infinite meaning. No matter how many definitions we give about him, it will be insufficient. Despite this, our most mature and great scholars describe them with words equal to gold. We can feel the beauty of this world, Iqbal, speed, in the essence of this woman. Loyalty, endless patience and kindness are characteristic of our mothers. A mother is a kind hearted woman who rejoices at her child’s good fortune, rejoices and prays. These are our mothers who support and pray for their children even on a bad day.

At this point, I would like to tell about my own mother’s actions for a child as an example of my mother. After many years, today I am writing an article about mother. Who would have thought that one day I would write an article... It is a great honor for me to write my first article about our mothers. Here I would like to give an example of my mother. I was born in an ordinary family, in this testing life, each of us is tested, and here

I take strength in gratitude that all reality is a test of God, and with the love of my mother, I am currently studying Philology in the field of Foreign Language and Literature at Samarkand State University. I continue to study at the faculty. I can say that my parents’ hard work, efforts, the opportunities they created for me, and their trust are endless for me to reach this level and become a person. I never thought that one day I would write such articles and introduce my father and mother to you with my verses. This is happiness for me. I remember the efforts of my mother, who 15 years ago tried hard to feed us by pounding hard bread with a stone and softening it in liquid food... It is impossible for us to eat simple soup, and we lived without conditions. “I’m full, my child...” said my mother, who divided the food in her bowl into thirds. My mother cried and prayed to God at night. My middle brother, Muhammad, who wiped the tears from my mother’s eyes. I still remember how my child told me that I couldn’t feed you well by giving you meat from the teachers... Or that I couldn’t put you in the tutor on time, and that it is the parents’ duty to direct the child according to his interests... I am Sometimes I got angry and sometimes I hurt my mother by being a man, so I was amazed at her patience. I can’t even apologize for a lifetime to my mother, who always forgave her with the patience of Oman. I am proud to be born in such a family. I love my parents and family members very much. In fact, this is a great happiness! A family test given by God, a lesson given to us by

our present life, a reality that will never end if I continue... I grew up in such a family, under the shadow of such loving parents, my brothers, and reached the level of a person. Yes, I understood life more or less, I got insights. I grew patient and understanding. I grew up learning from my parents and brothers, learning life lessons from every life I lived. Today, I am working towards the goals I have set for myself, and words cannot describe how grateful I am. Truly, mother is great, kind. , the one who can create a miracle from herself.

In conclusion, we should preserve, protect and appreciate our mothers in their presence! Mother is an invaluable treasure, we don’t know what sorrow is when we have mothers. With their shadow we rise, develop, and with their blessings we achieve greater achievements. The One who does not demand anything from us, who loves us as much as we can, who always supports us!

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**Sports >>** \*President William Ruto has promised that the government will pull out all the stops in readiness for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations after the Confederation of African Football (CAF)

## Hard Task Lies Ahead, CAF Tells East Africa After Winning AFCON Hosting Rights



President William Ruto (C), Sports CS Ababu Namwamba (L) and FKF president Nick Mwendwa at the Nairobi State House on Monday 15th May, 2023 after he was briefed on Kenya's joint AFCON 2027 bid. Photo/ Courtesy of PPS.

By **Stephen Awino**

President William Ruto has promised that the government will pull out all the stops in readiness for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations after the Confederation of African Football (CAF) voted for the East Africa's Pamoja Bid presented by Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

Speaking moments after the joint bid sailed through following a vote by members of the Executive Committee of CAF in Cairo on Wednesday, President Ruto affirmed that his government would mobilize resources to ensure that the facilities are ready.

"Many people never believed that we had a chance of hosting AFCON in 2027 because of the state of our football and our sports in general," the President said.

"We are very proud of this achievement. We will mobilize resources; we will mobilize every person and every sector to make sure that we deliver a world-class football event in 2027."

CAF president Patrice Motsepe however warned the hard task lies ahead for the hosts in the race to ensure the infrastructure was ready for the event.

"We will be sending teams to form an evaluation of the progress that has been made. Because the key is we are absolutely determined to maintain the highest possible standards."

Kenya is no stranger to being awarded hosting rights after being given the nod to host the 1996 edition of AFCON but was later stripped of the privilege due to her stadia not meeting international standards.

CAF also stripped Kenya of the

rights to host the 2018 African Nations Championship (CHAN) owing to lack of enough facilities.

In a press release, Former FKF President Sam Nyamweya urged the government to learn from the past to avoid losing the opportunity again.

"As a country we must now take stock of the reasons we failed to host the competition in 1996 when we first won the bid and the 2016 CHAN. We should not make the same mistake we did in the past when the rights were taken away due to our failures."

"The governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania must now work hard to ensure the right infrastructure is put in place within the timelines given by CAF. Given it is a joint bid, the three countries must set up joint working committees and walk together to the end. It will be a shame if we

fail one more time."

His sentiments were echoed by former international Sammy 'Kempes' Owino, who is one of the candidates eyeing the FKF top seat.

"There is a lot of work to be done to make this opportunity a success, but the by-product of infrastructure improvement that stems from hosting the tournament will go a long way in helping Kenya football for many years to come."

"After the successful bid it is now a race against time to complete the renovations projects of Kasarani and Nyayo stadiums to meet the international football federation's standard."

The government has already announced the closure of Kasarani, Nyayo and Kip Keino stadiums for renovations in the race to host the 24-nations biennial tournament.

# GET THE BEST OF WORLD

**Sports >>>** \*The 2024 Diamond League will begin its 15-stop season with two meets in China, in Xiamen and Shanghai, in April while Brussels will stage the two-day season finale in September

# China To Host Opening Two Events In 2024 Diamond League



A side-by-side image of Faith Kipyegon and Ferdinand Omanyala celebrating their victories at the Monaco Diamond League. PHOTO/COURTESY.

By Reuters

The 2024 Diamond League will begin its 15-stop season with two meets in China, in Xiamen and Shanghai, in April while Brussels will stage the two-day season finale in September, organisers said on Monday.

Last year's Diamond League was also scheduled to have 15 meets but the Shanghai stop was cancelled after COVID-19 restrictions caused delays in the renovation of the venue.

Xiamen will host the opening event on April 20, a week before Shanghai returns to the calendar for the first time since 2019.

Meetings in Doha and Rabat are scheduled for the following month before the U.S. stop, the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Oregon, returns to its traditional late May spot, having hosted the 2023 finale.

Oslo will kick off the European leg on May 30 with Stockholm hosting a meet three days later. The series will take a break in

June to allow countries to hold Olympic qualifying trials.

Paris, Monaco and London will host meetings in July before the Paris Games begin later that month. The series will resume on Aug. 22 with the last leg taking place in Lausanne, Silesia, Rome and Zurich.

Brussels will host the final for the first time since 2019 and 11th time overall when it stages the meet from Sept. 13-14.

2024 Diamond League calendar:

Xiamen - April 20

Shanghai - April 27  
Doha - May 10  
Rabat - May 19  
Eugene - May 25  
Oslo - May 30  
Stockholm - June 2  
Paris - July 7  
Monaco - July 12  
London - July 20  
Lausanne - Aug. 22  
Silesia - Aug. 25  
Rome - Aug. 29  
Zurich - Sept. 5  
Brussels - Sept. 13-14

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# SPORTS AS THEY HAPPEN



# Rejuvenating Hope: Donation Drive at Child Future Africa Orphanage Creates Lasting Impact

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## Worth Noting:

Expressions of gratitude were shared by Mr. Tevera, a representative of the orphanage, who said, "We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Chasing Children's Dreams Club and the ZEGU Charity Hub for their remarkable dedication and compassionate hearts. This donation drive has uplifted our spirits and will positively impact the lives of our children for years to come. Together, we are laying the foundation for a brighter future."

The donation drive was meticulously organized and skillfully promoted. A collaborative effort was made, including organizing social media campaigns, creating community flyers, and encouraging word-of-mouth recommendations to maximize participation and donations.



Child Future Africa Orphanage.

In a heartwarming display of collaboration and sustainable engagement, the Chasing Children's Dreams Club from Bindura University of Science Education teamed up with the ZEGU Charity Hub from Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University for a memorable donation drive. The event took place on September 23rd at the Child Future Africa Orphanage, where twelve deserving orphans reside. This article aims to provide an overview of the donation drive, its impact, and future plans for similar initiatives.

The Child Future Africa Orphanage, located in Chemtec Turnoff along Mt Darwin Road, serves as a sanctuary for twelve orphans in need of love, care, and support. It is a place where these children can find solace and hope for a better future.

The Chasing Children's Dreams Club and the ZEGU Charity Hub joined forces to organize and execute this remarkable donation drive. Both organizations share the common desire to make a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children and decided to pool their resources and expertise to create lasting change. By collaborating, they hoped to bring sustainable support and much-needed resources to the Child Future Africa Orphanage.

On September 23rd, from 09:00hrs to 17:00hrs, the donation drive took place, allowing ample time for do-

nors to contribute to the cause. The chosen focus of the donation drive was stationery and clothing. Donors generously contributed high-quality stationery items such as pens, pencils, notebooks, and art supplies. Additionally, a variety of gently used and new clothing items, ranging from infant to teenage sizes, were collected to ensure the orphans' wardrobes were well-stocked.

The impact of this donation drive on the Child Future Africa Orphanage cannot be understated. The donated items will provide essential school supplies and clothing for the

children's everyday needs. These contributions foster a nurturing and empowering environment for the orphans to flourish, igniting hope for their future. Thanks to the generosity of the donors and the efforts of the organizing clubs, the children at the orphanage now have renewed enthusiasm for a brighter future.

Expressions of gratitude were shared by Mr. Tevera, a representative of the orphanage, who said, "We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Chasing Children's Dreams Club and the ZEGU Charity Hub for their remarkable dedication and compassionate hearts. This donation drive has uplifted our spirits and will positively impact the lives of our children for years to come. Together, we are laying the foundation for a brighter future."

The donation drive was meticulously organized and skillfully promoted. A collaborative effort was made, including organizing social media campaigns, creating community flyers, and encouraging word-of-mouth recommendations to maximize participation and donations. Through the joint efforts of the two partner organizations, a commendable turnout of 71 individuals, ranging from students to community members, generously participated in the donation drive.

Every great endeavor faces obstacles, and this donation drive was

no exception. However, through resilience and cooperation, the organizers diligently tackled logistical challenges such as transportation, storage, and maintaining COVID-19 safety protocols. Their commitment to providing for the orphanage's needs never wavered, demonstrating their unwavering dedication to the cause.

Inspired by the success of this donation drive, the Chasing Children's Dreams Club and the ZEGU Charity Hub envision future collaborations to continue making a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable children. Plans for similar events, including more donation drives and fundraisers, are underway to ensure sustained support for the Child Future Africa Orphanage and other deserving causes.

In conclusion, the stationery and clothing donation drive at the Child Future Africa Orphanage will forever be remembered as a symbol of hope, compassion, and the power of collaboration. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of the Chasing Children's Dreams Club and the ZEGU Charity Hub, the children at the orphanage now have renewed enthusiasm for a brighter future. This event serves as a reminder to us all that by joining forces, even the smallest acts of kindness can create a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

